



Minutes  
 Monthly Progress Meeting for August 2024  
 Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study  
 Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois  
 August 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Matt Gazdziak, P.E., Project Engineer	Strand Associates, Inc. <sup>®</sup> (Engineer)	<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 recapped the CAC Meeting No. 2, which was held on July 15, 2024. The following items were discussed in relation to CAC Meeting No. 2.

- a. A new alternative was discussed at CAC Meeting No. 2, containing a shared-use path on the west side of Wolf Road from 79th Street to Plainfield Road. This component was not part of the alternatives presented by the Study Team but was identified by the LaGrange Highlands School District 106 and Pleasantdale School District 107. A shared-use path on the west side of Wolf Road, particularly between Joliet and Plainfield Roads, was discussed as a way to provide bicycle access to students who live in the neighborhoods on that side of the road. At the conclusion of CAC Meeting No. 2, it was agreed that the Study Team would evaluate this component before Public Meeting No. 2.
- b. At this Monthly Progress Meeting, the Village expressed safety concerns regarding the shared-use path being placed on the west side of Wolf Road between Joliet and Plainfield Roads because of the frequency of conflict points with driveways and entrances. In addition, there is a substantial grade change in this segment that could allow for bicyclists to rapidly increase their speed as they ride south from Plainfield Road. Placing the shared-use path on the east side of the Wolf Road in this segment would reduce the number of conflict points. Engineer will keep these considerations in mind as it evaluates this new alternative and discusses more with the Village and County before Public Meeting No. 2.
- c. The Village noted that the majority of school-age children in the Village attend Highlands Middle School, which is located northeast of the Study limits on Plainfield Road. A portion of the Village also attends Pleasantdale Middle School, located along the west side of Wolf Road near 74th Street. If a shared-use path is placed on the west side of Wolf Road, the

- children traveling to Highlands Middle School will have to cross Wolf Road to reach their destination. This crossing would likely occur at the Plainfield Road intersection. Engineer will contact LaGrange Highlands School District 106 and Pleasantdale School District 107 to understand current student population locations.
- d. The Village expressed safety concerns regarding pedestrian crossings at major intersections, such as Joliet Road. Engineer noted that these crossings would have pedestrian push buttons and signals incorporated into the traffic signal equipment. The Village requested recent crash reports from its police department to understand current trends and will provide those when available.

2. Items to be Advanced Before Next Meeting

- a. Engineer and R.M. Chin will distribute the CAC Meeting No. 2 summary and Alternative Three exhibit to the Village and County for review. Once approved, the meeting summary and exhibit will be sent to CAC members for the opportunity to provide feedback.
- b. R.M. Chin will send a Doodle poll to the Study Team to determine availability for Public Meeting No. 2 Dry Run and for Public Meeting No. 2.
- c. Before the Public Meeting No. 2. Dry Run, Engineer and R.M. Chin will provide meeting materials to the Village and County for review. Engineer and R.M. Chin will incorporate feedback provided 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. August 16, 2024—Engineer to distribute draft Public Meeting No. 2 materials for review.
- b. Week of August 26, 2024—Hold Public Meeting No. 2 Dry Run
- c. Week of September 23, 2024—Hold Public Meeting No. 2

5. Open Forum

- a. At Public Meeting No. 2, the Village prefers a live presentation to meeting attendees with participation from Engineer, the Village, and the County. The format of the presentation will be further discussed amongst the Study Team, as the meeting materials are developed.
- b. The Village requested that ranges of potential impacts to elements such as trees, ROW, and other components be included at Public Meeting No. 2 to allow for comparison between the alternatives presented. Engineer noted that these comparisons would only be generalized, and orders of magnitude based, with specific impacts being determined for the single preferred alternative that will be selected.
- c. The Village requested that project funding be discussed in the presentation at Public Meeting No. 2.



- d. R.M. Chin will contact potential venues to host Public Meeting No. 2. The Village preference is to hold the meeting at Highlands Middle School due to familiarity with the building layout.

6. Next Meeting

The Monthly Progress Meeting for September will be cancelled because of the Public Meeting No. 2 Dry Run.

If there are any additions or comments, please call 815-744-4200 ext. 3169.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by Alexa C. Morris.

- c: All Invitees