



Minutes  
 Monthly Progress Meeting for April 2024  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 April 8, 2024, 2:15 P.M.

Invitees	Representing	Present	Absent
Amy Jo Wittenberg, Village President	Village of Indian Head Park (Village)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charlie Eck, Village Trustee	Village of Indian Head Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gavin Morgan, Village Administrator	Village of Indian Head Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrez Beltran, Assistant Village Administrator	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"/>
Caitlin Bettisworth, Senior Project Manager	R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc. (R.M. Chin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Katrice Hodges Perkins, Assistant Project Manager	R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darcie Gabrisko, P.E., Project Manager	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup> (Engineer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Gazdziak, P.E., Project 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"/>
Alexa Morris, Roadway Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A virtual meeting was held to discuss items that have been advanced since the previous meeting, items that are anticipated to be advanced before the next meeting, and other items related to the progress of the Study.

1. Items Advanced Since Previous Meeting

- a. Engineer summarized the CAC alternative map feedback and prepared the feedback summary for public release on the Study Web site. The Public Feedback tab of the Web site will be reorganized and updated to include the information. The updates will include a summary document with feedback responses from the three general groups that submitted responses (CAC members, homeowners associations, and members of the public) displayed in both numerical counts and percentages. The percentages will be displayed before the numerical counts. The data used in the summary is from the alternative map tally previously provided by the Village. Scanned alternative maps for the responding groups will also be posted on the Web site. Alternative maps from CAC members and homeowners associations will display each respondent’s name and corresponding organization they belong to. Alternative maps from members of the public will not display names or identifying information to preserve anonymity. The Study Web site is anticipated to be updated with the information on April 10, 2024. R.M. Chin will notify CAC members that their responses with accompanying names will be published.
  
- b. Engineer prepared the first draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits with the previously agreed upon components, including a single roadway layout consisting of a three-lane typical section (one 11-foot-wide southbound through lane, one 10-foot-wide two-way left-turn lane, and one 11-foot-wide northbound through lane) from 79th Street to Plainfield Road. Between 79th and 72nd Streets, 5-foot-wide sidewalk is proposed on the east and west sides of Wolf Road. Between 72nd Street and Joliet Road, 5-foot-wide sidewalk is proposed only on the west side of Wolf Road. Between Joliet and Plainfield Roads, two sidewalk layout alternatives are proposed. The first alternative (Baseline Sidewalk Alternative) consists of 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the west side of Wolf Road for the entire segment and on the east side of Wolf Road between Pembroke Drive and Plainfield Road. The second alternative (Full Sidewalk Alternative) consists of 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the west and east sides of Wolf Road for the entire segment. The following items were discussed as Engineer provided an overview of the exhibits.

- (1) The first draft of the exhibits does not identify potential land acquisition needs (ROW or easement). Those elements will be further refined in future iterations of the exhibits.
- (2) The distance between the roadway back of curb and the proposed sidewalk was discussed. The first draft of the exhibits generally included a 3-foot-wide dimension between the back of curb and the edge of sidewalk. There were several locations on the plans where it was noted that this new proposed sidewalk would be duplicative with existing sidewalks that are also located parallel to the roadway but further away from the back of curb. The County noted that while a 3-foot-wide offset from back of curb is allowed in accordance with the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual, from a pedestrian safety and comfort perspective, it is preferable to locate the sidewalk further away from the roadway when feasible. The Village also noted that some residents have expressed concerns about sidewalks being located too close to the roadway, particularly near schools. It was agreed that the Engineer would revisit the sidewalk layout in the next draft of the exhibits and locate it further than 3-feet away from the back of curb in cases where doing so would not result in additional significant property or environmental impacts. In locations where an existing parallel sidewalk exists along Wolf Road today, the Engineer will explore opportunities to tie into this existing sidewalk rather than relocate it. In future iterations of the exhibits, the sidewalk will be differentiated between locations where it currently exists and locations where it would be proposed as new.
- (3) Engineer will contact the Village of Burr Ridge, Pleasant Dale Park District, and Pleasantdale School District to determine the ownership and maintenance responsibility of the existing sidewalk on the east side of Wolf Road from 79th Street to 73rd Place and on the west side of Wolf Road from 75th to 72nd Streets.
- (4) Several marked pedestrian crossings are proposed across Wolf Road. IDOT's *TRA-23: Guidelines for Establishing Pedestrian Crossings* can be used as a starting point to determine what marking or signage may be appropriate for each crossing, but the County's Traffic Studies Division will want to review each location on a case-by-case basis. Plan and profile drawings will be needed for this review so that the roadway vertical profile can be evaluated in conjunction with the proposed crossing treatment. Engineer will send IDOT's TRA-23 to the Village so the Village can see the different potential crossing treatment options.
- (5) Locations may exist where raised barrier concrete or landscaped medians can be proposed along the corridor where turning movements are not present. In the first draft of the exhibits, a raised barrier median is proposed near 75th Street as a pedestrian refuge for a crosswalk between the Pleasant Dale Park District and the Pleasantdale School District. A second pedestrian refuge is proposed near Hiawatha Lane and the Village's Heritage Center Library. The feasibility of these medians will be further evaluated in future iterations of the exhibits based on feedback from the County and Village. Intersection sight distance criteria will factor into where these medians may be feasible.

- (6) The Wolf Road proposed improvements match into the improvements proposed as part of the ongoing Plainfield Road Corridor Study (by others) approximately 500 feet south of the intersection of Wolf Road and Plainfield Road. That intersection is in the Plainfield Road Corridor Study's limits, but the proposed intersection improvements are shown on the exhibits for completeness.
- (7) The County will confirm with the Village that a sidewalk is proposed as part of the Plainfield Road Corridor Study's improvements along the west side of Wolf Road, between Sequoya Lane and Plainfield Road.
- (8) The Village is open to supporting whatever design exceptions may be necessary to reduce impacts along Wolf Road.

2. Items to be Advanced Before Next Meeting

Before the Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024, the Village and County will review and provide feedback on the first draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits. Engineer will revise the exhibits and prepare a second draft for discussion at the meeting.

3. Items for Which Input is Needed

There were no other items for which input was needed.

4. Anticipated Schedule

- a. April 22, 2024—Village and County will provide feedback on the first draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits.
- b. May 6, 2024—At the Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024, Engineer will submit the second draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits for Village and County review.

5. Open Forum

- a. The Village noted that the location of existing County ROW along the corridor is an ongoing source of confusion amongst the public. Engineer will evaluate what information can be provided on the Study Web site to help educate the public.
- b. The overall Study timeline was discussed. Engineer noted that the CAC Meeting No. 2 and Public Meeting No. 2 are anticipated to be held in summer 2024. After Public Meeting No. 2, a preferred alternative will be identified, and the refinement of various elements for the preferred alternative (such as geometrics, structures, and drainage) will be advanced. CAC Meeting No. 3 and Public Meeting No. 3 will be held once the refinements have been well advanced and corridor impacts are better understood. Those meetings are not anticipated to be held until 2025.
- c. As the Study advances, the Study team will evaluate at what intervals updates are provided to the public. Engineer and R.M. Chin remain focused on the forthcoming public outreach events, including CAC Meeting Nos. 2 and 3 and Public Meeting Nos. 2 and 3.



6. Next Meeting

The Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024 will be held on May 6, 2024, at 2 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

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 Attendees