

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ X
Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green) _____
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TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

DATE: May 29, 2007 (B of T) Date: June 7, 2007

TITLE: Union Pacific West Line

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Community Development *WAL*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Community Development transmits for your consideration a resolution in support of Union Pacific West Line Improvements.

Staff recommends approval of this request.

Please place this item on the June 7, 2007 Board of Trustees agenda.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X

Finance Director X

Village Manager X

W. Lichter

Date

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5/30/07

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.

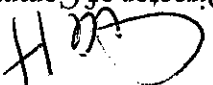
ACTION REQUESTED
Attached is a Resolution in Support of Union Pacific West Line Improvements. Please place this item on the June 7, 2007 Board of Trustees agenda.

BACKGROUND
Metra's capital expansion program, known as *Metra Connects*, consists of four significant infrastructure projects. One of the projects includes the enhancement of the existing Union Pacific West Line, which serves Lombard. The proposed improvements will provide faster transit options into the City of Chicago, address the growing need for reverse-commuting options and allow for more efficient train operations and a reduction in delays. Because the project is dependent on federal funds, Metra has asked for the support of the communities along the Union Pacific West line to enable the proposed Union Pacific West Line upgrade to advance through the federal application process and ultimately secure federal funding.

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Union Pacific West Line Improvements

DATE: June 7, 2007

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, AICP
Assistant Village Manager/Director of Community Development



TO: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

MEMORANDUM



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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNION PACIFIC WEST LINE
IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Metra is empowered by Regional Transportation Authority to oversee all commuter rail operations in the 3,700 square mile northeastern Illinois region; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing demand for commuter rail service in the northeastern Illinois region due to substantial residential growth; and

WHEREAS, Metra's capital expansion program, known as Metra Connects, includes infrastructure improvements to the Union Pacific West Line that will allow for greater service capacity, speed, and reliability; and

WHEREAS, The Union Pacific West Line extends approximately 44 miles from Chicago to Elburn and serves 62 communities, including the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, The Union Pacific West Line improvements will benefit the Village of Lombard by providing expanded service and transit options for commuters; and

WHEREAS, Such improvements will also spur economic growth by attracting new jobs and businesses that wish to take advantage of transit-oriented development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard does hereby express support for the Metra Connects Union Pacific West Line improvements.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

William J. Mueller
Village President

ATTEST:

Brigitte O'Brien
Village Clerk