



Southwest Conference of MAYORS

Resolution 2014-06

A Resolution Supporting CrossRail Chicago

WHEREAS, the Southwest Conference of Mayors is a body of duly elected officials representing twenty-one communities in southwest suburban Cook County with a population in excess of 350,000; and

WHEREAS, increasing Metra service to suburban communities is a key economic driver; and

WHEREAS, Metra service to the south and southwest suburbs is adequate but can and should be significantly improved; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has called for doubling transit ridership in the next 25 years as part of the GOTO2040 plan; and

WHEREAS, doubling Metra ridership to the suburbs by doubling the number of daily round trips is consistent with that goal; and

WHEREAS, one fundamental shortcoming of Metra service is the lack of suburb-to-suburb trips as all trains stop in downtown Chicago and do not travel through downtown; and

WHEREAS, Union Station has the capacity to offer through-service as there are two railroad tracks along the Chicago River that currently travel through the station, allowing for trains from the southwest suburbs to travel through downtown and continue to the northwest suburbs; and

WHEREAS, CrossRail Chicago is a pragmatic approach to improving Metra by offering through service through Union Station and connecting suburban communities together; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southwest Conference of Mayors supports CrossRail Chicago and calls for its inclusion in the long-range capital plans of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation Authority, Metra and corresponding agencies.

Passed and Adopted this 29th day of October 2014.

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