

Item #4:

Resolution Re: Blue Ribbon Council Report On IL 53 Extension

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-R-21-__**

**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROUTE IL 53 &
THE RESULTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON
THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Long Grove recognizes the compelling need for solutions that address traffic congestion throughout Lake County and strongly supports solving existing severe congestion problems on arterial roadways through repair, modernization, reconstruction, and widening which would offer immediate and effective congestion relief; and

WHEREAS, In the event that the construction of the northern extension of Illinois Route 53 through Lake County is deemed necessary by the State or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to ease this congestion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed path of the Illinois Route 53 extension would traverse a number of environmentally sensitive and globally-significant wetlands if constructed within any of the previously identified routes--including, Long Grove Surrey Marsh, Heron Creek/Egret Marsh, and Indian Creek Marsh; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new road will expose additional unique and fragile ecological resources in Long Grove and throughout Lake County to vulnerability including, lakes and ponds, streams, native prairie remnants, restored ecosystems, and threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove lies directly in the zone of impact for the proposed road extension, with the resulting stormwater runoff, ground water quality, air quality, and noise mitigation immediately affecting the quality of life of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Lake County Board, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority established the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council to evaluate these environmental concerns and develop a regional consensus on recommended performance requirements of a new road, and suggest design characteristics for priority sensitive areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

For all the foregoing reasons, the Village of Long Grove ~~hear~~by~~here~~by strongly supports the non-negotiable design standards set forth in the Blue Ribbon Committee report, subject to full compliance with a new Environmental Impact Statement and contingent upon using the best practices performance standards to minimize environmental impact. Specifically,

The Design Standards Include:

- Utilize a Classic Parkway Design with Tolling
- Include Acquisition Of Right Of Way (ROW) That is The Minimum Width Necessary For Four (4) Travel Lanes With Platted Scenic Corridor Easements Restriected For Non-roadway Purposes Along The Outside Edges Of The ROW
- Design Roadway for a Maximum Operation Speed of 45 Miles per Hour
- Use Pricing for Congestion Relief
- Utilize Onsite Stormwater Management Techniques That Mimic Natural Systems
- Enhance the Views of Residents and Drivers
- Use Innovative Roadway Lighting Techniques When Necessary
- Make Local Roadway Improvements for Safety and Congestion Relief
- Maintain Local Road Connections
- Consider Local Road Roundabouts
- Improve Connections for Bicyclists and Pedestrians In the Project Corridor
- Ensure Pedestrian Safety
- Provide Accommodations for Alternative Transit

The Performance Standards Include:

- Protect Open Space
- Mitigate 100% of Direct Impacts
- Compensate for Wetland Impacts
- Compensate for all Other Impacts
- Ensure Plant Community Health
- Reduce Stormwater Runoff Volume
- Ensure the Highest Water Quality
- Protect and Enhance Streams
- Use Alternative Deicing Approaches
- Improve Air Quality
- Reduce Neighborhood Traffic
- Reduce Travel Time
- Maintain Existing Speeds on Local Roads
- Minimize Traffic Noise
- Minimize Energy and Material Use

In addition, if the State or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority proceeds with the extension of Illinois Route 53, north of Lake Cook Road, the Village of Long Grove supports funding of this project entirely by the residents of the ~~entire~~-state of Illinois, not ~~limited to~~by the residents of Lake County and specifically not by Long Grove property owners.

SECTION 1. The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the County of Lake, and all other interested persons who request a copy thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 11th day of September, 2012.

AYES: (6) Trustees Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs and Weber

NAYS: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2012.

Village President, Maria Rodriguez

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Karen Schultheis