

Village of Antioch, Illinois

Resolution No. 22-13

A Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Canadian National Railroad to Improve the North Central Service Corridor with the Installation of Double Track Rail Infrastructure to Enhance Emergency Response and Reduce Vehicle Traffic Delays in the Corridor

WHEREAS, businesses and over 700,000 residents in Lake County rely on a transportation system that incorporates elements owned by the state, the county, 52 municipalities, road districts, the Illinois Tollway, freight railroads, Metra and Pace; and

WHEREAS, the transportation network supports the efficient movement of people, goods and services and is the backbone of the economy; and

WHEREAS, frequent freight train stoppages and low train speeds along the Metra North Central Line cause vehicle delays on area roads; and

WHEREAS, these conditions can inhibit emergency responses in central Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County 2040 Transit Plan includes installation of double track between Hook Drive in Round Lake Beach and Lake Street in Grayslake to improve rail operations and reduce delays on area roads; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has constructed railroad grade crossing separations at Rollins Road and Washington Street to improve vehicle travel and accommodate the future expansion to double track along the North Central Service Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian National Railroad has indicated their intent to plan, design and construct the approximately 2.2 miles of double track infrastructure within existing railroad right-of-way at their sole expense; and

WHEREAS, installation of double track rail infrastructure between Lake Street in the Village of Grayslake and Hook Drive in the Village of Round Lake Beach will improve freight and Metra passenger operations throughout the North Central Service Corridor; and

WHEREAS, this new infrastructure will reduce freight train stoppages and slow freight train speeds that block road/rail crossings throughout the North Central Service Corridor; and

WHEREAS, reduced road/rail crossing blockages will enhance emergency response capabilities and improve auto traffic flow throughout the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Antioch, hereby supports the efforts of the Canadian National Railroad to plan, design and construct the necessary double track infrastructure along the North Central Service Corridor between Lake Street in the Village of Grayslake and Hook Drive in the Village of Round Lake Beach and any other future improvements that will improve freight and commuter rail operations thereby enhancing auto traffic flow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village urges the Canadian National Railroad to begin working with the communities along the corridor to inform them of the planned improvements.

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PASSED this 9th day of March, 2022

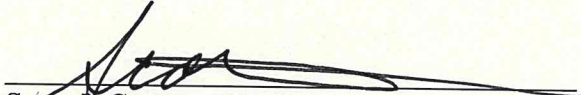
AYES: 5: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

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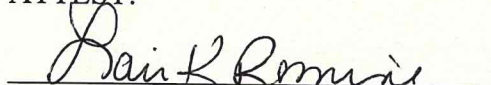
ABSTAIN: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

APPROVED this 9th day of March, 2022


Scott J. Gartner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori K. Romine, Village Clerk

