



Minutes  
 Monthly Progress Meeting for July 2021  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 July 12, 2021, 2 P.M.

Invitee	Representing	Present	Absent
John DuRocher, Village Administrator	Village of Indian Head Park (Village)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hinshaw, Village President	Village of Indian Head Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Kennedy, Village Trustee	Village of Indian Head Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bell, P.E., Project Studies Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanjay Joshi, P.E. Project Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darcie Gabrisko, P.E., Project Manager	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup> (Engineer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Gazdziak, P.E., Project Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raymond Pu, E.I.T., Roadway Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tony Spinelli, P.E., CFM, Village Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A virtual meeting was held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 2 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss items that have been advanced since the previous monthly progress meeting, items that are anticipated to be advanced before the next monthly progress meeting, and any other items related to the progress of the project.

1. Items Advanced Since Previous Meeting

- a. Preparations for the initial IDOT and FHWA Coordination Meeting occurred. An agenda and supplemental exhibits were provided to IDOT for review. IDOT provided feedback on the agenda and exhibits, and the items were updated in accordance with the feedback. The following items from the agenda were discussed with the County and Village.
  - (1) In its feedback, IDOT emphasized the importance of establishing the project’s purpose and need. A purpose and need statement is included in the agenda. It will be noted at the initial coordination meeting that supplemental documents supporting the purpose and need statement will be included in the Phase I Project Development Report (PDR). However, it was acknowledged that IDOT may request a separate submittal of those supplemental documents with the purpose and need statement before the submittal of the PDR.
  - (2) It is not likely that the project’s environmental processing will be approved at the initial coordination meeting, but it is possible that the project will be approved to proceed as a Categorical Exclusion pending the results of the ESR.
  - (3) One goal of the initial coordination meeting is to solicit support from IDOT and FHWA regarding whether a potential design exception for the number of travel lanes required would be supported. Between the I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp and Joliet Road, four travel lanes are warranted (two in each direction). For the rest of the corridor, only two travel lanes are warranted (one in each direction). The potential design exception to be requested would be to propose the section of Wolf Road between the I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp and Joliet Road with two travel lanes. Exhibits were prepared to highlight the impacts of the four travel lanes, documenting potential impacts to the Lyonsville Cemetery, Flagg Creek Golf Course, the Village’s Triangle Redevelopment Area, residential properties, and other minor side streets. It was acknowledged that the four-lane section would likely face public opposition. It was acknowledged that approval of this potential design exception would not be granted at this initial coordination meeting, but it would still be a good opportunity to present the item to gain feedback from IDOT and FHWA.

- (4) The first public involvement activity, anticipated to be held in Fall 2021, was discussed in relation to whether the activity would be held in person or virtually.
  - (a) Based on the current progression of State of Illinois, County, and Village COVID protocols, it seems feasible that the public involvement activity will be able to be held in person.
  - (b) It is anticipated that an in-person public involvement activity would be held at the Village Hall, pending anticipated meeting attendance and building capacity. The Village requested a 60-day notice for an in-person meeting.
  - (c) It was acknowledged that while a virtual public involvement activity may get a larger attendance from members of the public who are uncomfortable attending in person events, a virtual activity would be inaccessible to residents without internet access and, therefore, could have a smaller attendance.
  - (d) The County suggested holding a “Virtual Office Hour” in addition to an in-person public involvement activity as a way to provide accessibility to members of the public that are not comfortable attending in-person events. It was acknowledged that any virtual public involvement activity would require IDOT approval before the activity taking place.
  - (e) The Village suggested posting a video recording of the public involvement activity on the Village’s Web site for members of the public who are unable to attend any in-person public involvement activity.
  
- b. The Wetland Jurisdictional Determination was provided by USACE. The Wetland Delineation Report was revised based on this JD and submitted to the County and IDOT for concurrence.
  
- c. A discussion was held between Engineer and County Drainage Division review staff regarding comments provided on the Existing Hydraulic Analysis Reports. After that discussion, a revised set of comments was issued by the County.
  
- d. The Existing Location Drainage Analysis Report, Existing Hydraulic Analysis Reports, and Traffic Capacity Analysis Report have continued to be updated in accordance with previously provided County review comments.
  
2. Items to be Advanced Before the Next Meeting
  - a. The initial IDOT and FHWA Coordination Meeting will be held on July 13, 2021. The Village will be represented by John DuRocher at the meeting.
  
  - b. The Existing Location Drainage Analysis Report, Existing Hydraulic Analysis Reports, and Traffic Capacity Analysis Report will continue to be updated in accordance with previously provided County review comments.
  
  - c. The BCRs will be advanced toward their submittal to the County for review, now that the existing hydraulic conditions have been evaluated.
  
3. Items for Which Input is Needed
  - a. The County’s review of the Crash Analysis Report is anticipated to be completed in the near future.
  
  - b. The County’s review of the PESA is anticipated to be completed in the near future.



4. Anticipated Submittal Schedule

- a. The updated Existing Location Drainage Analysis Report, Existing Hydraulic Analysis Reports, and Traffic Capacity Analysis Report are anticipated to be submitted to the County for concurrence in July 2021.
- b. The BCRs are anticipated to be submitted to the County for review in July 2021.

5. Open Forum

- a. The Village inquired as to what coordination has occurred to date with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC). Engineer stated that a project initiation letter was sent to MWRDGC specifically requesting information regarding any existing permits on record along the corridor and any input they may have in relation the project. The existing documentation provided by MWRDGC was evaluated for applicability to this project's proposed improvements.
- b. The Village's interest in redeveloping the land bound by Wolf Road, I-294, and Joliet Road is ongoing. This redevelopment includes an extension of the existing Vine Street to Wolf Road. The desire would be to align the Vine Street Extension with the soon to be relocated I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp. However, this alignment may not be feasible because of a stormwater detention basin located within the Illinois Tollway's ROW adjacent to the redevelopment area. It is understood that any future improvements in this area will have to be coordinated with the County, IDOT, and the Illinois Tollway.

6. Next Meeting

The Monthly Progress Meeting for August will be held on August 2, 2021, at 2 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

If there are any additions or comments, please call 815-744-4200 ext. 3124.

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- c: All Participants  
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