

RESOLUTION OPPOSING METRA EXTENSION

TO KENDALL COUNTY AND

SUPPORTING METRA COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE

WHEREAS, Kane County has been a member of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), since 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sugar Grove is located in the southernmost section of Kane County within the RTA boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Kendall County is not a member of the RTA; and

WHEREAS, Kane County taxpayers have paid all RTA taxes and fees, including the RTA Sales Tax since inception; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Kane County provided \$36,047,000 in Sales Tax Revenue to the RTA and over \$500,000,000 lifetime; and

WHEREAS, RTA taxes support Metra and Kendall County has provided zero dollars to the RTA; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Metra commuter rail service to Sugar Grove would serve the existing needs of Kane County and RTA patrons; and

WHEREAS, a Metra commuter rail station in Sugar Grove would also serve the needs of Kendall County patrons with convenient regional access and parking minutes from Orchard Road and IL 47; and

WHEREAS, the construction costs and operating costs of commuter rail service to Sugar Grove would be substantially less expensive than to Kendall County; and

WHEREAS, the extension of Metra service in Sugar Grove would avoid the institution of a new tax; and

WHEREAS, the continued allocation of limited financial resources to pursue commuter rail service to a non-RTA county is unwarranted and unprincipled; and

WHEREAS, the extension of commuter rail service to a non-RTA county would cause an unjustified and unfair subsidy from the taxpaying public in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove that we hereby request that Metra cease any and all efforts, including any feasibility and engineering studies, for commuter rail service in Kendall County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we request that Metra focus its efforts toward extending commuter rail service to the Village of Sugar Grove; and join Kane County and the Village of Sugar Grove in requesting that the State of Illinois and the Federal Government reallocate all funding programmed for Metra commuter rail service extension from Kendall County to the Village of Sugar Grove in Kane County.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, 7th day of June, 2019.

P. Sean Michels

P. Sean Michels, President of the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois

ATTEST: Cynthia L. Galbreath

Cynthia L. Galbreath, Clerk, Village of Sugar Grove



	Aye	Nay	Absent
Trustee Herron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Koch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Konen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Lendi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Montalto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Walter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>