

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

RESOLUTION 2012-

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING
AN AMTRAK HIAWATHA STATION STOP AT THE
LAKE FOREST TELEGRAPH ROAD STATION.**

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest (the “*City*”) has identified the creation of an Amtrak Hiawatha Service stop in Lake County, IL as a critical economic opportunity for the northeast Illinois region; and

WHEREAS, the expansion and enhancement of passenger rail service within Lake County can be realized by implementing a Lake Forest stop of the Hiawatha Regional Passenger Rail Service between Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI on the Chicago to Minneapolis High Speed Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Forest Telegraph Road Train Station being uniquely situated along multiple arterial roads creates opportunities to provide intermodal transportation services to employees and employers of many south Lake County businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, The City, Metra, Amtrak, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT), and the Canadian Pacific Railroad did enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to investigate the feasibility of creating such a service stop in Lake Forest; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lake Forest did engage the services of Quandel Consultants, LLC to perform an Operational Analysis Report on the service impacts of the fourteen (14) Hiawatha trains stopping in Lake Forest and determined that thirteen (13) of the trains could be accommodated with little or no disruption to existing Metra or Canadian Pacific train schedules, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City has determined that subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution, it is in the best interests of Lake county, The City and its residents to support the Amtrak Hiawatha service stops thirteen (13) times during the day along with any attendant facility improvements required to improve passenger and motorist safety at the Telegraph Road Train Station;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLIOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth here.

SECTION 2. Attachment of Relevant Documents.

- (a) The 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- (b) The City of Lake Forest Amtrak Station Stops Final Operational Analysis Report dated May 31, 2012 and prepared by Quandel Consultants, LLC.

SECTION 3. Conditions. The stopping of thirteen (13) Amtrak Hiawatha trains at the Lake Forest Telegraph Road Station shall be and is hereby, expressly subject to, and shall not be effected until, each of the following conditions precedent are satisfied:

- 1. Notification has been received by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) that all parties to the 2010 MOU have agreed to and endorsed the proposed schedule change.
- 2. The proposed pedestrian grade separation has been constructed and opened for service.
- 3. A final service agreement between the City and Amtrak, IDOT and/or Metra is approved by the City Council and executed by Amtrak, IDOT and/or Metra.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS ___th DAY OF July, 2012.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS ___th DAY OF July, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk