

# SSMMA Transportation Committee

## Resolution 04-14

### A resolution supporting CrossRail Chicago

**WHEREAS**, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is an intergovernmental agency providing technical assistance and joint services to 43 municipalities representing a population over 650,000 in Cook and Will Counties;

**WHEREAS**, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association has appointed a Transportation Committee to review and make recommendations regarding transportation issues in the south subregion, which encompasses thirty-five municipalities in both Cook and Will counties;

**WHEREAS**, fast and frequent passenger trains will help our region to remain globally competitive by lowering travel costs, reducing highway congestion and improving access to jobs;

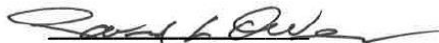
**WHEREAS**, much like CREATE did for freight railroads, CrossRail Chicago will combine multiple commuter and intercity rail projects already in various stages of planning into a coordinated program where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts;

**WHEREAS**, it is a pragmatic approach, focusing on improving existing infrastructure to modern standards with faster, more efficient electrified trains; and

**WHEREAS**, CrossRail Chicago will serve many new markets not currently accessible by trains, linking people to jobs and strengthening access to worldwide markets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Transportation Committee supports CrossRail Chicago and calls for its inclusion in the region's capital plans including those of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation Agency and Metra.

**Passed by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Transportation Committee, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014.**



**David L. Owen**  
Chairman, Transportation Committee  
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**ATTEST:**



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