



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Intermodal Project Implementation / Bureau of Rail
69 West Washington Street / Chicago, Illinois 60602

January 23, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Coscia
Chairman of the Board
National Railroad Passenger Corporation, dba Amtrak
60 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Charles W. "Wick" Moorman IV
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Railroad Passenger Corporation, dba Amtrak
60 Massachusetts Avenue NE
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Dear Mr. Coscia and Mr. Moorman,

I am writing to express the Illinois Department of Transportation's interest in the potential addition of a Hiawatha Service stop in Lake Forest, Illinois, which could provide additional transportation and economic benefits to Wisconsin and Illinois.

As you know, the Hiawatha Service provides an invaluable link between Milwaukee and Chicago for local communities along the line. This link could be enhanced by adding a stop in Lake Forest. Lake Forest, located in Lake County, Illinois, is host to numerous job centers, universities, Great Lakes Naval Base, and hospitals; these provide well-paying jobs for Illinois and Wisconsin residents who may further benefit from additional connectivity via the Hiawatha Service. Adding this stop would enhance transportation options in the region by providing an alternative to congested highways and improved access to General Mitchell International Airport. These benefits could result in increased ridership and revenue on the Hiawatha Service.

I am seeking confirmation that Amtrak is amenable to the concept of a stop in Lake Forest, and requesting Amtrak to develop a revised train schedule with a stop in Lake Forest based on the use of Siemens Charger locomotives and a ridership, revenue, and operating forecast. Additionally, IDOT hopes to work collaboratively with Amtrak and all other stakeholders to ensure that all necessary safety enhancements are made at the station.

All stakeholders involved in this project are committed to enhancing safety along the line and in the communities that are served. We understand that the City of Lake Forest has programmed funding for the preliminary engineering of a pedestrian underpass that would provide safety improvements at the station. IDOT will be working with the City of Lake Forest and Metra as they redesign and engineer the pedestrian underpass to minimize the capital costs of construction. We'll support stakeholder efforts to secure construction funding.

Critical factors to the success of the Hiawatha Service that must be considered prior to adding a stop at Lake Forest include:

- All Amtrak and Metra safety guidelines are met (Amtrak has stated the need for the underpass project at Lake Forest station to be completed)
- Minimal impact to the 90-minute Hiawatha Service travel time
- No impact to the strong on-time performance of the Hiawatha Service
- Ensuring sufficient seating capacity for current and forecasted ridership
- Minimal negative impact to state Amtrak subsidies
- Host railroads' approval of the stop (Metra, Canadian Pacific)
- No negative impact to railroad capacity, which could lead to additional requirements by the railroads if increasing passenger train frequencies

If these conditions are met, and pending both states' review of the Amtrak ridership, revenue, and operating cost forecast, Illinois and Wisconsin may request a stop at Lake Forest for the Hiawatha Service.

IDOT and WisDOT staff will be contacting your team in Chicago with the details of the forecast request. We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve the Hiawatha Service and multimodal transportation options in the region.

Sincerely,



Beth McCluskey
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Illinois Department of Transportation

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January 18, 2017

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The Honorable Charles W. "Wick" Moorman IV
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Coscia and Mr. Moorman:

I write to express interest in the potential addition of a Hiawatha Service stop in the city of Lake Forest, Illinois. Adding Amtrak service in Lake Forest would provide transportation and economic benefits to Wisconsin and Illinois, as well as bring benefits to Amtrak.

I am requesting Amtrak develop a train schedule with the additional stop using Siemens Charger locomotives, and a ridership, revenue, and operating cost forecast based on that new schedule.

Recognizing that the Hiawatha line is an interstate passenger rail service with a strong performance record, several critical factors must be addressed before adding a stop at Lake Forest. These include:

- All Amtrak and Metra safety guidelines are met (Amtrak has stated the need for the underpass project at the Lake Forest station to be completed)
 - We understand that the Lake Forest has programmed funding for the preliminary engineering of a pedestrian underpass that would provide safety improvements at the station, and the city has indicated support for other interim safety improvements.
- Minimal impact to the 90-minute Hiawatha Service travel time
- No impact to the strong on-time performance of the Hiawatha Service
- Sufficient seating capacity for current and forecasted ridership
- Minimal negative impact to state operating support required for the Hiawatha Service
- Host railroads' approval of the stop (Metra, Canadian Pacific)
- No negative impact to current or future railroad capacity, or additional requirements from the railroads related to implementation of additional Hiawatha Service daily round-trips

If these conditions are met, and pending both states' review of the ridership, revenue, and operating cost forecast, the states may request a stop at Lake Forest for the Hiawatha Service.

As you know, the Hiawatha Service provides an invaluable link between Milwaukee and Chicago and communities along the route. This link could be enhanced by adding a stop in Lake Forest. Lake Forest is located in Lake County, Illinois, which is host to numerous job centers, universities, Great Lakes Naval Base, and hospitals providing well-paying jobs for Wisconsin and Illinois residents who may benefit from having additional connectivity via the Hiawatha Service. Adding this stop would enhance transportation options in the region by providing an alternative to congested highways and by offering improved access to the General Mitchell International Airport for Lake County residents. These benefits could result in increased ridership and revenue on the Hiawatha Service.

WisDOT and IDOT staff will be contacting your team in Chicago with the details of the forecast request. We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve the Hiawatha Service and multimodal transportation options in the region.

Sincerely,



Dave Ross
Secretary

cc: Honorable Brad Schneider, U.S. Representative, 10th District of Illinois
Randall S. Blankenhorn, Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation
Beth McCluskey, Director, Office of Intermodal Project Implementation
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Don Schoenheider, Mayor, City of Lake Forest



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Ser SJA/1084
December 22, 2014

City of Lake Forest
220 E. Deerpath Rd.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Lake Forest's interest in pursuing an Amtrak station in Lake Forest, along the route connecting Chicago and Milwaukee. Naval Station Great Lakes is the permanent duty station for nearly 21,000 military members, Government Service civilian employees, and their families. In addition, Recruit Training Command graduates nearly 40,000 student Sailors annually. Given the sizeable base population, efforts to optimize the existing transportation system or to increase available options are appreciated. Broad support does exist from the personnel on board the Naval Station for increased rail access.

Safe and efficient transportation is not just a quality of life issue for military personnel and their dependents but is also a military readiness issue. Accordingly, we encourage local, state, and federal efforts toward the goals of expanding the capacity of the area's transportation system.

I appreciate your consideration of the military impact of this initiative. I appreciate all efforts to expand transportation resources in the Great Lakes Naval Station community. I will monitor this transportation proposal with continued interest.

Sincerely,

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W. A. BULIS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

MILWAUKEE COUNTY



GENERAL
MITCHELL
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

July 18, 2016

The Honorable Joe Boardman
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Dear Mr. Boardman, Secretary Blankenhorn, and Secretary Gottlieb:

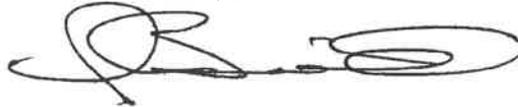
On behalf of General Mitchell International Airport, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I write in support of increasing Amtrak Hiawatha Service between Milwaukee and Chicago by adding a new stop in Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois. Adding this stop will provide significant benefits to both travelers and General Mitchell International Airport, and I urge you to work collaboratively to ensure that this happens in an expedited fashion.

As you know, General Mitchell International Airport is located in an area that permits many Illinois residents the option to choose it as an additional viable option for their travel plans. This option is provided in part by the Amtrak Hiawatha Service, which services five stops in and between Chicago and Milwaukee. Despite the success of this line in bringing passengers to General Mitchell International Airport, it could be greatly enhanced for air travelers, the airport, and Amtrak, if a stop were to be added in Lake County. The Lake County region is home to numerous job centers, universities, and hospitals and adding this stop would open up a new option for business travelers while providing Lake County residents and Naval Station recruits with a convenient means of accessing General Mitchell International

Airport aside from driving. Moreover, it would provide increased ridership for the Amtrak Hiawatha Service, thus benefitting Illinois, Wisconsin, and Amtrak.

I understand that Amtrak, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in support of this stop and I urge you to take definitive steps to ensure that this stop is instituted and operating as soon as possible. There are important advantages to be realized for General Mitchell International Airport and the entire region, which has helped create considerable support from local businesses, interested citizens, and elected officials. I ask that you continue these efforts and we look forward to working with you on this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Ismael "Izzy" Bonilla
Airport Director
General Mitchell International Airport

Cc: Congressman Robert Dold
Congresswoman Gwen Moore



**ILLINOIS CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

June 9, 2016

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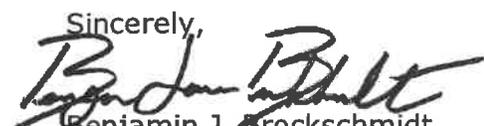
Dear Mr. Boardman, Secretary Blankenhorn, and Secretary Gottlieb,

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce understands that your respective entities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in support of establishing a new Amtrak stop served by the Hiawatha Service in Lake Forest, IL. Our members urge you move this project forward to provide a new commuting option that will help drive regional growth while providing considerable benefits to employers and employees in both Illinois and Wisconsin.

Today the Hiawatha Service benefits several communities between Milwaukee and Chicago, but by bypassing Lake County, IL it falls short of its full potential. A stop in Lake Forest will connect this service to numerous job centers, universities, and hospitals on both sides of the border. Today many Illinois and Wisconsin residents miss out on well-paying jobs and new opportunities that would otherwise be available to them by a stop in Lake Forest. Utilizing the existing Metra Station located at 911 Telegraph Road in Lake Forest as the location for this additional stop allows the Hiawatha Service to benefit from existing infrastructure while expanding its service.

There are considerable benefits to be had for the economy in the region by enabling this additional stop, evidenced by the strong support from local businesses, interested citizens, and elected officials, and I look forward to working with you to bring this to fruition.

Sincerely,


Benjamin J. Brockschmidt
Vice President of Policy

Cc: Congressman Robert Dold

OCTOBER 19, 2017

The Honorable Charles W. Moorman
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Dear Messrs. Moorman, Blankenhorn and Ross,

On behalf of Lake County Partners, the leading economic development corporation in Lake County, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for an Amtrak Hiawatha Service Station Stop in Lake Forest, Illinois. With its ideal location midway between Chicago and Milwaukee, Lake Forest is perfectly positioned to meet identified passenger travel demand, particularly as businesses continue to expand in Lake County and generate new employment opportunities. The proposed Amtrak stop would create a new travel alternative for commuters in the area, as there is currently no existing passenger rail service meeting these needs in the Lake County market.

Lake County is part of a vibrant economic region that depends on safe, affordable and reliable multi-modal transportation. Many businesses choose to locate here because of our easy access to markets within the region, across the country and around the globe. It's imperative that we continue to meet these needs, and the needs of local employees who use train service to travel to and from work to sustain their livelihoods.

The stop would benefit travelers outside of the immediate area as well, as it would give visitors another way to reach Lake County and enjoy our many amenities and support our vital hospitality and tourism industry. Importantly, it would also provide the more than 150,000 family members who rely on rail service to travel to and from Naval Station Great Lakes each year with a more convenient and centrally-located stop.

With over 30,000 businesses, a workforce of over 400,000 people and an annual tourism income of \$1 billion, it is crucial that we take steps to strengthen and grow our transportation networks to ensure our continued success. I encourage you to work with the City of Lake Forest to establish the new Amtrak Hiawatha Service Station Stop to the benefit of Lake County and the region.

Sincerely,



Kevin S. Considine
President & CEO, Lake County Partners

Cc: Mr. Robert Kiely, City Manager of Lake Forest



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April 11, 2013

Mr. Robert Kiely
City Manager
City of Lake Forest
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Lake Forest, IL 60045-1914

Subject: Amtrak Station Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mr. Kiely,

The Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA) is a public-private partnership which seeks to build consensus around needed transportation improvements of all modes of transportation in Lake County. www.lcta1.com

The Executive Committee of the LCTA received a copy of the attached Fact Sheet entitled "Lake County Amtrak Hiawatha Service Station Stop in Lake Forest." This proposed stop would be in west Lake Forest at Everett Rd and IL Rte 43.

Based on the Fact Sheet, some of the items discussed on this request were:

- What is the best location for a stop in Lake County? The station should have easy access to residents and businesses and available parking for the new users. Lake Cook Rd station was mentioned as a prototypical good example with both but not centralized in Lake County.
- Is Metra in support and would there be any disruptions to the existing Metra Milwaukee North commuter service?
- Any new stop should service all of Lake County. Gurnee has been talked about as a location for years.
- An existing Metra station stop should be used, e.g. Gurnee is north of the branch off of the Metra Milwaukee North commuter service to Fox Lake.
- There is no Amtrak stop in Lake County now.
- It was noted that there is no agency undertaking a comprehensive study nor is there any other municipality in Lake County undertaking such a study.

Therefore, the LCTA Executive Committee voted that I send a letter of support for an Amtrak Hiawatha Service Station Stop in west Lake Forest. We applaud the City of Lake Forest for completing preliminary work on the potential for an Amtrak station stop in Lake County and trust that the issues mention above be adequately reviewed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin G. Buehler".

Martin G. Buehler
Executive Director, LTCA

Cc: LCTA President Suzanne Zupec



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June 24, 2016

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Dear Mr. Boardman, Secretary Blankenhorn, and Secretary Gottlieb,

As the official tourism agency for Lake County, Illinois, I am writing in support of the addition of an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest, Illinois. Lake County's convenient location between Chicago and Milwaukee makes it perfect for Amtrak service and would deliver economic benefits to both Illinois and Wisconsin and offer ease of access to visitors to Lake County as well as residents.

Lake County, with a population of 700,000, is a vibrant economic region. Over 30,000 businesses are located here including eleven Fortune 500 company headquarters. The county is also a popular tourism destination with 60 hotels and resorts, and is home to Six Flags Great America drawing nearly 3 million visitors annually. Additionally Naval Station Great Lakes, which serves as the Navy's sole basic training base, is located here. Each year 150,000 family members from across the county travel to the base to attend graduation ceremonies held nearly every week. Some of these families take Amtrak to Chicago and would be delighted to have a more convenient stop in Lake County. An Amtrak stop in Lake County would also boost business to Milwaukee's General Mitchell Airport as many visitors and residents prefer the convenience of flying in and out of Milwaukee.

Visitors to Lake County spend over \$1 billion annually which places us as the third highest county in Illinois for travel expenditures. The hospitality industry is a vital and thriving part of Lake County's economy generating over 10,000 jobs. An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest opens up many exciting business and tourism opportunities and would have a very positive economic impact on the economies of both the states of Illinois and Wisconsin as well as Lake County.

Sincerely,


Maureen Riedy
President



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE

October 2, 2014

The Honorable Donald Schoenheider
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Re: Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mayor Schoenheider:

Lake Forest College is pleased to support the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road. The reasons for the College's support are as follows:

- There is currently no Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois.
- The proposed stop would serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, and would enhance commuting options for Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County.
- The Amtrak train would help address vehicular traffic issues, public safety concerns and rising gasoline usage and costs in Lake County.
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at local office parks, hospitals and businesses, as well as our campus.
- This train service would also enhance employee retention.

Please contact me at the number or address below, if you should have any questions.

Sincerely

Stephen D. Schutt
President



B. Russell Lockridge
Vice President and
Chief Human Resources Officer

October 17, 2014

To The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Brunswick Corporation is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting The City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit Brunswick employees for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

Brunswick Corporation fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847.735.4216.

Sincerely

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B. Russell Lockridge

BRL:mh



September 8, 2014

To: The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Aon Hewitt is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit Aon Hewitt for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County.
- Offering Amtrak service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County.
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

Aon Hewitt fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847-442-0013.

Sincerely,


Bryan Sansbury,
Chief Operating Officer
Aon Hewitt

August 25, 2014

The Honorable Donald P. Schoenheider
Mayor, City of Lake Forest
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Dear Mayor Schoenheider,

On behalf of Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital (NLFH), I am proud to join other leaders from Lake County's business community in strong support for the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop on the Metra Milwaukee North Line at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the "Telegraph Road Train."

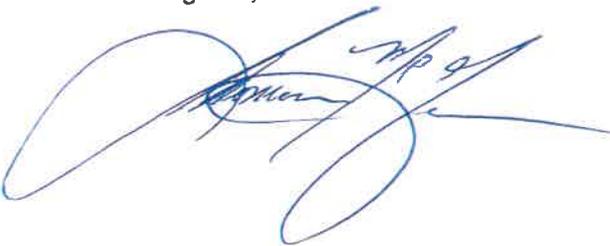
The establishment of the proposed Telegraph Road Train would benefit many patients and families who seek care at NLFH. We are proud that NLFH is a destination for health and wellness--not only for the Lake Forest community; yet, also for patients and families who reside throughout the greater Chicagoland area, including Wisconsin. As part of Northwestern Medicine, NLFH is affiliated with Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Northwestern Medical Group.

Establishing an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would also enhance the commute for many NLFH employees. With approximately 1,600 professional employees, in addition to our medical staff, NLFH contributes significantly to Lake County's economy. By establishing the Telegraph Road Train the commuting alternatives, for residents who live outside of the greater Lake Forest area and employees who work at NLFH, would be significantly enhanced--particularly, those employees who live in Wisconsin. The addition of Amtrak train service in Lake Forest would positively impact highway congestion in Lake County; as well as, vehicular traffic patterns in the Lake Forest area.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express NLFH's strong support for an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. The Telegraph Road Train would provide a significant, positive benefit for many, including those who work at, or seek care from, our regionally ranked institution.

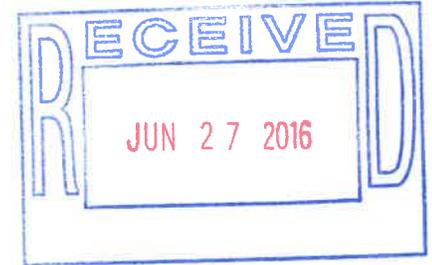
Please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-535-6101, should you have any questions or require additional information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. McAfee", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble or flourish.

June 23, 2016

The Honorable Joe Boardman
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Dear Mr. Boardman, Secretary Blankenhorn and Secretary Gottlieb,

As a member of the Lake County, Illinois business community, I would like to urge you to support adding a stop to the Amtrak Hiawatha Service in Lake Forest, Illinois. The current station, located at 911 Telegraph Road, is a prime spot for an additional stop on the existing Metra Milwaukee District-North Line. I firmly believe this addition will help our patients, our employees and the growing economies of both Illinois and Wisconsin.

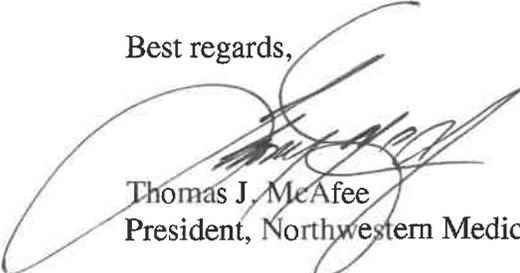
Currently, the Hiawatha Service Line links local communities from Milwaukee and Chicago; yet, the full potential of this line remains untapped, as it currently makes only five stops. Lake County would be an ideal added stop, to serve a region of Lake County that is home to numerous job centers, universities and healthcare centers. Many Illinois and Wisconsin residents may consider these jobs unavailable because of perceived transportation issues. An added stop in Lake Forest will connect these institutions to new employees, while also utilizing existing infrastructure and spurring the local job market.

In addition, employees who already make this commute from Wisconsin or Chicago, on congested roads; will have a new option, improving both the environment and their quality of life. An added stop will also benefit Milwaukee-area businesses, by providing reciprocal ease of access for Lake County residents and General Mitchell International Airport by providing travelers with easy access to the airport.

I understand representatives from Amtrak, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have all signed a Memorandum of Understanding in support of this stop. I would like to urge you to take steps to ensure this stop is instituted and operating, as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you, to provide an economic boost to this already growing region.

Best regards,



Thomas J. McAfee
President, Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital

cc: Congressman Robert Dold, 10th District of Illinois
Chairman Aaron Lawler, Lake County Board
✓ Mayor Donald P. Schoenheider, City of Lake Forest

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June 21, 2016

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Dear Mr. Boardman, Secretary Blankenhorn, and Secretary Gottlieb,

As members of the business community in Northeastern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, we urge you to support commuters and job growth in the region by adding a stop to the Amtrak Hiawatha Service in Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois. The current station, located at 911 Telegraph Road, is a prime spot for an additional stop on the existing Metra Milwaukee District-North Line. We firmly believe adding this stop will help support the economies of both Illinois and Wisconsin.

The Hiawatha Service provides an invaluable link between Milwaukee and Chicago for local communities situated along the line. However, the full potential of this link remains to be seen as it currently only serves five stops. A location that would help deliver the benefits of this line to Wisconsin, Illinois, and Amtrak is in Lake County. The Lake County region is home to numerous job centers, universities, and hospitals providing well-paying jobs that many Illinois and Wisconsin residents miss out on due to accessibility issues. By providing this stop in Lake Forest, which will utilize significant existing infrastructure, this job market will become increasingly available. The individuals, who already make this commute from Wisconsin or Chicago on congested roads, will have a new option to use to get to work, thus improving the environment and quality of life. Adding this stop will also have benefits for Milwaukee-area businesses by providing reciprocal ease of access for Lake County residents. Additionally, it will benefit General Mitchell International Airport by providing travelers with an easy access to the airport.

While we understand that Amtrak, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in support of this stop, we urge you to take definitive steps to ensure that this stop is instituted and operating as soon as possible. There are important advantages to be realized for the entire region and this effort already has received considerable support from local businesses, interested citizens, and elected officials. We ask that you continue these efforts and we look forward to working with you to provide an economic boost to this growing region.

Sincerely,

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Joseph L. Pray
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Cc: Congressman Robert Dold



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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August 29, 2014

To The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider
Mayor
City of Lake Forest
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Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

The City of Highland Park is pleased to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the residents of Highland Park for the following reasons:

- It would serve residents and visitors of Lake County as well as enhance commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County
- Offering Amtrak train service would have a positive impact on highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The City of Highland Park fully supports this initiative in favor of an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at (847) 926-1009.

Sincerely,


Nancy R. Reitering

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August 27, 2014

To The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

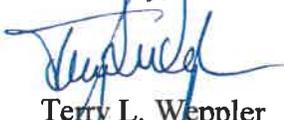
The Village of Libertyville is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting The City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the Village of Libertyville for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County.
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County.
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The Village of Libertyville fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847-362-2430.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Weppler
Mayor

Cc: Village Board
Administrative Staff
Economic Development Coordinator

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KATHLEEN O'HARA

Village President



August 29, 2014

Mayor Donald Schoenheider
The City of Lake Forest
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Don:

The Village of Lake Bluff is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the Village of Lake Bluff for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County;
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County; and
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The Village of Lake Bluff fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847-560-3772.

