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**Randall Blankenhorn**  
Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn,

The TMA is a business association representing over 40 companies and 42,000 employees in Cook and Lake County whose mission is to improve employees' commute to work. Over the years we have worked with the Tollway, IDOT, and others to help leverage needed highway improvements in Cook and Lake County such as I-294 Expansion, Route 22/Lake Cook Road widening, and the upcoming widening and improvements on Willow Road.

We have certainly seen the benefits of these projects with improved safety, traffic flow, and employee and customer access to businesses and major employment centers.

Congestion pricing programs have been proven nationally and abroad and recent studies by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning(CMAP) have identified congestion pricing is an effective tool to manage traffic for faster, more reliable travel times in Northeastern Illinois. CMAP has also identified major corridors such as I-90, I-290, I-55, Elgin-O'Hare Bypass, and Rte 53/120 Extension in Lake County as candidates for implementing congestion pricing.

The TMA Board reviewed the CMAP proposal and a majority of members voiced support this concept to help mitigate the regions traffic congestion particularly in a corridor where traffic congestion and travel times are high. We hope the Illinois Department of Transportation and Tollway move forward together to identify and implement congestion pricing in corridors where benefits and congestion reduction are the highest.

Sincerely,



**William J. Baltutis**  
TMA of Lake Cook  
Executive Director

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