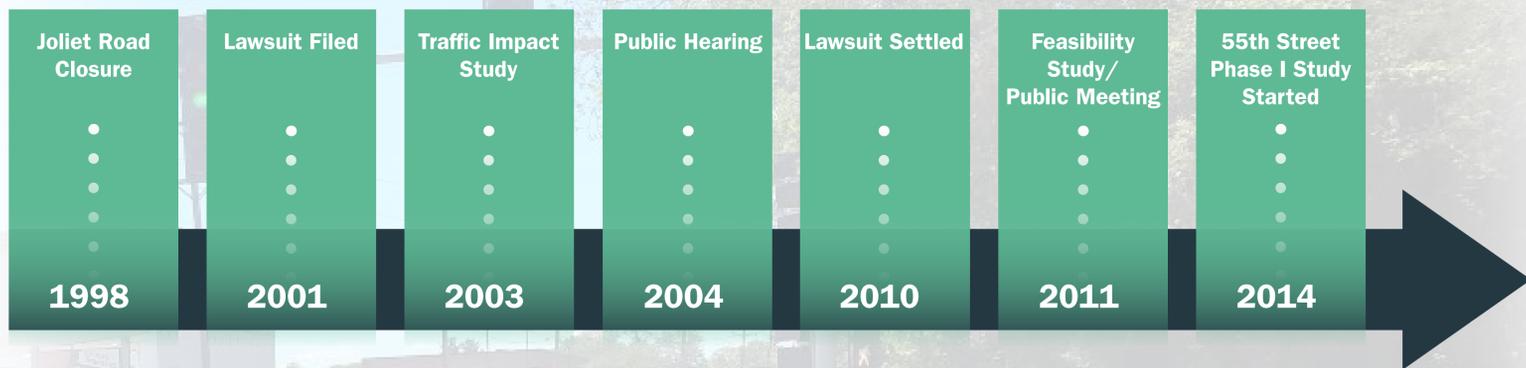




Project History

- In 1998, Joliet Road was closed between East Avenue and 55th Street due to safety and structural integrity concerns.
- On May 17, 2010, the State of Illinois was awarded 40 million dollars in a settlement with Vulcan Materials as a result of the Joliet Road closure.
- Later that year the Department revisited a 2003 Traffic Impact Study of this area to determine how to mitigate traffic impacts from the closure.
- The updated study, known as the Joliet Road Feasibility Study, identified and analyzed intersections and roadway segments in the study area to determine how safety and capacity could be improved.
- This information helped to group intersection improvements by priority based on safety issues, opportunities to improve capacity, and proximity of the improvement to the Joliet Road Closure.
- The status of projects in the area is shown in the table to the right.

