



April 5, 2018

Enclosed is a certified copy of a Resolution passed at the April 2, 2018 Lake Forest City Council meeting, restating and reaffirming The City of Lake Forest's opposition to the Chicago-Milwaukee Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor proposal and reaffirmation of the City's request for an Environmental Impact Study.

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Margaret Boyer

City Clerk, The City of Lake Forest



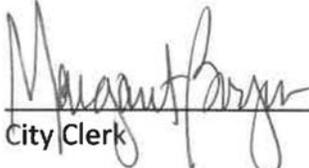
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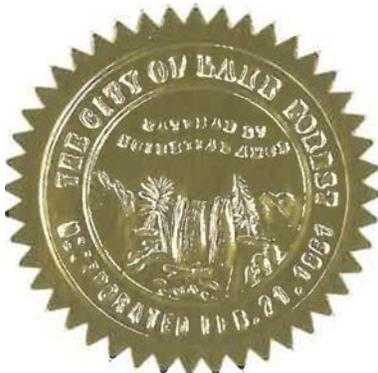
## True and Correct Copy Certificate

I, MARGARET M BOYER, CITY CLERK, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting City Clerk of The City of Lake Forest and that the attached is a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed and approved by the City Council of The City of Lake Forest at a regular meeting of said Council held on April 2, 2018.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am the keeper of the recorders, orders, ordinances, resolutions, entries, books and papers of said The City of Lake Forest, and that the original of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy is entrusted to my care for safekeeping and is now on file in my office.

WITNESS my hand and corporate seal of The City of Lake Forest, Illinois, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April, 2018 A.O.

  
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City Clerk



## RESOLUTION NO. 18-05

### RESOLUTION RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST'S OPPOSITION TO THE CHICAGO-MILWAUKEE INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR PROPOSAL AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lake Forest (the "City") is a home rule municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation ("WisDOT") and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), in partnership with Amtrak, are proposing to increase the existing Amtrak Hiawatha Service from fourteen (14) trips per day to twenty (20) trips per day, (or an increase from seven (7) round trips per day to ten (10) round trips per day) between Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, to support the increase in frequency, construction is proposed along a portion of the rail line, commonly known as the Metra Milwaukee District North Line ("MD-N"), which is within the corporate boundaries of the City;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed construction (the "Project") in the City includes a "Rondout Third Main Tract" or "Rondout Siding Extension" from Rondout approximately 13,000 feet south to approximately Rt. 60 as well as a "Universal Crossover" located north of Conway Road within the Metra right-of-way;

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago-Milwaukee Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor Draft Environmental Assessment (the "EA") was released on October 6, 2016 as part of the Project review being undertaken by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railway Administration (the "FRA" which is the lead federal agency for the Project);

**WHEREAS**, in reaction to the draft EA, the City and its residents voiced concerns about the potential public health, safety, welfare and environmental issues associated with locating a new third track near residential areas of the City and through the pristine and environmentally sensitive Middlefork Savanna as well as concerns about increased noise and vibration from the freight activity, concerns about idling freight trains, longer delays at crossing gates, inevitable diminution of property values and stated that the draft EA failed to properly address these issues;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the draft EA, the City has taken the following actions;

A. Participated with the Villages of Glenview, Northbrook, Deerfield and Bannockburn to explore opportunities for eliminating undesirable impacts from the Project;

B. Approved Resolution 2016-43, dated November 7, 2016 which expressly conveyed to the FRA that the draft EA "provides no supporting documentation on air quality, noise, vibration and other health and safety impacts for residents living adjacent to the proposed Rondout Alternative 1 or 2 holding track..." and requested an extension of the Public Comment Period and further environmental documentation through an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") due to significant health, safety and environmental concerns raised in the Hanson Professional Services, Inc. report to the City dated November 8, 2016;

C. On March 30, 2017, the City Manager corresponded with representatives of IDOT and WisDOT and conveyed the City's concurrence with the US EPA's comments and the recommendations

set forth in its November 8, 2016 letter regarding the impact of each of the proposed improvements on freight operations and requesting an assessment of the Project's potential impact on air quality, emissions, noise, and public safety;

D. On November 27, 2017, the Mayor wrote a letter to Congressman Schneider and Congresswomen Schakowsky, which was copied to the appropriate agencies, expressing the City's support for their letter of October 13, 2017 wherein they requested a "full and fair study of potential freight impacts ensuing from the proposed addition of a third track so that preventive steps can be taken";

E. The Mayor and members of the City Council have on several occasions publicly expressed their opposition to the proposed third track and the potential freight impact, including but not limited to noise, vibrations, emissions, traffic delays and freight mishaps;

**WHEREAS**, the City believes the Chicago-Milwaukee Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor Draft EA released October 6, 2016 requires further environmental documentation by the FRA and a full EIS, including a freight impact study, prior to its consideration of a Finding of No Significant Impact (the "FONSI"), which makes the Project eligible for Federal funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of The City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1:** The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are incorporated as part of this Resolution.

**Section 2:** For the reasons set forth herein, the Mayor and City Council of The City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois, do hereby strongly and clearly reiterate their concerns about the findings and recommendations of the October 6, 2016 draft EA as enumerated in its Resolution 2016-43 and the City Manager's letter of March 30, 2017.

**Section 3:** The City hereby reiterates its prior request that a complete EIS and a freight impact study be undertaken to fully and properly assess the noise, vibration and other related health and safety issues on adjacent residential properties as encouraged by Congressman Schneider and Congresswomen Schakowsky.

**Section 4:** The City Council is opposed to the Project and to any increased freight traffic on the Metra MD-N Line because of the City's Council's strong belief that it will create unacceptable health, safety and environmental impacts to our community.

**Section 5:** The City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to WisDOT, IDOT, Metra, Amtrak and the Federal Railway Administration and also to our federal and state legislators.

**Section 6:** The Mayor and City Manager are hereby directed to continue working with representatives of the Villages of Glenview, Northbrook, Deerfield, and Bannockburn and with our residents and representatives of ACTION to further explore opportunities to influence WisDOT, IDOT, Amtrak and the FRA and to prevent the construction of this Project or any other project improvements which would negatively impact the health, safety or welfare of our residents.

**Section 7:** This Resolution shall be in full effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2018.

AYES: Alderman Beidler, Morris, Newman, Rummel, Tack, Reisenberg, Moreno and Buschmann

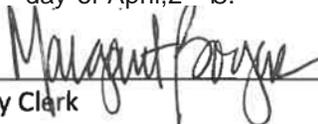
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2018.

  
Robert T E Lansing, Mayor  
The City of Lake Forest, Lake County, IL

ATTESTED and FILED in my office the  
2nd day of April, 2018.

  
City Clerk