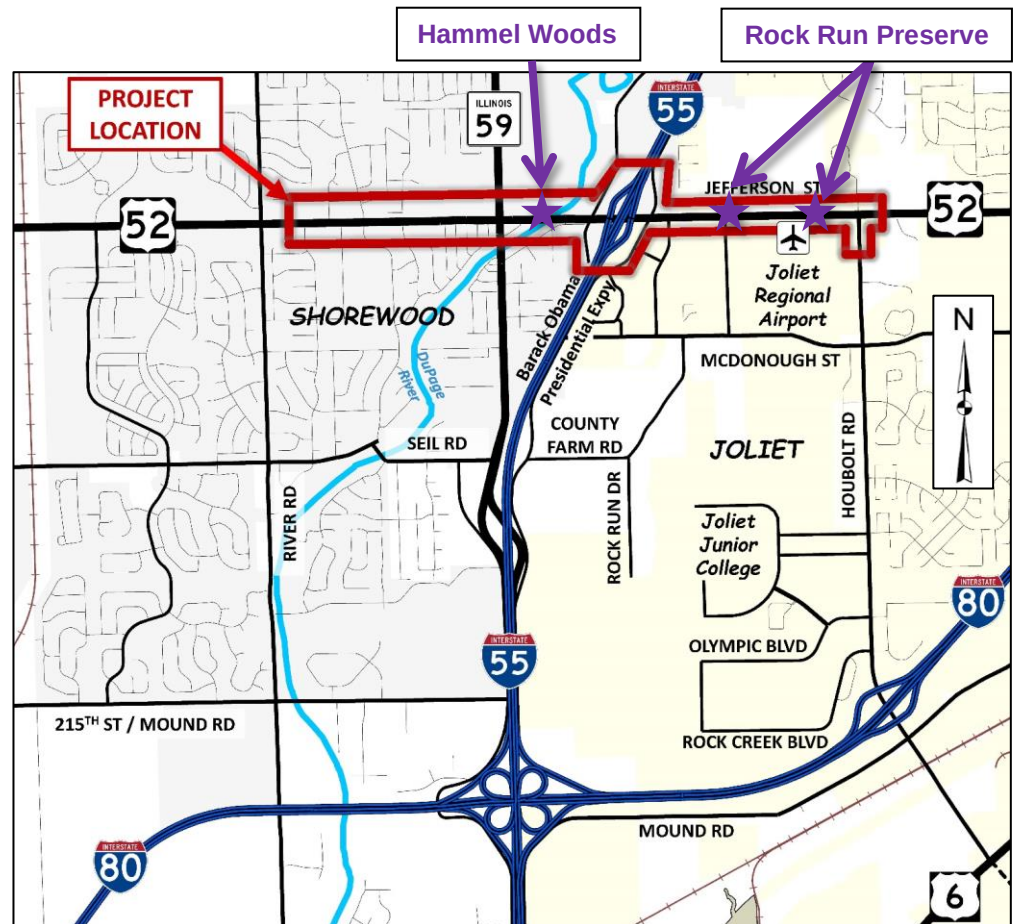




SECTION 4(f)
DE MINIMIS DOCUMENTATION
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY

**US 52 (JEFFERSON STREET)
RIVER ROAD TO HOUBOLT ROAD**



P-91-019-19

Will County, Illinois

IDOT – Division of Highways – District One

March 2025

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In accordance with 23 CPR 774.3 and the FHWA Illinois Division, the following documentation is being submitted for a determination of a *de minimis* impact for the referenced project. The following items are included:

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De Minimis Documentation Checklist

1. Project Description

a. Section Number:

TBD

b. Official Project Name:

US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road

Project number: P-91-019-19

c. Project Location (roadway designations, termini):

US 52 (Jefferson Street) from River Road to Houbolt Road in the Village of Shorewood and the City of Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

See Appendix B for Location Map.

d. Project type (new alignment, widening, safety improvement):

The project includes an add-lane on US 52 between River Road and IL 59 to provide two through lanes in each direction and installation of a raised, curb median from River Road to Houbolt Road to improve mobility and safety. Intersection improvements are proposed at the intersections of US 52 with IL 59, US 52 with I-55 East Frontage Road, and US 52 with Houbolt Road. The I-55 interchange ramps are being widened to provide additional capacity and storage, and lead-in storage is proposed on US 52 at I-55 to lengthen left turn storage between the ramp intersections. An auxiliary lane is also proposed on westbound US 52 between IL 59 and the I-55 south ramps. The project will accommodate connectivity of sidewalks and existing trails via a proposed off-street, two-way shared-use path. This path will connect to the west at River Road with access to residential neighborhoods, as well as connect to the DuPage River Trail (Hammel Woods) and the Rock Run Greenway Trail (Rock Run Forest Preserve).

e. Project size (total project length in miles):

2.58 miles

f. NEPA Class of Action:

Categorical Exclusion (Federal Approved)

g. NEPA Purpose and Need Summary:

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to provide an efficient transportation facility for both interstate travel along I-55 and I-80, and for the regional and local roadway network accommodated by and affected by access to and from I-55 for the existing and the future transportation needs. This will be accomplished by improving regional mobility and local connectivity and system linkage. Inherent with such improvements is the enhancement and connectivity of existing bike/pedestrian accommodations, while either avoiding or minimizing impacts to multiple and sensitive environmental and community resources.

Need

Data and technical evaluation show that the project is needed to improve regional mobility and local connectivity and system linkage. The project need has been defined by review of technical data as well as an early and strong stakeholder involvement process.

h. Project Status:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is nearing completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental study. The anticipated design approval is January 2025. This improvement is included in the Department's current Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Current engineering efforts are targeted to enable a contract letting in the later years of the multiyear program contingent upon plan readiness, land acquisition and funding availability through future legislative appropriations.

2. Section 4(f) Resources

a. Resource type (historic property, park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge):

Park; Forest Preserve

b. Resource Name:

Hammel Woods
Rock Run Preserve

c. Official(s) with Jurisdiction (OWJ) name:

Forest Preserve District of Will County, IL; 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois 60433; 815-727-8700

d. Description of role/significance in the community:

Hammel Woods, 445 acres in size, is a part of the DuPage River preservation system, which conserves more than 1,500 acres. There are three access areas in the Village of Shorewood: Crumby Recreation Area, DuPage River Access, and Illinois Route 59 Access. There are three types of amenities listed on the Forest Preserve District of Will County website for this preserve, which include: restrooms, shelters with picnic tables, off-street parking, and handicap parking. There are no on-site playground facilities. The park is open for use by the public and programmed events by the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Rock Run Forest Preserve, 320 acres in size, is a part of the Rock Run preservation system, which conserves more than 1,450 acres. There are two access areas, both in the City of Joliet: Black Road Access and Paul V. Nichols Access. There are two types of amenities listed on the Forest Preserve District of Will County website for this preserve, which include: picnic shelters, off-street parking, and handicap parking. The park is open for use by the public and programmed events by the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

3. Description of intended Section 4(f) Resource Use

a. Acres to be taken and/or impacted:

For Hammel Woods, the amount of property impacted by this project is approximately 0.06 acres (two parcels) of permanent easement and approximately 0.04 acres (two parcels) of temporary easement. For the Rock Run Preserve, the amount of property impacted by this project is approximately 0.073 acres (two parcels) of temporary easement at Rock Run Preserve.

b. Type of impact (for example, ROW acquisition, permanent incorporation/change in ownership, perpetual easement, etc.):

The 0.06 acre of permanent easement at Hammel Woods is required to allow the Department the necessary space to construct and maintain the proposed retaining wall adjacent to the US 52 over DuPage River Bridge. The retaining wall is required to accommodate the proposed roadway cross section while minimizing impacts to the adjacent properties. The retaining wall itself is located within the existing US 52 ROW and the easement area is only for construction and maintenance. This area will be unobstructed in the permanent condition. Additionally, the permanent easement area is needed to allow IDOT to construct and maintain a stormwater drainage culvert on the east side of the DuPage River.

The 0.04 acre of temporary easement at Hammel Woods is needed for grading and to reconstruct the maintenance access driveway for Hammel Woods west of the DuPage River on US 52 (Jefferson Street). There will be 0.03 acre of tree removal associated with this work.

The 0.073 acre of temporary easement at Rock Run Preserve is needed for reconstruction of the Rock Run Trail. Temporary easement of 0.003 acre will be required along US 52 (Jefferson Street) near Airport Drive for grading to accommodate the proposed shared-use path that connects to the Rock Run Preserve. Temporary easement of 0.07 acre will be required along US 52, approximately 1,000 feet west of Houbolt Road for reconstruction of small portion of the Rock Run Trail to connect it to the proposed shared-use path along US 52 (Jefferson Street). There will be 2 trees removed for this work.

The permanent and temporary easement areas do not impact the use and function of the parks.

Type of Impact	Area (acres)	Location	Purpose	Negatively Affect Function (Yes or No)
Permanent Easement	0.06	Hammel Woods	Construction/maintenance of proposed retaining wall. Construction/maintenance of culvert drainage outlet	No
Temporary Easement	0.04	Hammel Woods	Construction of Hammel Woods maintenance access driveway and grading	No
Temporary Easement	0.073	Rock Run Preserve	Construction of Rock Run Trail	No

c. Existing function of impacted areas:

The parks have dedicated recreational areas and community features, with both forested and open space. The impacted parcels are located immediately adjacent to US 52 on the southern edge of the parks. The impacted areas at Hammel Woods consist of a maintenance access road and a riparian forested area. There is an existing recreational trail located near the impacted area. The trail goes beneath US 52 bridge and is located on the west bank of the DuPage River. The temporarily impacted area at the Rock Run Preserve includes the existing Rock Run Trail.

d. Relationship of impacted areas to Section 4(f) function and significance to resource:

Hammel Woods is part of the DuPage River Preservation system, and offers access to natural areas, activities, and amenities to the public along both banks of the DuPage River. There is significant tree cover. Amenities listed at the park include off-street parking, shelters with picnic tables, and restrooms. Activities listed by the park include trails, a dog park, and river access. The function of the entire park, including the impacted area, is to provide access for seasonal use by the public and programmed events by the park, and to conserve natural space and habitat along the DuPage River. The shared-use path to be constructed will benefit the park as it will enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the area linking the existing Forest Preserve Trails to Joliet Junior College and the residential areas via the Village of Shorewood and City of Joliet trails.

Rock Run Preserve is part of the Rock Run Preservation system, and offers access to natural area, activities, and amenities to the public along both banks of the Rock Run River. There is significant tree cover. Amenities listed at the park include off-street parking, shelters with picnic tables, and restrooms. Activities listed by the park include trails, picnicking, and river access. The function of the entire park, including the impacted area, is to provide access for seasonal use by

the public and programmed events by the park, and to conserve natural space and habitat along the Rock Run River. The shared-use path to be constructed will benefit the park as it will enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the area linking the existing Forest Preserve Trails to Joliet Junior College and the residential areas via the City of Joliet and Village of Shorewood trails.

e. Resulting function of impacted areas:

Because the project will not permanently impact any of the active park amenities within Hammel Woods, the property will function as a recreational resource as originally intended by the Forest Preserve District of Will County. The project will temporarily impact the Rock Run Trail and access to the trail that enters the Rock Run Preserve during improvement of the trail and roadway. The Contractor is required to maintain temporary access to the trail during construction. There will be no permanent adverse impact to Rock Run Preserve property. Photographs of the property's existing conditions can be found in Appendix B.

4. Description of Efforts to Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate or Enhance the Resource

a. Avoidance and minimization efforts made and benefits to resource:

The following measures were taken to avoid and minimize impacts. The proposed improvements utilized narrower lane widths (11') than existing lane widths and new construction IDOT standard criterion (12'). A design deviation from the standard lane width is being obtained from the Department's Bureau of Design and Environment. The existing bridge over the DuPage River is not being widened, but rather the existing median width on the bridge is being reduced to provide space for a new, westbound auxiliary lane. Retaining walls are being proposed to minimize land acquisition and grading impacts to the adjacent residential, commercial and Forest Preserve properties. These avoidance measures allow the Hammel Woods maintenance access driveway located on the north side of US 52 immediately west of the DuPage River bridge to remain and accessible for forest preserve maintenance personnel.

Efforts have been made to minimize and mitigate right-of-way needs and to enhance the resource. The improvements to the existing Rock Run Trail and proposed connectivity along US 52 between the DuPage River Trail and the Rock Run Trail will mitigate impacts and enhance the use of Hammel Woods and the Rock Run Preserve.

b. Commitments for mitigation or enhancement:

There are no commitments for mitigation or enhancement as a result of impact to the Section 4(f) resource.

c. Description of the benefits to the resource by the proposed improvements:

The proposed improvements along US 52 (Jefferson Street), and the proposed connectivity of the DuPage River Trail and the Rock Run Trail will provide more accessible and safer (off-street) active transportation to and from Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve along with the adjacent residential neighborhoods and Joliet Junior College.

d. Statement that the historic preservation office (IHPA) was contacted and responded that no historic properties will be impacted:

The Cultural Clearance was acquired on July 14, 2021. See Appendix B for Cultural Clearance.

5. Evidence of Opportunity for Public Review and Comment

a. Type of public availability (internet posting, public meeting, mailers):

Two public meetings and a virtual public outreach event have been held to give the public opportunity to learn about the proposed project and provide their input. A project dedicated website www.i55atil59accessproject.org continues to maintain major study materials throughout the duration of the study and allow visitors to provide written comments.

A public hearing was held to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the project including the Section 4(f) impacts. The public was notified of the availability of the document at the public hearing, on the project website, and through newspaper advertisements in local newspapers. Public Notice included the public comment period ending date of November 12, 2024.

b. Date of action:

October 10, 2024

c. Summary of comments:

No public comments related to the Section 4(f) impacts were received at the public hearing or within the public comment period. General feedback was positive regarding the proposed trail connections for the DuPage River Trail and the Rock Run Trail. A summary of all public comments received are included in Appendix E.

d. Notification of OWJ of public availability:

The OWJ coordination letter and OWJ concurrence response are included in Appendix C.

6. Evidence of Coordination with Officials(s) with Jurisdiction

a. Meeting minutes:

Meeting minutes detailing conversations with the Forest Preserve District of Will County are included in Appendix C. A list of the coordination meetings are summarized in the table below:

Meeting Date	Meeting Description
September 11, 2017	Project initiation meeting.
March 26, 2018	Project status and input request on alternatives.
September 14, 2020	Review alternative development, proposed improvements to Forest Preserve District properties, and potential 4(f) impacts.
January 11, 2023	Provide updates, review the Preferred Alternative, discuss project developments
February 17, 2023	Discussion of potential separate pedestrian structure

b. OWJ written concurrence with a no adverse effect determination:

The Official with Jurisdiction provided concurrence with the determination that there will be no adverse effect to the resource on March 4, 2025. The OWJ concurrence letter is provided in Appendix B.

7. Supporting Documentation

a. Appendix A: Section 4(f) Impact Exhibit

b. Appendix B: Other Information Regarding the Resource

1. Project Location Map
2. Aerial Photograph with the Section 4(f) Property
3. Photographs
4. Cultural Clearance

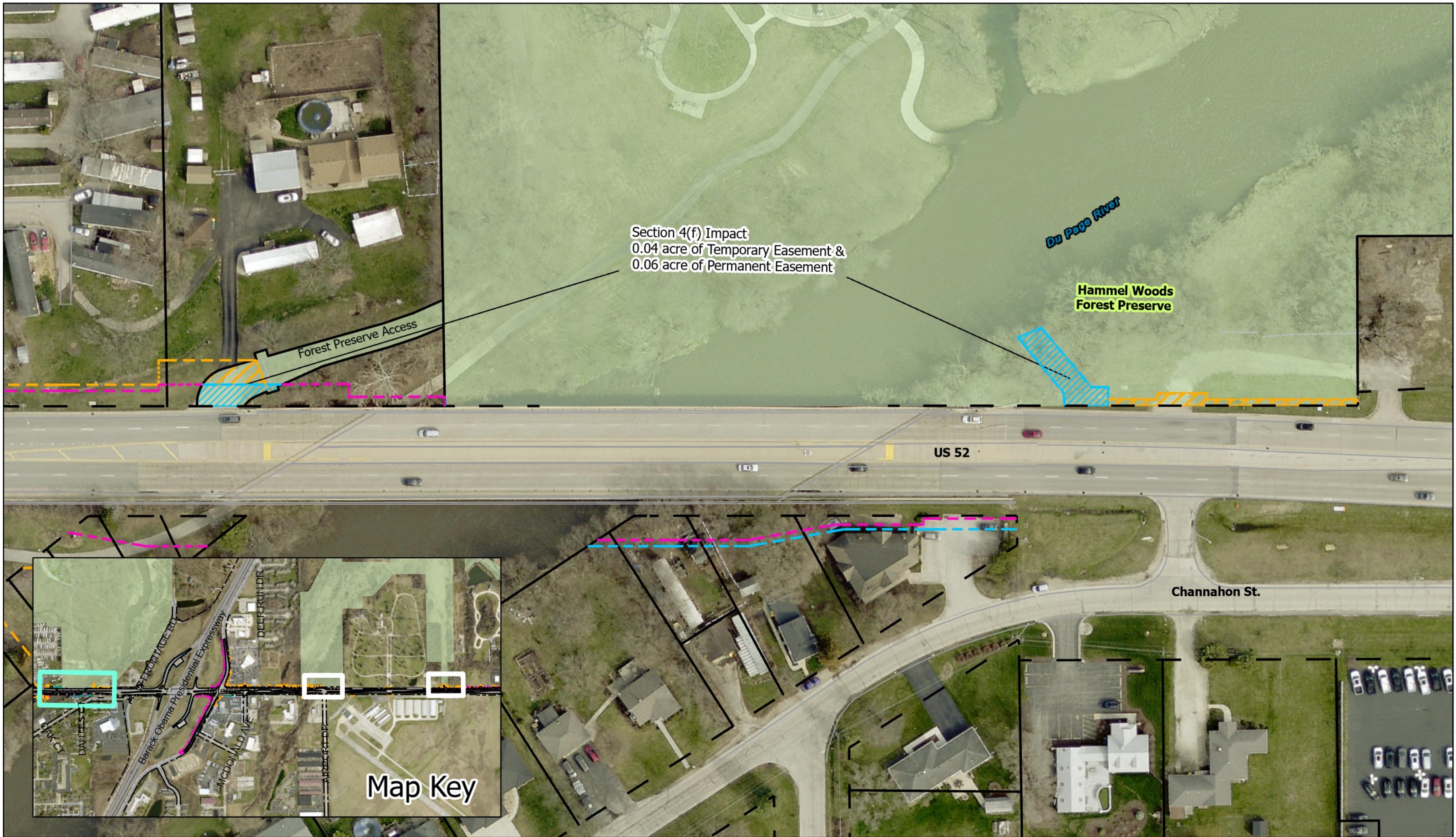
c. Appendix C: Coordination with OWJ

d. Appendix D: Proposed Improvement Plans

e. Appendix E: Public Review Documentation

Appendix A

Section 4(f) Impact Exhibit



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Rock Run Forest Preserve

Section 4(f) Impact
0.003 acre of Temporary Easement

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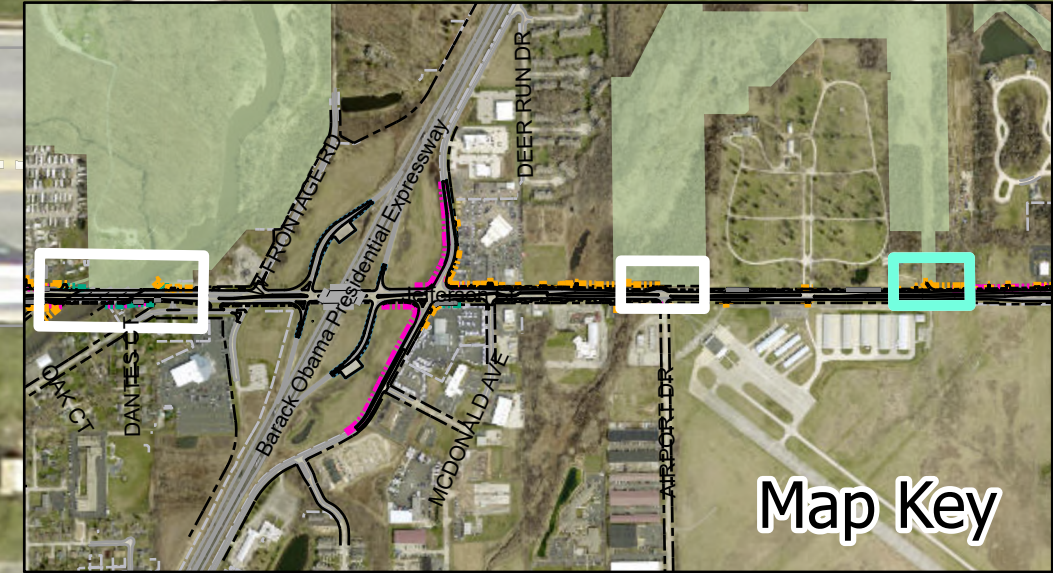
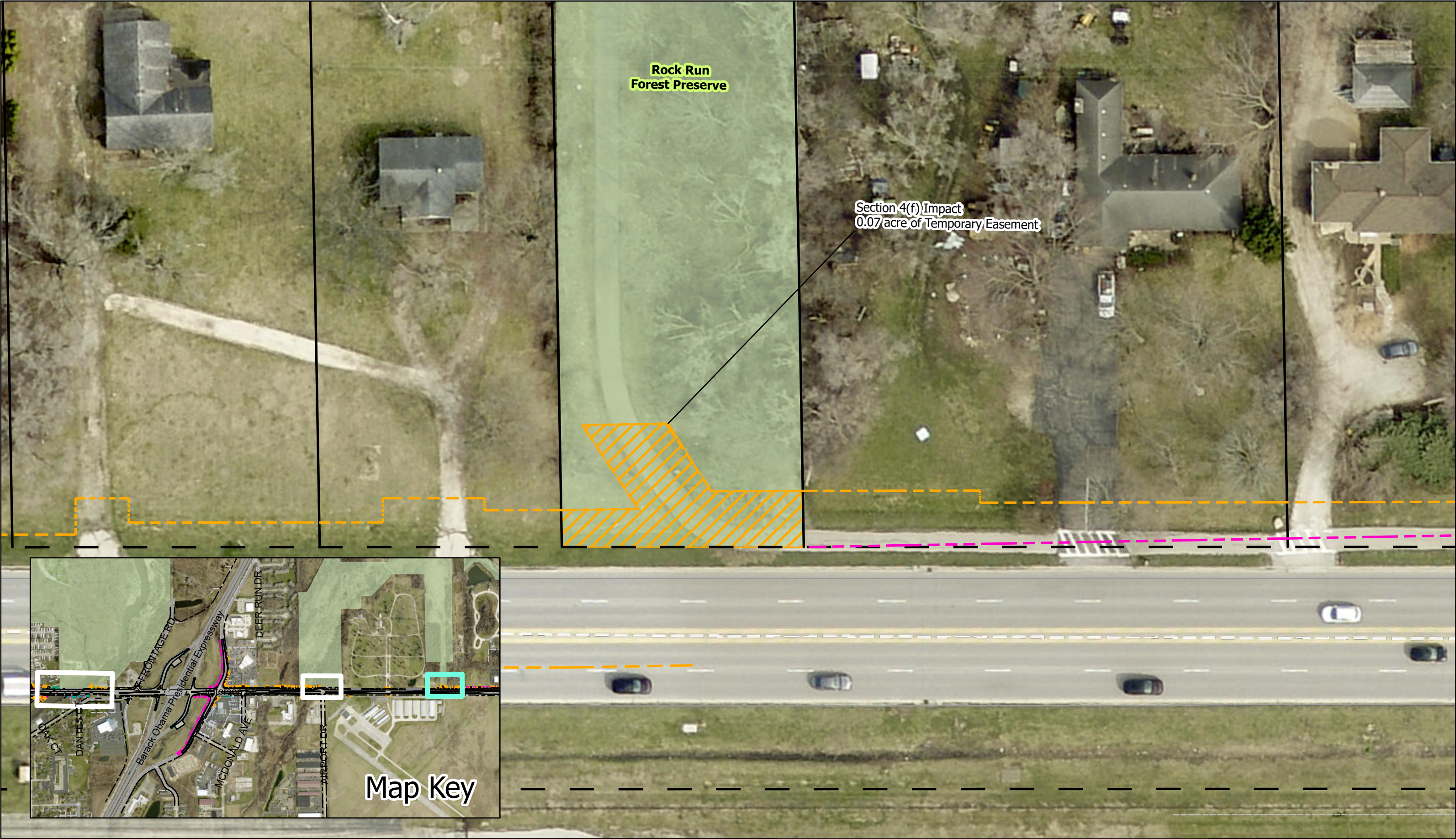


