



Minutes  
 Monthly Progress Meeting for December 2020  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 December 10, 2020, 10 A.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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bell, P.E., Project Studies Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sanjay Joshi, P.E., Project Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tara Orbon, P.E., Bureau Chief of Project Development	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10 A.M. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on items that have been advanced since the kickoff meeting, items that are expected to be advanced before the next monthly progress meeting, and discuss any items related to the progress of the project.

All successive monthly progress meetings are anticipated to follow the same general format covering items advanced since the previous meeting, items to be advanced before the next meeting, items for which input is needed, an anticipated submittal schedule, and an open forum discussion for any items not yet covered.

1. Items Advanced Since Previous Meeting

- a. Collection of existing data is ongoing, and a *J.U.L.I.E.* Design Stage Ticket has been received for the project area.
- b. The subconsultant performing the topographical survey services is in the process of finishing the survey and anticipates delivering the completed survey during the week of December 14, 2020.
- c. The Environmental Survey Request is being prepared in accordance with the Plainfield Road example, in addition to incorporating direction received during the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) kickoff meeting.
- d. The wetland delineation was completed in October 2020, during the growing season, and the Wetland Delineation Report is in the process of being developed.
- e. The Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment has been started by a subconsultant.
- f. The bridge and culvert field evaluations for structure numbers 016-3016 and 016-3245 were completed the week of November 11, 2020. The Bridge Condition Reports are in the process of being developed.

- g. Traffic counts were completed by a subconsultant and the raw traffic data is being analyzed by Engineer.
- h. A project stakeholder list has been developed that initially focused on high-level stakeholders such as municipalities, government agencies, utility companies, and elected officials. Individual property owners have not been included in the stakeholder list at this time.
- i. Kickoff meetings with the Village, County, and IDOT have been held.

2. Items to be Advanced Before Next Meeting

- a. A kickoff meeting with the Village of Burr Ridge (Burr Ridge) and the City of Countryside (Countryside) will be scheduled later in December 2020 or soon after the New Year. Engineer and County agreed that early engagement of Burr Ridge and Countryside would be beneficial to all parties involved.
- b. County previously noted that Burr Ridge may potentially be planning improvements at 72nd Street that may impact the Wolf Road project. County and Engineer agreed to see whether Burr Ridge introduces it.
- c. The IDOT Hydraulics Unit and Bridge Maintenance Unit were not present at the IDOT kickoff meeting, so a meeting is scheduled for the week of December 21, 2020, to introduce the project to them. The IDOT Project Manager for the Interstate 55 Managed Lanes Phase I Study will be invited to the meeting as well. Engineer and County agreed that Sanjay Joshi would be copied on future coordination meetings so the appropriate County representative can be present at the meeting, if desired.
- d. The alternatives presented in the Bridge Condition Reports will likely be driven by hydraulic needs. It was observed during the field visit that the existing hydraulic opening of the bridge was not hydraulically adequate. The hydraulic analyses will be advanced when the topographical survey is received by Engineer.
- e. An analysis will be performed on the traffic count data, after which, coordination with the County's in-house traffic engineers and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning can begin to determine the design year traffic volumes. Modification to the raw traffic count to account for changes in traffic volume and distribution as a result of COVID-19 will be further coordinated. Modifications to the raw traffic counts may be made to align the counts with historical traffic data.

3. Items for Which Input is Needed

- a. The Village will review the project initiation letters and project stakeholder list before project initiation letters are mailed out.
- b. The County's GIS Database does not have information regarding property owner addresses. Engineer and County agreed to coordinate further to compile the property owner address information, with help from the Village, if required.

4. Anticipated Submittal Schedule

- a. The Environmental Survey Request will be submitted to the County for review in December 2020 before being submitted to IDOT.
- b. The Bridge Condition Reports will be submitted to the County for review before being submitted to IDOT. The schedule for submittal of the Bridge Condition Reports will be dependent on the Flagg Creek hydraulic analysis, as the proposed bridge alternative will be heavily influenced by hydraulic needs.
- c. Items submitted to the County for review will have County comments incorporated and then submitted to IDOT, or whomever is the final receiving entity. Items that have had County comments incorporated will not be resubmitted to County for additional County review past the initial review. The schedule for items submitted to IDOT may be impacted by the timing of County review.

5. Open Forum

- a. The Engineer will lead coordination with the Illinois Tollway and Sanjay Joshi would be copied on correspondence with the Illinois Tollway.
- b. The Pleasant Dale Park District will be included in the project stakeholder list.
- c. By April 2021, roadway alternatives should be ready for discussion. Engineer also noted the following.
  - (1) The first alternative will feature a three-lane section with one through lane in each direction and a two-way left-turn lane.
  - (2) Additional alternatives will be driven by traffic volumes and crash data. Engineer noted that crash data will be requested from respective police departments after the New Year to capture all data in 2020. The County will review the Crash Analysis Report.
- d. Engineer requested an update from the Village on the potential gas station development at the southwest corner of Wolf Road and Joliet Road.
  - (1) Village noted that the likelihood of the proposed gas station proceeding with development is uncertain at this time. However, if it did proceed, the proposed gas station as currently proposed would not encroach on existing right-of-way (ROW). Engineer noted the proposed roadway improvements may require proposed ROW or easements in this location. It is not ideal to approve improvements and then have to purchase them as part of the Wolf Road land acquisition process.
  - (2) Engineer will be made aware if the proposed gas station gains more traction. As soon as traffic and the topographical survey are finalized, Engineer will prepare a preliminary intersection geometric layout and truck-turning movements to understand potential land acquisition needs in this area.
  - (3) County noted that it is likely construction permits required for the proposed gas station development, if applied for, would be held up by the County's Permit Department because of the ongoing Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study.
- e. Village noted that the Village of Willow Springs appears to have jurisdiction over a small stretch (approximately 150 feet) of Wolf Road near 77th Street, and therefore should be included in the project stakeholder list.



- f. Village noted that four parcels along 70th Place have been sold to a developer, although no further information regarding the development is known. The Village and Engineer agreed that any further information regarding this development will be shared with Engineer and County. Large developments such as a warehouse center could have a large impact on truck traffic on Wolf Road. Engineer also noted the geometry at 70th Place and Wolf Road may not be sufficient for large vehicles.
- g. Engineer requested that any items the Village or County would like to add to the monthly progress meeting agendas be e-mailed to Matt Gazdziak and/or Darcie Gabrisko beforehand.
- h. Engineer noted that meeting minutes will be sent to meeting participants and individuals that were invited but absent.

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

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

c: All Participants