STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KANE

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE
LONGMEADOW PARKWAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS AND
FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY – FINAL REPORT OF FINDINGS

AND

RECOMMENDING CONSTRUCTION OF A TOLL BRIDGE ACROSS THE FOX
RIVER ON THE LONGMEADOW PARKWAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR,
DUNDEE TOWNSHIP, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, the County of Kane, on July 25, 2007 formed the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force, (hereinafter the “Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with the study and coordination of the required activities needed for the consideration of a toll bridge (hereinafter “Toll Bridge”) at the proposed Fox River bridge crossing on the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor in Dundee Township, Kane County, Illinois, (hereinafter the “River Crossing”); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force’s study included among other things: i) ascertaining the statutory authority and requirements for a toll bridge, ii) determining preliminary traffic projections, iii) determining the financial feasibility of user fees and bonding capabilities, and iv) reviewing parameters for the issuance of bonds to fund construction of a toll bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force coordination included among other things, i) coordinating with the Federal Highway Administration, including determining the requirements of the previously approved Fox River Bridge Crossings Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) evaluation, ii) ascertaining the appropriateness of the use of federal funds for the Toll Bridge or any part thereof, and iii) coordinating with the Illinois Toll Highway Authority regarding parameters for the use of I-PASS for the purpose of collecting tolls; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has on five occasions met as a group and has, with the assistance of the Kane County Division of Transportation and professional civil engineering consultant, Wilbur Smith Associates Inc., coordinated the required activities and studied the feasibility of the Toll Bridge at the River Crossing as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has, with the assistance of the Kane County Division of Transportation and professional civil engineering consultant, McDonough Associates Inc., coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration to analyze any new impacts to the human environment resulting from the toll bridge concept as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto is the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor Traffic Projections and Financial Feasibility Study – Final Report of Findings, dated August 2009, which contains the results of the Task Force’s studies and coordination for the Toll Bridge at the proposed River Crossing; and
WHEREAS, the Task Force has formulated a recommendation to the Kane County Board regarding funding a bridge at the River Crossing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force that the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor Traffic Projections and Financial Feasibility Study – Final Report of Finding, dated August 2009, is hereby accepted and adopted by the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force finds as follows:

I. There is adequate statutory authority for the County of Kane to construct a toll bridge crossing of the Fox River on the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor,

II. That preliminary traffic projections for the toll bridge are adequate for a toll bridge to be successful,

III. That a toll bridge is financially feasible using projected tolls and the bonding capability of the County of Kane,

IV. That the issuance of alternate revenue bonds to fund construction of a toll bridge is possible,

V. That the Federal Highway Administration:
   (a) has concluded that there are no substantive changes in the impacts for a toll bridge scenario compared to those disclosed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and has concluded that a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is not required,
   (b) has determined that the use of federal funds for engineering, right of way acquisition, and/or construction for the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor with a toll bridge across the Fox River is permissible,
   (c) and that a Section 129 Agreement will need to be executed sometime prior to construction, and

VI. That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority has initially indicated that the use of I-PASS and video tolling to collect bridge tolls is feasible through an intergovernmental agreement therewith.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force hereby recommends to the County Board of the County of Kane that a bridge be built across the Fox River on the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor funded by alternate revenue bonds which bonds will be retired by tolls collected for the use of said bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force hereby recommends that construction of the Longmeadow Parkway toll bridge and the approaches thereto commence with due dispatch.

Passed by the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force on June 23, 2010.

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