

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS
AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF CMAP'S
CONGESTION PRICING CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the official regional planning agency for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will; and

WHEREAS, CMAP developed and now guides the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's first comprehensive regional plan; and

WHEREAS, GO TO 2040 recommends the region invest strategically in transportation and strongly advocates for the implementation of congestion pricing, which will help manage traffic and give drivers better choices for getting around; and

WHEREAS, CMAP has conducted careful technical analysis of congestion pricing's feasibility and benefits for the region; and

WHEREAS, CMAP's modeling shows that express toll lanes would significantly improve travel times; and

WHEREAS, CMAP's modeling finds that implementing congestion pricing on new capacity will not result in traffic spillover and will reduce congestion on nearby local streets; and

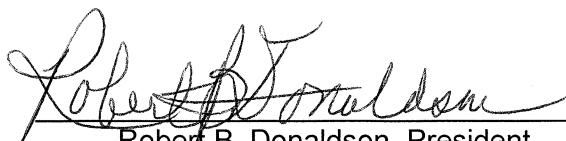
WHEREAS, congestion pricing uses express toll lanes and the logic of supply and demand to help manage highway resources more effectively; and

WHEREAS, pricing of facilities during peak periods may also reduce congestion by encouraging travelers to carpool, take transit, or consider alternative routes and times for their trips; and

WHEREAS, our region needs reliable travel times, better efficiency, and reduced congestion to remain economically competitive in the global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association supports the region's effort to implement congestion pricing and believe it is strategically important for maximizing the public benefit of investments in transportation infrastructure.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.



Robert B. Donaldson, President

ATTEST:



Michael Einhorn, Secretary