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August 30, 2013

CMAP

ATTN: Plan and TIP Amendments  
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on CMAP's proposed amendment to the GO TO 2040 Plan to include the Illiana project. This is a much-needed project for Will County and the entire region. It will help relieve traffic in Northeastern Illinois and provide a much-needed boost to the economy. I fully support this plan amendment and hope that when the October vote comes, CMAP will add the Illiana into the GO TO 2040 Plan.

Anyone who drives through the area where the Illiana is proposed can't help but notice the huge number of trucks coming out of the intermodals and other industrial facilities. The Illiana will help get trucks off the local roads and onto a highway that is meant to handle them. These trucks are causing the local roads to deteriorate faster than expected. Without a main road to serve as a collector here, Will County will have major problems in the future trying to maintain their existing roads.

Beyond the maintenance problems, these trucks are already causing congestion and it will only continue to get worse. The people of Will County deserve a relief valve for all of the congestion that affects their daily commutes. Many of the trucks that go through this area are only passing through, on their way to other destinations and looking for a way to avoid Chicago and I-80 altogether. The Illiana would provide them with a fast east-west link between Illinois and Indiana, and keep them out of the downtown areas of Wilmington, Peotone, and Beecher, allowing them to enjoy a more peaceful environment.

Lastly, the Illiana will serve as a much-needed boost to the economy. IDOT has estimated that the project will create 9,000 construction jobs and over 25,000 long-term jobs for the region. During these challenging economic times, a project like this could really help turn things around for so many people looking to get back to work.

I fully support the Illiana project, and hope you will add it into the CMAP GO TO 2040 Plan in October. The project will benefit the residents of Will County, the skilled workforce of Illinois, and the entire region by relieving traffic and creating jobs.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Carrigan  
President

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August 22, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of the carpenters Union - Local 185 I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's GoTo 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

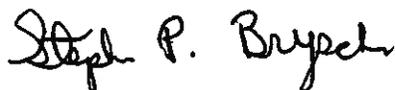
With a commitment from the Governors of both Illinois and Indiana, and an investment of nearly \$70 million dollars, this project has moved forward at a remarkable pace. At a time when our economy is struggling to gain strength, this project has already put people to work and has the potential to create or retain 9,000 local construction jobs and 25,000 local jobs in the long-term. For the past five years, many of our local construction workers have been out of work and this has really hurt families and our local communities. We need these jobs now.

The Illiana will provide a new east-west route through the Chicago region that is needed now to relieve chronic congestion on I-80 and provide better access to the freight intermodal centers developing south of Joliet. Truck traffic, while a positive for the economy, continues to stress existing highways in the local area. Based on growth and development already occurring in Will County and the South Suburbs this growth will soon overwhelm the system if the Illiana is not constructed.

With the support of organized labor, business and civic groups, the State of Illinois passed legislation enabling public private partnerships in 2011. As the first P3 for the State of Illinois, the Illiana can deliver benefits not only to the transportation system but also to the local economy by immediately attracting private investment to this \$1.3 billion project. Collectively, we need to support new ways to finance projects in order to make the improvements to roads, bridges, airports, waterways and other infrastructure that will keep our state and region competitive.

Organized labor has participated in the IDOT's study of the Illiana Corridor and will continue to advocate for its' importance to transportation mobility and economic development in the region. We urge the CMAP Board and Policy Committee to vote in favor of a plan amendment that will allow the Illiana to receive federal approval and move forward to construction.

Sincerely,





# Chicago Area Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The Chicago Area Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust ("LECET"), I respectfully inform CMAP that LECET fully supports the proposed amendment to the CMAP Go To 2040 Plan, which would add the Illiana Corridor to the list of fiscally-constrained projects. LECET is a labor-management organization comprised of the 20 local unions of the Laborers' District Council of Chicago and Vicinity and its approximate 1,800 signatory contractors. LECET represents reputable, responsible, experienced contractors and over 17,000 skilled union Laborers in the nine-county area of Northeastern Illinois, including Will County.

There are many clear reasons why the Illiana Project should be included in the GO TO 2040 Plan. Overall, this Project is needed in order to improve one of the most vital transportation hubs in the region and the world.

- The Illiana will help get trucks off the local roads and onto a highway that is meant to handle them.
- The Illiana would provide the trucking industry with a fast east-west link between Illinois and Indiana, and keep them out of the downtown areas of Wilmington, Peotone, and Beecher, providing both truckers and the motoring public a more peaceful environment to travel in.
- Will County is an attractive place to live and work, and in order for Will County to continue to flourish, smart infrastructure investments like the Illiana Corridor must be made right now in order to create a better infrastructure grid network for the region.
- Moving freight is an important part of the Midwest's economy, and Chicago is currently one of the country's largest freight hubs. The Illiana Expressway is an integral piece of infrastructure investment needed to keep the Chicagoland Area nationally and globally competitive for all industries.
- The Illiana will boost the local and regional economies by creating an estimated 9,000 construction jobs and over 25,000 long-term jobs which are truly needed for so many people looking to get back to work.
- Public-Private Partnerships (P3) are a viable way in which to finance new infrastructure projects like the Illiana. If a P3 party is allowed to take on some of the cost and risk of building this road, it would provide a win-win situation for Illinois and its taxpayers who will ultimately benefit from the infrastructure improvements.

The union contractors and skilled Laborers that build this area's transportation structures proudly support the Illiana project and hope that you will add it into the CMAP GO TO 2040 Plan in October. The project will benefit the residents of Will County, the skilled workforce of Illinois, and the entire region by relieving traffic and creating jobs. On behalf of the contractors and Laborers represented by Chicago Area LECET and its Board of Trustees, we thank CMAP for its leadership, vision, and awareness to realistically meet the community's needs to implement such a historic capital plan. Chicago Area LECET supports the plan to construct the Illiana Expressway.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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## CMAP

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Re: Illiana Expressway

To Whom It May Concern:

The Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago & Vicinity, representing over 20,000 construction and general Laborers in metropolitan Chicago including Will County, submits the following reasons for why the Illiana Project should be included in the CMAP GO TO 2040 Plan.

### Jobs

- An estimated 9,000 short-term jobs and 28,000 long-term jobs will be created.
- Freight and manufacturing are driving the Chicago region's economy. Core freight and manufacturing industries account for 10% of the region's employment and is responsible for 20% of the jobs created in the last two years.
- The construction of the Illiana will balance two key freight and manufacturing locations: I-55/I-80 and southeast Cook County, providing additional economic activity and additional job opportunities in freight and manufacturing.
- If everything stays on schedule, construction could begin in the Fall of 2014.

### Economic Opportunity

- The Illiana is estimated to generate \$1.4 billion in construction related short-term economic output and an estimated \$4 billion in long-term economic output.
- Tax revenues could increase by as much as \$50 million in the short-term and \$270 million in the long-term.
- CMAP estimates that the Illiana Corridor project will increase the Gross Regional Product (GRP) by \$425 million. This represents the second-highest GRP increase out of all projects currently included in the GO TO 2040 Plan. The Illiana would be a significant driver for economic growth in the region.
- Supports the projected growth in population and employment expected to double by 2040.
- Improves accessibility to one of the largest intermodal freight areas in America projected to increase by 47,000 truck trips by 2040 while not competing with capacity demands in Cook County.

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**Safety**

- Serves as a bypass for trucks around the congested metropolitan area highways.
- Reduces the strain of truck traffic on local roads, improving safety, cutting commuting times, and reducing congestion.
- Reduces vehicle miles of travel on arterial roads in study area by 26 million miles annually.

**Efficiency**

- Use of public-private partnerships (P3s) to reduce costs, and expedite implementation. 700 people attended the P3 Industry Forum in June. 15 world renowned P3 teams provided input and expressed excitement for the project.
- A toll road is proposed so user fees support development and operation of the Illiana.
- Based on an analysis of world-class financial advisors, the project will generate toll revenue that will completely pay for the project and the operation and maintenance of the facility for the term of the projected agreement through 2053.

**Environmental**

- Reduces the number of miles traveled, hours of emissions, and fuel wasted due to cars and trucks caught in traffic.

**CMAP Fiscal Constraint**

- IDOT can include the Illiana Corridor and not remove any projects within the GO TO 2040 plan. This can be done within the fiscal constraints of the GO TO 2040 plan by adjusting the costs for IDOT highway projects already contained in the plan.

I want to again stress that a substantial capital investment in the Illiana Expressway is also needed to create construction jobs for the women and men that the Laborers' District Council proudly represents. While many sectors of the economy have improved over the past few years, workers in the construction industry still face long-term unemployment. It cannot be stressed enough that many middle class families still do not have incomes to provide for a decent quality of life for their families.

If properly planned and funded, the Illiana Expressway will help stimulate the unstable construction industry, while providing steady incomes and well-deserved benefits to our union Laborers and their families, which will ultimately be pumped back into local and regional economies. When all aspects of the economy improve, all types of wage earners get put back to work. Most importantly, a well thought out plan will help restore dignity and respect for thousands of working families.

