

RESOLUTION

2013 - 02

A Resolution In Support For Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Congestion Pricing Campaign

WHEREAS, the West Central Municipal Conference (hereinafter “WCMC”) a Council of Government comprised of forty-nine municipalities, townships, community colleges and the Chicago Zoological Society in west suburban Cook County and adjacent Du Page County representing a population in excess of 600,000; and

WHEREAS, the WCMC provides services and activities to its members which include, without limitation, intergovernmental cooperation, legislative advocacy, transportation planning, group purchasing, informative training, assistance for employees as well elected and appointed officials; 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

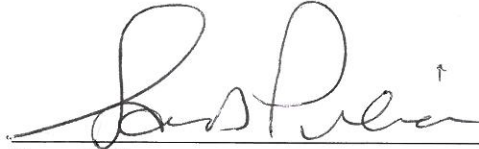
WHEREAS, congestion pricing on one lane of the facility provides commuters a choice to pay the toll for improved travel times or continue on the remaining un-tolled lanes; and

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 WCMC supports the region's effort to implement congesting pricing and believe it is strategically important for maximizing the public benefit of investments in transportation infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President and Executive Director of CMAP.

Adopted by the members of the West Central Municipal Conference on the 24th day of April 2013 and approved by me as President on the same day.



Sam Pulia
President, West Central Municipal Conference
President, Village of Westchester

ATTEST:



Richard F. Pellegrino, Executive Director
West Central Municipal Conference