June 20, 2015

Chris Lauzen, Chairman
Kane County Board
719 Batavia Avenue
Geneva IL 60134

Re: Longmeadow Parkway Endorsement

Dear Chairman Lauzen:

Metro West Council of Government represents 34 municipalities encompassing over 750,000 residents within Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties. I am pleased to inform you that Metro West Council of Government has voted to endorse the Longmeadow Parkway project. As you know the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor is the proposed four-lane Fox River Bridge crossing and four-lane arterial roadway approximately 5.6 miles in length that will connect IL 62 in Barrington Hills to Huntley Road west of Randall Road.

Metro West believes that this project is a top regional priority to release congestion in northern Kane and southern McHenry County. We understand that the Kane County Division of Transportation is taking the lead on the project and has engineers currently working on final design and land acquisition. We anticipate that construction could start in late 2015. To date, $9,000,000 in federal funding has been secured for land acquisition and IDOT has committed $40 million towards the construction. The overall cost of the project is approximately $100 million. We hope that Kane County and the Illinois Department of Transportation will continue to give this important project their full support.

Sincerely,

David Kaptain
Mayor, City of Elgin
President, Metro West Council of Government

cc: Carl Schoedel, Kane County Department of Transportation
    Randy Blankenhorn, Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation