

**A Resolution Creating a Steering Committee for the Bridging the Ike Planning and
Environmental Linkage Study and Confirming the Appointment of
Inaugural Members of the Steering Committee**

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park is planning a proposed project named Bridging the Ike for expanded bridge decks over the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway generally located along I-290 between Harlem Avenue and Austin Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, in order to help guide the planning process for the Bridging the Ike project and gather input from representatives from Citizen Commissions and stakeholders within the Bridging the Ike project's limits; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes set forth herein, the Board of Trustees has determined to establish the Bridging the Ike Steering Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Establishment of the Bridging the Ike Steering Committee. There is hereby established a Bridging the Ike Steering Committee ("Steering Committee") of the Village of Oak Park. The Steering Committee shall review and examine the purpose and need for expanded bridge decks over I-290 ("Caps"), locations and uses for the caps, design alternatives for Caps; and other matters related to the Bridging the Ike project as determined by the Steering Committee in its discretion or as directed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Steering Committee Membership. The Steering Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members, with members of the community and partner stakeholder agencies appointed by Village President Vicki Scaman and approved by the Board of Trustees or current members of relevant Citizen Commissions as set forth herein. The members of the Steering Committee shall be Mike Sturino serving as Chair of the Steering Committee and representing the Plan Commission, one (1) current member of the Plan Commission, Jack Eskin representing the Transportation Commission, one (1) current member of the Environment & Energy Commission, one (1) current member of the Aging in Communities Commission, one (1) current member of the Historic Preservation Commission, Jan Arnold (or her designee) representing the Park District of Oak Park, Sonsere Hatch (or her designee) representing the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Arthur Paris of Carnival Grocery as one (1) representative from the Southtown Business District, one (1) additional representative from the Southtown Business District to be appointed later and either one (1) representative residing in South Oak Park in proximity to the project or a representative from the Southeast Oak Park Community Organization (SEOPCO) to

be appointed later. The Village President shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Steering Committee.

Section 4. Steering Committee Meetings. Steering Committee meetings shall be held on times and dates as appropriate to complete the work of the Steering Committee. Such meetings shall be noticed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A quorum to hold a meeting shall consist of seven (7) members. All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*

Section 5. Steering Committee Report and Dissolution. The Steering Committee shall make a report to the Board of Trustees of its findings and recommendations regarding the matters set forth in Section 2 above by February 26, 2027. The Steering Committee shall be dissolved upon the submission of its final report.

Section 6. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution. All ordinances, resolutions or adopted motions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2026

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk