

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 53**

**WHEREAS**, Lake County's antiquated, rural-based network of arterial roads and highways lacks the capacity to serve the current and future traffic demands of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly one-third of Lake County's major roadways are now congested and, unless comprehensive transportation infrastructure improvements are completed, nearly two-thirds of all Lake County roads will be heavily congested by the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, although a comprehensive solution to Lake County's traffic congestion crisis must include added capacity for local roads, improvements to intersections and traffic control devices, and public transit upgrades, those steps will not be enough to solve the growing congestion problem; and

**WHEREAS**, completion of the Illinois Route 53 extension into Lake County is an essential part of any comprehensive plan to meaningfully address Lake County's transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2001, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority identified the Route 53 extension as one of two alternatives best suited to improve traffic congestion in a report called the Lake County Transportation Improvement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the studies conducted by the Lake County Transportation Improvement Project demonstrate that the Route 53 extension is the superior alternative in terms of transportation benefits, impacts and costs, and that the Route 53 extension will relieve regional traffic congestion by reducing the number of automobiles traveling on the local and arterial roads in Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Region 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted in October, 2006 included the extension of Illinois Route 53 from Lake Cook Road north to Illinois Route 120 as a key transportation improvement for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Grove Village Board repeatedly has passed Resolutions of support for the extension of Route 53 as a sensible approach to reducing regional traffic congestion problems, including by Resolution 95-27 (April 17, 1995), Resolution 98-26 (July 6, 1998) and Resolution 2000-12 (March 6, 2000), and more recently passed a Resolution urging the Lake County Board to place a referendum on the ballot so that residents of the County would have an opportunity to express their opinion, Resolution 2009-2 (January 19, 2009); and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Grove Village Board wishes to reaffirm those prior Resolutions and, in doing so, express its continued strong support for the expeditious completion of the extension of Route 53 in Lake County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS that:**

1. The Village of Buffalo Grove continues to strongly support the extension of Illinois Route 53 in Lake County, and urges its completion at the earliest possible time; and
2. The Village of Buffalo Grove urges all Municipal, Township, County, State, and Federal representatives and officials to support and implement the planning and construction of the Illinois Route 53 extension in Lake County, without any further delay; and
3. The text of this Resolution shall be spread upon the official record of the Village of Buffalo Grove and suitable copies shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Lake County Division of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Toll Highway Authority, and the Village's elected representatives within the Illinois General Assembly and United States Congress.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ . APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk