



Minutes
 City of Countryside Kickoff Meeting
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois
 January 20, 2021, 1 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Kennedy, Village Trustee	Village of Indian Head Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Fitzgerald, P.E., City Engineer	City of Countryside (City)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Ford, Chief of Police	City of Countryside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gail Paul, City Administrator	City of Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sanjay Joshi, P.E., Project Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tara Orbon, P.E., Bureau Chief of Project Development	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darcie Gabrisko, P.E., Project Manager	Strand Associates, Inc. [®] (Engineer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Gazdziak, P.E., Project Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. [®]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raymond Pu, E.I.T., Roadway Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. [®]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A virtual meeting was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 1 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to kick off the Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Engineering project with the City.

1. Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Project Overview

- a. The project scope involves roadway reconstruction and widening of Wolf Road from 79th Street to Plainfield Road with a proposed shared-use path and sidewalk. The roadway cross section is anticipated to be widened from the existing two-lane section to a three-lane section with two travel lanes and a two-way left-turn lane. The placement of the shared-use path and sidewalk along Wolf Road has not been set yet; however, it is anticipated that the shared-use path would be placed on the side that would be least impacted by a wider footprint. This is currently understood to be the west side of Wolf Road near the intersection with Joliet Road.
- b. The County has a Complete Streets policy for the inclusion of pedestrian accommodations in roadway projects such as these.

3. Elements Requiring City Coordination

- a. Joliet Road Sidewalk
 - (1) The City has plans for a future shared-use path along the south side of Joliet Road from Wolf Road to East Avenue. It has received Surface Transportation Program funding for the design of the project, which is anticipated to occur in 2023. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2024 or 2025. The City has applied for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for the remaining planning and construction phases. It is waiting for that funding determination before proceeding with the project.
 - (2) The future Joliet Road shared-use path will tie in with the Wolf Road shared-use path and sidewalk. This item will be further coordinated with the City and Engineer at the appropriate time.



- (3) The Village has \$175,000 allocated for a sidewalk on the north side of Joliet Road from Wolf Road to Willow Springs Road. The planning phase for this project has not yet begun. This item will be further coordinated with the Village and Engineer at the appropriate time.
 - b. **Flagg Creek Golf Course**
 - (1) The Flagg Creek Golf Course is jointly owned by the City and the Pleasant Dale Park District. The City manages the golf course, but any issues or developments are brought to both the City Council and the Pleasant Dale Park District Board of Commissioners for review and discussion. Any decisions regarding the golf course are made jointly between the two entities.
 - (2) There are no planned improvements to the golf course that would impact the Wolf Road project. Engineer will follow up with Gail Paul to inquire whether any public requests for pedestrian access to the golf course have previously been made.
 - (3) The golf course's only access point to the property is along Wolf Road. Therefore, it is important that access is maintained at all times during construction.
 - c. **Utility Atlases**—City utility atlases will be provided to Engineer by John Fitzgerald.
4. **Open Forum**
 - a. The existing Wolf Road cross section is rural with shoulders and roadside ditches. The proposed Wolf Road cross section is anticipated to be urban with curb and gutter and a closed drainage system. This change may impact drainage patterns at the Flagg Creek Golf Course and will be evaluated as part of the Phase I Study.
 - b. Two public information meetings will be held as part of the public involvement efforts. The first meeting is anticipated to be held virtually and will be used to present roadway alternatives. Information gathered at that meeting will be used to help select the preferred alternative. The second meeting may be held virtually or in-person and will be used to present the preferred alternative.
 - c. Once the impacts to the Flagg Creek Golf Course and Walker Park are understood, an individual meeting will be held with the Pleasant Dale Park District to discuss those items.
 - d. The Village has received \$30,000 for the construction of a sidewalk along Wolf Road from a resident along the corridor.

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