

RESOLUTION 2006 –149

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BECOMING A PARTNER FOR TRANSIT IN THE REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S
*MOVING BEYOND CONGESTION PROJECT***

WHEREAS, road congestion is a severe and growing threat to Northeastern Illinois' economic prosperity, and costs residents of the region more than \$4.2 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, mass transit is part of the solution by reducing the cost of congestion and saving the region \$1.6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, transit resources are insufficient to keep pace with ridership demands, which has resulted in the diversion of capital funds to maintain current operating expenses by all three service boards and a lack of funds to replace aging vehicles and facilities and to improve and expand the system; and

WHEREAS, the continued erosion of transit resources precludes the region from having a world-class transportation system that would become the keystone of the region's growing business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the RTA, CTA, Metra and Pace have joined with dozens of municipalities as Partners for Transit and launched the Moving Beyond Congestion project to build consensus on the need for an improved and expanded transit network; and

WHEREAS, the RTA as part of their financial oversight and regional planning responsibilities has embarked on a strategic planning effort to define the means to preserve the existing transit system and provide new transit investment for the future well being of the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Vernon Hills agrees to become a Partner for Transit joining the RTA, CTA, Metra and Pace in the Moving Beyond Congestion project to provide a better transit system for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Vernon Hills will endeavor to promote the Moving Beyond Congestion project to community organizations and residents to help shape the future of the region.

Dated the 3rd day of October 2006.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6-Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Hebda

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 10/03/2006

APPROVED: 10/03/2006

ATTEST:

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

