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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Section 14.1 of the Toll Highway Act provides that prior to the issuance of bonds for or the commencement of construction of any new toll highway, that particular toll highway shall be authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly; and

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WHEREAS, In 1995 by Senate Joint Resolution 45 (the 1995 Resolution) the General Assembly approved the expansion of the Illinois toll highway system to include an O'Hare Airport Bypass with Extension, with the Bypass to be constructed generally along the western edge of the O'Hare Airport between I-90 (Northwest Tollway) near Elmhurst Road and I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) near Grand Avenue, and with the extension to be constructed in a generally East-West direction between I-290 (near Thorndale Avenue) at the West and the Bypass at the East; and

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WHEREAS, It is necessary and appropriate, following extensive multi-agency public outreach culminating in recommendations agreed upon by all communities along the proposed Elgin-O'Hare corridor to proceed with construction of new toll highway facilities, to update the 1995 Resolution to reflect the current project recommendation as outlined in the October 2012 Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement that

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1 was jointly executed by the Federal Aviation Administration,
2 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Department of
3 Transportation, and Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and

4 WHEREAS, It may be necessary and appropriate to expand the
5 project limits over time to adhere to future additions or
6 expansions of the EOWA project; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois State Toll Highway
10 Authority be authorized to expand the Illinois toll highway
11 system, under a project to be known as the Elgin-O'Hare Western
12 Access (EOWA), to include an O'Hare Airport Bypass with
13 Extension, general access to O'Hare Airport primarily from the
14 West and South, with the Bypass to be constructed generally
15 along the western edge of the O'Hare Airport between I-90
16 (Northwest Tollway) near Elmhurst Road and I-294 (Tri-State
17 Tollway) near Grand Avenue, and with the Extension to be
18 constructed in a generally East-West direction between the
19 Bypass at the East and the western terminus of the Elgin-O'Hare
20 Expressway at U.S. 20 to the West; including, but not limited
21 to, any necessary access ramps and bridges; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority,
23 in performing work to complete the EOWA project, consider and

1 utilize, to the extent practicable, available technology and
2 construction processes intended to reduce the environmental
3 impact of the project on surrounding areas, and to perform work
4 that will facilitate establishment of future freight
5 inter-modal transport, and alternative transport modes
6 including rail transit, bicycle, and pedestrian within the
7 project area; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That that the Illinois State Toll Highway
9 Authority shall complete the EOWA project in a manner that
10 supports diversity involvement in the project work and economic
11 development in the region; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be
13 immediately forwarded to each of the Directors of the Illinois
14 State Toll Highway Authority.