



Minutes  
 Illinois Department of Transportation Kickoff Meeting  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Section No. 20-00014-00-PV  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 December 3, 2020, 2:30 P.M.

Invitee	Representing	Present	Absent
John DuRocher, Village Administrator	Village of Indian Head Park (Village)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tara Orbon, P.E., Bureau Chief of Project Development	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Marilyn Solomon, P.E., West Division Field Engineer	Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moe Kawash, West Division Associate Field Engineer	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carlos Feliciano, P.E., ADA and Bicycle Coordinator	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jonathan Lloyd, P.E., Crash Analysis Engineer	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amruta Mate, P.E., ADA Coordinator	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Salley, P.E., Geometrics Engineer	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Williams	Illinois Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Fricano, PMP, Planning Liaison	Central Region Council of Mayors (CCOM)	<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"/>
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A virtual meeting was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 2:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to kick off the Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study with the Village, County, IDOT, CCOM, and Engineer.

1. Project Overview and State Route Discussion

A brief overview of the project was provided, which involves the reconstruction and widening of Wolf Road from 79th Street to Plainfield Road in the Village, Villages of Burr Ridge and Willow Springs, and the City of Countryside. The Village is the Lead Agency on the project. Wolf Road is under the jurisdiction of the County. The following items were discussed in relation to the intersection of Joliet Road, a state route, and Wolf Road.

- a. The current intersection geometry contains one through lane and one left-turn lane in each direction along Wolf Road and two through lanes and one left-turn lane in each direction along Joliet Road. There are no existing pedestrian accommodations. An IDOT in-house traffic signal modernization project was completed within the past few years that removed corner islands that previously existed at the intersection.
- b. The northeast corner of the intersection is owned by IDOT. In recent years, IDOT has denied land use permit applications for this property. If desired, the Bureau of Land Acquisition can provide these previous land use permit applications. This property is classified as wetlands, so IDOT cannot legally transfer ownership of it to the Village for its use.
- c. Sidewalk currently exists along Joliet Road and extends east of Wolf Road to Willow Springs Road, but it does not extend all the way to Wolf Road. The City of Countryside previously requested sidewalk be added along Joliet Road and an assessment was completed by IDOT, but there is currently no plan to add sidewalk in this location. The Village has received funding to construct a sidewalk along Joliet Road east of Wolf Road to bridge this gap, but a project to complete this has yet to begin.



- d. The anticipated typical section along Wolf Road north and south of Joliet Road is one through lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn lane and pedestrian accommodations. A “Complete Street” is the vision for the corridor.
- e. State law requires a WB-65 design vehicle to be able to make a turning movement in any direction at any intersection with a state highway. Ideally, this turning movement can be completed with no encroachment into other lanes of traffic.
- f. If the intersection geometry is modified, as is anticipated, an Intersection Design Study will be required to be submitted to and reviewed by IDOT. As part of that process, the crash analysis would also be reviewed at the intersection. A traffic capacity analysis will also be required at the intersection.
- g. With the addition of pedestrian accommodations at the intersection, the ADA Project Alert Forms will be required to be submitted. The forms can be submitted to the IDOT District One ADA e-mail address.
- h. The most recent Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) at the intersection is 7 1/2 years old; therefore, a new PESA will be required. IDOT’s special waste review only covers the project area within IDOT ROW. A separate GIS shapefile covering just IDOT’s special waste review area should be included in the Environmental Survey Request (ESR) submittal. It will take a minimum of six months to complete the PESA.

## 2. Local Roads Corridor Discussion

The following items were discussed in relation to the Wolf Road corridor as a whole, which falls under the IDOT BLR jurisdiction.

- a. The ESR should be submitted for biological, cultural, and special waste clearances. The enclosed list in the most current version of the ESR submittal instructions should be followed, including the United States Geological Survey map, the National Wetland Inventory map, and the GIS shapefiles. The ESR submittal should contain the appropriate section number and a concise project description. Building photologs do not have to be submitted for the entire corridor, as the majority of the corridor is visible and current in Google Streetview. Photographs will only be submitted for isolated areas that have their view obstructed in Google Streetview. A note should be added to the “Additional Information” box in the ESR to note this. After the submittal of the ESR, IDOT will provide a sequence number for tracking purposes. The ESR can be submitted electronically via IDOT’s large file transfer Web site; no hard copies will be required.
- b. For design deviations at the intersection of Joliet Road and Wolf Road, IDOT’s Bureau of Design and Environment form should be used as documentation. For design deviations along the remainder of the corridor, IDOT’s BLR form should be used as documentation.
- c. Further coordination will be required with IDOT’s Bridge Maintenance Unit because of the presence of IDOT maintained structures within the project limits. The two structures are structure number (S.N.) 016-1063 (70th Place over Flag Creek) and S.N. 016-0003 (I-55 over Wolf Road). A separate meeting with the Bridge Maintenance Unit will be scheduled to discuss the project. A BCR for S.N. 016-0003 is not anticipated to be required.
- d. Further coordination will be required with the Illinois Tollway because of the presence of two of its structures within the project limits. The two structures are S.N. 016-9818 (I-294 northbound over Wolf Road) and S.N. 016-9819 (I-294 southbound over Wolf Road). Communication with the Illinois Tollway will be included in the Project Development Report.



- e. Two BCRs will be prepared for two structures along Wolf Road under the County's jurisdiction, S.N. 016-3245 (Wolf Road Box Culvert over Abandoned Flag Creek) and S.N. 016-3016 (Wolf Road over Flag Creek).
- f. A representative from the IDOT Hydraulics Unit was not able to be present at this kickoff meeting, so a separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss the project.

3. Project Funding

- a. This Phase I Study is being funded with local funds. Federal funds may be used in future stages, so the federal process is being followed.
- b. Although federal funds have not yet been allocated to this project, the project milestone form will be tracked by IDOT.
- c. This project will be added to the Transportation Improvement Program by the CCOM if the construction cost will be greater than \$5 million, which is anticipated.

4. Public Involvement

Two public information meetings are anticipated to be held for this project. The first public information meeting, anticipated to be held in 2021, will be planned as a virtual meeting. The timeline for the second public information meeting has not yet been determined, but it may be held virtually or in-person. The determination for that will be made at a later date. To account for this new virtual meeting format, a Public Information Plan will be required to be prepared and presented to IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) before the meeting for their review and approval. The County has recently participated in virtual public information meetings and can share its experiences and lessons learned with Engineer.

5. Anticipated Schedule

- a. The project is working toward receiving Design Approval from IDOT by September 2022.
- b. IDOT Bureau of Bridges and Structures approval of the BCRs will be obtained before scheduling the first FHWA coordination meeting.

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

Prepared and respectfully submitted by Matthew J. Gazdziak, P.E.

- c: All Participants