

Resolution of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of Kankakee County, Illinois

**RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ILLIANA CORRIDOR STUDY
ALTERNATIVE B3**

WHEREAS, Chicago metropolitan area residential and industrial growth has shifted and is focused on outward development in Illinois and Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, radial and circumferential highways have been a component of long-range transportation plans for the Indiana - Illinois bi-state region since the early twentieth century; and,

WHEREAS, an existing circumferential highway, Interstate 80 & 94, is a major truck thoroughfare with over 119,000 vehicles per day including over 34,000 trucks; and,

WHEREAS, the I-80-94 Expressway is experiencing a growing congestion problem; and,

WHEREAS, Kankakee County has a concentration of transportation-dependent industries and nearby intermodal centers adjacent to Interstate 55; and,

WHEREAS, there is an alarming increase in heavy truck traffic between Interstate 55 and Interstate 65 in Kankakee County creating congestion on state and local highways; thereby threatening the quality of life and safety of the citizens of Kankakee County; and,

WHEREAS, the States of Indiana and Illinois, through a bi-state intergovernmental agreement recently commissioned a corridor planning study to determine the best alternative corridor for a new circumferential highway; and,

WHEREAS, safe and efficient surface transportation is critical to the national, regional and local economy; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative B3 as identified in the Illiana Corridor Planning Group and Technical Task Force Meeting #7 in Merrillville, Indiana held on February 8, 2012 is a single continuous corridor for the efficient movement of freight and people with the highest compatibility for multi-modal uses, power distribution and communications; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative B3 was identified at the Illiana Corridor Planning Group and Technical Task Force Meeting #7 in Merrillville, Indiana held on February 8, 2012 as the corridor having the best balance of performance, minimal

environmental impacts, greatest financial viability and most compatibility with community plans; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Committee of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study, at this regularly scheduled meeting of March 28, 2012, after review, consideration, and discussion supports the findings of the Illiana Corridor Planning Study in favor of Alternative B3, Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached herein and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Committee of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study be and is hereby directed to forward this resolution to Mr. Peter Harmet, ^{C/O} Mr. Kesti Susinskas, Illinois Department of Transportation, Region One/District 1, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

PASSED and approved this 28th day of March 2012.



Paul Schore, Policy Committee Chairman

ATTEST:



Michael Bossert, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Corridor B3

