

State Capital Bill: Support

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR JUNE, A.D. 2008 SESSION
JULY 08, A.D., 2008

MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Revenue, Records and Legislation and Public Works and Transportation Committees present herewith a Joint Resolution which expresses the need for the Illinois General Assembly to reach agreement to move a state capital program, such as Illinois Works, forward with the Governor to address highway and transit capital needs throughout the state and in Lake County; and requests its adoption.

Aye Nay

Carol Spielman ✓ _____

Chair

[Signature] ✓ _____

Vice-Chair

Ann Glavinich ✓ _____

Jesus Douglas ✓ _____

Bob Ross ✓ _____

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Ann B. Mann ✓ _____

Revenue, Records and Legislation
Committee

Aye Nay

Debra Kelly ✓ _____

Chair

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Vice-Chair

Ann B. Mann ✓ _____

Cherese Douglas ✓ _____

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Public Works and Transportation
Committee

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is commendable that a blue ribbon, bi-partisan and independent review panel, entitled the “**Illinois Works Coalition**” has documented the magnitude of the state’s infrastructure needs and has helped raise public awareness of the importance of making a renewed investment in the state’s infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the identified state infrastructure needs include transit and highway improvements; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has participated in the efforts of the Lake County Transportation Alliance to promote the “One Voice, One Transportation Future” consensus list for requesting state-funded congestion mitigation projects in Lake County and the pent up needs in Lake County for RTA capital transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Lake County and other local agencies in Lake County have a vital interest in how the state decides to split any new highway capital dollars among IDOT and the local highway agencies (*i.e. the counties, municipalities and township road districts*). The motor fuel tax funds received from the state supplied almost 50% of the county’s revenue stream for the 2007-2012 highway improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly did not, to date in the 2008 Session, reach an agreement to move a state capital program, such as Illinois Works, forward with the Governor to address highway and transit capital needs ; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County state legislative delegation has before it from the Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA) the said Consensus Transportation List and has agreed with the concept of “One Voice, One Transportation Future” to stay together to try to fund projects on the list from the eventual state capital bill; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has recently adopted its “Plan for Using the New Collar County Transportation Enhancement Funds” coming to the county from the RTA Funding and Reform Act with approximately 62% of the resources being allocated to state highway

jurisdiction congestion mitigation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost to address the needed state road widenings in Lake County is so large that the said efforts of the county do not diminish the necessity for the state to adequately fund preservation, modernization and expansion of its roadway system; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Lake County Strategic Plan calls for Lake County to “Work in collaboration with the State, local communities and residents to build regional consensus on transportation solutions for Lake County”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is imperative that the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor approve a capital funding bill that adequately funds capital transit and highway needs throughout the state and in Lake County that as a minimum:

1. Be substantial in size and scope.
2. Have a revenue source that is reliable and sustainable.
3. Provide the matching dollars necessary to leverage the federal funding available to the state.
4. Ensure investments are based on clearly articulated state goals.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the individual members of the Illinois state legislative delegation representing Lake County and to the Governor.

Dated at Waukegan, Illinois
this 8th day of July 2008