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## FACT SHEET: The Route 53/120 BOONDOGGLE

The Route 53/120 project is a bad plan that **won't work**<sup>1</sup> and comes with an unaffordable price tag. The excessive **\$2.65 billion costs**<sup>2</sup> of the proposed Lake Route 53/120 extension project requires:

- A **20¢ per mile toll**<sup>3</sup> on not only the Route 53 extension, but also on the Route 120 bypass and I-94 (*triple the current 6¢ per mile*) along with an additional **rush hour toll** increase of **5¢ per mile**<sup>4</sup>.
- **Twenty-five percent** of new, **non-residential property taxes**<sup>5</sup> siphoned from municipalities located within 1 mile of the corridor and 2 miles of an interchange **indefinitely** (*no cap, no end date*).
- Tolls that **increase automatically** with inflation<sup>6</sup>.
- A gas tax hike of **4¢ per gallon**<sup>7</sup> levied in Lake County.
- Taxpayer-owned property in the amount of **\$650 to \$700 million**<sup>8</sup> given away to the Tollway Authority by our cash-strapped State of Illinois.
- Another **\$1.5 billion**<sup>9</sup> the Tollway Authority will collect to cover the unfunded balance of this project.

Other costs to residents of our communities are:

- Those associated with **increased flooding** of the Des Plaines River<sup>10</sup>.
- An **inequitable loss in property value**<sup>11</sup> along the corridor as compared to surrounding communities resulting from associated **noise, pollution, crime, and stigma**.
- Increased **damage to roads** caused by a projected **80% increase in truck freight**<sup>12</sup> between the years 2004 and 2030, swelling the road maintenance backlog.
- Loss of time resulting from **more traffic** and **congestion**<sup>13</sup> in our communities.
- New **commercial centers** and **retail development clusters**<sup>14</sup> along the corridor drawing patronage away from current businesses (*area targeted for majority of development is Rt. 53 and Rt. 120 junction*).
- Decimation of Lake County's **wetland-rich center**<sup>15</sup> resulting from the extension being developed into noisy **truck depots**<sup>16</sup> and **malls**<sup>17</sup> with degraded **air**<sup>18</sup> and **water quality**.

And, please don't overlook the **sky-high cost to follow** for new schools, sewage, water, and other public and commercial services – none of which are currently planned for.

As a candidate for Lake County Board, one of the issues I'm fighting for is Smart Solutions for our traffic problems. My message hasn't changed - I've maintained the Route 53/120 project is unaffordable, unlike my opponent who flipped his position a few months prior to election after recently standing before the Tollway Board in support of a \$50 million Environmental Impact Study<sup>19</sup>.

Please visit my website for more information and sources: [www.GerriSonger.com](http://www.GerriSonger.com).

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A copy of our report filed with the State Board of Elections is (or will be) available on the Board's official website [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) or for purchase from the State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois.

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