

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE, DUPAGE AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE OPPOSITION TO THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLLWAY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY'S PROPOSAL TO WIDEN I-294

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Tollway Highway Authority ("Tollway Authority") has the power to approve and determine the final plans and specifications for all Toll Authority highways in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Tollway Authority's plans potentially include widening I-294 into Hinsdale to accommodate a fifth lane, and possibly a sixth lane, of traffic for the southbound and northbound lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Tollway Authority owns property in Hinsdale along I-294 that can be used to expand I-294, and also possesses "quick take" authority to appropriate private and municipal property to accommodate an expansion of I-294; and

WHEREAS, while the Tollway Authority develops highway projects to meet Illinois transportation needs, the Tollway Authority should give significant consideration to affected municipalities, residents, businesses, landscaping, and noise and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed I-294 tollway expansion would dramatically impact Hinsdale property values, increase noise and air pollution due to the increased truck traffic caused by adding more toll lanes, destroy Village parks, and cause serious adverse financial consequences to the Village by removing the Hinsdale Oasis; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and staff met with the Chairman of the Tollway Authority, Robert Schillerstrom, on February 6, 2017, to explain the devastating impact that widening I-294 would have on the Village of Hinsdale; and

WHEREAS, over 150 people – both residents and other concerned stakeholders – attended a public meeting on February 27, 2017, to collectively voice their opposition to the proposed widening of I-294; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Village of Hinsdale hereby rejects the Tollway Authority's proposed plans to widen I-294 into Hinsdale, unless and until Hinsdale and its residents are satisfied that any widening of I-294 would have little if any detrimental impact on Hinsdale and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to not approve any easements requested by the Tollway Authority for construction to the BNSF railroad bridge or as part of the I-294

widening project until after final plans for any proposed expansion of I-294 are known and approved by Hinsdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE, DUPAGE AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: Each of the recitals in the Whereas paragraphs set forth above is incorporated into Section 1 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustees Elder, Byrnes, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca, Banke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED by me this 7th day of March, 2017, and attested to by the Village Clerk this same day.



[Handwritten Signature]

Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk