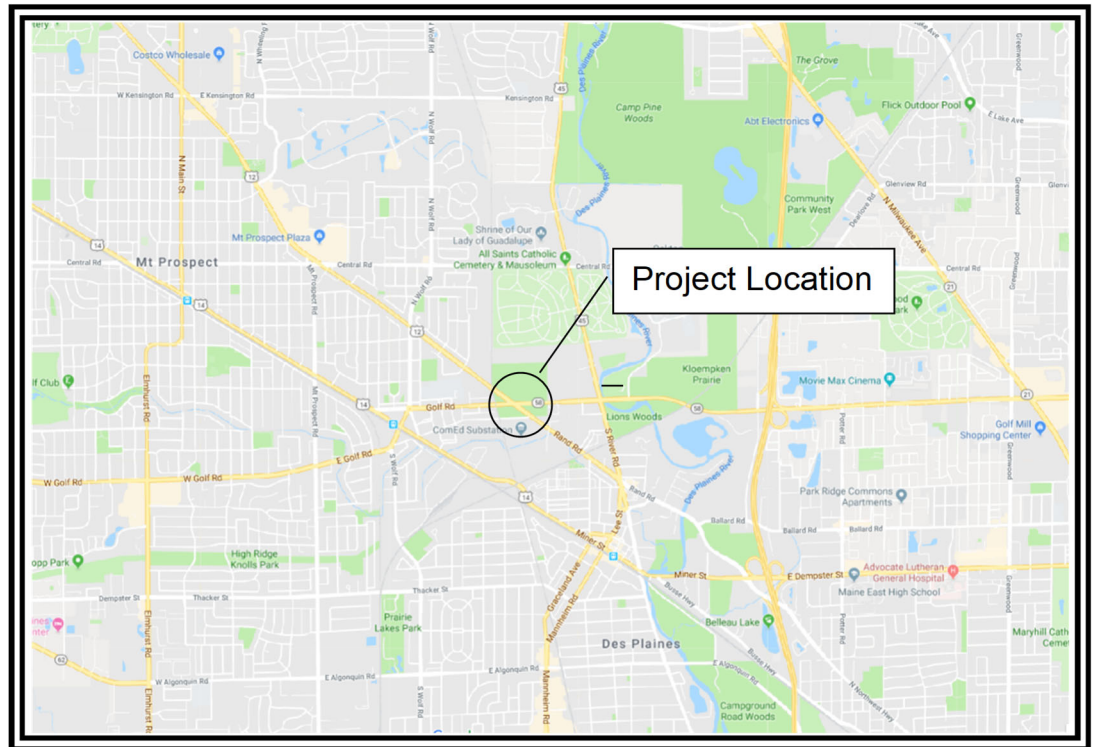




Section 4(f) De Minimis Documentation

US 12 (RAND ROAD) AT IL 58 (GOLF ROAD)



**City of Des Plaines
Cook County, Illinois**

***Illinois Department of Transportation
Office of Highways, Project Implementation
District 1/Region 1***

September 2024

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1. Project Description

- a. **Project Number:** P-91-026-19
- b. **Project Name:** US 12 at IL 58
- c. **Location:** City of Des Plaines (City), Cook County
- d. **Project Type:** Intersection Improvement
- e. **Project Length:** 0.63 miles (3,332 feet)
- f. **NEPA Class of Action:** State Approved Categorical Exclusion
- g. **Purpose and Need of the Project:** The purpose of this project is to provide intersection improvements consisting of providing dual left turn lanes along US 12 and traffic signal modernization at the US 12 at IL 58 intersection. This will address safety deficiencies and high crash occurrences at the subject intersection.
- h. **Project Status:** The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is nearing completion of a preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I). This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region.

2. Section 4(f) Resources

- a. **Name of Resource:** Unnamed Green Space adjacent to the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range.
- b. **Type of Resource:** Undeveloped forested green space
- c. **Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ):** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)
- d. **Description of role/significance in the community:** The Harry H. Semrow Driving Range is located at the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58. The driving range offers 73 stalls, a grass tee practice area, and a mini golf course. The other 3 corners of the intersection are undeveloped forested green space. On the southeast and southwest corners, the undeveloped greenspace is mainly composed of trees and a dense shrub line. The northwest corner is mainly open green space with a small shrub line along US 12.

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

- a. **Acres to be taken:** The proposed improvements will impact the unnamed green spaces along the west side of US 12 on both north and south legs, both sides of the west leg of IL 58, and the northwest and southeast corners of US 12 at IL 58. The Department will require approximately 0.080 acres of right-of-way in permanent easements and 0.142 acres of temporary easements from the FPDCC parcels with the Property Identification Number (PIN) 09-08-302-002. The permanent and temporary easements are needed for the proposed shared-use path, grading work, and to provide access for construction equipment.

- b. There will be no negative impact to the FPDCC property. The areas where the easements are required are undeveloped green space with no recreational use.
- c. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-foot-wide shared use path installed by the City of Des Plaines (City) needs to be replaced 7-foot from the edge of the traveled way which falls outside the existing permanent easement held by IDOT. An additional 5-foot of permanent easement will be required from the FPDCC for the proposed shared-use path along the west side of US 12. The temporary easement is required for grading work adjacent to the shared-use path and sidewalks along the west side of US 12, southeast corner of the intersection, and along both sides of IL 58 on the west leg.
- d. According to a tree survey conducted by IDOT, approximately 4 trees (4" dbh or greater) exist on the FPDCC property within the proposed permanent and temporary easements. It is anticipated that all 4 trees will be impacted for the proposed improvement and construction access.

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

- a. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-foot shared use path installed by the City along the west side of US 12 needs to be replaced 7-foot from the edge of the traveled way which falls outside the existing permanent easement. As such, there is no way to avoid impacts or acquisition of FPDCC property.
- b. In order to minimize impacts, IDOT's improvement proposes several substandard design elements. The proposed shared-use path along the west side of US 12 will be 8-foot wide instead of the 10-foot-wide policy value in order to minimize right-of-way impacts.
- c. IDOT has minimized additional impacts by providing substandard roadway design components: a narrower than standard median width on all approaches, roadway capacity level of service (LOS) for both southbound and northbound left turn lanes, dual left turn taper length, and sidewalk/shared-use path width.
- d. The project will benefit the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range, FPDCC, and surrounding residents and businesses by providing a safer intersection and improving bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations within the project limits.
- e. **List of Commitments for Mitigation or Enhancement:**
 - None

5. Evidence of Opportunity for Public Review and Comment:

- a. A newspaper ad was posted in the Daily Herald on July 9, 2024 and July 23, 2024 and Journal & Topics on July 10, 2024 and July 24, 2024 to encourage the public to review the Section 4(f) documents. Copies of the documents were posted on the IDOT website and hard copies were made available for review at the IDOT and FPDCC regional offices to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Section 4(f) impacts (see Attachment A-5). No comments have been received to date.

6. Evidence of Coordination with Official(s) with Jurisdiction (OWJ)

Correspondence

- a. Copy of IDOT letter to FPDCC dated March 29, 2019 (See Attachment A-6)
- b. Copy of FPDCC response letter to IDOT dated March 8, 2019 (See Attachment A-6)
- c. Copy of IDOT letter to FPDCC Requesting Review of the Section 4(f) De Minimis dated March 21, 2024 (See Attachment A-6)
- d. Copy of FPDCC concurrence email to IDOT regarding de minimis findings dated June 13, 2024 (See Attachment A-6)

Meetings:

- e. Meeting Minutes from IDOT/FPDCC Coordination Meeting on September 14, 2023 (See Attachment A-7)
- f. Meeting Minutes from IDOT/FPDCC Coordination Meeting on June 13, 2024 (See Attachment A-7)

7. Supporting Documentation

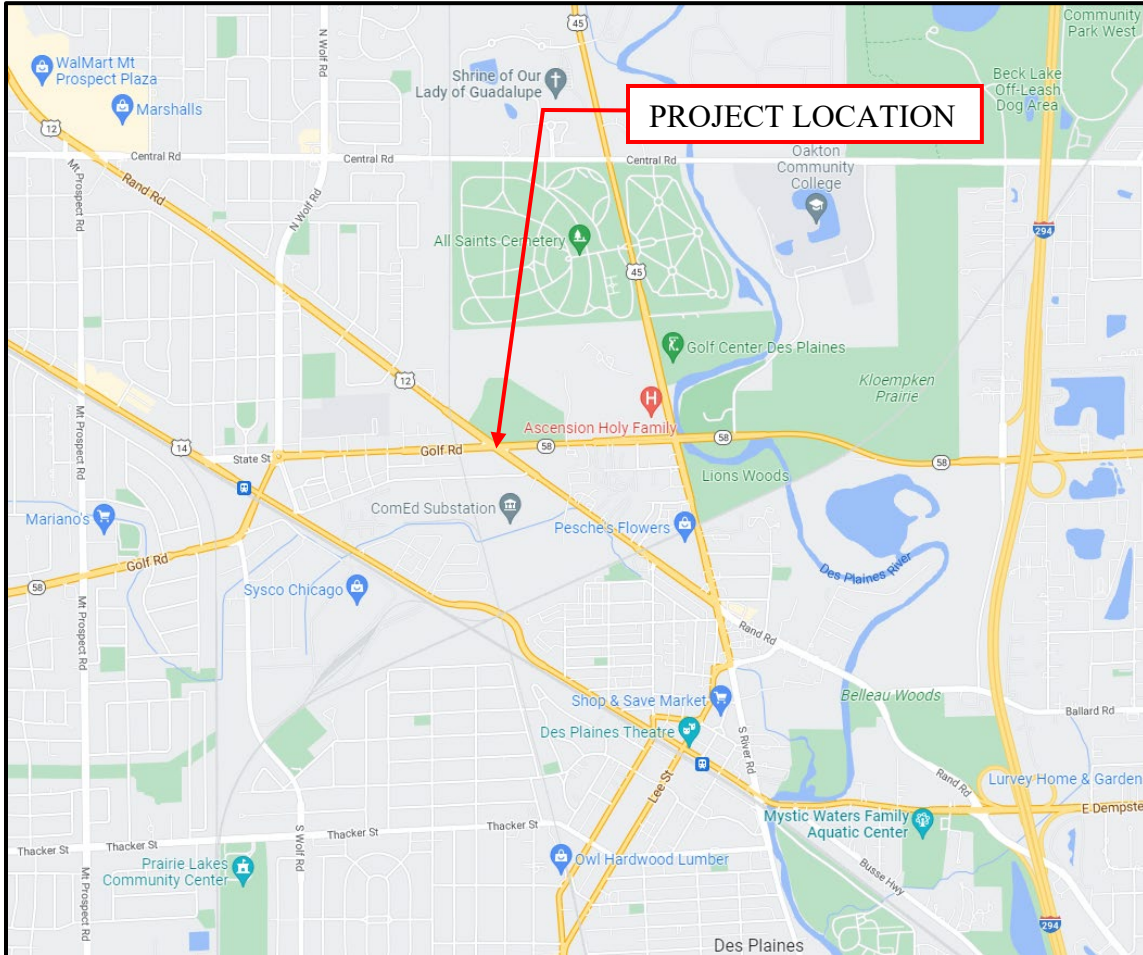
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US 12 at IL 58
City of Des Plaines
Cook County, IL

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

LOCATION MAP



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Limits: At Illinois Route 58 (Golf Road)
County: Cook

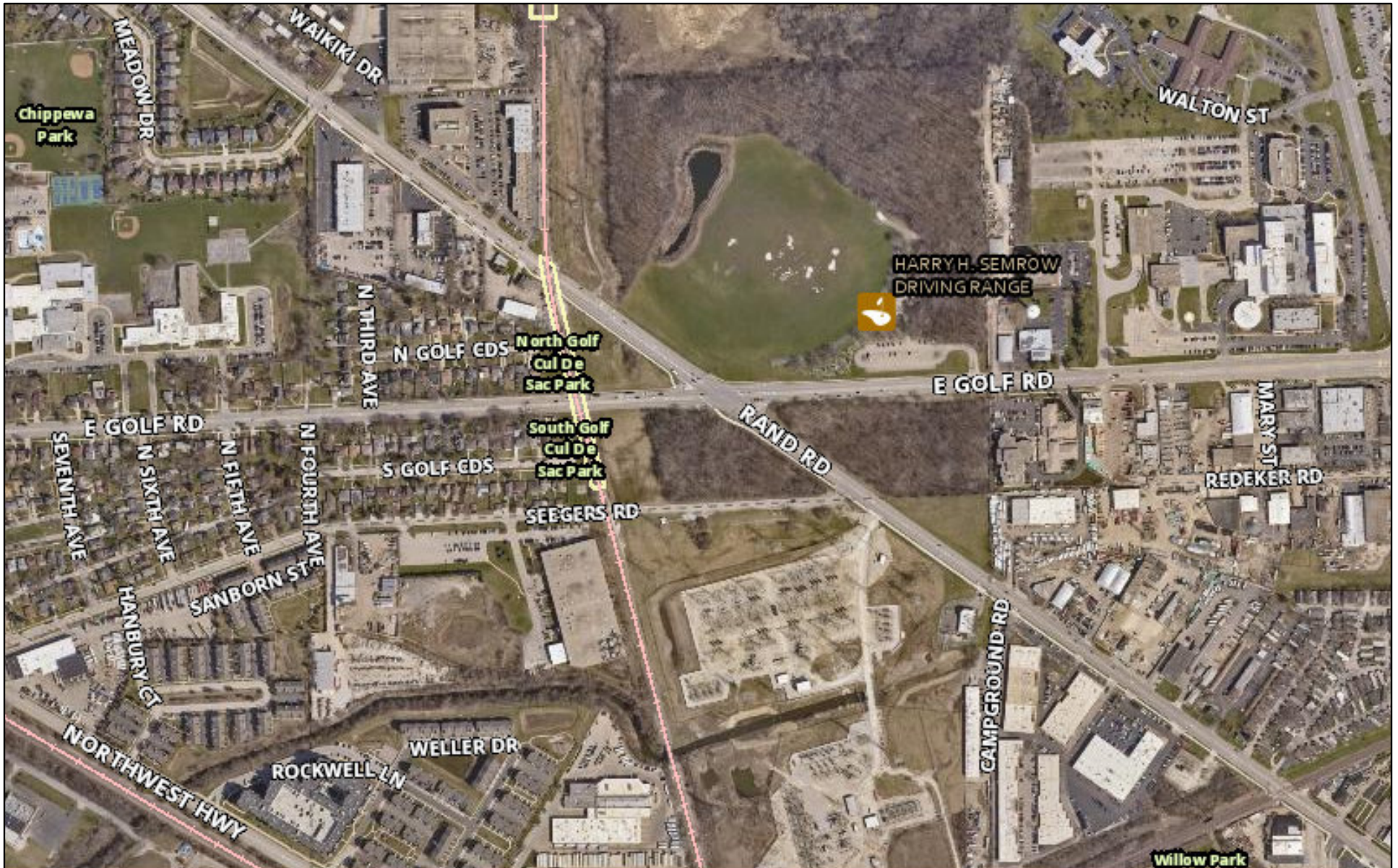
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US 12 at IL 58
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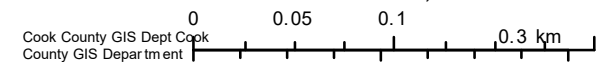


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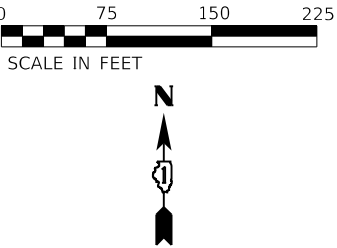
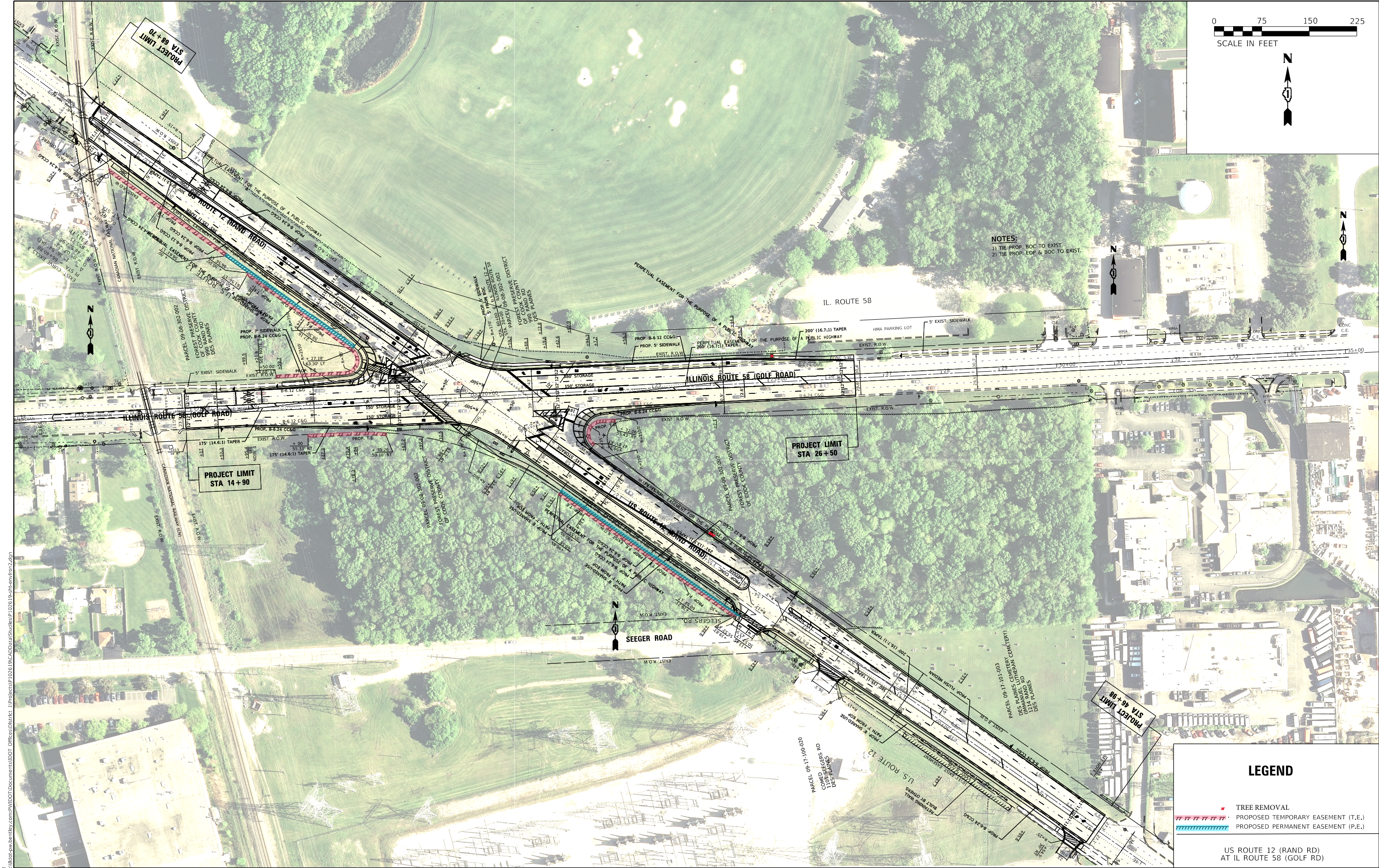


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US 12 at IL 58
City of Des Plaines
Cook County, IL

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PRELIMINARY PLAN & PROFILE AND CROSS SECTION SHEETS



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2) TIE PROP. EOP & BOC TO EXIST.

LEGEND

- TREE REMOVAL
- PROPOSED TEMPORARY EASEMENT (T.E.)
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AT IL ROUTE 58 (GOLF RD)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

US ROUTE 12 AT IL ROUTE 58

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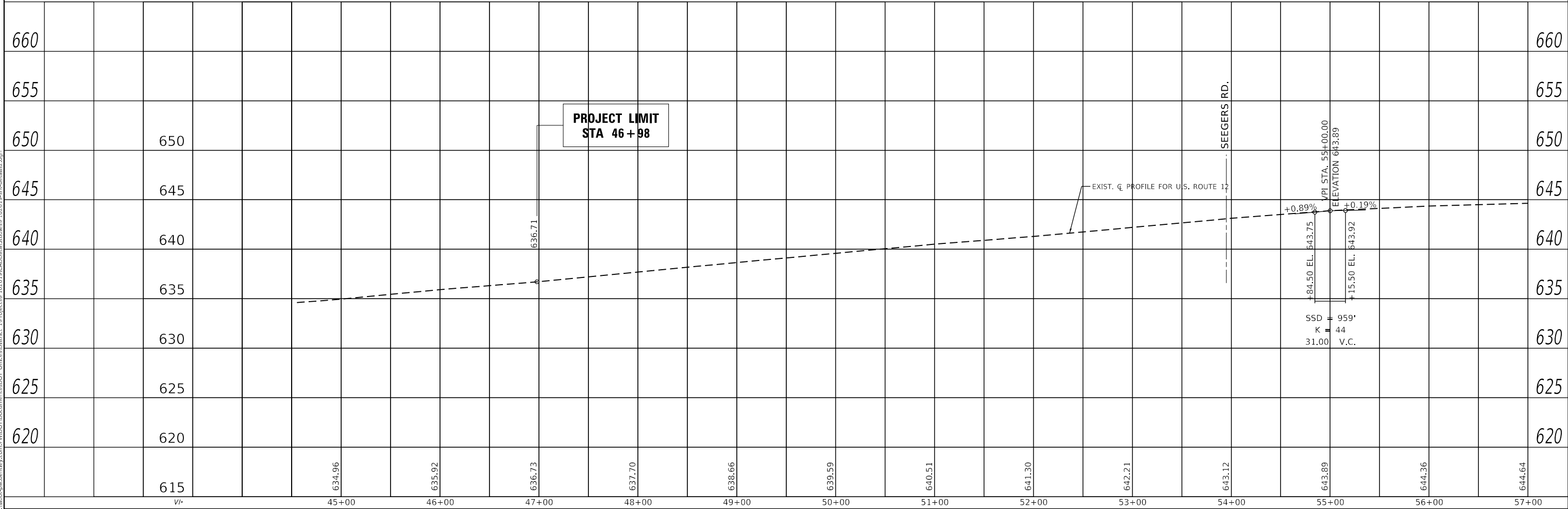
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ROADWAY PLAN AND PROFILE
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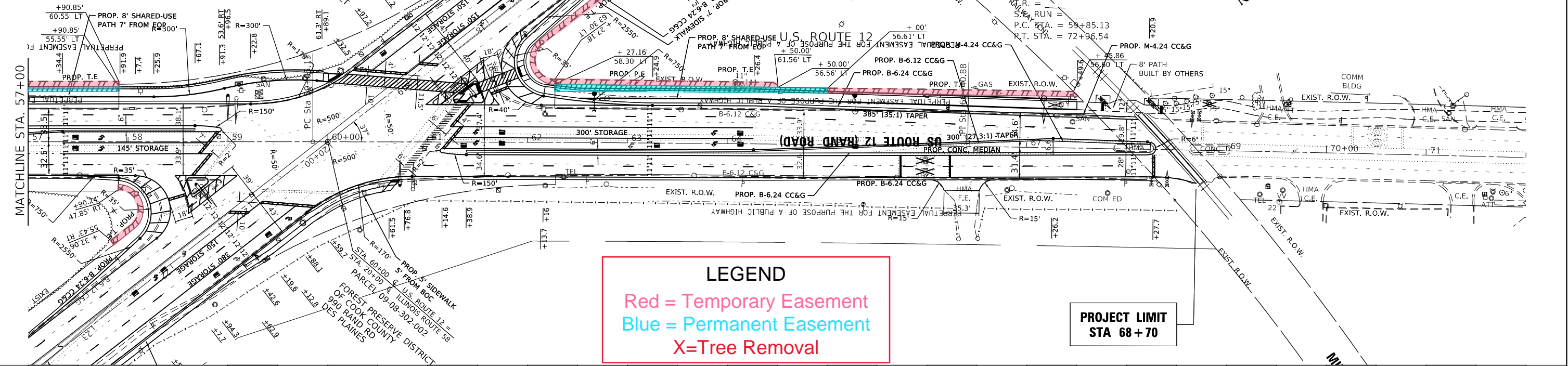
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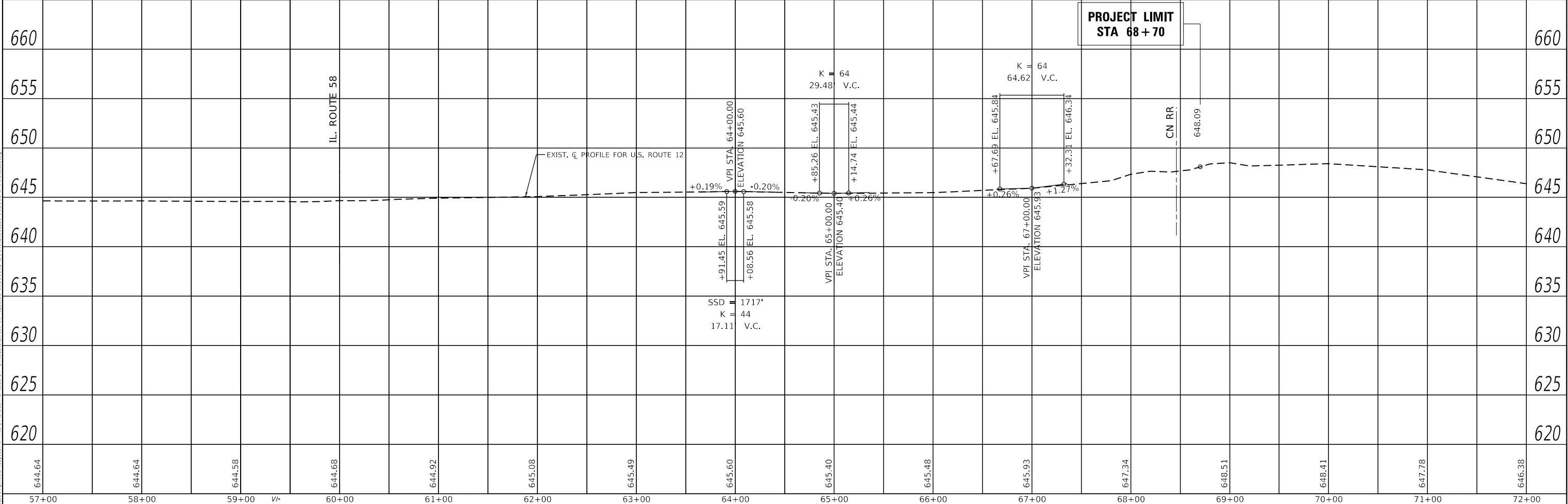
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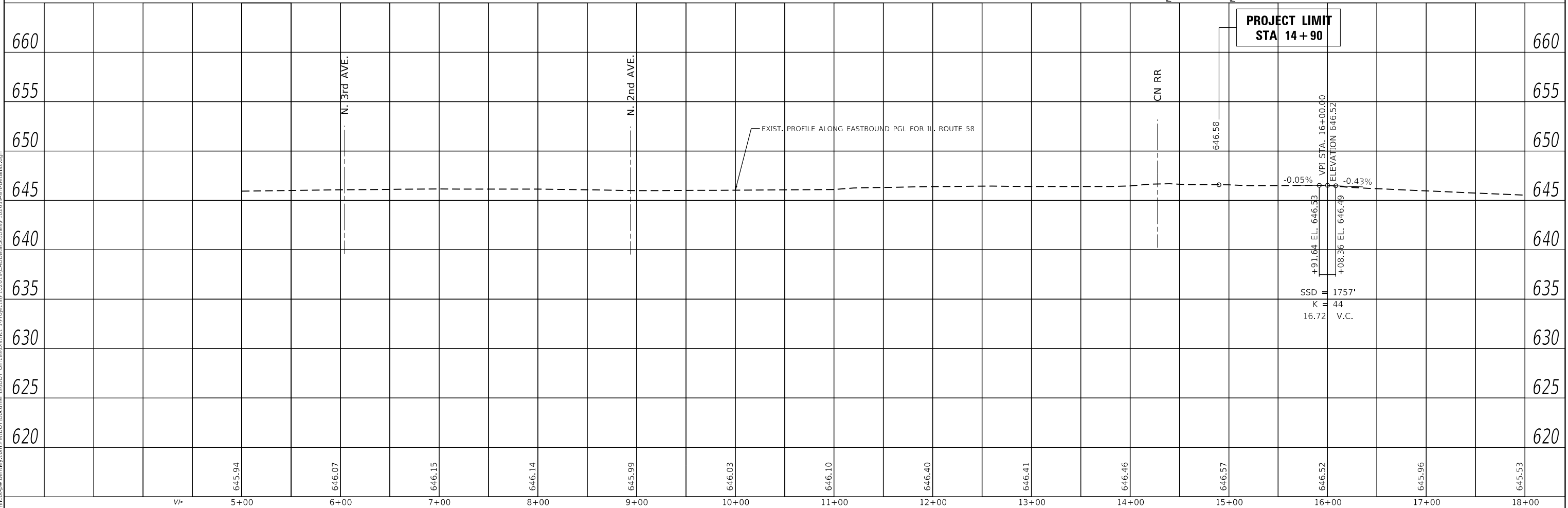
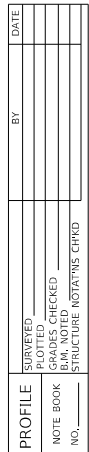
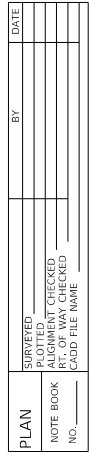
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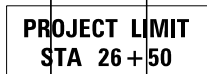
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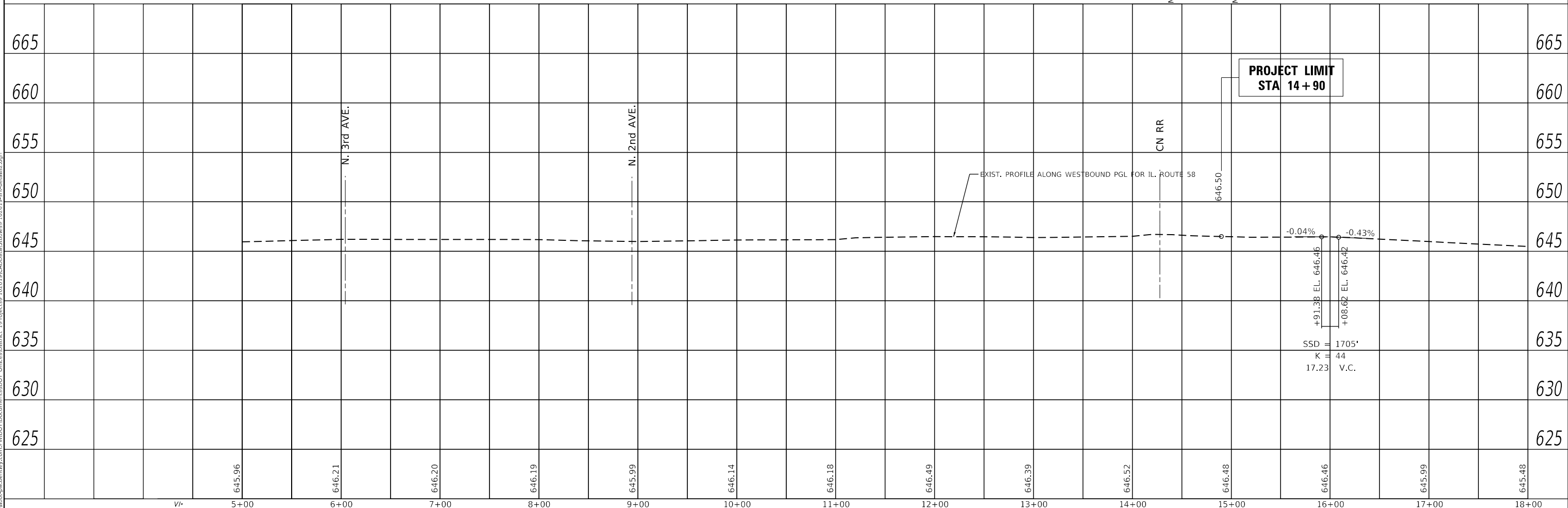
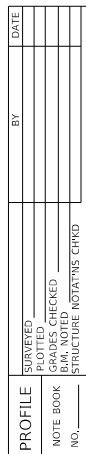
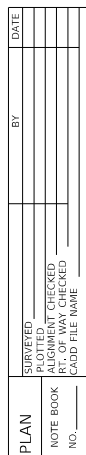


