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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties experiences severe congestion for extended periods of time on a daily basis and is unable to accommodate existing traffic demands; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation is seeking to move forward with a project to provide additional highway capacity along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties and toll the additional capacity; and

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WHEREAS, The project is contingent upon compliance with applicable environmental requirements and, if federal funds or requirements are involved, approval by the Federal Highway Administration; and

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WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act to promote public-private partnerships for transportation by authorizing transportation agencies to enter into public-private agreements related to the development, operation, and financing of transportation facilities; and

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WHEREAS, The Department is seeking to move forward with the

1 project to provide additional highway capacity along  
2 Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate  
3 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties and toll the additional  
4 capacity pursuant to the authority provided under the  
5 Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act; and

6 WHEREAS, It is a requirement of subsection (d) of Section  
7 15 of the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act  
8 that prior to the Department's commencement of a procurement  
9 under the Act with respect to any potential project, the  
10 General Assembly shall authorize the commencement of the  
11 procurement by a joint resolution; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we authorize the Department to issue a  
15 request for information, a request for qualifications, or a  
16 request for proposals with respect to a project to provide  
17 additional highway capacity along Interstate 55 from  
18 Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook,  
19 and Will Counties and toll the additional capacity, provided  
20 this resolution does not include authorization to designate an  
21 approved proposal or approved proposer, or enter into an  
22 interim agreement or a public-private agreement; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, that the Department shall seek approval by joint  
2 resolution before designating an approved proposal or approved  
3 proposer, or entering into an interim agreement or a  
4 public-private agreement; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be  
6 presented to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the  
7 Department of Transportation.