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LCTA Executive Committee

Resolution in Support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) 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, Kendal, 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 on some access controlled highway facilities, including the proposed ILL 53 Project in Lake County, which will help manage traffic and improve operations for drivers and transit users;

WHEREAS, congestion pricing is an emerging national strategy to increase the efficiency of new and existing highway capacity through application of economic principles of supply and demand. A congestion-priced express tolled lane can manage demand at a level that leads to faster, more reliable travel times;

WHEREAS, CMAP has conducted careful technical analysis of congestion pricing's feasibility and benefits for the region and modeling shows that congestion pricing would significantly reduce travel times and improve travel time reliability;

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;

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

WHEREAS, the transit system could benefit from congestion pricing by providing a congestion-free facility for the operation of reliable and fast express bus services.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA);

1. Supports the region's effort to implement congestion pricing as strategically important for maximizing the public benefit of investments in transportation.

2. Recommends congestion-priced facility implementing agencies adopt policies that provide that vehicles and services operated by the RTA or its Service Boards will not be charged tolls or congestion fees when operating on these facilities.

3. Recommends congestion-priced project development include analysis of impact on transit ridership to be considered in project alternative selection.