

VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK KANE AND DEKALB COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION 2017-12 Approved: October 3, 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF WAYSIDE HORNS AT THE RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN MAPLE PARK AND AUTHORIZES THE INVESTIGATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING ONE CROSSING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK

WHEREAS, the safe operation of freight and passenger trains is vital not only to interstate commerce but also to the health and welfare of local communities, and the Village of Maple Park, Counties of DeKalb and Kane, Illinois, supports efforts to keep train operations safe in our village;

WHEREAS, the Village of Maple Park’s Infrastructure Committee has been discussing the possibility of installing a wayside horn system;

WHEREAS, metropolitan Chicago is the one of nation’s largest and most significant rail hubs, making rail safety an important consideration for many of the region’s municipalities and counties with rail lines within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, the Chicago metropolitan region is home to some 1,500 public at-grade highway-rail crossings, which account for some 7,800 hours of motorist delay each weekday;

WHEREAS, over 280 collisions have occurred at the Chicago metropolitan region’s highway-rail grade crossings between 2009-2014, resulting in 65 fatalities and 146 injuries;

WHEREAS, the public deserves the assurance that a thorough risk analysis has been completed, in regards to the installation of wayside horns;

THEN THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Village of Maple Park does hereby authorize the Village President and village staff to investigate the possible installing of wayside horns at the railroad crossings in Maple Park and also authorizes staff to investigate the possibility of closing one crossing in Maple Park to accomplish this objective.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Maple Park, Kane and DeKalb Counties, Illinois at its regular Board meeting held on October 3, 2017.

Ayes: Harris, Dalton, Higgins, Shaver, Dries, Goucher

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Maple Park, Kane and DeKalb Counties, Illinois on October 5, 2017.



Kathleen Curtis

Kathleen Curtis, Village President

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Peerboom

Elizabeth Peerboom, Village Clerk