

Wed. July 17th, 2024
Transportation

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE
GRAYLAND STATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the stretch of Milwaukee Avenue from Kilbourn Avenue to Kenneth Avenue has been closed since October 2021, with an original completion date set for late 2022, thereby stalling the business community and causing significant inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, the Grayland Station project, which includes replacing the 123-year-old bridge over Milwaukee Avenue and rebuilding the station with new, ADA-compliant facilities, has faced numerous delays and setbacks, extending the Milwaukee Avenue closure until June 2024 due to permitting delays and the onset of winter; and

WHEREAS, these delays have caused significant disruptions to small businesses, Old Irving Park residents, Kilbourn Park residents, and members from countless communities, including excessive noise, dirt, debris, and unpredictable and dangerous traffic patterns due to extended street closures and detours; and

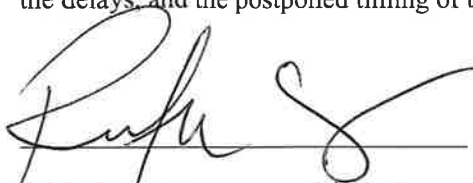
WHEREAS, these issues have caused considerable inconvenience to residents, including rerouted vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, resulting in safety concerns and prolonged hardships for the local community; and

WHEREAS, these issues have negatively impacted local businesses, leading to reduced customer access, decreased sales, and financial hardships for business owners who rely on consistent foot and vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to address the mismanagement of this project to prevent further delays and ensure the timely completion of the necessary infrastructure improvements; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council, call upon the Committee on Transportation and Public Way to hold a subject matter hearing on the mismanagement of the Grayland Station Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Metra Executive Director James Derwinski, Carson Bickert of IHC Construction, and any other Metra or IHC Construction officials with relevant knowledge, to attend such hearing to provide information and testimony on the status of the project, the reasons for the delays, and the postponed timing of the completion of the Grayland Station Project.



Ruth Cruz, Alderwoman 30th Ward