

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EVALUATION OF
LONGMEADOW PARKWAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR
TOLL BRIDGE FUNDING**

Whereas, in the upper Fox Valley there has not been a bridge constructed crossing the Fox River since the I-90 tollway extension in the late 1950's; and,

Whereas, the population on the west side of the Fox River has increased ten fold since the 1980's; and

Whereas, this population increase continues to tax the only three regional bridge crossings over the Fox River: I-90, RT. 72, and RT. 62.

Whereas, the Longmeadow/Bolz Road Fox River Bridge Corridor is proposed as a four-lane bridge crossing, of an arterial roadway, approximately 5.6 miles in the length with the principal purpose to assist and alleviate any traffic congestion in northern Kane County and southern McHenry County; and,

Whereas, The project was earmarked with four million dollars in federal funds for right-of-way acquisition and engineering in August 2005, and a total of nine million dollars will be spent in local, State and Federal funds studying the corridor; and,

Whereas, Kane County area municipalities are currently acquiring critical parcels for the corridor, have secured approximately 50% of the right-of-way for the corridor to facilitate this development and reduce the estimated project costs; and,

Whereas, each of the communities through which the designated Longmeadow corridor passes, agrees with the alignment of that corridor; and,

Whereas, the construction of this roadway will continue to enhance both Kane and McHenry Counties' transportation network by reducing congestion and providing alternative and more direct routes to serve existing land use through efficient access to central business districts, employment and commercial centers; and,

Whereas, Federal and State funding of roadway projects is expected to be very limited in the near future; and extremely competitive in terms of future transportation requirements, throughout the region as well as on a national level; and,

Whereas, unfunded items include phase two engineering, selective right-of-way acquisition and actual construction of the bridge and approaches; and,

Whereas, an optimistic timeline would be that funding may be available for this project somewhere in the next decade making this project potentially available for traffic no earlier than 2018/2020; and,

Whereas, the tollway alternative, which is a user fee based system, benefits more than just Kane County residents and the toll usage provides for a funding mechanism for those residents who reside outside of Kane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills, Cook, Lake, McHenry, and Kane Counties, Illinois, as a home rule municipality that:

Section One: The Village supports the evaluation of toll bridge options for the Longmeadow/Bolz corridor.

Section Two. If any part or provision of this Resolution shall be held or deemed to be invalid, such invalidity shall not have the affect of rendering another part or provision of this Resolution invalid.

Section Three. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2007.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSENT: 1

APPROVED THIS 21st day of May, 2007



Village President

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Village Clerk