RESOLUTION No. 17-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ENHANCED SAFETY FOR LAKE ZURICH ROAD AT ROUTE 14 IN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

WHEREAS, the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), representing the Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington and Tower Lakes and the Townships of Barrington and Cuba, has been instrumental in protecting the zoning, land use and natural resources of the area since 1970; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Lake Zurich Road and Route 14 in the Village of Barrington has been a dangerous intersection for years with a fatality and a disabling injury among numerous accidents in recent years, with 14 accidents occurring in the most recent 18-month period; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Barrington conducted a multi-year public process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act led by a community advisory group with members from the Village of Barrington, Barrington Fire Department, Barrington Police Department, Barrington Park District, Barrington Area Library District, School District 220, Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, Flint Creek Watershed Partnership, Garlands of Barrington Senior Living Community, Jewel Park Subdivision, Shorely Woods Townhomes, Shorely Woods Condominiums, Northeast Residential District, Chippendale Subdivision, Flint Creek Estates Subdivision, Eastwood Subdivision, and Pepper Construction to review transportation improvements along Route 14; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of Lake Zurich Road, so it meets Route 14 at the Berry Road/Library traffic signal, was the preferred alternative reconfiguration of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, this reconfiguration adds a much-needed safety improvement to the Lake Zurich Road/Route 14 intersection for users of Citizen’s Park, the Hospice Home, Pepper Construction Company, nearby residents, as well as the remainder of the 3,000 travelers using Lake Zurich Road on a daily basis by giving them access to a signalized intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Barrington Area Library, while allowing these road users which include many of its patrons to access the safety of the Library/Berry Road traffic signal will also recognize,

- increased safety for Library patrons, as the new entrance traffic pattern will not go past the front library entrance, which currently cuts between patron parking and the entryway
- additional parking spaces,
- elimination of cost to the Library for maintenance of the existing Berry Road traffic light,
- elimination of Library’s responsibility to maintain the existing detention pond,
- fewer vehicle delays in entering and exiting the library parking lot; and
WHEREAS, the constituents of the Barrington Area Library District and the users of Lake Zurich Road include many, if not all, of our community's constituents; and

WHEREAS, full funding is available now for the Lake Zurich Road relocation project; and

WHEREAS, completion of this project facilitates the efficient and most timely completion of the future underpass grade separation project at Route 14 and the CN rail crossing and will eliminate the need to completely close Lake Zurich Road at Route 14 for a period of approximately one year during construction of the CN underpass on Route 14.

NOW THEREFORE the Executive Board of the Barrington Area Council of Governments resolves as follows:

1. We support the safety enhancing relocation of Lake Zurich Road to access the traffic signal at the Library/Berry Road intersection with Route 14.

2. We support the acquisition of the strip of the Barrington Area Library's land for purposes of facilitating the relocation of the road and the sharing by the Library of the traffic signal at the Berry Road/Route 14 intersection, enhancing the safety of the constituents of the Library and users of Lake Zurich Road.

3. We support expedited action on this acquisition and relocation project in order to enhance safety quickly, take full advantage of the transportation dollars made available for this project and to assure that the CN underpass project can proceed without closure of Lake Zurich Road to the detriment of the Park District, Hospice, businesses and residents and the other thousands of daily users of Lake Zurich Road.

This RESOLUTION is passed the 23rd day of May, 2017, by the Executive Board of BACOG:

Albert R. Pino, President, Village of North Barrington
Kevin C. Richardson, President, Village of Lake Barrington
Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington
Michael Kainz, Supervisor, Cuba Township
Amy Nykaza, Supervisor, Barrington Township
Paula McCombie, President, Village of South Barrington
Martin J. McLaughlin, President, Village of Barrington Hills
David R. Parro, President, Village of Tower Lakes

For the Executive Board:

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Albert R. Pino, Chairman
Executive Board

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Jenny Zales, Secretary
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