Sincerely

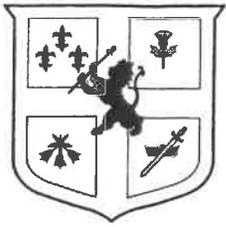
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Kathleen O'Hara
Village President

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VILLAGE OF BANNOCKBURN

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August 28, 2014

To The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

The Village of Bannockburn is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the Village of Bannockburn's residents, employees, and businesses for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County;
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County; and
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks and hospitals in Lake County and would provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The Village of Bannockburn fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847-945-6080.

Sincerely,

Frank Rothing
Village President
Village of Bannockburn



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

September 15, 2014

Honorable Donald P. Schoenheider
Mayor
The City of Lake Forest
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, IL 60045

RE: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mayor Schoenheider:

The Village of Deerfield is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train Station.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the Village of Deerfield's residents and corporations for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The Village of Deerfield fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847-945-5000.

Sincerely,

Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor

Cc: Village Board of Trustees
Kent Street, Village Manager



Village of Northbrook

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September 3, 2014

Mayor Donald Schoenheider
City of Lake Forest
220 East Deerpath Road
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

To the Honorable Mayor Schoenheider,

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak Stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train Station. An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest for Hiawatha Service trains operating between Chicago and Milwaukee would provide the benefit of decreased vehicular congestion on our area roads and highways. Furthermore, an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest provides a viable and convenient commuting alternative for commuters who travel between Wisconsin and Lake County or northern Cook County on daily basis. The establishment of an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest also can help promote travel and tourism in Lake County and northern Cook County.

The Village of Northbrook fully supports this initiative and is in favor of the implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Frum
President, Village of Northbrook

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Sandra E. Frum

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September 2, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Schoenheider
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, IL 60045

RE: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mayor Schoenheider,

The Village of Vernon Hills is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois would greatly benefit the Vernon Hills' community for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the community alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County; and
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County; and
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction.

The Village of Vernon Hills fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact John Kalmar, Village Manager at 847-918-3550 should you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger L. Byrne".

Roger L. Byrne
Village President

RLB/ld

cc: Village Board
John Kalmar, Village Manager



CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
MAYOR

September 22, 2014

City of Lake Forest
Honorable Mayor Schoenheider
220 East Deerpath
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mayor Schoenheider,

The City of North Chicago is happy to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting the City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois would greatly benefit the city of North Chicago residents and businesses for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County
- Offering Amtrak train services would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction

The City of North Chicago fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 847-596-8610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leon Rockingham, Jr." in a cursive style.

Leon Rockingham, Jr.



Village
of
Mettawa

September 12, 2014

Casey Urlacher
Mayor

Mayor Donald Schoenheider
220 E. Deerpath
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Re: Proposed Amtrak Stop in Lake Forest

Dear Mayor Schoenheider:

The Village of Mettawa is pleased to join other Lake County business and community leaders in supporting The City of Lake Forest's effort to establish an Amtrak stop at 911 Telegraph Road, also known as the Telegraph Road Train.

The implementation of an Amtrak stop in Lake County, Illinois, would greatly benefit the residents and businesses in our community for the following reasons:

- It would not only serve the residents and visitors of Lake County, but would enhance the commuting alternatives of Wisconsin residents who work in Lake County
- Offering Amtrak train service would positively impact highway congestion and vehicular traffic patterns in Lake County
- An Amtrak stop in Lake Forest would add a convenience for employees who work at the office parks, hospitals, and provide a competitive advantage to our businesses by enhancing overall employee retention and attraction. We have several key businesses in our Village that would benefit from the stop.

The Village of Mettawa fully supports this initiative in favor of the Amtrak stop in Lake Forest. Please contact me should you have any questions at 847.343.9182.

Sincerely,

Casey Urlacher
Mayor