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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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 SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 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.