



Minutes  
 Monthly Progress Meeting for June 2024  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 June 5, 2024, 2 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"/>
Tara Orbon, P.E., Assistant Superintendent	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bell, P.E., Project Studies Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Palma Skrebo, P.E., Project Studies Division Head	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Caitlin Bettisworth, Senior Project Manager	R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc. (R.M. Chin)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darcie Gabrisco, 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

Engineer prepared for CAC Meeting No. 2, which will include a PowerPoint presentation and introduction to the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits. Engineer prepared a third draft of the exhibits based on Village feedback after the Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024. The following items were discussed as Engineer provided an overview of the updates that were made to develop the third draft of the exhibits.

- a. The Village completed its tree inventory and provided the information to Engineer. Engineer is working on how to display the existing tree information most appropriately on the exhibits. Tree locations and sizes were collected. Impacts to trees, along with other environmental resources such as wetlands, will be better understood once the preferred alternative is identified and further developed. Other considerations, such as maintenance of traffic needs during construction, may impact environmental resources outside the proposed roadway footprint.
- b. Engineer received preliminary engineering drawings from Countryside for its proposed shared-use path along the south side of Joliet Road, east of Wolf Road. This shared-use path is displayed on the exhibits.
- c. At the Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024, the pedestrian crossing between the Pleasantdale Middle School and Pleasant Dale Park District was discussed. The pedestrian crossing was proposed to be shifted south from its current location to accommodate a raised barrier median pedestrian refuge island. After the meeting, Engineer contact the Pleasantdale Middle School and Pleasant Dale Park District to gauge their initial feedback on the crossing. Both entities indicated they would consider the crossing location. Engineer is still awaiting further input regarding the crossing. Engineer will share the correspondence with the Village and County.

- d. The Village noted that at the Wolf Road and Joliet Road and Wolf Road and Plainfield Road intersections, motorists' queue for the left-turn lane in the striped median, beyond the marked turn lane storage and taper locations. The Village requests that the County consider raised barrier medians in these locations to prevent this queuing. Engineer will note these locations on the exhibits when they are submitted for Village and County review.
- e. The feasibility of landscaped medians was discussed. The County noted that other projects have incorporated these elements. The County will share examples with the group.

## 2. Items to be Advanced Before Next Meeting

Before the CAC Meeting No. 2 Dry Run on June 27, 2024, the Village and County will review and provide feedback on the meeting materials. Engineer and R.M. Chin will incorporate feedback before the Dry Run meeting.

## 3. Items for Which Input is Needed

There were no other items for which input was needed.

## 4. Anticipated Schedule

- a. June 12, 2024—Engineer will submit the CAC Meeting No. 2 materials to the Village and County for review.
- b. June 21, 2024—Village and County will provide feedback on CAC Meeting No. 2 materials.
- c. June 27, 2024—CAC Meeting No. 2 Dry Run to be held at 10 A.M. at the Village Hall.
- d. July 2024—CAC Meeting No. 2 to be held at the Village Hall.

## 5. Open Forum

- a. R.M. Chin will send a poll to determine availability to schedule the CAC Meeting No. 2 during the week of July 8 or July 15, 2024.
- b. The existing retaining wall at the Lyonsville Cemetery was discussed. Based on the County's records research, the retaining wall predates County permits, and no additional information could be found regarding its maintenance responsibility. The retaining wall is an encroachment within County ROW. The proposed Wolf Road improvements do not anticipate impacting the retaining wall. The Village will share contact information for the cemetery with the group.

## 6. Next Meeting

The Monthly Progress Meeting for July 2024, previously scheduled for July 1, 2024, at 2 P.M. via Microsoft Teams, will be canceled because of the upcoming CAC Meeting No. 2.

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 Invitees