RESOLUTION URGING PASSAGE OF A COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, passing a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program in the 2009 Legislative Session is critical to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, ten years have passed since the Illinois General Assembly and Governor last passed and signed into law a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, local communities are facing the problem of maintaining their roadways, bridges, water systems and sewer systems to meet growing needs; and

WHEREAS, units of local government have responsibility for over 88% of the public roads; and

WHEREAS, Motor Fuel Tax Allocations for municipal, county and township roads and bridges are only 10% higher than they were eight years ago, yet the cost of construction on local roads is 90% higher during that same timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the Motor Fuel Tax has not been changed since it was raised to 19 cents a gallon in 1990; and after expenses are removed the balance of the 19 cent Motor Fuel Tax is distributed as follows: 45.6% to the state, 26.7 % to municipalities; 19.1% to counties; and 8.6% to townships; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the funding source (a Motor Fuel Tax or income tax increase), it is critical that local governments receive their fair share and are treated equitably in any capital bill; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby resolve that the Illinois Municipal League and all units of local government believe it is imperative that a comprehensive capital infrastructure bill be passed in 2009; and that local governments receive an equitable share of such capital infrastructure program.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2009

Ayes: Trustees Gron, Tross, O'Brien, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Soderstrom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved this 7th day of May, 2009.

William Mueller Village President