



**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION 2013-1**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN
AGENCY FOR PLANNING'S CONGESTION PRICING CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) is a corporate organization representing municipalities and townships chartered within the State of Illinois and Counties of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane and McHenry; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and Chapter 5, Act 220, paragraphs 1 through 8, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, authorize intergovernmental association and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the public officials of the Northwest Municipal Conference represent forty-two local governmental bodies and a population of over 1.3 million residents; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the official regional planning agency for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will; and

WHEREAS, CMAP developed and now guides the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's first comprehensive regional plan; and

WHEREAS, GO TO 2040 recommends the region invest strategically in transportation and strongly advocates for the implementation of congestion pricing, which will help manage traffic and give drivers better choices for getting around; and

WHEREAS, CMAP has conducted careful technical analysis of congestion pricing's feasibility and benefits for the region; and

WHEREAS, CMAP's modeling shows that express toll lanes would significantly improve travel times on the I-90 Interstate between Elgin and downtown; and

WHEREAS, building the Elgin O'Hare – Western Bypass with congestion pricing will similarly result in significantly improved travel times; and

WHEREAS, CMAP's modeling finds that implementing congestion pricing on new capacity will not result in traffic spillover and will reduce congestion on nearby local streets; and

WHEREAS, congestion pricing uses express toll lanes and the logic of supply and demand to help manage highway resources more effectively; and

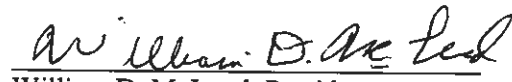
WHEREAS, pricing of facilities during peak periods may also reduce congestion by encouraging travelers to carpool, take transit, or consider alternative routes and times for their trips; and

WHEREAS, our region needs reliable travel times, better efficiency, and reduced congestion to remain economically competitive in the global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Municipal Conference supports the region's effort to implement congestion pricing, particularly on the I-90 Addams and Elgin O'Hare – Western Bypass, and believes it is strategically important for maximizing the public benefit of investments in transportation infrastructure.

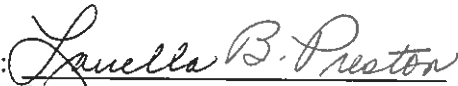
Passed this 13th day of February, 2013

Approved this 13th day of February, 2013



William D. McLeod, President
Northwest Municipal Conference and
Mayor Village of Hoffman Estates

ATTEST:



Louella B. Preston, Secretary
Northwest Municipal Conference and
Trustee, Village of Niles