

RESOLUTION 10-07***LONGMEADOW PARKWAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR FUNDING***

Whereas, in the upper Fox Valley there has not been a bridge constructed crossing the Fox River since the I-90 tollway extension in the late 1950's; and,

Whereas, the population on the west side of the Fox River has increased ten fold since the 1980's; and

Whereas, this population increase continues to tax the only three regional bridge crossings over the Fox River: I-90, RT. 72, and RT. 62.

Whereas, the Longmeadow/Bolz Road Fox River Bridge Corridor is proposed as a four-lane bridge crossing, of an arterial roadway, approximately 5.6 miles in the length with the principal purpose to assist and alleviate any traffic congestion in northern Kane County and southern McHenry County; and,

Whereas, The project was earmarked with four million dollars in federal funds for right-of-way acquisition and engineering in August 2005, and a total of nine million dollars will be spent in local, State and Federal funds studying the corridor; and,

Whereas, Kane County area municipalities are currently acquiring critical parcels for the corridor, have secured approximately 50% of the right-of-way for the corridor to facilitate this development and reduce the eighty-seven million dollar estimated project costs; and,

Whereas, each of the communities through which the designated Longmeadow corridor passes, agrees with the alignment of that corridor; and,

Whereas, the construction of this roadway will continue to enhance both Kane and McHenry Counties' transportation network by reducing congestion and providing alternative and more direct routes to serve existing land use through efficient access to central business districts, employment and commercial centers; and,

Whereas, Federal and State funding of roadway projects is expected to be very limited in the near future; and extremely competitive in terms of future transportation requirements, throughout the region as well as on a national level; and,

Whereas, unfunded items include phase two engineering, selective right-of-way acquisition and actual construction of the bridge and approaches; and,

Whereas, an optimistic timeline would be that funding may be available for this project somewhere in the next decade making this project potentially available for traffic no earlier than 2018/2020; and,

Whereas, the tollway alternative, which is a user fee based system, benefits more than just Kane County residents and the toll usage provides for a funding mechanism for those residents who reside outside of Kane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of East Dundee, McHenry (if applicable) and Kane Counties, Illinois, as a Home Rule Municipality (if applicable), and the additional communities executing this Resolution to request the Kane County Board to consider:

- 1) To evaluate the use of the statutory authority on toll bridge options as it would for the Longmeadow/Bolz corridor.
- 2) If feasible, **KANE County** use its authority provided under 605LSC Article 5, Article 10, Division 3 of the Highway Code which provides for the counties to issue revenue bonds for the purposes of constructing toll bridges.
- 3) Determine the lowest possible fee per crossing in order to pay for the construction obligations of the bridge and its approaches.
- 4) Guarantee the commitment that the toll bridge concept would remain until such time as the initial construction bonds are fully repaid and a maintenance endowment fund to cover ongoing maintenance of an agreed upon fixed term is achieved. At that time, the tolls would then be removed from the bridge itself.
- 5) Provide that the toll facility would incorporate technology and integration of toll facilities with the tollway's I-Pass system.
- 6) If funding is made available, and the project implemented, Kane County will use its best efforts to open the corridor to the public in approximately four years. This time frame would be for completion of that right-of-way acquisition and complete Phase 2 engineering and design approval within two years and two construction seasons to construct the roadway retaining walls and the actual bridge over the Fox River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of East Dundee hereby endorses the items recited above and commits to providing public forum opportunities to apprise the citizens of the Village and the northern Kane Fox Valley region of the desirability and benefits of a toll bridge concept and support for Kane County using its best efforts to expeditiously open the bridge corridor to public traffic within a timely basis.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2007.

SIGNATURES BY:

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Algonquin, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Algonquin, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Barrington Hills, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Barrington Hills, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

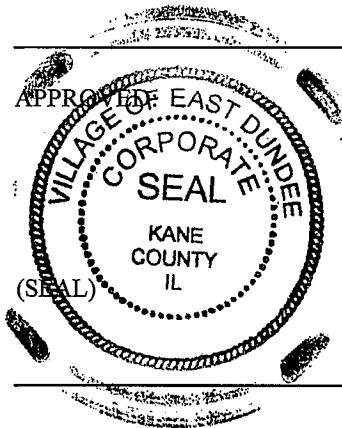
Village of Carpentersville, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Carpentersville, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)



6 Ayes (Trustees VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, Garman, Carlini, Scarpelli
and President Bartels)
0 Nays

Daniel O'Leary

Village of East Dundee, Village President

ATTEST:
/s/ Susan Norton

Village of East Dundee, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Gilberts, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Gilberts, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Huntley, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Huntley, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Lake in the Hills, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Lake in the Hills, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

McHenry County, Board President

ATTEST:

McHenry County, County Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of Sleepy Hollow, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of Sleepy Hollow, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Village of West Dundee, Village President

ATTEST:

Village of West Dundee, Village Clerk