



Minutes
 Presentation of Alternatives
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois
 November 16, 2021, 3 P.M.

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A virtual meeting was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 3 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to reintroduce the Wolf Road Phase I Study to County staff and present the proposed corridor alternatives. The discussion focused on exhibits prepared in advance of the meeting to provide an overview of Existing Conditions, Alternative One (Five-Lane Typical Section), and Alternative Two (Three-Lane Typical Section). Items discussed during the meeting have been annotated on the exhibits, which are enclosed with these minutes.

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves. The Village of Indian Head Park (Village) is the Lead Agency on the project, with Engineer serving as the Village Engineer and Consulting Engineer for the project. Many County staff have already been involved with this project during the review of individual project deliverables. This Presentation of Alternatives meeting serves to provide an overview of the alternatives that will be included in the forthcoming submittal of the Alternatives Memorandum for County review.

2. Project History

The study of improvements along Wolf Road began as an Invest in Cook funded feasibility study reviewing the potential of adding pedestrian accommodations along the corridor within the Village's municipal limits, from Indian Woods Drive to Plainfield Road. However, as the feasibility study progressed, the County and Village discussed expanding the scope of that study to address the more comprehensive needs of the corridor, including pavement condition, drainage, traffic, and pedestrian connectivity needs. Those discussions lead to the Wolf Road Phase I Study, and the limits were expanded along Wolf Road from 79th Street to Plainfield Road, which are also under County jurisdiction. Kickoff meetings were held with the City of Countryside and the Villages of Burr Ridge and Willow Springs, all who are adjacent to or along Wolf Road. The project has received support from those municipalities.

3. Abbreviated Existing Conditions Overview (With Exhibit)

Engineer presented the Existing Conditions exhibit and discussed key areas of the corridor including Flag Creek and Flag Creek Tributary crossings, mid-block pedestrian crossings between the Pleasantdale Middle School and Pleasant Dale Park District and at the Village's Heritage Center Library, the Interstate 55 (I-55) and Interstate 294 (I-294) bridges over Wolf Road, the commercial development, Lyonsville Cemetery, and the residential property at the Wolf Road and Joliet Road intersection. Items discussed during this portion of the meeting have been annotated on the exhibit, which is enclosed with these minutes.

4. Proposed Alternatives Overview

a. Alternative One–Five-Lane Typical Section (With Exhibit)

- (1) Engineer presented the Alternative One exhibit and discussed key elements of the proposed alternative. Between 79th Street and the I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp, Wolf Road is a three-lane typical section with one through lane in each direction, a two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL), curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a shared-use path. Between the I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp and Plainfield Road, a five-lane typical section is warranted with two through lanes and a TWLTL because of this segment meeting Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) criteria for design hourly volumes for more than one through lane. The intersection of Wolf Road and Plainfield Road contains a three-lane typical section, so the five-lane typical section transitions to a three-lane typical section around the intersection of Wolf Road and North Acacia Drive. The Village does not support this alternative but it is being presented as an alternative due to the design hourly volume criteria being met.
- (2) It is anticipated that negative feedback will be received on this alternative at the Public Information Meeting because of the associated impacts of the widened footprint, including a horizontal alignment shift away from the Lyonsville Cemetery, impacts to the commercial development at the southwest corner of the Wolf Road and Joliet Road intersection, the loss of commercial parking stalls at multiple commercial buildings along Joliet Road, potential residential property impacts at the northwest corner of the Wolf Road and Joliet Road intersection, and the realignment of the Wolf Road and Cochise Drive intersection.
- (3) Items discussed during this portion of the meeting have been annotated on the exhibit, which is enclosed with these minutes.

b. Alternative Two–Three-Lane Typical Section (With Exhibit)

- (1) Engineer presented the Alternative Two exhibit and discussed key elements of the proposed alternative. Between 79th Street and Plainfield Road, Wolf Road is a three-lane



typical section with one through lane in each direction, a TWLTL, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a shared-use path. The difference between Alternative One and Alternative Two is that the three-lane typical section is proposed between the I-294 Northbound Off-Ramp and North Acacia Drive, rather than the five-lane typical section. A design exception would be required for only proposing one through lane in each direction for this segment, rather than the two through lanes that are required in accordance with IDOT BLRS criteria.

- (2) Alternative Two's narrower overall typical section width reduces impacts near the Joliet Road and Wolf Road intersection while still providing comparable traffic operations. While the horizontal alignment is still shifted away from the Lyonsville Cemetery, the width to be shifted is less than Alternative One due to only one through lane being provided in each direction. This reduces the impacts to the commercial buildings along the west side of Wolf Road and at the residential property at the northwest corner of the intersection. The realignment of the intersection of Wolf Road and Cochise Drive are also reduced.
- (3) Items discussed during this portion of the meeting have been annotated on the exhibit, which is enclosed with these minutes.

5. Open Forum

Comments received at this meeting will be annotated on the respective exhibits when they are submitted to the County for review as part of the Alternatives Memorandum.

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

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Enclosures

c: All Participants