Joliet Road History

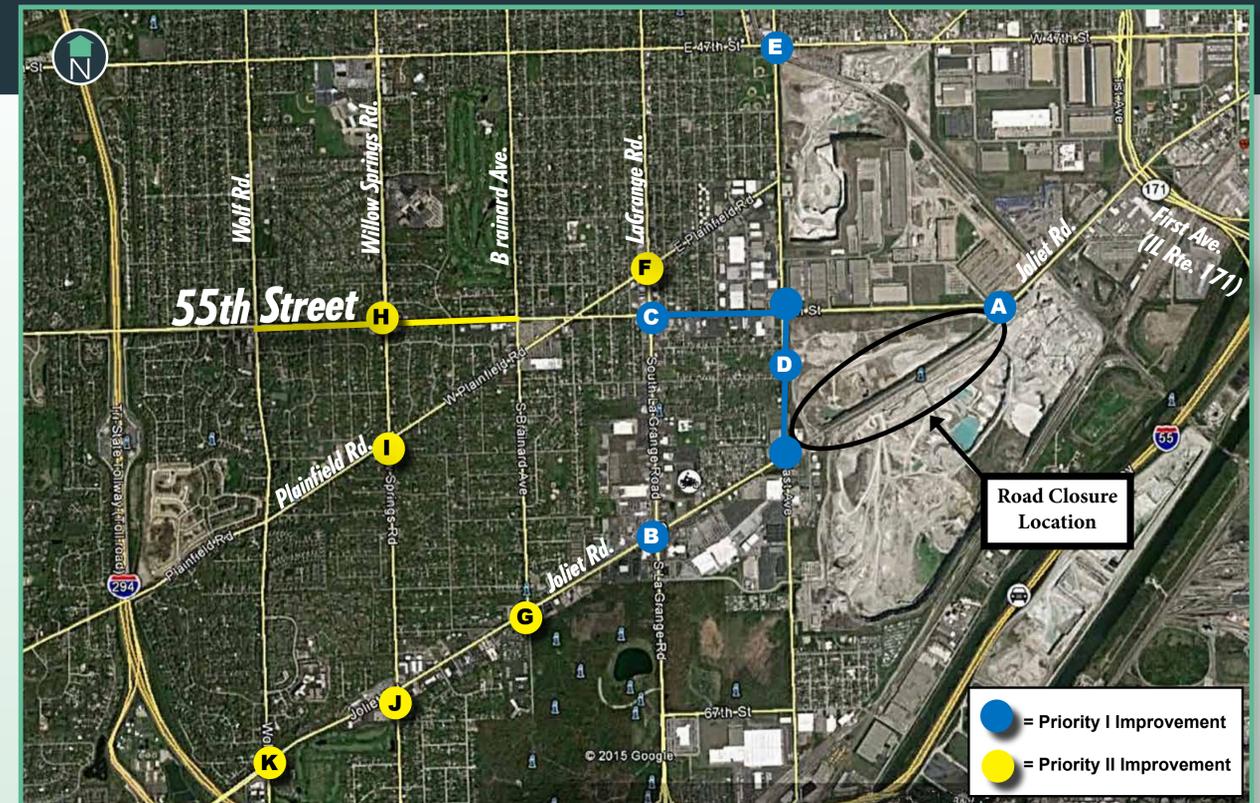


55th Street from Wolf Road to Brainard Avenue

The Average Daily Traffic volumes along the segment are 21,000 vehicles per day. Safety concerns and travel delays have been experienced due to increased traffic volumes and lack of channelization. There were 180 crashes from 2009 through 2013 resulting in 54 injuries. The predominant crash types are rear-end crashes (47%) and turning crashes (27%). The majority of the crashes can be attributed to the high number of turning vehicles and lack of turn lanes along the corridor. With the addition of turn lanes, flush median and improved pedestrian accommodations, the proposed improvements will address the safety and operational needs along the entire length of the study.

This project is not included in the Department's FY 2017-2022 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, the Department remains committed to funding 40 million dollars in highway improvements in this area. Including engineering, land acquisitions, construction, and construction engineering. Construction and preconstruction activities will continue to be prioritized for inclusion in the future Highway Improvement Programs as projects are developed and readied for construction.

Recommended Improvements From Feasibility Study



Priority I Improvements		
Location	Community	Project Status
A. Joliet Road at 55th Street	McCook	Phase II Ongoing
B. US 12/20/45 (LaGrange Road) at Joliet Road	Countryside/Hodgkins	Construction Complete
C. 55th Street at US 12/20/45 (LaGrange Road to East Avenue)	Countryside	Phase I Ongoing
D. East Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street	Countryside/Hodgkins/McCook	Phase II Ongoing
E. 47th Street at East Avenue	Brookfield/LaGrange/McCook	Phase I Ongoing

Priority II Improvements		
Location	Community	Project Status
F. US 12/20/45 (LaGrange Road) at Plainfield Road	Countryside/LaGrange	Phase II Ongoing
G. Joliet Road at Brainard Avenue	Countryside	Phase I Ongoing
H. 55th Street from Wolf Road to Brainard Avenue	Western Springs/LaGrange/Countryside/ Unincorporated LaGrange Highlands	Phase I Ongoing
I. Plainfield Road at Willow Springs Road	Countryside	Phase II Ongoing
J. Joliet Road at Willow Springs Road	Countryside/Indian Head Park	Under Construction
K. Joliet Road at Wolf Road	Indian Head Park	Construction Complete

NOTE: PHASE I - Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Study
PHASE II - Contract Plan Preparation & Land Acquisition