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Map Key

Appendix B

Other Information Regarding the Resource

Photos of the Resource – Hammel Woods



Hammel Woods



Hammel Woods



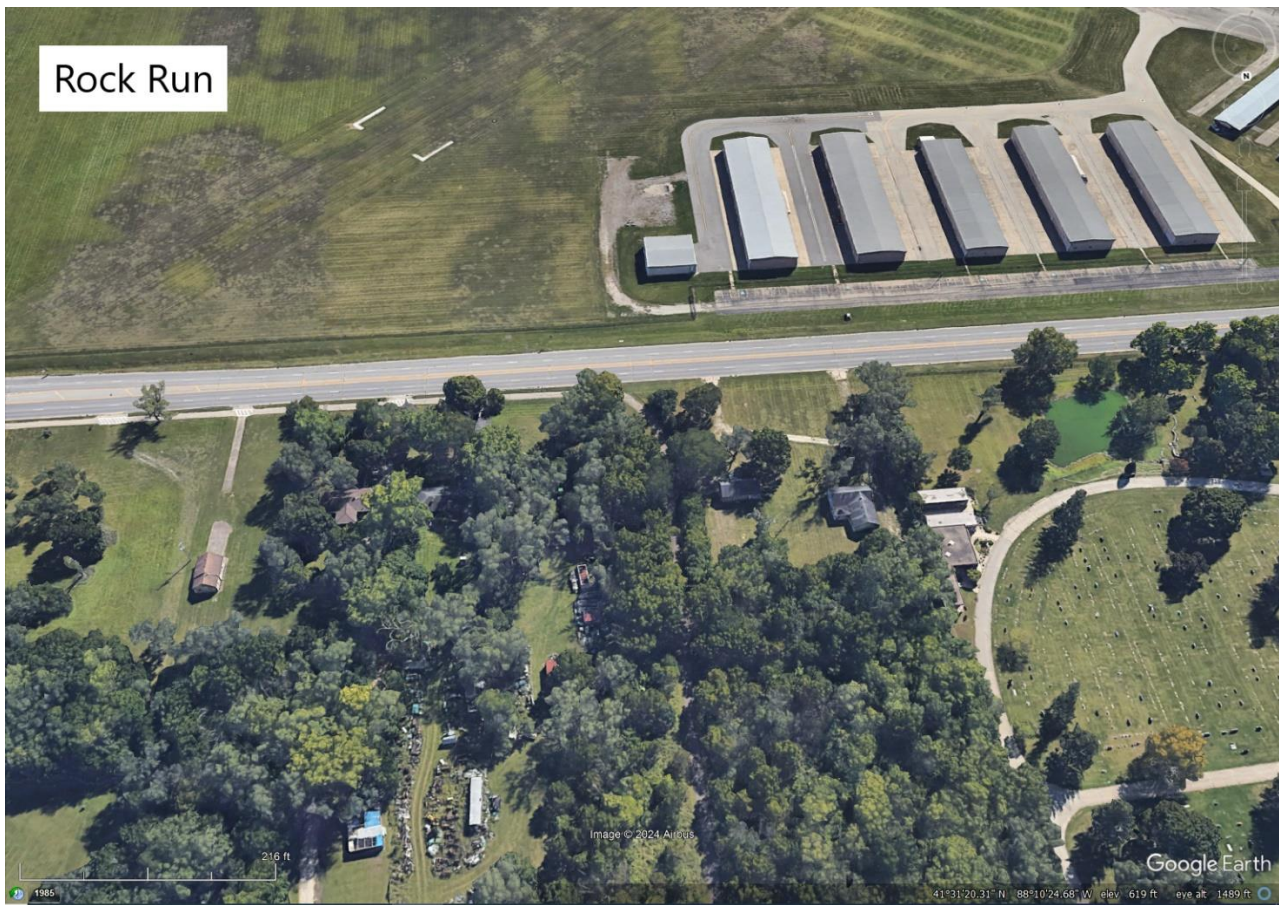
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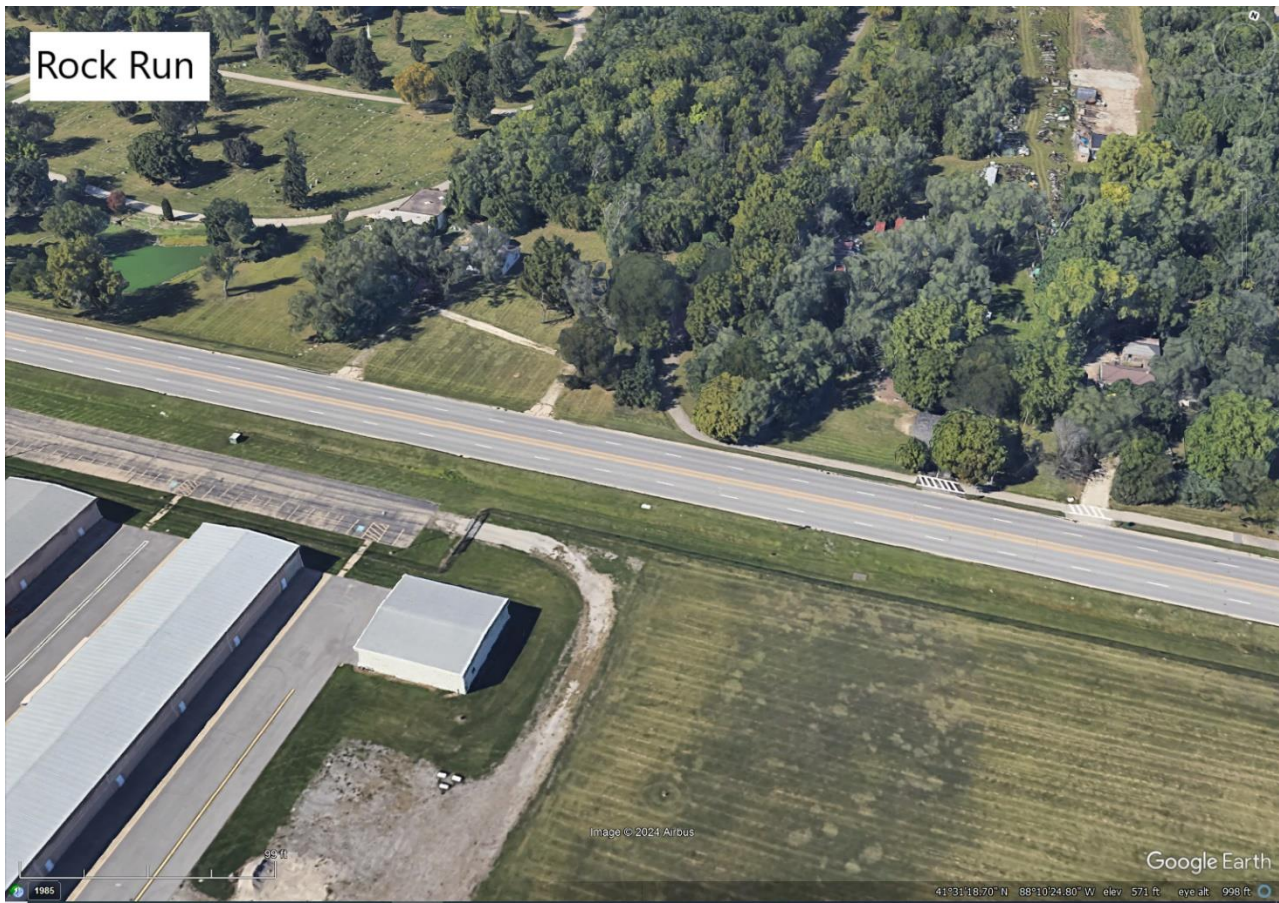
Photos of the Resource – Rock Run Preserve



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Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Anthony J Quigley Attn: Vanessa Ruiz
From: Jack Elston By: Brad Koldehoff
Subject: Cultural Resources - No Historic Properties Affected Clearance
Date: July 14, 2021

Will County
FAP 52, US 52, Jefferson Street
Shorewood, Joliet
Job No. P-91-019-19
Seq. No. 21926

For the above referenced undertaking, IDOT's qualified Cultural Resources staff hereby make a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This finding concludes the Section 106 process in accordance with the stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois, executed March 6, 2018 by FHWA, Illinois SHPO, IDOT and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

No further cultural resources coordination is required for this undertaking, unless design modifications or new information indicate that historic properties may be affected. If so, then, additional coordination with my office is required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brad Koldehoff".

Brad H. Koldehoff
Cultural Resources Unit Chief
Bureau of Design & Environment

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Appendix C

Coordination with Official with Jurisdiction

MEETING MINUTES

Client Name: Illinois Department of Transportation
Client Location: Schaumburg, IL
Project Name: I-55 from I-80 to US 52, Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17
PTB 182-07
Conference Name: Forest Preserve District of Will County Coordination Meeting
Conference Date: September 11, 2017
Conference Location: Forest Preserve District of Will County offices
Sugar Creek Administration Center
Conference Number: 9
Project No.: 7443.01
By/ Issue Date: CES/September 22, 2017

The following Meeting Minutes are assumed correct unless written notice to the contrary is received within ten days of the issue date.

ATTENDEES:

Osman Baker	Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Steve Schilke	Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Greg Ruddy	City of Joliet (Joliet)
Dave Heslinga	V3 Companies
Jaime Blakesley	Knight E/A, Inc. (Knight)
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SUBJECT: Stakeholder Coordination Meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County
I-55 from I-80 to US 52, Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17
PTB 182-07

MEETING SUMMARY:

A meeting for the above project was held on September 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Sugar Creek Administration Center.

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the subject Phase I Study.

The following items summarize presentations, questions, comments, and discussion in the approximate order in which they occurred.

1. Attendee Introductions

IDOT began the meeting and explained that this meeting is the initial agency coordination meeting with the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC), and to provide a general project introduction and solicit stakeholder feedback. The list of attendees is included above and the sign in sheet is attached to these minutes.

2. Project Introduction

Knight summarized the study to be performed and noted that there have been several previous studies performed within this same corridor area. Civiltech prepared a draft Access Justification Report in 2007, and more recently in 2016, Knight worked with the City of Joliet on the Joliet Regional Gateway Study (JRGP). Both of these studies suggested a need for improved or expanded interchange access and increased connectivity and system linkage of routes. The JRGP was presented to BDE/FHWA on seven occasions, and as a result, IDOT and the City of Joliet entered into a partnering agreement to initiate a Phase I Study. Much of the data collection, crash analysis, existing traffic modeling, and other JRGP elements can and will be utilized as appropriate to expedite the start of this study.

Knight explained that the study area is generally centered along I-55, from I-80 to US 52, and from River Road to Houbolt Road. A few key elements which will be implemented in this study are the comprehensive environmental studies associated with an Environmental Assessment level evaluation following the federal NEPA process.

Knight stated that alternative analysis with multiple types of interchanges and local system improvements and linkages will be developed as part of the study. As part of the Phase I study a full CSS public involvement process will be performed including three public meetings, one public hearing and six Community Advisory Group meetings, many local agency coordination meetings such as today, use of a project website and project survey.

A preliminary study schedule has been developed and was presented. The schedule is an aggressive timeline of 24 months. This timeline is the most aggressive it can be while still incorporating the concurrence milestones of purpose and need, alternatives carried forward, and concurrence of a preferred alternative.

3. Local Agency Facilities and Understanding of Issues

Knight presented the environmental resources exhibit. The exhibit showed the limits of Colvin Grove Forest Preserve, Lake of the Woods and Hammel Woods, which are all under the jurisdiction of FPDWC. Knight explained that preserves located within close proximity of

the study area include: Rock Run Preserve, Birds Junction Marsh, Lower Rock Preserve and Rock Run Rookery. Other facilities and resources within or near the study area include the Rock Run Conservation Easement and Rock Run Greenway Trail. FPDWC provided some background knowledge of the Conservation Easement conditions and location/limits. The original easement included provision for the City of Joliet to potentially construct a new waterway crossing in the future. FPDWC stated they would like any potential crossing over the Rock Run to include provision for a wildlife crossing and shared-use trail.

FPDWC also stated that the Blanding's turtle is known to be in the vicinity of Rock Run and there is potential for the species to be in the project study area. A previous survey did not find turtles; however, that does not preclude their presence for this proposed project.

FPDWC stated their preference for any potential road alternatives is to avoid Colvin Grove Forest Preserve. Knight asked for any locations within the project study area where Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LAWCON) properties are present. FPDWC indicated it the closest LAWCON property is located north of the project study area and not within the ESR limits. There was a discussion on future trail expansion within FPDWC properties, and FPDWC stated they will forward a map with a list of participating agencies of the trails' construction to the project study team.

FPDWC stated they do have volunteer involvement with Joliet Junior College staff and students on each other's properties including seed collection and other volunteer opportunities. FPDWC stated canoeing/recreational activity occurs on the Des Plaines River, but they do not coordinate any activities in the Rock Run.

The City of Joliet provided a brief description of planned future road intersection improvements at Houbolt Road and US 52. IDOT and Knight provided a description of planned bridge upgrades at flood plain crossings as part of the Project. FPDWC stated there is a planned expansion of the Lower Rock Run preserve through a planned estate gift.

Knight noted that stream surveys and bridge inspections will be performed for waterway crossings, within or adjacent to FPDWC boundaries. FPDWC stated a special use permit will be needed to be filled out to allow access to their properties for any of this work.

4. Other/Next Steps

Knight explained that the initial public information meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and to encourage getting the word out to the public. Newspaper ads have been published and the project website is up and running.

Knight encouraged FPDWC to have a representative be part of the Community Advisory Group (CAG).

Cc: All attendees



I-55 at IL 59 Access Project

MEETING ATTENDANCE

PROJECT: **I-55, From I-80 to US 52**

Job No.: P-91-132-17

PSB # 182/007

MEETING LOCATION: IDOT – District One Offices

MEETING SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with the Forest Preserve District of Will County

DATE/TIME: September 11, 2017 – 1:00 PM

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SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County
I-55 from I-80 to US 52, Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17
PTB 182-07

MEETING SUMMARY:

A meeting for the above project was held on March 26, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Forest Preserve District of Will County offices. The list of attendees is included above and the sign in sheet is attached to these minutes.

The purpose of this meeting was to gain input and feedback on the design alternatives developed to date and to provide a status update on the project to the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC). The following items summarize presentations, questions, comments, and discussion in the approximate order in which they occurred.

1. Project Study Update

IDOT began the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting. IDOT noted this meeting is to show the alternatives developed to date prior to the upcoming public meeting and to gain feedback from FPDWC. IDOT stated that the study is currently determining the alternatives to be carried forward. Many of the alternatives presented at the meeting today are being recommended to be eliminated from further study.

2. Travel Demand Modeling Forecasting

IDOT and Knight explained the methodology behind the travel demand modeling and the numerous scenarios that have been developed to date for the year 2040 traffic projections. The general take away is that there is a strong east-west travel demand through the study area with the only I-55 crossing currently at US 52. It was explained that Seil Road, Mound Road and US 52 are expected to experience high traffic growth in the future even under a no-build scenario.

3. Alternatives Presentation and Feedback

Knight gave a quick overview of the environmental inventory map and stated that it has been updated with new information since the last coordination meeting with FPDWC in September 2017. The forest preserves and other items under FPDWC's jurisdiction that are located in proximity of the alternatives that are being recommended for continued study include the following:

- US 52 near DuPage River – Hammel Woods Forest Preserve
- US 52 west of Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery – Rock Run Forest Preserve
- EW-1 (McDonough Street) – Colvin Grove Forest Preserve
- EW-6 (Olympic Blvd Extension) – Lower Rock Run Preserve
- IL 59 and DuPage River – Planned extension of the DuPage River Trail
- Seil Road and DuPage River – Planned extension of the DuPage River Trail

Knight explained that due to the complexity of numerous combinations of alternatives developed to date given the local roadway network and the interstate access, an overview exhibit was created to understand and better evaluate and present the alternatives in sections. The sections were divided into the following categories: interchange at I-55 and IL 59 alternatives (I-designations), east-west alternatives (EW-designations) and route capacity improvements, which include Mound Road (M-Designations), Seil Road (S-Designations) and US 52.

A US 52 alternative that included improvements to the IL 59 / US 52 intersection, I-55 / US 52 interchange, and Houbolt Road / US 52 intersection was presented. IDOT explained that near the DuPage River widening of the existing roadway is needed for additional traffic capacity. FPDWC said there is a gated access road for maintenance personnel, provided

via a shared driveway with the mobile home community just west of the US 52 bridge over the DuPage River. FPDWC stated that a permanent easement rather than fee simple land acquisition would be the appropriate means to accommodate the construction and maintenance of the widened roadway. The existing bike path under the US 52 bridge could possibly be impacted if the existing bridge is widened for additional US 52 capacity. A discussion about the existing and future access to/from US 52 and Rock Run Forest Preserve then ensued. There is no existing access today along US 52 to Rock Run Forest Preserve, and FPDWC stated that there are no future plans to add access along US 52.

Knight presented the different interchange exhibits and explained some advantages and disadvantages for each interchange alternative. There are no forest preserves or FPDWC facilities impacted as part of the interchange alternatives.

Knight presented the different east-west exhibits. IDOT stated that for the EW-1, EW-1A and EW-1B alternatives, McDonough Street would likely need to be raised due to existing flooding events. IDOT stated that these alternatives would likely impact the Colvin Grove Forest Preserve. FPDWC stated that without a full environmental survey at this time, it is difficult to say if this would or would not be a detrimental use impact to a section 4(f) property. Similar to US 52, FPDWC restated that a permanent easement rather than fee simple land acquisition would again be the appropriate means for accommodating construction at this location.

EW-6 (Olympic Blvd Extension) alternative was presented and IDOT asked about the conservation easement in this area granted in the late 1990s. FPDWC stated the conservation easement is still valid with the City of Joliet, and that the agreement allows the land to be used for transportation purposes for up to a 66' right-of-way. It allows for only one new crossing over Rock Run Creek. IDOT asked if this is considered a 4(f) resource, and whether FPDWC would consider this to not impede the intended use because of the transportation easement that exists at this location. FPDWC responded that it could potentially be considered not to affect the intended use or the property. FPDWC asked how wetland impacts would be mitigated. IDOT responded that the entire roadway would be elevated on structure to minimize impacts to wetland and wildlife along Rock Run Creek. IDOT stated that because Olympic Boulevard is under Joliet's jurisdiction, the City would be responsible to obtain the permit rather than IDOT.

Mound Road and Seil Road alternatives were discussed and presented. IDOT explained that none of the Mound Road alternatives are being recommended for further study. The community advisory group favored the roundabout option on Seil Road the most. IDOT explained that the Village of Shorewood would like the 4-lane Seil Road alternative to be carried forward for further study. Bike and pedestrian accommodations along Seil Road would be the Village's responsibility because the State does not have jurisdiction over Seil Road. IDOT also noted that any work led by the City along Mound or Seil Road would be subject to the Bureau of Local Roads policies and procedures. These policies and procedures would in turn evaluate and incorporate potential trail and bike accommodations along Seil Road across the DuPage River.

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4. Other/Next Steps

Knight stated that the next public meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018 from 4pm to 7pm at Joliet Junior College. Further environmental survey is scheduled to begin later this spring and into the summer months.

Cc: All attendees



I-55 at IL 59 Access Project

MEETING ATTENDANCE

PROJECT: **I-55, From I-80 to US 52**

Job No.: P-91-132-17

PSB # 182/007

MEETING LOCATION: Forest Preserve District of Will County /
Sugar Creek Administration Center

MEETING SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with the Forest Preserve District of
Will County

DATE/TIME: March 26, 2018 – 2:00 PM

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Client Name: Illinois Department of Transportation
Client Location: Schaumburg, IL
Project Name: I-55 Access Study / US 52 (Jefferson Street), Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17 / P-91-021-19
PTB 182-07
Conference Name: Forest Preserve District of Will County Coordination Meeting
Conference Date: September 14, 2020
Conference Location: WebEx Video Conference Call
Conference Number: 69
Project No.: 7443.01
By/ Issue Date: CES-MJM/September 29, 2020

The following Meeting Minutes are assumed correct unless written notice to the contrary is received within ten days of the issue date.

ATTENDEES:

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SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County
US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road, Will County
Job No. P-91-019-19

MEETING SUMMARY:

A meeting for the above project was held on September 14, 2020 at 1:00pm via a WebEx video conference call. The list of attendees is included above.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide a study update, discuss the preferred alternative and the proposed improvements adjacent to Forest Preserve District Properties and to gain input and feedback regarding the Section 4(f) evaluation and coordination relevant to the project. The following items summarize presentations, questions, comments, and discussion in the approximate order in which they occurred.

The meeting began with participant introductions.

1. Project Study Update

Knight began the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting. Knight explained the overall project and the study area for the I-55 Access Study. Knight provided a recap of the previous coordination meetings held with FPDWC on September 11, 2017 and March 26, 2018. At that initial meeting, FPDWC confirmed the existing Forest Preserve properties located adjacent to US 52, which include the Hammel Woods west of I-55 and Rock Run Preserve east of I-55. There are no Forest Preserve resources in the study area that utilized Lawcon funding.

Knight thanked the FPDWC for participating in the previous Community Advisory Group Workshops. Andy Hawkins participated in all four workshops on behalf of the Forest Preserve District's planning group. In the community advisory group meetings: the project purpose and need was developed, alternatives were reviewed, and recommendations were made on which alternatives should be carried forward for further study. At the previous workshop, the preferred alternative was previewed and input was received, and independent utility was introduced and being pursued to divide the overall study into four separate projects. The four separate projects were shown on the environmental inventory map. The project being discussed for this meeting is US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road.

Knight explained that the third Public Meeting to present the Preferred Alternative was scheduled for March 12, 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Since an in person public meeting would not be possible at this time, a Virtual Public Outreach event took place through the project website from July 7th through August 4th. Over 2,000 different visitors participated in the virtual public outreach event, either through the interactive website or by viewing exhibits on the project website.

2. Preferred Alternative

Knight presented the proposed improvements along US 52 at the following three locations where FPDWC has property nearby or abutting the roadway:

- North side of US 52 at the DuPage River (near IL 59 and US 52 intersection)
- North side of US 52 just west of Joliet Regional Airport
- North side of US 52 just west of Houbolt Road (Rock Run Trail)

FPDWC asked a question if the shared-use path could be proposed along the west side of IL 59 to reach the vacant lands along the DuPage River. Knight explained that not all the properties along IL 59 are currently anticipated for displacement, so a proposed shared-use path in this area would likely not be achievable. Further coordination with the Village of Shorewood on future development potential of displaced properties may provide

opportunity, otherwise DuPage Street could be used as a residential connection to the DuPage River.

Knight showed a right-of-way (ROW) exhibit which included the existing Rock Run Trail. Based on the IDOT ROW survey, the existing Rock Run Trail, located on the north side of US 52, appears to be partially beyond the ROW. The exhibit was developed from IDOT's recent title searches, documentation and ROW survey. Knight then showed the FPDWC design plans for the Rock Run Trail from 2005 that show the ROW farther north allowing the path to be constructed within the ROW. Knight asked if FPDWC had any additional information regarding the existing ROW along the Rock Run Trail where it parallels US 52. FPDWC stated that they would look into their documentation to see if they could provide any additional information regarding the existing right of way at this location and requested the documents be emailed to them.

Post Meeting Note: The 2005 Rock Run Trail plans and ROW exhibit were transmitted to FPDWC via email on 9/14/2020.

3. Section 4(f) Evaluation

Knight presented preliminary section 4(f) exhibits based on current geometric plan & cross-sections at two locations.

The first location was just west of the DuPage River. The exhibit shows a temporary easement and permanent easement to allow for the reconstruction of the existing gated forest preserve maintenance driveway. A permanent easement is required to allow IDOT access to the retaining wall and bridge for maintenance.

The second location discussed was on the north side of US 52 west of Houbolt Road where the Rock Run Trail meets US 52. The impact shown at this location includes a temporary easement to allow for the reconstruction of the Rock Run Trail with its connection to the proposed shared-use path along US 52.

Based on the current proposed improvements, the Department plans on pursuing a de minimis finding. There are some alternative alignments at US 52/IL 59 that could have varying needs and impacts. Additionally, hydraulic studies at the DuPage River and Rock Run Slough are currently being evaluated and discussed with IDOT's hydraulic studies section. These may require compensatory storage or additional BMPs that could alter the land acquisition being proposed. IDOT explained that the de minimis process would be similar to the Joliet Junction Trail for the I-80 improvement. The FPDWC responded that they are familiar with the process and would issue a letter to the Department when the design is refined and finalized. The FPDWC took no exception with pursuing a de minimis finding for the impacts shown. FPDWC asked about the timeframe of when the letter would be required. IDOT responded that a public hearing is being targeted for the end of 2020 or early 2021. By that time, the proposed improvements and impacts would be determined, and the 4(f) documentation would be advertised for public comment at the same time as the public hearing. The Department would like to have the de minimis concurrence letter prior to the public hearing.

4. Other/Next Steps

Knight stated that progress with geometrics, drainage & hydraulic studies is ongoing and reiterated that a public hearing is being targeted for the end of this year or early next year.

Regarding a separate project, FPDWC asked about the status of the agreement language between the FPDWC and IDOT for the Jefferson Street Trail. Indicating that agreement regarding this language will impact any easement obtained by the Department from the FPDWC. IDOT responded that they will reach out to the Bureau of Land Acquisition to find out the status.

Post Meeting Note: FPDWC should contact their legal counsel regarding the status of the agreement language for the Jefferson Street Trail.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45pm.

Cc: All attendees

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Member of WSP

MEETING MINUTES

Client Name: Illinois Department of Transportation
Client Location: Schaumburg, IL
Project Name: I-55 Access Study / US 52 (Jefferson Street), Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17 / P-91-021-19
PTB 182-07
Conference Name: Forest Preserve District of Will County Coordination Meeting
Conference Date: January 11, 2023
Conference Location: Teams Video Conference Call
Conference Number: 80
Project No.: 7443.01
By/ Issue Date: MJM/January 26, 2023

The following Meeting Summary is assumed correct unless written notice to the contrary is received within ten days of the issue date.

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SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County

US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road, Will County
Job No. P-91-019-19

MEETING SUMMARY:

A coordination meeting with the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) for the above project was held on January 11, 2023 at 1:30pm via a Teams video conference call. The list of attendees is included above.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide a study update, review the preferred alternative, discuss project developments since the previous meeting, and discuss alternatives for a bike/pedestrian connection crossing the DuPage River at US 52. The following items summarize presentations, questions, comments, and discussion.

The meeting began with participant introductions.

1. Project Study History / Update

WSP began the meeting with presenting the project location map and explained the purpose of the meeting. The study limits are along US 52 (Jefferson Street) from River Road to Houbolt Road located in western Will County within the Village of Shorewood and the City of Joliet. WSP provided a brief recap of the previous coordination meeting held with FPDWC in September 2020.

WSP explained that the third Public Meeting to present the Preferred Alternative was scheduled for March 12, 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Since an in person public meeting was not possible, a Virtual Public Outreach event took place through the project website from July 7th through August 4th.

2. Review Preferred Alternative

WSP described existing Forest Preserve Trails in the study area, which include the following:

- DuPage River Trail located in the Hammel Woods Forest Preserve west of I-55. The existing trail passes below the existing US 52 bridge over the DuPage River and terminates at East Shore Drive.
- Rock Run Greenway Trail located in the Rock Run Forest Preserve east of I-55. The existing trail travels south to US 52 and then east to Houbolt Road. The trail then continues south to Joliet Junior College and further south along Houbolt Road to connect to the existing I&M Canal Trail.

WSP described existing shared-use paths under the jurisdiction of Shorewood in the study area. An exhibit was presented that shows the existing trails located on US 52 west of River Road, along River Road and along Wynstone Drive. These existing trails provide pedestrian and bike access to numerous residential neighborhoods throughout the Village.

The US 52 proposed improvements include a continuous shared-use path along US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road. The planned path would connect to the following existing facilities:

- Shared-use path to the west at River Road with access to residential neighborhoods
- DuPage River Trail (Hammel Woods Preserve)
- Rock Run Greenway Trail (Rock Run Preserve) which provides connectivity to Joliet Junior College and the I&M Canal Trail.

This improvement would enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the area linking the existing Forest Preserve Trails to the residential areas via the Village of Shorewood trails.

3. Project Developments Since Last Meeting

WSP explained that in 2020, following our last coordination meeting with FPDWC, the IDOT Hydraulics Studies Section (IDOT HSS) became aware of a new hydraulic model for the DuPage River that was developed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The USACE river model was compared with the hydraulic model created for the US 52 study. The USACE model showed higher river flows and water surface elevations compared with the flows and water surface elevations determined by the study's hydraulic model. IDOT HSS asked that the study team investigate the flow and water surface elevation differences. Since there is a USGS river gage (Gage 05540500) located just upstream of the existing US 52 bridge over the DuPage River, it was decided to obtain the data from USGS and perform a statistical gauge analysis in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *Estimation of Peak Discharge Quantities for Selected Annual Exceedance Probabilities in Northeastern Illinois*, which included storm data through 2013. The PeakFQ flood-frequency analysis program was used to update the flow data with additional storm data since 2013. The study's hydraulic model would then be revised to include the updated river flows determined from gauge analysis since this would be the best flow data available for the project's specific study area.

The study's hydraulic model was revised to include the updated flows for the study area based on the PeakFQ analysis. The revised hydraulic analysis resulted in existing modeled water elevations on the river that are higher than previously modeled. Specifically at the US 52 bridge, the existing vertical clearance below the bridge's low beam elevation and the natural water surface elevation for the 50-year storm event went from 1.56 feet to 0.39 feet. IDOT Policy requires a clearance of 2 feet for proposed structures.

4. Alternatives for pedestrian crossing of DuPage River

The proposed improvements presented in 2020 included the widening of the US 52 bridge over the DuPage River to accommodate the proposed shared-use path adjacent to the roadway. Widening the bridge would further restrict the river and further reduce the vertical clearance. Once the roadway superstructure is modified, it requires approval from additional other agencies in terms of permitting. Widening the bridge would require permits from IEPA and/or ILDNR. It is unlikely the agencies would allow the existing hydraulic condition to remain in place. In order to obtain the necessary permits, the roadway profile would need to be substantially raised and a superstructure replacement would be necessary. This would likely result in additional impacts including possible displacements, access impacts, additional land acquisition and possible impacts to the intersection of US 52 at IL 59 and the IL 59 Bridge over the DuPage River. WSP added that the existing FPDWC service driveway located just west of the bridge on the north side of US 52 is quite steep (10% grade). Raising the profile substantially would impact that access driveway.

A concept for a separate pedestrian structure was investigated. A conceptual exhibit showing a separate higher, pedestrian bridge structure over the DuPage River was presented. This alternative would result in minimal additional impacts, while not further worsening the existing hydraulic condition at the US 52 bridge. It would also allow the existing structure to remain in place. The existing bridge was constructed in the early 1990s and is in good condition.

IDOT explained that in order for the study to move forward with a separate pedestrian bridge, a local sponsor would need to be identified to accept maintenance responsibilities of the structure. This could include the Will County Forest Preserve District or Village of Shorewood.

FPDWC stated that they are not opposed to the separate pedestrian structure alternative presented. FPDWC explained that they have recently constructed and maintain a bike/ped bridge on Black Road at the DuPage River.

FPDWC asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the path off the structure. IDOT explained that the local agency would be responsible to maintain the proposed path within their jurisdiction; therefore, Shorewood and the City of Joliet would be responsible for maintenance of the path within their corporate limits.

FPDWC stated that they are not opposed to taking maintenance responsibility but stated that it may make more sense for Shorewood to take maintenance responsibility since the path adjacent to the structure will be maintained by the Village. If FPDWC were to consider maintenance of the structure, the appearance would be basic and more of a precast concrete type like a bridge recently constructed on Black Road at the DuPage River. The structure would not be like the existing village structure located west of River Road on US 52 that was shown as an example.

IDOT asked who owns the footbridge over the DuPage River south of IL 59 and US 52, and WSP explained that the footbridge is under the jurisdiction of the Village of Shorewood.