The Chicago Laborers' Union proudly supports this proposed plan to construct the Illiana Expressway. Implementation of such a robust capital project will undeniably create substantial work opportunities for numerous contractors and Laborers that have performed infrastructure improvement work for decades. More importantly, the Illiana Expressway will undeniably be one of the most important infrastructure improvement made to meet the economic needs of Will County and the region for many decades to come.

Respectfully submitted,



James P. Connolly  
Business Manager



August 29, 2013

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Dear CMAP:

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) is writing in support of the Illiana Corridor Project to be included in the GOTO 2040 plan. The Illiana is a project of national, regional and local significance. It is our opinion that CMAP has downplayed the economic benefits this project would provide. We also note that CMAP should apply a consistent standard of evaluation with respect to financing construction and operating costs. CMAP has also not recognized the positive impact on truck freight traffic through the Chicagoland region that the Illiana would create. Failing to include this project in the regional plan would only further aggravate traffic congestion experienced in existing routes between Indiana and Illinois, especially on the Borman Expressway.

Illinois plays a key role as one of our nation's largest inland ports, and improving access to this port is of most importance. Planning for this new economic development needs to be a priority for CMAP.

Please consider including the Illiana Corridor Project to the GOTO 2040 plan.

Sincerely,

Michael Sturino  
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September 3, 2013

Mr. Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
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Re: Proposed Go TO 2040 Plan amendment to add Illiana corridor to list of fiscally constrained projects.

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn

I am writing on behalf of the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III FFC). As you may be aware, our organization is a labor-management cooperative committee funded solely by contractors signatory to collective bargaining agreements with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, AFL-CIO. III FFC is established to support, promote, and encourage fair contracting by providing a "level playing field" in the public construction arena for contractors, workers, and taxpayers. From ensuring protections of prevailing wages on public projects, to improving our contractors' competitiveness, to rebuilding the economies of Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa, III FFC is tirelessly dedicated to the common interests of our members and regions.

This letter is regarding the CMAP proposed amendment that would add the Illiana Corridor project to the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan list of fiscally-constrained projects. III FFC would like to express its strong support in favor of this project, as the expressway is needed for many reasons.

In the short term, construction of the Illiana Expressway will put people to work. The nonpartisan, nonprofit Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) recently released a report evaluating the benefits of constructing the Illiana Corridor. ILEPI's report estimates that the project will employ construction workers for 9,000 job-years in Illinois and Indiana over its duration, including 6,752 in Illinois alone. The project will create almost 4,000 additional job-years for workers in other sectors of the economy, will add \$1.5 billion to the Illinois economy by 2018, and will result in good jobs for workers— with per-worker total compensation averaging \$66,500 annually. The project is also expected to increase state and local tax revenues by \$48 million in Illinois. With the state still suffering from the effects of the Great Recession, this project provides much-needed stimulus to the economy.

Once the road is built, the benefits only keep growing for both local communities and the entire region. Local communities will benefit from the reduced number of trucks on roads, the region will benefit from reduced congestion, and workers will have better access to jobs in Chicagoland. The project also supports the future needs of Will County, one of the fastest-growing counties in the country. Finally,

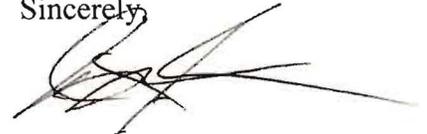
over the long term, the project serves as an economic development tool, spurring as many as 18,000 jobs and adding \$3.9 billion to the economy.

The Governors of Illinois and Indiana have been long supporters of this project, which will be the first public-private partnership (P3) in Illinois. P3 projects tend to be built faster, cheaper, and more efficiently than traditional highway projects. P3s allow states to build important projects like the Illiana Corridor with fewer tax dollars. Most importantly, P3 projects show a mutual public and private sector willingness to invest in Illinois, put people to work, and grow our economy.

The Illiana Expressway puts Illinois residents back to work in high-road jobs with good pay, promotes accountable economic development, and supports future population growth in the region. The long-lasting benefits of the Illiana Expressway greatly outweigh its upfront costs.

On behalf of III FFC and its members, I want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on this very important project.

Sincerely,



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Indiana, Illinois, Iowa  
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August 22, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
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On behalf of the Iron Workers Local Union #444, I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's GoTo 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

With a commitment from the Governors of both Illinois and Indiana, and an investment of nearly \$70 million dollars, this project has moved forward at a remarkable pace. At a time when our economy is struggling to gain strength, this project has already put people to work and has the potential to create or retain 9,000 local construction jobs and 25,000 local jobs in the long-term. For the past five years, many of our local construction workers have been out of work and this has really hurt families and our local communities. We need these jobs now.

