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LAKE BLUFF BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ROUTE 53 REFERENDUM APRIL 7TH

Extending Route 53 will promote economic development, improve safety

Lake Bluff, Illinois — The Lake Bluff Village Board adopted a resolution supporting the extension of Illinois Route 53 in Lake County. The Board voted on March 23rd to support a “yes” vote on April 7th.

“Inadequate roadways are the leading threat to the economic vitality and quality of life of Lake County,” said Christine Letchinger, Lake Bluff Village President. “Adopting this resolution to extend Route 53 further north is only one step in the process. Now, we all must encourage our Lake County friends and neighbors to vote yes on April 7th to build Route 53.”

In recent years, rapidly growing transportation demands have overwhelmed Lake County's antiquated and obsolete road system. The population of Lake County has grown by more than 40 percent over the past two decades and travel on Lake County roads has climbed by 56 percent since 1990. Road construction has not, however, kept pace.

As a result, congested road mileage in Lake County has increased an astonishing 237 percent since 1990. One-third of Lake County's major roadways are already seriously congested. This hampers economic development and creates unsafe conditions on traffic-choked roads.

Additional information concerning the April 7th Referendum is available on the Lake County website, www.lakecountyil.gov.