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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Interstate 55 (I-55) experiences serious
3 congestion daily for extended periods of time and is unable to
4 acclimate to current traffic demands due to limited roadway
5 capacity, roadway design constraints, high truck volumes, and
6 numerous interchanges; and

7 WHEREAS, Commuters have limited public transit options for
8 their commutes, which has consequently led to increased
9 congestion, long and unreliable travel times, reductions in
10 safety, and increased costs for delivery of goods and
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, To improve automobile transportation along the
13 I-55 corridor from the I-355 (Veterans Memorial Tollway) to
14 the I-90/I-94 (Dan Ryan Expressway), the Illinois Department
15 of Transportation (IDOT) initiated the "I-55 Managed Lane
16 Project" to study the advantages of adding managed lanes; and

17 WHEREAS, A managed lane is a type of highway lane that is
18 administered via a management scheme, such as lane use
19 restrictions or variable tolling, to improve traffic flow,
20 provide commuters with travel options, increase average
21 vehicle occupancy, and support transit ridership; and

1 WHEREAS, The project assessed implementing two Express
2 Toll Lanes (ETLs) in each direction on the eastern section of
3 the corridor, between I-294 (Central Tri-State Tollway) and
4 the I-90/94; additionally, the section from I-355 to I-294
5 will have one ETL in each direction; and

6 WHEREAS, IDOT led this project in partnership with the
7 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); furthermore, to reach a
8 broad range of stakeholders, the partnership sought input from
9 area residents, municipalities, counties, townships, agencies,
10 elected officials, and interested groups; and

11 WHEREAS, An environmental study has been completed to meet
12 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements; the
13 NEPA requires federal agencies to analyze the environmental
14 impacts of the proposed actions and requires the evaluation of
15 reasonable alternatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Phase II, the "Final Design and Contract Plan
17 Preparation," is funded in IDOT's Fiscal Year 2020-2025
18 Proposed Highway Improvement Program; however, IDOT does not
19 presently have funding for Phase III which is the construction
20 of the project; and

21 WHEREAS, IDOT is evaluating alternative project delivery
22 opportunities, such as a public-private partnership or P3, to

1 involve industry and best leverage resources for this project;
2 using the P3 method, IDOT can deliver an I-55 project that is
3 the safest, most efficient, and most cost-effective; and

4 WHEREAS, Under the Public Private Partnership for
5 Transportation Act, IDOT must receive approval from the
6 General Assembly to pursue the project as a P3 and see the
7 project through to completion; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
10 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the "I-55 Managed
11 Lane Project" and IDOT's efforts to pursue the project as a P3.