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Village of Golf

November 15, 2016

To: Elliot A. Ramos, PE
Illinois Department of Transportation
Arun Rao
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Andrea Martin
Federal Railroad Administration

Please see the attached resolution passed by the Village of Golf Board of Trustees strongly objecting to the proposed Hiawatha Service Expansion.

We object to the project for numerous reasons; chief among them are:

1. There is no data to support the need for the Hiawatha Service Expansion based on current ridership.
2. There is no data to support that there will be no negative impact on residents of the Village living in the vicinity of the rail lines with respect to air quality, noise and other health and safety concerns. We believe there will be a negative impact on our residents to all of the above.
3. The Project ignores the need for long-term solutions to alleviate passenger and rail congestion issues for the entire region.

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Williams
President
Village of Golf

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03R

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GOLF OBJECTING TO THE DESIGN ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED IN THE
CHICAGO-MILWAUKEE INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RELEASED OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Passed and Approved by the President and Board of Trustees, November 14, 2016

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WHEREAS, the Village of Golf (the "*Village*") is a home rule municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs that protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities President of the Village have considered the Chicago-Milwaukee Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor Draft Environmental Assessment Released October 6, 2016 (the "*Draft EA*"), which discusses construction of infrastructure improvements (the "*Project*") to support an increase in passenger rail service between Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin for Amtrak's Hiawatha Line ("*Hiawatha Service Expansion*"); and

WHEREAS, the Draft EA requires further environmental documentation by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, which is the lead federal agency for the Project, prior to their consideration of a Finding of No Significant Impact (the "*FONSI*"), thereby making the Project eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Milwaukee District North Line over which Amtrak's Hiawatha Service transits is located within the corporate boundary of the Village and adjacent to residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the community of the Village of Glenview shares a common boundary with the Village, and the corporate authorities of the Village have considered the facts and statements in a Resolution of the Trustees of the Village of Glenview opposing and protesting the findings of the Draft EA, and the corporate authorities of the Village concur in such findings and statements, including, without limitation, that (i) data in the Draft EA does not support the need for the Hiawatha Service Expansion based on current ridership, (ii) the Draft EA provides no data on air quality, noise and other health and safety impacts for residents of the Village living adjacent to the Project, and (iii) the Project ignores the need for long-term solutions to alleviate passenger and rail congestion issues for the entire region, and the construction of a holding track will do nothing to upgrade obsolete interchanges which create chokepoints slowing traffic (specifically at Rondout and Deval) which deficiencies are noted in the Draft EA; and

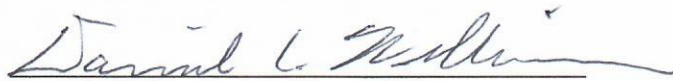
WHEREAS, the Village will experience severe negative and adverse effects upon the character and quality of life of the residents living in adjacent residential neighborhoods from the construction of the Project and the resulting increase in traffic of Amtrak's Hiawatha Line as it passes through the corporate limits of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, as follows:

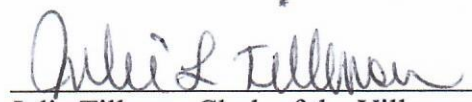
1. That the facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of the Resolution.
2. That the Village of Golf does hereby oppose and protest the findings of the Draft EA and finds that very significant negative and adverse impacts would result from the proposed Project and the Draft EA lacks all evidence necessary to support the consideration of a FONSI.
3. That the Village Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Railway Administration, and the Village President is authorized to send such other formal letters to each agency detailing the objections of the Village and seeking such additional information and suggested remedies as the Village President shall deem advisable.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 14th day of November, 2016.

AYES: Carson, Der Avedisian, Dominik, Kalogerakos, Peck
NAYS: —
ABSENT: Maga


Daniel Williams, President of the
Village of Golf, Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED and FILED in my office the
14th day of November, 2016.


Julie Tillman, Clerk of the Village of Golf, Cook County, Illinois

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COUNTY OF COOK)

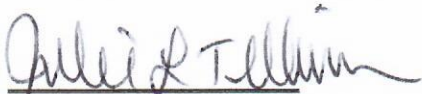
CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

I am the duly elected and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Golf, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”), and as such official I am the keeper of the official journal of proceedings, books, records, minutes, and files of the Village and of the President and Board of Trustees (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) thereof. I certify that on the 14th day of November 2016, the Corporate Authorities passed and approved Resolution No. 2016-03R (the “Resolution”), entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF OBJECTING TO THE DESIGN ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED IN THE CHICAGO-MILWAUKEE INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RELEASED OCTOBER 6, 2016

The pamphlet form of the Resolution was published on November 14, 2016, a copy of the Resolution was posted in the Village’s message boards, commencing November 14, 2016 and continuing for at least 10 days thereafter, and additional copies of the Resolution as so published were also readily available for public inspection and distribution, in sufficient number to meet the needs of the general public, in the office of the Village Clerk located in the Village.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed hereto my official signature and the seal of the Village this 14th day of November 2016.


Julie Tillman, Village Clerk

