EXECUTIVE ORDER

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THE ELGIN-O'HARE WEST BYPASS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, An efficient transportation system is critical for the effective movement of people, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS, The Elgin-O’Hare West Bypass (EOWB) was initially conceived in the 1970’s and is a project of national, statewide and regional significance; and

WHEREAS, The EOWB will foster continued global economic competitiveness, promote business retention and attraction, and create new jobs in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The EOWB and future western terminal are key components to create access that is compatible with a world class airport; and

WHEREAS, A financially viable, multi-modal transportation network can serve as an instrument to enhance livability and expand green collar jobs in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A public transportation system that is compatible with the proposed roadway improvements is vital to ensure a sustainable transportation system that supports air, rail and roadway freight, commuters and international visitors; and

WHEREAS, This confluence of forces offers an opportunity to analyze and assess various creative methods to support such a system;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the supreme executive authority of the Governor as set forth in Article V of the Illinois Constitution, do hereby order as follows:

I. CREATION

There is hereby established the Elgin-O’Hare West Bypass Advisory Council (hereinafter “Council”), to be appointed by the Governor, having the duties and powers set forth herein, with respect to the Office of the Governor and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Governor.

II. PURPOSE

The Council shall advise the Governor and make recommendations in the development of an implementation, financing, and operating structure for the infrastructure improvements surrounding, and supporting, O’Hare International Airport; including the extension of Elgin-O’Hare, a Western Bypass, and a complimentary transit network.
III. DUTIES

The Council’s duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Monitoring the overall progress of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s (IDOT) EOWB Tier Two Process through monthly status reports; and

b. Reviewing and evaluating the Financial and Construction Sequencing analysis prepared by IDOT for the project; and

c. Analyzing the regional economic impact of the project and providing input on how to maximize economic growth, job creation, and new opportunities for industry development; and

d. Assessing the incorporation of green practices and planning into the project, involving, but not limited to, transit design and integration, construction materials, and other sustainable best practices; and

e. Developing a strategy to ensure the project supports a diverse workforce and opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses and underrepresented groups; and

f. Facilitating a regional consensus position for financing and implementing the project; and

g. Providing a report to the Governor with recommendations for a financial and implementation strategy.

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Council shall include representation from both public and private organizations. Members of the Council will serve without compensation.

The Governor shall appoint all members of the Council who shall serve at his pleasure. Members of the Council may include:

a. Representatives from the following state and local government agencies: Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Illinois Finance Authority, City of Chicago Department of Aviation, Regional Transportation Authority.

b. Representatives from the following organizations: DuPage County Board of Commissioners, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, West Central Municipal Conference, Northwest Municipal Conference.

c. Individuals who represent the following areas: Planning, Labor, Business, Public Finance.

The representative of the Illinois Department of Transportation and the representative of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority shall each serve as a co-chairman of the Council. IDOT shall provide administrative and technical support and staffing for the Council, including providing a staff member to serve as the Council’s ethics officer.

V. REPORT

Based upon the findings of the EOWB Tier Two financial analysis, and considerations of this Council, the Council shall prepare a preliminary report with recommendations provided to the Governor by February 28, 2011; and a final report provided to the Governor April 29, 2011. The Council and the terms of its members shall expire upon delivery of the final report.

VI. TRANSPARENCY

In addition to whatever policies or procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Council will be subject to the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.). This section shall not be construed so as to preclude other statutes from applying to the Council and its activities.
VII. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Executive Order is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Pat Quinn, Governor

Issued by the Governor: October 5, 2010
Filed with the Secretary of State: October 5, 2010