

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, legislation amending the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Act has been enacted into law as P.A. 95-0708 with an effective date of January 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, contained within the new law are provisions which will provide additional revenue including the imposition of a 0.25 percent increase in the sales tax paid in the collar counties, including Lake County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the new law, the funds collected through the implementation of this additional sales tax (the "collar county transportation empowerment" provision) will be distributed to the county of origin to be used by the County Board for local road, transit or public safety projects; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board has consistently indicated that transportation is the Board's top strategic issue and has committed to make a significant effort to reduce highway congestion in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has also committed to work with the State of Illinois on the development of a capital plan for large capital projects to alleviate congestion on state roads in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, transportation is the Board's top priority and the priority of the additional funding will be for transportation and transit purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board desires to adopt this resolution as its "**Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funding Policy**" regarding the use of funds that will be made available to Lake County through the implementation of the increased sales tax; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the Lake County "**Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funding Policy**" is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board hereby commits to working with the State and the RTA to improve transportation and transit in Lake County by supporting the State's efforts to secure a Capital Funding Bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its intent to make congestion mitigation a top priority in Lake County and to prioritize the additional funding received from the 0.25 percent sales tax for transportation and transit purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board will not enact any financial policies, for the yearly budget preparation cycle, applicable to the County Highway Tax fund, the Matching Tax fund, the County Bridge Tax fund, or the Motor Fuel Tax fund that would reduce the existing revenue that would otherwise be available from those funds for transportation purposes.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS on this 8th day of April, A.D., 2008.