

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective December 1, 2012 and is entered into by and between the County of Lake, Illinois, (hereinafter called the **COUNTY**) and the Lake County Transportation Alliance (hereinafter called the **LCTA**).

The COUNTY and the LCTA have maintained a strong working relationship through the continued participation of COUNTY representatives on the LCTA Board, regular LCTA Activity, and joint participation in studies in support of strategic transportation planning efforts. The COUNTY and the LCTA both desire to mitigate traffic congestion, and enhance all modes of transportation in order to sustain and enhance Lake County's high quality of life and provide tangible benefits to the community, including quality job retention and creation, capital investment, economic diversity and promote sustainable economic growth. As such, the COUNTY'S Public Works and Transportation Committee recommended the County remain a member of the LCTA for the period December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 in order to advocate and build consensus on development and implementation of short and long-term transportation goals and objectives in Lake County.

Accordingly, the COUNTY and LCTA desire to establish this memorandum of understanding documenting the responsibilities of the COUNTY and LCTA as noted below:

A. The COUNTY shall:

1. Recognize LCTA as an advocate for transportation issues in Lake County, which includes all modes of transportation without limitation:
 - a. Highways
 - b. Commuter rail
 - c. Bus transit
 - d. Freight and air service

2. Allocate financial resources and reasonable staff support to LCTA for annual membership as defined herein, subject to annual budgetary appropriations and an evaluation of the effectiveness of LCTA in achieving the COUNTY's transportation objectives, beginning December 1, 2012, as follows:
 - a. Annual allocation per fiscal year for program service delivery will be paid upon the receipt of an invoice from LCTA as follows:

Year 1: \$10,000

- b. Reasonable staff support by the COUNTY's Division of Transportation for geographic information, transportation statistics and other material.
- B. The LCTA shall, within the limits of its overall annual financial resources:
1. Continue to influence the application of local, county, state, federal and private resources to mitigate the traffic congestion impacting Lake County's residents and businesses.
 2. Direct all requests for Division of Transportation staff support to the Director of Transportation, who, at his/her discretion, may direct the necessary resources.
 3. Raise awareness and build consensus around Lake County transportation issues by leveraging local, county, state, federal, and private resources.
 4. Assist in preparation/coordination of the Consensus Priority Transportation Plan Updates.
 5. Assist in preparation of transportation related materials to be distributed to local, state and federal elected officials, and others as may be necessary.
 6. Work cooperatively with the COUNTY to update and educate residents, and elected officials of the County on key transportation projects.
 7. Upon request, participate in the COUNTY's ongoing strategic planning initiatives.
 8. Maintain an active and up to date website concerning the LCTA and major regional projects.
 9. Develop and maintain a comprehensive data base, which includes contact information for businesses, residents, and other organizations that understand the benefits of transportation improvements.
 10. Utilize the data base to promote the benefits of transportation improvements within the County.

The COUNTY and the LCTA reserve the right to extend this Memorandum of Understanding for three (3) additional one (1) year period(s), subject to acceptable performance and mutually agreed upon terms. It is understood that for any year beyond the initial year, this Memorandum of Understanding is

contingent on the appropriation of sufficient funds by the COUNTY and the available resources for the fiscal year budget of the LCTA. No charges shall be assessed for failure of the COUNTY to appropriate funds in future contract years.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended if mutually agreed upon by both the COUNTY and LCTA.

COUNTY OF LAKE:

Aaron Lawlor, Chairman
Lake County Board

Date

ATTEST

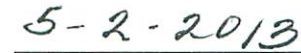
County Clerk

Date

LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE:



Suzanne Zupec, President



Date