

**RESOLUTION TO CONCUR WITH AND ACCEPT THE CAP THE IKE STAKEHOLDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT THE CAP THE IKE
FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT**

WHEREAS, Interstate 290, also known as the Eisenhower Expressway (or IKE), creates a physical and psychological barrier that divides the community north from south, and imposes an ongoing negative environmental impact on the Village; and

WHEREAS, the IKE is approaching its expected lifespan and will require major reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the IKE is an opportunity to make improvements to the community by structurally addressing these long-standing concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park secured funding to conduct a feasibility study of capping over the IKE;

WHEREAS, an intensive community input process consisting of multiple mechanisms for input including six public meetings, mailed and online community survey, public displays and presentations intended to solicit input, an internet website with project information with interactive input capacity, nine meetings of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee comprised of Village of Oak Park Board appointed Village residents and business representatives as well as other Oak Park and regional public agencies and other entities with a role or interest in the IKE;

WHEREAS, after a month long public comment period on the proposed Community Preferred Concept to Cap the IKE during which 85% of the comments received were positive, and during which six Village advisory commissions and the Park District of Oak Park submitted documents supporting the cap concept, on February 28, 2005 the Cap the IKE Stakeholders Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Cap the IKE Community Preferred Concept and the accompanying report prepared by URS Corporation;

WHEREAS, the public improvements featured in the Community Preferred Cap Concept promote the public interest as the Concept seeks to achieve objectives including enhanced transit usage through reconstruction of Blue Line stations with improved multimodal access, creation of a trail stretching the length of Oak Park from Austin to Harlem, reconnection of the Oak Park Avenue business district as it passes over the expressway with an improved and safe intersection of Harrison extended over the IKE that connects to Garfield on the other side, redress of negative environmental impacts such as noise and air quality, and tying the community back together with reclaimed land over the IKE utilized predominantly for open space and parks and recreational uses as well as additional north-south vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle connections.

WHEREAS, the Cap the IKE Stakeholder Advisory Committee determined that the Preferred Community Cap Concept is feasible, is desirable and is reflective of community input and an intensive public involved design process, that additional study be undertaken as outlined in the report, and that initial implementation steps be undertaken by the Village including seeking outside funding to construct the cap as outlined in the report;

WHEREAS, the Cap the IKE Stakeholder Advisory Committee recommended that the Village Board adopt the Cap the Ike Feasibility Study Report by resolution to establish its agreement with the report and to formally establish the Cap Concept as a policy goal of the Village, that the Cap Concept be integrated into an updated Comprehensive Plan for the community, and that Village officials undertake activities to conduct further study of the Cap Concept and begin implementation steps.

WHEREAS, the Cap the IKE Stakeholder Advisory Committee further recommended that the Village Board establish that a Village objective in pursuing the goal of implementation of the cap should be to cover as much of the Ike as possible given that a cap from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue (variation three of the Preferred Cap Concept) was widely viewed as most desirable to the community, and to seek to construct the cap utilizing outside funding sources not dependent on local taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, do concur with and accept the Cap the IKE Stakeholder Advisory Committee conclusions and recommendations in their entirety regarding the Cap the IKE Feasibility Study Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park hereby approve the Community Preferred Cap Concept as a goal of the Village of Oak Park and, as such, authorize Village officials to undertake activities to conduct further study of the Cap Concept,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park hereby adopt the Cap the IKE Feasibility Study Report and authorize Village officials to and proceed with implementation steps identified in the report.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

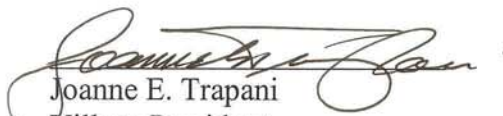
ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2005, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein and Pope
and President Trapani

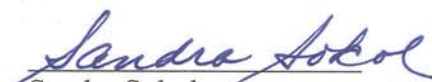
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by me this 21st day of March 2005.


Joanne E. Trapani
Village President

ATTEST:


Sandra Sokol
Village Clerk