



Minutes
 Monthly Progress Meeting for May 2024
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois
 May 6, 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"/>
Katie Bell, P.E., Project Studies Manager	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (County)	<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"/>
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. [®] (Engineer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Gazdziak, P.E., Project Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. [®]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tony Spinelli, P.E., CFM, Village Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. [®]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alexa Morris, Roadway Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. [®]	<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 the second draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits based on the previous meeting’s discussion and comments received from the Village and County on the first draft of the exhibits. The following items were discussed as Engineer provided an overview of the updates made to the exhibits since the April 2024 meeting.

- a. The second draft of the exhibits made changes to the presentation of the proposed and existing sidewalk. The exhibits now show a pink hatch indicating the general alignment of the existing sidewalk along the corridor, which will be maintained to the extent possible. The proposed sidewalk is differentiated by a solid pink fill. Based on feedback from the County, the minimum buffer between the roadway back of curb and the edge of the proposed sidewalk was changed from a 3- to a 5-foot-wide offset. The increased buffer will provide a larger separation between vehicles and pedestrians. Where feasible, the proposed sidewalk was offset further from the road to maintain a minimum 2-foot-wide offset to the existing ROW. The Village noted a desire to use the allowable IDOT minimum 3-foot-wide offset north of Joliet Road in an effort to reduce tree impacts. This will be further evaluated once the Village’s ongoing tree inventory is complete. It was also noted that existing sidewalk that does not meet current IDOT criteria for width, cross slope, or longitudinal slope will be replaced to current criteria. Engineer noted that the minimum sidewalk buffer was held at bridge and culvert locations in the interest of not increasing structure widths and costs.

- b. Several raised barrier median locations were evaluated and included in the second draft of the exhibits. Based on feedback from the County, the raised barrier median and pedestrian refuge near 75th Street was moved further north, closer to the parking lot exit of the Pleasantdale Middle School. It was discussed that this crosswalk location has been moved south of its existing location to provide a protected pedestrian refuge that will not conflict with left-turning movements out of the Pleasantdale Middle School parking lot. Engineer will contact the

Pleasantdale Middle School and Pleasant Dale Park District to gather feedback on the proposed pedestrian crossing location. Additionally, 230- and 200-foot-long raised barrier medians have been proposed north of Thunderbird Drive and north of Big Bear Drive, respectively. The 100-foot-long raised barrier median location with a pedestrian refuge at Hiawatha Lane will maintain the existing crosswalk location. The Village noted a desire for raised barrier medians to be located north of Joliet Road and south of Plainfield Road. The Village expressed a concern of motorists using the existing striped median to enter the left-turn lane earlier than marked at each intersection. These proposed median locations will be further discussed with the County.

- c. Engineer will include the City of Countryside’s proposed shared-use path along the south side of Joliet Road, east of Wolf Road, in the third draft of the exhibits. Engineer will contact the City of Countryside to obtain its proposed shared-use path drawings.
- d. The Village informed Engineer of a potential park project the Village is calling “Serenity Point,” located in the northeast quadrant of the Wolf Road and Joliet Road intersection. It was noted that sidewalk in the proposed full sidewalk alternative could provide access and connectivity to this property. The Village will send information for this project to Engineer.
- e. Based on feedback from the County, the baseline alternative was updated to extend sidewalk on the east side of Wolf Road from Pembroke Drive south to Acacia Drive (north) to improve direct sidewalk connectivity with the existing sidewalk along Acacia Drive. The Village expressed a desire to remove this portion of sidewalk connecting Pembroke Drive to the existing Acacia Drive (north) sidewalk. The location of this sidewalk is to be further discussed with the County and at CAC Meeting No. 2.

2. Items to be Advanced Before Next Meeting

Before the Monthly Progress Meeting for June 2024, the Village and County will review and provide feedback on the second draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits. Engineer will revise the exhibits and prepare a third 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. May 24, 2024—Village and County will provide feedback on the second draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits.
- b. June 5, 2024—At the Monthly Progress Meeting for June 2024, Engineer will submit the third draft of the preliminary alternatives plan exhibits for Village and County review.

5. Open Forum

- a. The overall Study timeline was discussed. Engineer noted the potential to hold the CAC Meeting No. 2 dry run in June 2024 and the actual meeting in July 2024. The Village expressed a desire to hold both meetings before the end of June 2024 in an effort to hold



Public Meeting No. 2 by the end of summer 2024. Engineer noted that CAC Meeting No. 2 will serve as a preview for what will be presented at Public Meeting No. 2. The amount of feedback received from CAC members will determine the time needed for revisions between CAC Meeting No. 2 and Public Meeting No. 2.

- b. Engineer and R.M. Chin will shift their focus to the forthcoming CAC Meeting No. 2 and Public Meeting No. 2 and prepare meeting materials. R.M. Chin will send a Doodle poll to the Study team to determine availability for CAC Meeting No. 2.

6. Next Meeting

The Monthly Progress Meeting for June 2024 will be held on June 5, 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 Invitees