



GREATER LAPORTE CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

Illiana Expressway Feasibility Study

Issue: The State of Indiana General Assembly is considering legislation to construct the Illiana Expressway from I-57 in Illinois to I-94 in Indiana. A modern transportation system is essential to our region to be competitive. Without it we would not be able to either retain existing employers or attract new ones. Business must be able to economically and efficiently ship and receive materials; the growing congestion of existing highways serving the region is a strong concern. Traffic projections indicate within the next 15 years, the Borman Expressway (I-94) will be in gridlock unless relief is provided. The Economic impact of gridlock would be devastating to our local economies.

Position: The Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce supports legislation supporting that a feasibility study be conducted to determine if the construction of the Illiana Expressway should be undertaken.

Endorsed: 3/09/07 Governmental Affairs Committee