The Illiana will provide a new east-west route through the Chicago region that is needed now to relieve chronic congestion on I-80 and provide better access to the freight intermodal centers developing south of Joliet. Truck traffic, while a positive for the economy, continues to stress existing highways in the local area. Based on growth and developmental already occurring in Will County and the south Suburbs this growth will soon overwhelm the system if the Illiana is not constructed.

With the support of organized labor, business and civic groups, the State of Illinois passed legislation enabling public private partnership in 2.11. As the first P3 for the State of Illinois, the Illiana can deliver benefits not only to the transportation system but also to the local economy by immediately attracting private investment to this \$1.3 billion project. Collectively, we need to support new ways to finance projects in order to make the improvements to roads, bridges, airports, waterways and other infrastructure that will keep our state and region competitive.

Organized labor has participated in the IDOT's study of the Illiana Corridor and will continue to advocate for its' importance to transportation mobility and economic development in the region. We urge the CMAP Board and Policy Committee to vote in favor of a plan amendment that will allow the Illiana to receive federal approval and move forward to construction.

Sincerely,

*Howard R. Norberg*

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FS-T/Business Manager

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August 26, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers Local Union No. 265, I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's Go To 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

With a commitment from the Governors of both Illinois and Indiana, and an investment of nearly \$70 million dollars, this project has moved forward at a remarkable pace. At a time when our economy is struggling to gain strength, this project has already put people to work and has the potential to create or retain 9,000 local construction jobs and 25,000 local jobs in the long-term. For the past five years, many of our local construction workers have been out of work and this has really hurt families and our local communities. We need these jobs now.

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Sincerely,



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## **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**

## **Local Union No. 176 Joliet, Illinois**

September 3, 2013

Randy Blankenhorn  
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Subject: Illiana Expressway  
GO TO 2040 and TIP Amendment Public Comment

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local # 176, I would like to express our strong support for the construction of the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority list in CMAP's GO TO 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

With a commitment from the Governors of both Illinois and Indiana, and an investment of nearly \$ 70 million dollars, this project has progressed forward at a remarkable pace. At a time when our States economy is struggling to gain strength, this project has already put people to work and has the potential to create or retain 9,000 local construction jobs and 25,000 local jobs in the long-term. For the past five years, many of our local members have been out of work and this has really hurt their families and the local communities.

The Illiana will provide a new east-west route approximately 47 miles long through the Chicago region that is needed now to relieve the chronic congestion on I-80, I-55, I-57, Rt. 53 and Rt.30 and provide better access to the freight intermodal centers developing south of Joliet. Truck traffic, while a positive for the economy, continues to stress the above mentioned existing highways in the local area. Based on growth and development already occurring in Will County and the South Suberbs this growth will soon overwhelm the system if the Illiana is not constructed.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Magruder".

Steven J. Magruder  
Business Manager

International Union

Bricklayers AND Allied Craftworkers



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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

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Very truly yours

James Allen, President

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS**

LOCAL UNION NO. 150, 150B, 150A, 150C, 150RA, 150D, 150G, 150M

AFFILIATED WITH THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. AND BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT

**JAMES M. SWEENEY**  
PRESIDENT-BUSINESS MANAGER



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August 22, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director Chicago  
Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn;

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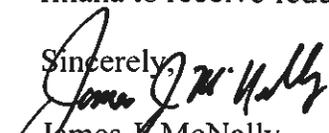
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Sincerely,

  
James V. McNally  
Vice-President

# KANKAKEE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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Roofers

Sheetmetal Workers

Teamsters

Tile Finishers

September 3, 2013

Randy Blankenhorn

Executive Director

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

233 South Wacker Dr.

Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Subject: Illiana Expressway

GO TO 2040 and TIP Amendment Public Comment

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of the Kankakee Building and Construction Trades Council, I would like to express our strong support for the construction of the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority list in CMAP's GO TO 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

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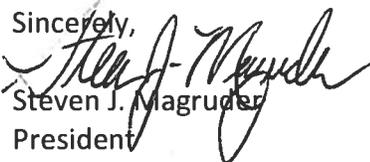
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STEVEN J. MAGRUDER  
President  
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Steven J. Magruder  
President

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August 26, 2013

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

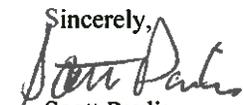
On behalf of the Laborers' Union – Local 75, I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's Go To 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

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Sincerely,  
  
Scott Pavlis  
Business Manager



**Laborers' District Council  
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee  
(Chicago and Vicinity - LDCLMCC)**



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CMAP

September 3, 2013

Attention: Plan and TIP Amendments  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

To CMAP Staff and Board:

The Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) a non-for-profit organization that identify and expand work opportunities for employees and the Construction Industry of 20 Laborers local unions in the nine counties of Northeastern Illinois. LMCC supports honest, dependable, diligent, responsible and experienced construction contractors and the many men and women in the construction trade. We fully support the proposed amendment to the CMAP Go To 2040 Plan. This proposed amendment to the CMAP Go To 2040 Plan, will provide a way for cars and trucks to navigate around Chicago, and stimulate the economy by generating jobs, and be the first public-private partnership (P3) in Illinois. P3 Projects tend to be built faster, more economically, and more efficiently than traditional highway projects. P3 projects are the way of the future. This will allow the states to construct a great project with fewer tax dollars, allowing taxpayers to appreciate all of the advantages of this project with a smaller price tag. Given its central location in the United States, Chicago has always been a key core for the transportation of goods. Moving freight is a significant element of the Midwest's economy. The trucking industry relies on efficiency, and needs a dependable expressway system to get them where they need to go as swiftly as possible. As the Chicago metropolitan area continues to develop, the increased congestion on the expressway structure is a force that cannot be unnoticed. The Illiana Expressway would provide an escape for trucks that would permit them to travel through the area without passing through the urban areas that currently surround the existing expressways and impede traffic. It will function efficiently and circumvent the truck traffic issues in Chicago and the Chicagoland areas and importantly encourage businesses to stay in this great state of Illinois. Incorporating the Illiana Expressway will create Jobs (estimated 9,000 short term jobs & 28,000 long term employment opportunities); Economic Opportunity (estimated to generate \$1.4 billion in construction related short-term economic output & an estimated \$4 billion in long-term output as well as Tax revenues could increase by as much as \$50 million short term & \$270 million in long-term); Safety, Efficiency (a toll road is projected so user fees support growth & operation of the Illiana); Environmental (Reduction in miles traveled, hours of emissions, & fuel wasted due to cars & trucks held up in traffic) & CMAP Fiscal Constraint. If appropriately planned and funded, the Illiana Expressway will assist in stimulating the construction industry, and provided stable incomes and benefits to our hard working Men and Women union Laborers and their families.

**MICHAEL D. KLEINIK**  
Executive Director

**JAMES P. CONNOLLY**  
LMCC Chairman, Laborers' District Council

**CHARLES V. LoVERDE III**  
Laborers' District Council

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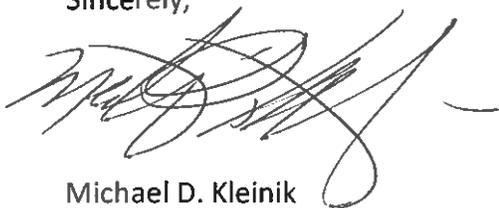
**DAN BREJC**  
Laborers' Local 149

**ANTONIO CASTRO**  
Laborers' Local 1

**SCOTT PAVLIS**  
Laborers' Local 75

The Labor-Management Cooperation Committee addresses this in the interest of the skilled laborers in support of the proposed amendment to the CMAP Go To 2040 Plan. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Kleinik  
Executive Director  
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee

# PIPE FITTERS' ASSOCIATION

LOCAL UNION 597 of the United Association of Journeymen and  
Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry  
of the United States and Canada

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607

August 22, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of the Pipefitters Union – Local 597, I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's GoTo 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project.

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AFFILIATED: AFL-CIO, Building and Construction Trades Department



**SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES UNION**  
**LOCAL NO. 281, AIF-CIO**

of the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

August 26, 2013

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Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

On behalf of the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A., I would like to express our strong support for constructing the Illiana Expressway and specifically, for including the Illiana on the priority project list in CMAP's GoTo 2040 regional transportation plan. Nothing should delay progress on this critical project

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Dennis Fleming  
Business Manager

# Teamsters Local Union No. 179



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August 23, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

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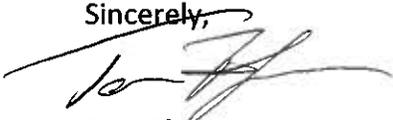
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Tom Flynn  
President  
Teamsters Local 179

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# United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Local Union No. 174



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August 22, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

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United Union  
of Roofers,  
Waterproofers  
and  
Allied Workers  
Local No. 11

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August 30, 2013

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

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