

1 AN ACT concerning redevelopment.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The 25th Avenue Railroad Relocation and
5 Development Authority Act is amended by changing the title of
6 the Act and Sections 1, 5, 10, 40, 45, 60, and 90 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 1920/Act title)

8 An Act creating the West Cook 25th--Avenue Railroad
9 Relocation and Redevelopment Authority.

10 (70 ILCS 1920/1)

11 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the West
12 Cook 25th--Avenue Railroad Relocation and Development
13 Authority Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

15 (70 ILCS 1920/5)

16 Sec. 5. Legislative declaration. The General Assembly
17 declares that the welfare, health, prosperity, and moral and
18 general well being of the people of the State are, in large
19 measure, dependent upon the sound and orderly development of
20 municipal areas. The Village of Bellwood, the Village of
21 Maywood, and the Village of Melrose Park, by reason of the
22 location therein of 25th Avenue and the First Avenue vicinity
23 between Lake Street on the North, Oak Street on the South,
24 the Des Plaines River on the East, and Fifth Avenue on the
25 West and their use for vehicular travel in access to the
26 entire west metropolitan Chicago area, including
27 municipalities in 2 counties, as well as commercial and
28 industrial growth patterns and accessibility to O'Hare
29 International Airport, Midway Airport, manufacturing, and

1 freight related facilities, have become and will increasingly
2 be the hub of transportation from all parts of the region and
3 throughout the west metropolitan area. Motor vehicle
4 traffic, pedestrian travel, and the safety of both motorists
5 and pedestrians are substantially aggravated by the location
6 of a major railroad right of way that divides the Village of
7 Bellwood and the Village of Melrose Park. Additionally,
8 certain development opportunities may exist in the project
9 area that would stabilize and enhance the tax base of
10 existing communities, maintain and revitalize existing
11 commerce and industry, create opportunities for intersurface
12 modal transportation efficiencies, and promote comprehensive
13 planning within and between communities. The presence of the
14 railroad right of way at the 25th Avenue grade crossing is
15 detrimental to the orderly expansion of industry and commerce
16 and to progress of the region. To alleviate this situation
17 it is necessary to relocate the railroad tracks and right of
18 way on 25th Avenue and First Avenue, to separate the grades
19 at crossings ~~erossing~~, to acquire property for relocation or
20 submergence of the railroad or highways, to create an agency
21 to facilitate and accomplish that relocation, and to direct
22 infrastructure and development improvements in the 25th
23 Avenue vicinity between St. Charles Road and Lake Street and
24 the First Avenue vicinity between Lake Street on the North,
25 Oak Street on the South, the Des Plaines River on the East,
26 and Fifth Avenue on the West.

27 Additionally, certain development opportunities may exist
28 in the West Cook County region from Harlem Avenue on the East
29 to I-294 on the West and from Grand Avenue on the North to
30 31st Street on the South that would stabilize and enhance the
31 tax base of existing communities, maintain and revitalize
32 existing commerce and industry, create opportunities for
33 modal transportation efficiencies, and promote comprehensive
34 planning within and between communities.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

2 (70 ILCS 1920/10)

3 Sec. 10. Creation; duration. There is created a body
4 politic and corporate, a unit of local government, named the
5 West Cook 25th-Avenue Railroad Relocation and Development
6 Authority, embracing that portion of Proviso Township
7 embracing that portion of the Village of Bellwood and the
8 Village of Melrose Park from St. Charles Road on the South to
9 Lake Street on the North, and from the Indiana Harbor Belt
10 Railroad on the West to 22nd Avenue on the East, Cook County,
11 Illinois and the Village of Maywood, Cook County, Illinois.
12 The Authority shall continue in existence until the
13 accomplishment of its objective, the relocation of the
14 railroad tracks and 25th Avenue, the grade separation of
15 railroads from the right of way and at-grade crossing
16 closures within the Village of Bellwood and the Village of
17 Melrose Park, the grade separation of railroads from the
18 right-of-way and at grade crossing in the First Avenue
19 vicinity between Lake Street, Oak Street, the Des Plaines
20 River, and Fifth Avenue, and the establishment of a
21 transit-oriented intersurface modal development facility in
22 the project area, or until the Authority officially resolves
23 that it is impossible or economically unfeasible to fulfill
24 that objective.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

26 (70 ILCS 1920/40)

27 Sec. 40. Board; composition; qualification; compensation
28 and expenses. The Authority shall be governed by a board
29 consisting of 7 5 members. The members of the Authority
30 shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for
31 actual expenses incurred by them in the performance of duties
32 prescribed by the Authority. However, any member of the

1 Authority who serves as secretary or treasurer may receive
2 compensation for services as that officer.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

4 (70 ILCS 1920/45)

5 Sec. 45. Appointments; tenure; oaths; vacancies. The
6 members of the Authority shall be appointed by the Governor,
7 who shall give notice of the member's selection to each other
8 member within 10 days after selection and before the member's
9 entering upon the duties of office. Two of the members shall
10 be recommended to the Governor from a list of 3 candidates
11 provided by the village president of the Village of Bellwood,
12 2 of the members shall be recommended to the Governor from a
13 list of 3 candidates provided by the village president of the
14 Village of Maywood, and 2 of the members shall be recommended
15 to the Governor from a list of 3 candidates provided by the
16 village president of the Village of Melrose Park. The office
17 of chairman shall rotate annually and shall represent the
18 Village of Bellwood, the Village of Melrose Park, the Village
19 of Maywood, and the Governor's appointments, respectively,
20 for each of the 3 years of the term of office. Each
21 representative member of the Authority shall take and
22 subscribe to the constitutional oath of office and file it
23 with the Secretary of State. If a vacancy occurs by death,
24 resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the
25 appropriate selecting party. All appointments of members
26 shall be for a 3-year term. Each member shall continue to
27 serve an additional 3-year term unless that member is
28 replaced by appointment within 60 days of the end of his or
29 her term.

30 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

31 (70 ILCS 1920/60)

32 Sec. 60. Meetings; quorum; resolutions. Regular

1 meetings of the Authority shall be held at least quarterly,
2 the time and place of those meetings to be fixed by the
3 Authority. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by
4 any 4 3 members of the Authority by giving notice thereof in
5 writing, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
6 The notice shall be served by special delivery letter
7 deposited in the mails at least 48 hours before the meeting.
8 A majority of the members of the Authority shall constitute a
9 quorum for the transaction of business. All action of the
10 Authority shall be by resolution and, except as otherwise
11 provided in this Act, the affirmative vote of at least a
12 majority shall be necessary for the adoption of any
13 resolution. The Chair shall be entitled to vote on any and
14 all matters coming before the Authority.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

16 (70 ILCS 1920/90)

17 Sec. 90. Reports and financial statements. Within 60
18 days after the end of its fiscal year, the Authority shall
19 cause to be prepared by a certified public accountant a
20 complete and detailed report and financial statement of the
21 operations and assets and liabilities as relate to the 25th
22 Avenue railroad grade separation project and the First Avenue
23 railroad grade separation project. A reasonably sufficient
24 number of copies of the report shall be prepared for
25 distribution to persons interested, upon request, and a copy
26 of the report shall be filed with the Illinois Commerce
27 Commission and with the county clerk of Cook County.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-562, eff. 8-14-99.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.