5. Open Discussion / Next Steps

FPDWC raised a concern regarding permanent easements shown on the Forest Preserve property. FPDWC cannot grant permanent easements and explained that this is an ongoing issue on the I-80 IDOT reconstruction project. IDOT and FPDWC are currently working through the issue. FPDWC said an alternative to a permanent easement might be to grant a 99-year license to provide access for maintenance. WSP clarified one of the easements is needed to construct and maintain an existing drainage outfall to the DuPage River.

FPDWC asked if there were any other significant changes to the preferred alternative since it was previously presented. There were not any significant changes other than area discussed in today's meeting.

FPDWC asked about the timeline and schedule for the study. IDOT and WSP responded that the improvement is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Improvement Program and are targeting design approval in late 2024. The schedule is a conservative estimate and is highly dependent on the preferred alternative for pedestrian accommodations at US 52 bridge over the DuPage River. Raising the roadway profile would extend the Phase I schedule as additional analysis would be required.

IDOT explained that the team is meeting with the Village of Shorewood to go over the items discussed in this meeting. FPDWC would like to be informed on the outcome of that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10pm.

Cc: All attendees

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MEETING SUMMARY

Client Name: Illinois Department of Transportation
Client Location: Schaumburg, IL
Project Name: I-55 Access Study / US 52 (Jefferson Street), Will County
Job No. P-91-132-17 / P-91-021-19
PTB 182-07
Conference Name: Forest Preserve District of Will County / Shorewood Coordination
Conference Date: February 17, 2023
Conference Location: Teams Video Conference Call
Conference Number: 82
Project No.: 7443.01
By/ Issue Date: MJM-TP/March 20, 2023

The following Meeting Summary is assumed correct unless written notice to the contrary is received within ten days of the issue date.

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SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County and Village of Shorewood

US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road, Will County
Job No. P-91-019-19

MEETING SUMMARY:

A coordination meeting with the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) and Village of Shorewood for the above project was held on February 17, 2023 at 10:00am via a Teams video conference call. The list of attendees is included above.

The purpose of this meeting was to have a collaborative discussion between FPDWC, the Village and IDOT regarding the potential, future maintenance of a separate pedestrian

structure along US 52 over the DuPage River. The following items summarize presentations, questions, comments, and discussion.

The meeting began with IDOT introducing the project and participant introductions.

1. Project study history / update

WSP provided a brief overview of the previous coordination meetings held on January 11, 2023 and January 12, 2023 with FPDWC and the Village, respectively. At those meetings, the team explained the different alternatives being considered for a bike/pedestrian connection crossing the DuPage River at US 52.

2. Recap of pedestrian crossing alternatives at DuPage River

At the previous meetings, two alternatives were presented:

- proposed shared-use path on the roadway bridge (widening of existing bridge required)
- separate pedestrian/bike structure for the shared-use path with the existing roadway bridge width unchanged

The first alternative includes widening the US 52 bridge over the DuPage River to accommodate the proposed shared-use path adjacent to the roadway. Widening the bridge would require permits from IEPA and/or ILDNR. In order to obtain the necessary permits, the roadway profile would need to be raised substantially. This would likely result in additional impacts including possible displacements, access impacts, additional land acquisition and possible impacts to the intersection of US 52 at IL 59 and the IL 59 Bridge over the DuPage River. The existing FPDWC service driveway located just west of the bridge on the north side of US 52 is quite steep (10% grade). Raising the profile substantially would impact that access driveway.

The other alternative investigated includes a separate pedestrian structure. This alternative would result in minimal additional impacts, while not worsening the existing hydraulic condition at the US 52 bridge. It would also allow the existing structure to remain in place. The existing bridge was constructed in the early 1990s and is in good condition.

3. Local sponsor for maintenance responsibility of pedestrian structure

In order for the study to move forward with a separate pedestrian bridge, a local sponsor would need to be identified to accept maintenance responsibilities of the structure. This could include the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) or Village of Shorewood (Village).

FPDWC and the Village stated that they are not opposed to the separate pedestrian structure alternative. Both agencies realize the importance of this pedestrian and bicycle connection and want to keep the project moving.

The Village asked for clarification on the type of maintenance required. IDOT explained that maintenance responsibilities include full maintenance of the structure in addition to the typical maintenance requirements such as graffiti removal and snow removal.

4. Open Discussion / Next Steps

The Village asked what would happen at the time when the existing roadway structure is in need of full replacement and reconstruction? IDOT explained that should the US 52 bridge require replacement in the future, the hydraulic condition would likely have to be addressed. If the future roadway bridge would impact the separate pedestrian structure, the State would replace the ped/bike facility at their expense.

The Village and the FPDWC indicated they would like a commitment from IDOT that when the roadway structure requires full replacement the State would move the shared-use path facility to the new roadway structure so that the local agencies do not have to incur the financial burden of continued structural maintenance.

The Village asked why IDOT could not take on the maintenance responsibilities of the pedestrian structure? IDOT responded that this is not their policy, and they do not want to set a precedence. IDOT explained that this is a special case due to the numerous environmental impacts at this location. IDOT is aware of only one other example in the District where this solution is being pursued. IDOT explained that in accordance with Illinois Complete Streets Policy, bicyclist and pedestrians must be accommodated along the corridor. If a local sponsor for the separated pedestrian bridge cannot be identified, then another alternative must be pursued. The second alternative would likely be widening of the superstructure and raising the roadway profile.

FPDWC asked if a combined intergovernmental agreement would be possible between IDOT, the Village and FPDWC. IDOT explained that typically only one agency enters into the intergovernmental agreement with the State. If the Village and FPDWC wanted to enter into a separate agreement to share the cost of the maintenance, it can be done without State involvement.

FPDWC and the Village asked if some sample agreement language could be provided so they could review it prior to committing to be the local maintenance sponsor for a separate pedestrian structure. Both agencies understand the importance of this pedestrian/bike connection and want to keep the project moving.

The Village stated they would add this item to the agenda for the Village board meeting on February 28th. They will likely have additional questions after that meeting.

IDOT explained that in order to move the project through Phase I, a letter of intent (LOI) will be drafted explaining local agency future maintenance and financial commitments for the project. Some sample language will be provided to both agencies. Non-standard language will need to be reviewed by Chief Counsel and will take some time.

Next steps:

- Village will add possible future maintenance of a pedestrian bridge to the Village Board agenda for February 28, 2023
- IDOT will provide sample standard agreement language and a draft letter of intent to both agencies.

Post Meeting Note – the following language was included in a joint agreement between the Department and DuPage County for the maintenance of a pedestrian bridge proposed adjacent and parallel to the bridge carrying IL 56 over the East Branch of the DuPage River.

“An existing seven-foot wide path located north side of IL 56 between Butterfield Park District Entrance to Gray Avenue will be replaced with a ten-foot wide shared use path. A new shared-use path bridge with retaining wall approaches is proposed over East Branch of the DuPage River north side of IL 56. These improvements will be implemented 100% cost to the Department, subject to the County’s accepting long term responsibility for the administration, control, reconstruction and maintenance of the shared-use path, the bridge and the retaining walls.”

- IDOT will investigate if a multi-agency intergovernmental agreement is a possibility and whether it is possible to include the commitment to eliminate the separate pedestrian bridge if and when the roadway bridge is replaced in the future.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00am.

Cc: All attendees



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Project and Environmental Studies

US 52 (Jefferson Street)
River Road to Houbolt Road
Will County

February 25, 2025

Mr. Ralph Schultz
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Schultz:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is nearing completion of preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the proposed improvement of US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road, Will County. The improvement is included in the Department's FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Current engineering efforts are targeted to enable a contract letting in the middle years of the multi-year program contingent upon plan readiness, land acquisition, and funding availability through future annual legislative appropriations. The proposed scope of work includes widening and reconstructing US 52 to provide two lanes in each direction with a raised median, intersection improvements, and pedestrian and bicyclist improvements including a new shared-use path bridge over the DuPage River south of the US 52 roadway bridge.

As discussed in meetings with the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) on January 11, 2023, and February 17, 2023, as well as presented at the Public Hearing on October 10, 2025, the US 52 improvement will impact FPDWC property. As this project is being processed to utilize federal funds, the FPDWC property is eligible for protection under federal regulations 23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303, which were originally enacted as Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and are still commonly referred to as "Section 4(f)." Section 4(f), now implemented under 23 CFR 774, is the federal act that protects publicly owned parks, recreational areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges.

The Department anticipates a de minimis impact finding for the FPDWC property, based on the determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f). The Federal Highway Administration has evaluated the impacts and has determined that the impacts qualify for a de minimis processing. The purpose of this letter is to request the FPDWC's concurrence that no adverse effects will occur to publicly owned lands maintained by the FPDWC as a result of the US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road project.

The proposed improvements will require land acquisition from Hammel Woods, located north of US 52 near the DuPage River. The proposed improvement requires 0.06 acres of permanent easement and 0.04 acres of temporary easement from Hammel Woods. Easements are necessary to construct and maintain a proposed retaining wall that minimizes impacts to the adjacent properties including Hammel Woods to accommodate the proposed roadway cross-section. The design minimizes the footprint of the roadway improvements by utilizing the existing US 52 bridge over the DuPage River and reduces impacts to Hammel Woods while still accomplishing the purpose and need of the roadway improvement. The retaining wall itself is located within the existing US 52 right-of-way. A permanent easement is needed for access during construction and for future maintenance of the retaining wall. This area will be unobstructed in the permanent condition. Additionally, permanent easement is needed to construct and maintain a drainage culvert on the east side of the DuPage River. This permanent easement will be unobstructed in the permanent condition.

The proposed improvements will require two temporary easements from the Rock Run Preserve. The first is located on the north side of US 52, 1,000 feet west of Houbolt Road. The second is located on the north side of US 52 near Airport Drive. The total area of temporary easement required from Rock Run Preserve is 0.073 acres. The land acquisition is necessary for grading to accommodate the proposed shared-use path along US 52 and the reconstruction of the Rock Run Trail where it enters the Rock Run Preserve. The improvements to the existing Rock Run Trail and proposed connectivity along US 52 between the DuPage River Trail and the Rock Run Trail will mitigate impacts and enhance the use of the Rock Run Preserve and Hammel Woods.

The Department has determined that the impacts of this transportation project on the Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve qualify for *de minimis* as outlined in 23 CFR 774 because:

1. The transportation use of the Section 4(f) Resource, together with the impacts and mitigation measures incorporated into the project, does not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the resource for protection under Section 4(f).
2. The FPDWC, with jurisdiction over Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve, has been informed by the Department about the *de minimis* impact findings at meetings on January 11, 2023, and February 17, 2023, that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the resource for protection under Section 4(f).

3. The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the effects of the project on Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve during a Public Hearing held on October 10, 2024, and a public comment period held from October 10, 2024, through November 12, 2024. No public comments regarding the Section 4(f) properties were received.

By signing this letter, the FPDWC concurs with the determination that the US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road improvement will not have an adverse effect on the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the properties described in the enclosure for protection under Section 4(f). The FPDWC acknowledges that the Federal Highway Administration will use this concurrence as the basis for making a *de minimis* finding for each of the properties impacted and described in the enclosure.

Please review the enclosed *de minimis* documentation and public comment documentation for a more detailed description of the Section 4(f) properties that will be affected. If the FPDWC concurs with the determination of no adverse effect to the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the resources for protection under Section 4(f), please sign one copy of this letter and return it to the Department. The second copy is for your files.

At the completion of the Phase I study, the Department will begin Phase II, contract plan preparation and right-of-way acquisition. At that time, your agency will be contacted by the Department about the acquisition of easements needed for highway purposes. Your signature on this letter in no way affects any future negotiations with the Department for land being acquired.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Kimberly Murphy, Consultant Studies Unit Head, at (847) 705-4791 or via email Kimberly.Murphy@Illinois.gov.

Very truly yours,

Jose Rios, P.E.
Region One Engineer



By:
Steve Schilke, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming

Attachment

cc: Andrew Hawkins, Forest Preserve District of Will County
Gregory P. Ruddy, City of Joliet
Aaron Klima, Village of Shorewood

Project and Environmental Studies
US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road
Will

Concurrence on determination of no adverse effects to
Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve

Concur

X

Do Not Concur

Name

Colleen Novander

Title

Director of Planning + Land Preservation

Date

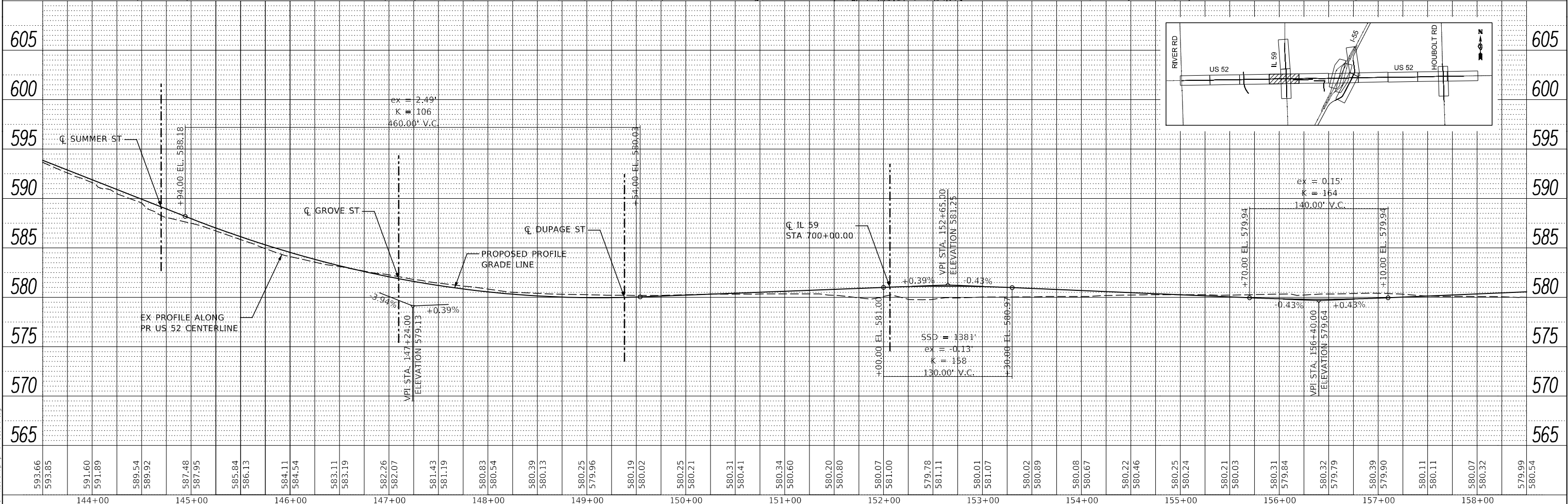
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Appendix D

Proposed Improvement Plans

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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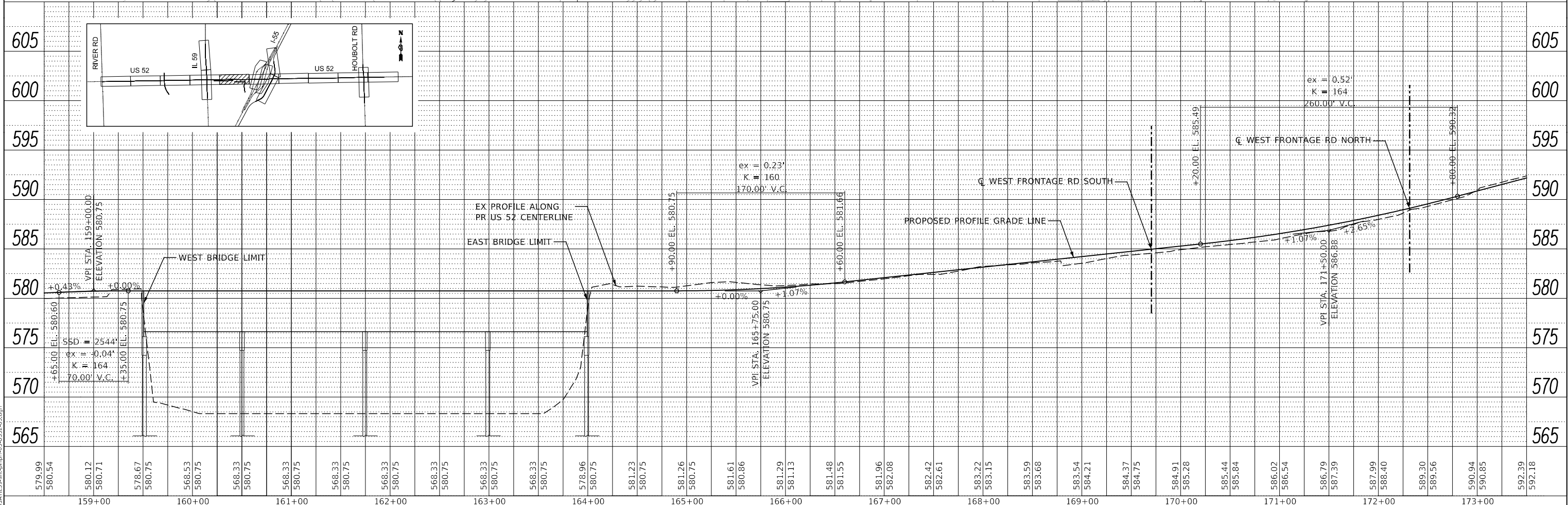
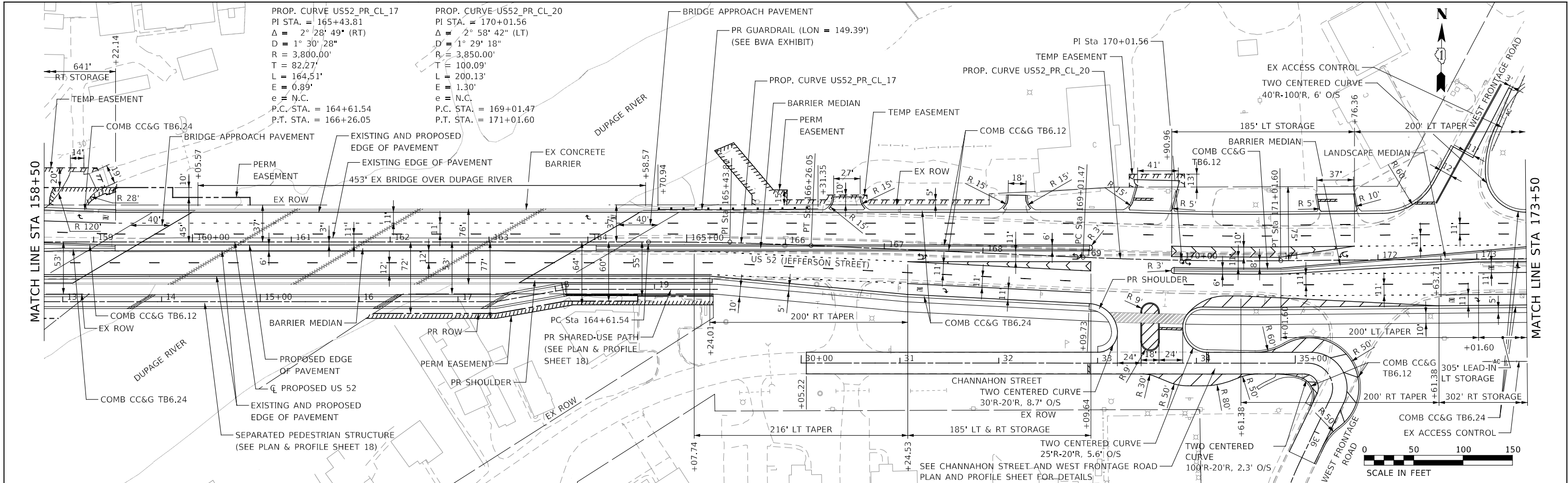
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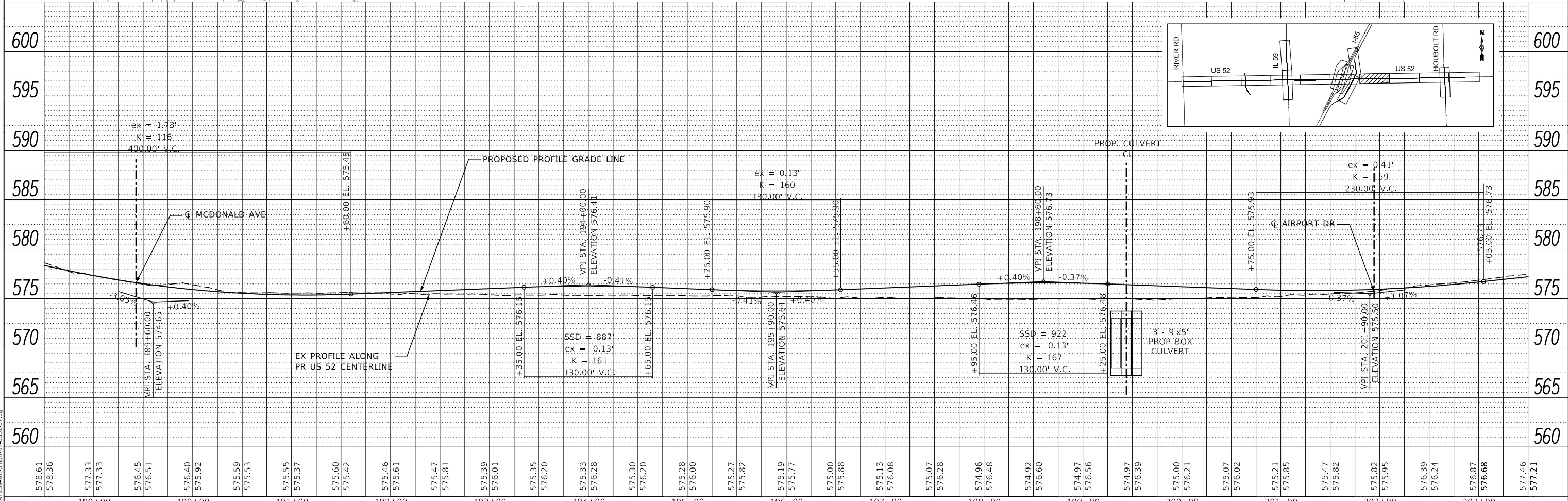
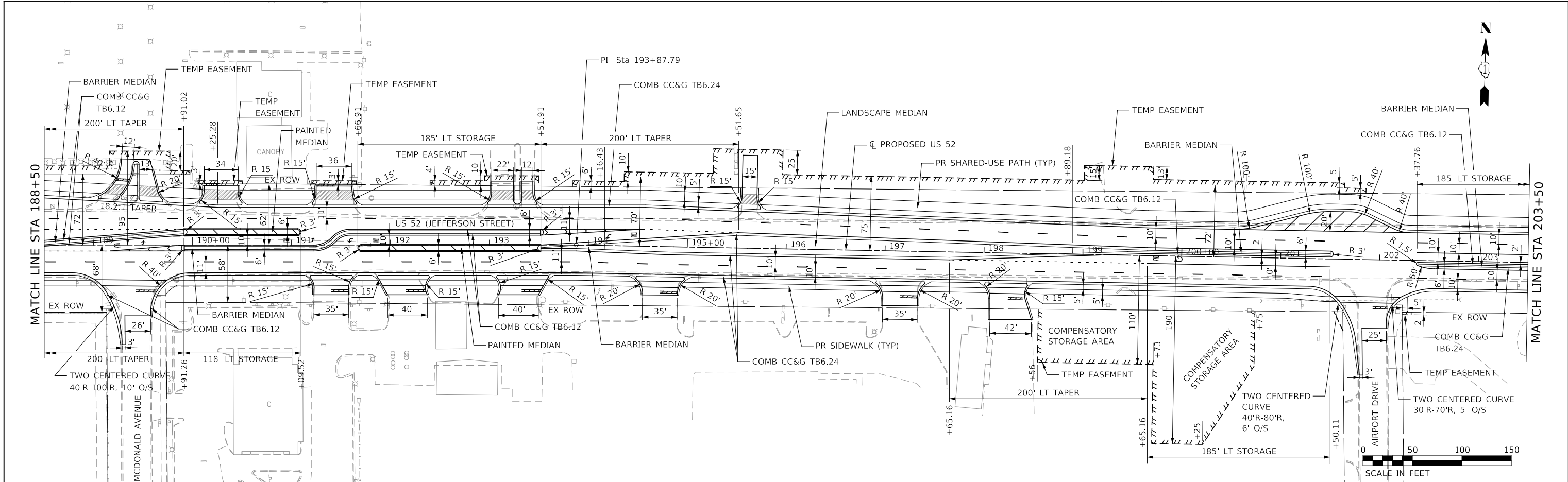


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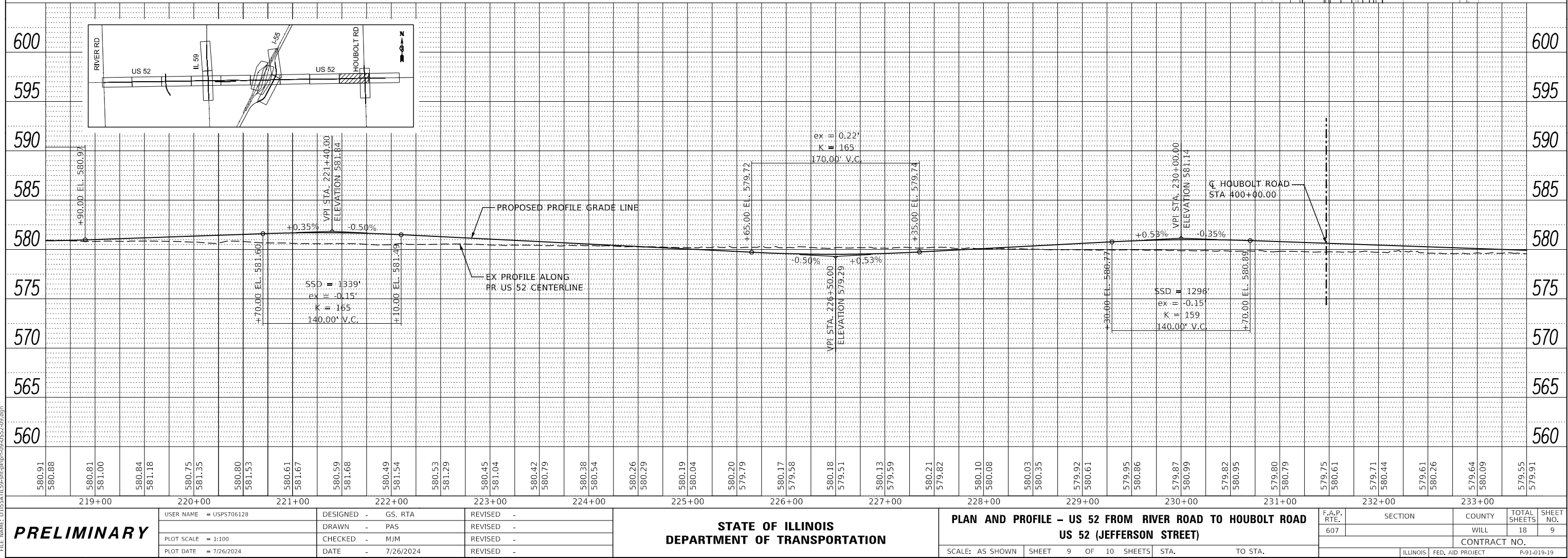
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Appendix E

Public Review Documentation

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MARGARET RODEGHERO, Independent Executor of the Estate of KATHLEEN KALLAN Colleen Wengler - 6274311 WENGLER LAW FIRM, PC 181 N. Hammes Avenue Joliet, Illinois 60435 (815) 730-6968 service@wenglerlaw.com

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TO: JMH Soft Touch LLC, Deborah Dallas Mason, Trustee under the Deborah Dallas Mason Revocable Declaration of Trust, Dated: December 14, 2013, John Heritiff, Nrupesh K Desai; Heartland Bank & Trust Company; Will County Clerk, Scott Car Wash, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Scott Car Wash, LLC c/o Desai Nrupesh, Jackson Soft Touch LLC, Jackson Soft Touch, LLC RA: KGG, LLC, Superior Properties, LLC - Jackson Series RA: Thomas Osterberger, Luke Oil Co., Inc. RA: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., Abraham Vayavill, Scott Mart, Inc. RA: Abraham Vayavill, JMH Softtouch, LLC RA: William J. Coffer, JMH Soft Touch, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Occupants of 356 and 400 N Scott St., Joliet, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000230. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold 1/10/2022. Certificate No. 20-02292. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 400 N Scott St., Joliet, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-07-10-130-006-0000. This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 9, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, on 2/20/2025 at 9:00 AM in room 905. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 9, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. FIG as Custodian for FIG IL 18 LLC & Secured Party.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Adam Folkers; Adam E. Folkers; Will County Clerk, Ronald Folkers, Brenda Folkers, Will County Trustee; Occupant, 110 N. Robert Dr., Godley, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000232. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold 1/10/2022. Certificate No. 20-00064. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 400 N Scott St., Joliet, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-07-10-130-006-0000. This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 9, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, on 2/20/2025 at 9:00 AM in room 905. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 9, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. FIG as Custodian for FIG IL 18 LLC & Secured Party.

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TO: John E. Jarvey, Linda Jarvey-Jeffers, Jeremiah Jeffers, Lynn Marie Aleman; Will County Clerk, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General; Occupant, 3606 Emerald Ave., Steger, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000231. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold

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TO: Barbara Gingrich, Trustee of the Barbara Gingrich Declaration of Trust, Dated: February 23, 2012; Barbara Gingrich,

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Jeffrey Beagle, Will County Clerk, TD Bank USA, N.A.; Occupant, 26112 W. Timber Ridge Dr., Channahon, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000235. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold 1/10/2022. Certificate No. 20-00116. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 26112 W. Timber Ridge Dr., Channahon, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-10-18-302-027-0000. This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 9, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, on 2/20/2025 at 9:00 AM in room 905. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 9, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. FIG as Custodian for FIG IL 18 LLC & Secured Party.

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TO: EKB Homes LLC, EKB Homes LLC RA: United States Corporation Agency, EKB Homes LLC c/o Illinois

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Secretary of State, William Vranicar; Will County Clerk, Will County Trustee; Occupant, 9500 W. Manhattan-Monroe Rd., Frankfort, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000236. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold 1/10/2022. Certificate No. 20-01326. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at Vacant Land - W Manhattan-Monroe Rd., Frankfort, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-13-15-300-027-0000. This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 9, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, on 2/20/2025 at 9:00 AM in room 905. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 9, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. FIG as Custodian for FIG IL 18 LLC & Secured Party.

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee, u/h/n 8002386975; Amanda Tessone, Tessone Motor Sales Inc., Tessone Motor Sales, Inc. RA: David J. Bzdill, Amanda Tessone Executor of the Estate of Joseph Tessone, Jr., Joseph Tessone, Tessone Motor Sales, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Occupant, 1812 and 1828 S. State Street, Lockport, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024TX000238. FILED: September 3, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Will. Date Premises Sold 1/10/2022. Certificate No. 20-00717 & 20-00718. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1812 and 1828 S. State Street, Lockport, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-04-26-110-04-0000 and 11-04-26-110-005-0000. This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 9, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, on 2/20/2025 at 9:00 AM in room 905. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 9, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. FIG as Custodian for FIG IL 18 LLC & Secured Party.

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VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Village of Romeoville is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from IDOT-qualified engineering firms for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Highpoint Drive Resurfacing Project located from Weber Road to 900' south of Adler Creek Drive. This project is being federally funded, and therefore, consultant selection will be in accordance with the Qualification Based Selection (QBS) guidelines in the Brooks Act (40 USC 11) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements for Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Services (23 CFR 172). Consultant interviews will not be conducted. Consultants will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. Firm's Experience;
2. Team's Experience and Qualifications, including Subconsultants;
3. Key Personnel Expertise/Past Performance, including Subconsultants;
4. Technical Approach to Project and
5. Local Presence.

A copy of the full Request for Qualifications can be obtained by contacting Eric Bjork, Capital Projects Engineer, Department of Public Works of the Village

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of Romeoville via ebjork@Romeoville.org or (815) 886-1870. One electronic copy of the responding firm's Statement of Qualification are to be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on September 27, 2024, via ebjork@Romeoville.org.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ PROPOSAL

Insurance Broker Services
Will County Center for Community Concerns is accepting proposals for Insurance Broker Services. Proposal information may be obtained starting Sept. 16, 2024. Requests for RFP/RFP can be directed to kbell@wccc.net and must be made no later than 4:00 p.m., October 4, 2024. WCCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. WCCC is an equal-opportunity employer; small, minority, and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

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Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: Joliet Junior College Building U Auditorium 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431

Purpose of the hearing:

- To present the preferred alternative
- To present Section 4(f) impacts to Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve
- To obtain public input

This hearing is an open house format. You are welcome to stop by anytime between 4 PM and 7 PM. Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the hearing. Project team members will be present to discuss the project and answer questions. A Public Forum will begin at 6 PM, where the public will be invited to make a statement to a court reporter. Hearing materials will be posted to the project website at www.i55ati159accessproject.org.

This meeting will be accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Lori Brown, PE, at (847) 705-4477. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the department's TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and Telebraille (877) 526-6670 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Written comments can be submitted through the project website: www.i55ati159accessproject.org

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Illinois Department of Transportation
PUBLIC HEARING



El Departamento de Transporte de Illinois (Departamento) y la Ciudad de Joliet le invitan asistir a la audiencia pública relacionada a la mejora de US 52 desde River Road hasta Houbolt Road en la Ciudad de Joliet y el Pueblo de Shorewood en el Condado de Will. Las mejoras anticipadas para este proyecto consisten en la ampliación de la carretera a cuatro carriles con una mediana con banquetas, mejoras a la intersección y facilidades para los peatones y ciclistas. Los detalles de la audiencia son los siguientes:

Fecha: Jueves, 10 de Octubre, 2024
Hora: 4:00 PM a 7:00 PM
Lugar: Joliet Junior College Building U Auditorium 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431

El propósito de la audiencia:

- Presentar la alternativa preferida
- Presentar los impactos de la Sección 4(f) a Hammel Woods y Rock Run Preserve
- Obtener la opinión del público

Esta audiencia será en formato de jornada de puertas abiertas. Puede venir en cualquier momento entre las 4 PM y 7 PM. Habrá materiales visuales en exhibición y habrá una presentación audiovisual corriendo continuamente durante la audiencia. Los miembros del equipo del proyecto estarán presentes para discutir el proyecto y contestar sus preguntas. Un foro público comenzará a las 6 PM, donde el público estará invitado a hacer una declaración pública con un taquígrafo judicial del tribunal si lo desea. Los materiales de la audiencia serán publicados en el sitio web del proyecto en www.i55ati159accessproject.org.

Esta reunión será accesible a las personas con discapacidades. Cualquier persona que requiere asistencia especial debe de contactar a Lori Brown, PE, al (847) 705-4477. Las personas que están planeando asistir quienes requerirán de un intérprete de lenguaje de señas u otra acomodación similar debe de notificar al número TTY/TTD del Departamento (800) 526-0844/o 711; usuarios de TTY (español) (800) 501-0864/o 711; y Telebraille (877) 526-6670 por lo menos cinco (5) días antes de la reunión

Los comentarios escritos pueden ser sometidos por medio del sitio web del proyecto: www.i55ati159accessproject.org.

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VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 365
2024 Tibbott ES Roof Replacement Project
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Valley View School District will receive sealed bids for the:
2024 Tibbott ES Roof Replacement Project
ATTN: Mike Lopez, Director of Facility Operations
Valley View Administration Center at

801 Normantown Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446
The Bid Opening will be on **October 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Valley View Administration Center at 801 Normantown Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446. At this time the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Bid Security of 10% of the Bid in the form of a cashier's or certified check payable to the Owner or a bid bond acceptable to the Owner is required with the proposal. The Contractor must pay the Prevailing Wage Rates and otherwise fully conform with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

It is the policy of the District to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in the awarding of contracts and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued pursuant to this Bid.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** shall be held on **October 4, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** to walk the site under consideration for this project. Everyone shall meet at the Main Entrance of the Tibbott Elementary School Building at 520 Gary Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Following a brief sign-in procedure, the walk-through will commence.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or accept the Bid that, in its opinion, will serve the best interest of the school District. Any such decision shall be considered final. The Owner reserves the right to disqualify a Bid from a Contractor who, in the Owner's opinion, does not exhibit the capability to complete the project and in the Contractor's past experience has not completed a project that is at least equal to the scope and size of this project.

The bidder shall have a written sexual harassment policy in place in full compliance with Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

The successful bidder shall, upon execution of the contract for the work, present to the Owner Performance and Payment Bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to the Owner, in the amount of the Contract to guaranty completion of the Project and payment of all subcontractors and material suppliers.

Bidding Documents can be obtained after 2:00 pm on September 26, 2024, at:

BHFX Arlington Heights
80 W. Segers Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
847-593-3161

All questions shall be directed to DLA Architects (847) 742-4063. Ryan Kelley, r.kelley@dl-a-ld.com

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Location: Joliet Junior College
Building U Auditorium
1215 Houbolt Road
Joliet, IL 60431

Purpose of the hearing:

- To present the preferred alternative
- To present Section 4(f) impacts to Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve
- To obtain public input

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Written comments can be submitted through the project website: www.i55ati159accessproject.org

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Illinois Department of Transportation
PUBLIC HEARING

El Departamento de Transporte de Illinois (Departamento) y la Ciudad de Joliet le invitan asistir a la audiencia pública relacionada a la mejora de US 52 desde River Road hasta Houbolt Road en la Ciudad de Joliet y el Pueblo de Shorewood en el Condado de Will. Las mejoras anticipadas para este proyecto consisten en la ampliación de la carretera a cuatro carriles con una mediana con banquetas, mejoras a la intersección y facilidades para los peatones y ciclistas. Los detalles de la audiencia son los siguientes:

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- Obtener la opinión del público

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Esta reunión será accesible a las personas con discapacidades. Cualquiera persona que requiera asistencia especial debe de contactar a Lori Brown, PE, al (847) 705-4477. Las personas que están planeando asistir quienes requieran de un intérprete de lenguaje de señas u otra acomodación similar debe de notificar al número TTY/TTD del Departamento (800) 526-0844/o 711; usuarios de TTY (español) (800) 501-0864/o 711; y Telebraille (877) 526-6670 por lo menos cinco (5) días antes de la reunión

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**I-55 at IL 59
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The Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Joliet invite you to attend a public hearing concerning the improvement of US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road in the City of Joliet and the Village of Shorewood in Will County. The scope of work for this improvement is anticipated to consist of widening to four lanes with curbed median, intersection improvements and pedestrian and bicyclist improvements.

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- Present Section 4(f) impacts to Hammel Woods and Rock Run Preserve
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1	10/10/2024	Good evening. My name is [REDACTED] -- from the Village of Shorewood. And I'm coming to address this group about the public improvement for Route 52 as it goes through the Village of Shorewood. The proposal is to give us better access and supposedly cut down on the number of accidents. Since I am on one of those high accident-prone intersection, I am very concerned that the new proposal will not keep me safe at all. The proposal to add an extra lane of traffic directly beside my property, and an addition of a 12-foot wall, which puts me basically in prison, does not do anything to the aesthetics, it does nothing to enhance the village look, and it certainly is going to cause more accidents than it's going to prevent. I think at this time, they need to look at that entire study again and take into consideration not just the forest preserve because, I guess, if I was a mosquito, I would get protection. But because I'm a taxpayer, I'm not getting any of the protection that if it was one of those rats up in California that, suddenly, they will stop an entire interstate for. I'm not that important. But I'm the one that's going to have an 18-wheeler sitting in my family room watching TV and asking me to make coffee. Those are the things that I think they need to talk to and they need to actually address. Thank you.
2	10/10/2024	Good evening. My name is [REDACTED]. I live in Shorewood Glen by the old people out on the west side. I was, frankly, impressed with all the drawings and the little stuff that I saw that -- that went into development of the project. But my only complaint is it doesn't go far enough west. I think I'll leave my little map up here suggesting what you do. But I think it needs to go all the way to those railroad tracks. We've got YMCA being developed on the south side of 52 just a little west of Shorewood Glen. And we've got the Kipling development mathematics on the northside-ish has been sitting there just as weeds for the last couple of years. Someday that's going to happen. And when that does, we're going to have a whole lot more traffic. That just those two things are going to add to what we already have to deal with. So I'll give you this, say thank you for your time.



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3	10/10/2024	Good evening. My name is [REDACTED]. I am the son of [REDACTED], who spoke earlier. Again, we have a unique problem, as our residence is at [REDACTED]. With the proposal that has been made with the plans here, they're looking at taking and building a new lane of traffic. And anyone who is a Shorewood residence knows, at Brookshore and Jefferson Street, tons of accidents happen already. We at least have a little bit of a barrier, which is grass. But that would be the new traffic lane. This literally puts trucks that are turning to the right onto [REDACTED] right in the backyard -- or right in our yard. Essentially, there is a small, little area in which you pull out. And essentially, that is our driveway. Once we pull out, we pull out onto Brookshore. But we are having people that are turning right because, unfortunately, people don't always follow the rules. They don't stop at stop lights even though we've had that stop light up there for almost 20 to 30 years. They don't always stop. We have tons of accidents right there. Again, this is endangerment for us to have a 12-foot barrier. I'm 5'6", maybe 5'7" on a good day. But at the same time, I have no ability to see that. I do have quick reaction skills. But again, somebody pulling out of that driveway is going to not be able to see because the barrier, the way it's constructed, they say that it's going to be about 670 feet. But again, that goes almost right to the street. It will knock out the line of sight. It is a danger. Essentially, you're making the property useless. Again, this is a problem I think they need to consider and also look at the actual designs as to how it's going to affect the people that live there, or will live there, in the future. They're also going to put a pathway up there, which is going to take another eight feet. I have videos of that. And essentially, you're in the household. The citation of it alone will also cause some more damage to the property and the property values. I ask that you consider that and look at the videos that we do have. Thank you.
4	10/10/2024	Hi, there. My name is [REDACTED]. And I live in the River Oaks subdivision. And I do like to share pathways that are being built. As an avid bike rider, this is much needed. However, I don't believe it should be at the cost of people's homes -- people's homes -- sorry. The other thing I want to note is there still doesn't seem to be any improvement to access to the Anderson Plaza coming from the west side. People either have to turn into Jewel, go all the way around back to 59, and then into the Anderson Plaza, or they have to cut through the left turn lane, which is now going to be blocked by the median. So there should be some sort of access pathway to Anderson Plaza from the Jewel area. And the other thing is the Burger King that's there has always had really rough access coming from the west side as well. Cars either turn from the left turn lane onto 59 and then have to break and nearly cause accidents turning into that restaurant, or they pull past 59 and they're stopped in the middle of the road on 52. I'm not exactly sure how to propose that fix. But it seems like it's a thing to look into if we're trying to prevent accidents on that intersection. And that's all I have. Thank you.



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5	10/10/2024	Okay. So given the amount of cars and semis that are turning southbound onto McDonald Drive -- I don't know if it's Street or Drive; I think it's Drive -- from eastbound on Jefferson Street. I would suggest a right-hand turn lane into there -- because right now, the semis tend to have to turn out left even, and it slows things down even more in order to make that right-hand turn . And the same situation of eastbound traffic on Jefferson turning south onto the East Frontage Road. Traffic is increasing there because of the development that's -- I'm sorry. East Frontage Road traffic is? So the traffic is increasing on the Frontage Road now because of the development that's going in further south. And of course, that's just getting started, so there's a lot more stuff that's supposed to come in there. Given that, we should also consider a right hand turn lane there because it's only going to get worse as that development continues to develop further. So whatever the traffic looks like today is not what it's going to look like in five years, however long it takes them to finish that development.
6	10/10/2024	I am impressed and pleased with the details of the process, the phases, the transparency of the project. I am relieved to see that pedestrian and cyclist desires are part of the plan. The environmental impact seems minimal although more traffic will mean more air and water quality impacts.
7	10/10/2024	Would like to know dimensions of proposed land acquisition and temporary easement on our property at northwest corner of IL52 at Houbolt Rd. We have a sign located next to the existing bike path that looks as if it will be impacted.
8	10/10/2024	What if neighbors don't respond to noise wall?
9	10/10/2024	I fully support these proposed improvements and look forward to this project moving into Phase II Engineering! Keep up the great work Rebuilding Illinois!



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10	10/10/2024	On behalf of [REDACTED]: Limiting access to our dealership will create difficulties for vehicle shipments delivered during peak hours, reduce the visibility of our storefront, require us to completely redesign our front entrance and signage, and likely cause semi-trucks that route to the Park-N-Ride to get stuck if they are larger than our car haulers. Dependent on resulting traffic patterns, this likely will also increase traffic on Channahon Street and could jeopardize safety for our residential neighbors. If the trees that are on IDOT land (North+South of the Park-N-Ride) are not protected, could those please be removed to make up for the Fall-Spring visibility that was lost during the noise barrier project earlier this year?
11	10/28/2024	My concern is that the US 52 planned construction does not go far enough in scope. I live in the gated community of Shorewood Glen. With the proposed plans (both road construction as well as apartment/condo/business construction planned near the village hall), the intersection at our front gate of US 52 will present a significant hazard to the safety of everyone traveling west of River Road on US 52. The problems that will be encountered will be, (1) merging traffic just west of River Road from 4 lanes to 2 lanes, (2) increase of traffic for the YMCA as well as the approved condo/apartment/business, (3) the obvious left turn danger that will be devised coming out of Shorewood Glen as well as all directions of the intersection. I suggest to solve these problems that (1) the four-lane extension be continued to at least the railroad tracks, (2) a traffic light be installed at Del Webb Drive and US 52, and (3) that this intersection also includes designated turning lanes in all directions. In closing, do residents have to wait until accidents occur until something is even planned to be done (e.g. US 52 and Will County Rd intersection). IDOT, Will County and the Village of Shorewood need to act NOW!



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12	11/3/2024	My house was built around 1947 - a time when this area was visited for a day of fishing or recreation. That was about ten years before the Village of Shorewood was incorporated. This little area, known as Shorewood Beach, is unique and very charming. Tucked in near the intersections of Rt 52 and Rt 59, It has survived the intense growth around it. The narrow street remains tree lined but lacks the current standard of curbs and sidewalks. The south side exit from Jewel onto Rt52 now is very congested and dangerous. It is not just because of the volume of traffic, it is because there are so many cars making turns in a variety of different directions. Additionally, local residents are fearful to try to walk across Rt 52 to get to the shopping center. While the raised medians may look nice, they will ultimately direct even more traffic down the quaint Shorewood Beach streets (Turtle through DuPage). This small neighborhood cannot handle additional traffic. Please re-evaluate putting the break in the median at the south exit of Jewel. It will only continue the congestion which is near the already extremely busy 52 & 59 intersection. To achieve your stated goal of "improve safety along the corridor from River Road to Houbolt Road" a new and creative solution must be developed. Thank you.



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13	10/2/2024	██████████ indicated that he would not be able to attend the public hearing due to a schedule conflict. I indicated that all of the material being presented at the public hearing is posted on the project website and asked if he had reviewed any of it. He had not, so I described the proposed improvements as reconstruction and widening to provide two travel lanes in each direction with a raised median from River Road to Houbolt Road, intersection improvements at IL 59, I-55 interchange and Houbolt Road and a 10-foot shared use path. He had concerns about the raised median. I explained to him that limiting left turn access through the installation of a raised median improves safety by reducing conflict points. Median breaks would be provided at select locations along the corridor which would allow left turns and U-turns. Access to and from his driveway would be limited to right-in, right-out. The closest left turn/U-turn opportunities would be Houbolt Road to the east and the airport entrance approximately 1,000 feet west. He stated that he believed this would be less safe for him. He expressed concern for access by emergency vehicles. I explained that emergency vehicles would be able to cross the median if necessary. ██████████ asked if there would be any property acquisition from his property. I explained that there would be acquisition of ROW from his property including a strip of fee simple acquisition and some temporary easement for grading. He asked why he did not get a letter regarding the acquisition. I explained that when a hearing is being offered, the Department is to send postcard invitations to everyone along the corridor and to send letters to owner and occupant of properties that have a displacement. He asked if the road could be pushed further south to avoid acquisition of property on the north. I explained that the Airport Building is considered an historic resource. ██████████ requested he be provided an exhibit illustrating the proposed acquisition from his property.



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14	9/30/2024	██████████ is the neighbor of ██████████ who is the owner of the property at ██████████ in Shorewood. ██████████ wanted to make the Department aware that they are also the owner of 505 Jefferson and inquired if that property would also be needed for the project. I explained that the Department is proposing the acquisition of the property at ██████████ and the property to the south to properly grade ██████████ Street to maintain its connection to US 52. Only a very small strip of property with minimal impact is required from ██████████ in order to construct the improvements. ██████████ indicated she was planning to attend the public hearing.
15	10/15/2024	██████████ received a noise wall viewpoint solicitation letter. She mailed in her vote in favor of the wall, however at the Public Hearing she noticed that there was acquisition from her property. She thought that the acquisition was needed only if the noise wall was constructed, so she submitted a second vote against the construction of the wall. I explained to her that there would be acquisition from her property regardless of whether the wall was built or not but that there may be more acquisition with the wall. She would like to have a better understanding of how much acquisition is needed from her property, with and without the noise wall.
16	9/20/2024	Great proposed improvements which should make a significant improvement to safety of peds and cars. Nice job salvaging the US 52 bridge over Rock Run and building a separate bike path structure to save money. Median openings to the gas stations along US 52 are a little dicey but understand the need to maintain access. Website in general is very well laid out and is very intuitive. I appreciate that you share info on the other projects that came from the original study.

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17	9/30/2024	I think it is unnecessary to include a curbed median on US 52. I don't believe this improves safety, and it will create a long-term maintenance need for someone to mow the grass. Overall I think we can save some taxpayer money by not having a curbed median. Also, I would like to see some improved signage along Rt 52 to give more advance notice of the proper lane usage for getting on I-55. The current signs are too close to the interchange & result in people making late decisions & late lane changes, increasing congestion & the potential for accidents.
18	10/8/2024	So far every single improvement in this area has caused major traffic backups. US 52 and I55 is now a confusing and inefficient intersection. Compared to the previous design it takes at least twice as long to turn left from EB 52 to NB55. The new alignment of IL 59 and I55 interchange has been an absolute disaster. Complete and total gridlock with the new traffic signals. 5:30PM it was backed up on to NB I55 and even causing delays in both directions on I-80. This morning at 6AM the traffic was backed up to NB I55, when typically there is zero congestion going northbound. Whatever engineer designed these "improvements" should not be planning our future infrastructure updates.
19	10/10/2024	I strongly vote for a noise wall to be erected on Houbolt Rd. In the College Park subdivision. This subdivision was built long before those other names that have been listed for obtaining the noise wall. The noise and traffic quality make it impossible to enjoy the backyard which faces Houbolt Rd. And it appears that even though Joliet is larger than the surrounding towns, this city takes a backroad to the beautification quality which the other towns embrace.
20	10/11/2024	Last night I attended the presentation at JJC. It was a good presentation and the IDOT reps were very helpful. I live in Shorewood, just south of Seil Rd. I attend church at Pathway Church which is located on the NW Frontage road along the west side of I-55. To get there I currently take Rt. 59 N to Rt. 52 then turn E. I make a left turn onto NW Frontage Rd from Rt. 52. The proposed project will not allow me or the residents on NW Frontage Rd to make that turn. I cannot take NW Frontage Rd S from Black Rd, as not all of the road is paved and I drive a sedan. Under the proposed changes I would have to continue on Rt.52 E, pass through at least 2 more stop lights, and then make a U-turn E of the Rt. 52 - I-55 interchange. I would ask that you evaluate this path for additional changes to accommodate Shorewood residents and businesses that have to travel N on NW Frontage Rd from eastbound Rt. 52, coming from the west.



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21	11/6/2024	Concerns. Is there any thought being given to build a noise abatement wall on the Jefferson St. bridge? Particularly the South side of the bridge, which transgresses through the backyards of some homesteads. Is there any thought given to the amount of load (poundage) the Jefferson St. bridge is designed for? Are the trucks passing over the bridge being monitored so that the bridge is not overloaded? Is there any thought being given to the amount of vibration that is being caused to the adjacent house foundations to the Jefferson St. bridge? And is there any plans on installing vibration dampers to the Jefferson St. bridge to mitigate the excessive vibrations to the adjacent homesteads, being caused by the truck traffic on the Jefferson St. bridge? Thank you for your time.



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22	11/12/2024	To Whom It May Concern, I am a property owner at the northwest corner of the Route 52 and Route 59 intersection in Shorewood, also known as Anderson's Crossroads. We have many concerns about the acquisition and redrawing of our property and the negative effect it will have on not only us but also upon our tenants. Currently there are eight businesses operating on this corner. The following is a list of several of our concerns that we would like to be addressed. 1. History of land acquisition of our personal property. Over the years the state has repeatedly taken our property. Yet they have not taken the same amount of land from the properties around us. It is our opinion that land should be more equally taken from each corner to be fair to all property owners involved. It is unfair to continue to take our property while not impacting the other properties as well. 2. Financial burden of already completed projects on our property. Recently we have completed improvements to our property to make them both functional for our tenants as well aesthetically pleasing for our community. We included these projects in our budget when we completed them and now, by taking more of our property, we are forced to re-do many of the items that have been put in place. What will be the financial compensation for these items and where will they be placed if you are taking more property? Your project will force us to redevelop what we have recently completed including a. Relocation of large brick Anderson's Crossing Sign b. Relocation of two marquee signs that display the names of the eight business on the property c. Removing and replacing the underground irrigation system that we had developed on the property d. Removing and replanting landscaping e. Removing and replacing the fire hydrant f. Removing and relocating the lamp posts and lights g. Removing and relocating the public sidewalk



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		3. Losing Parking Spaces. If more of our land is taken again we will lose more parking spaces for the businesses that are operating on our property. When we developed this property we took careful consideration of how many spaces would be needed for the business to properly operate. Losing parking spaces will have a negative effect upon them. As mentioned above, we will be forced to relocate our signs, lamp posts etc.. Would we be forced to place them on the spaces that are currently used for parking? 4. Negative impact upon tenants: This project will have a negative impact upon the tenants, not only because parking spaces will be lost for their customers, but also during construction it will interrupt their business. For example, will you be using our property as a staging for your materials and equipment? Will you be closing entrances to the property as you develop it? 5. Retaining Wall: What type of material would you be using to build the retaining wall? As one can see, we have invested in high quality materials to develop our corner. We take pride in our property and our in our community and would expect that the materials used by the state would also reflect these values. In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to present some of our concerns regarding the project at Rt 59 and Rt 52 in Shorewood. We hope you will thoughtfully consider the impact your project will have upon us, our tenants, and our community. We are open to discussing this matter further and providing any additional information needed. Sincerely, [REDACTED] Anderson's Crossroads



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23	11/15/2024	I am extremely concerned about the proposed addition of any curbed median east of I-55 to Houbolt Road. Here is why. As the Fire Chief of the Troy Fire Protection District in Shorewood, our ambulances transport multiple times per day to St Joesph Medical Center in Joliet. We will use Rt 52 80% of the time to reach the hospital. During times of heavy traffic or times when traffic diverts around Interstate 80 or Interstate 55 due to construction or traffic accidents, our ambulances must go into oncoming traffic lanes to proceed east toward Houbolt. By placing a median along Rt 52 this will be no longer possible. I expressed this concern at the public meeting on October 10. I was advised by engineers on site at the meeting that it is only a six-inch curb, and we could drive over it. This is flawed thinking. Our ambulances are not designed to drive over curbs. Additionally, depending on the patient's medical status, this would not be in their best interest. Also, medians tend to get covered with broken glass, nails and other debris which can cause tire damage, not to mention snow plowed up there in the winter making it not useable. Further if the median is grass, we could easily get stuck on the soft ground or get damage from tree branches which are typically planted in the grass medians. Another issue is that our traffic pre-emption devises on emergency vehicles need line of sight to activate the traffic signals. When our vehicles get stopped behind a tractor trailer or box truck, that line of sight is now taken away and they are stuck in traffic. This will be a constant problem, not only for Troy Fire, but also ambulances from Minooka, Channahon, Wilmington, and the far west side of Joliet ambulances to name only a few. The expected delays of not being able to get through traffic could have very real consequences for our emergency transport patients. I would respectfully request that the median on Rt 52 from I-55 east to Houbolt road be reconsidered. Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to discuss further or have any questions.
24	10/10/2024	Very congested dangerous intersection. [sticky note placed at US 52 and Brookshore Drive intersection]