



Southwest Conference of MAYORS

RESOLUTION 2013-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING'S (CMAP'S) CONGESTION PRICING CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the Southwest Conference of Mayors is a body of duly elected officials representing twenty-one communities in southwest suburban Cook County with a population in excess of 350,000; 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; 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

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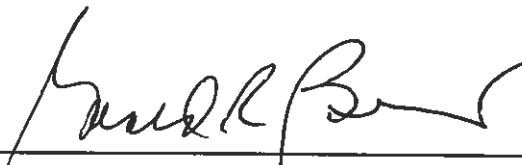
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WHEREAS, our region needs reliable travel times, better efficiency, and reduced congestion to remain economically competitive in the global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Conference of supports the region's effort to implement congestion pricing, particularly on the I-55 Stevenson Expressway, and believe it is strategically important for maximizing the public benefit of investments in transportation infrastructure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Bennett", is written over a horizontal line.

Gerald R. Bennett, President