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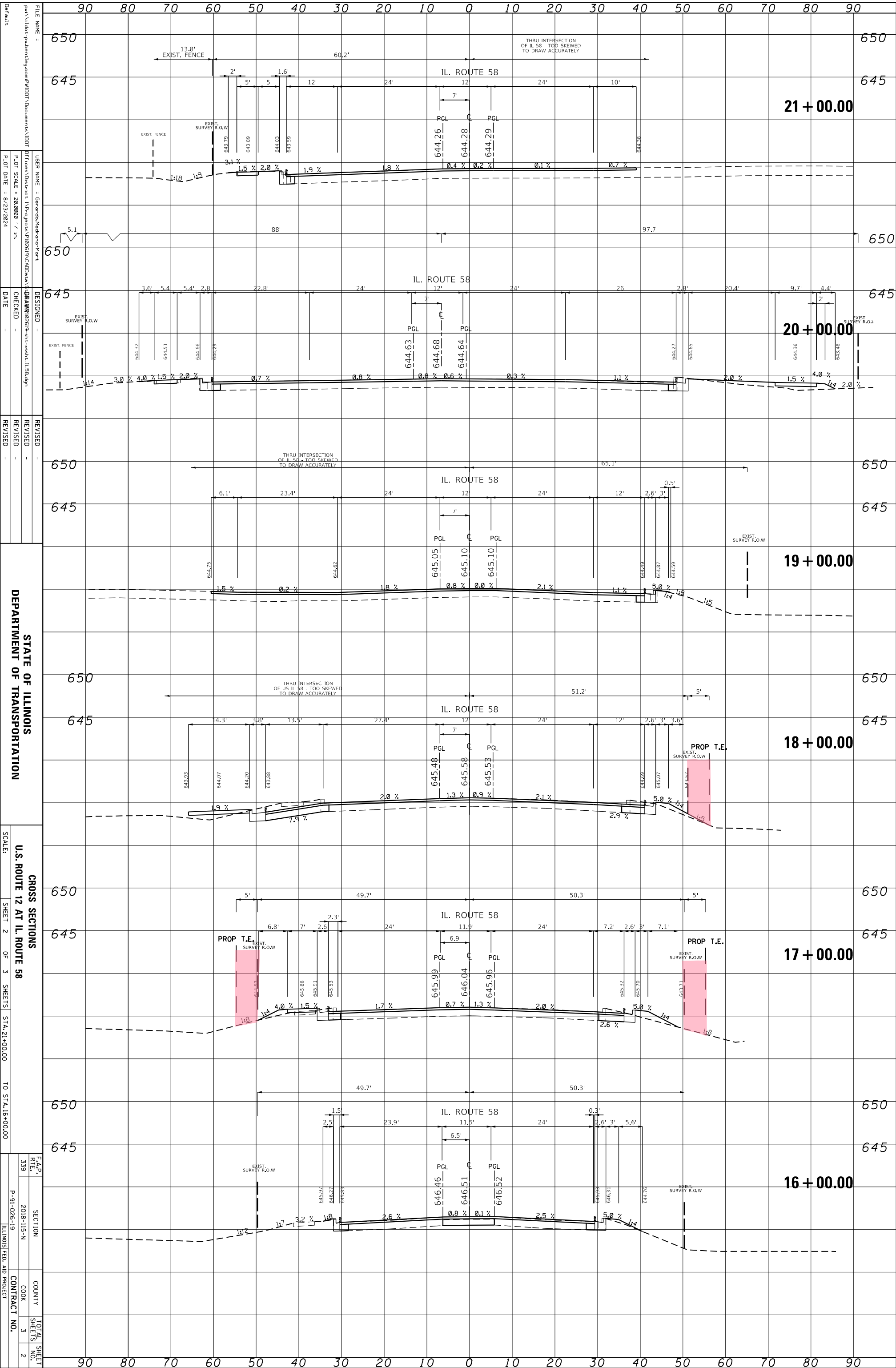
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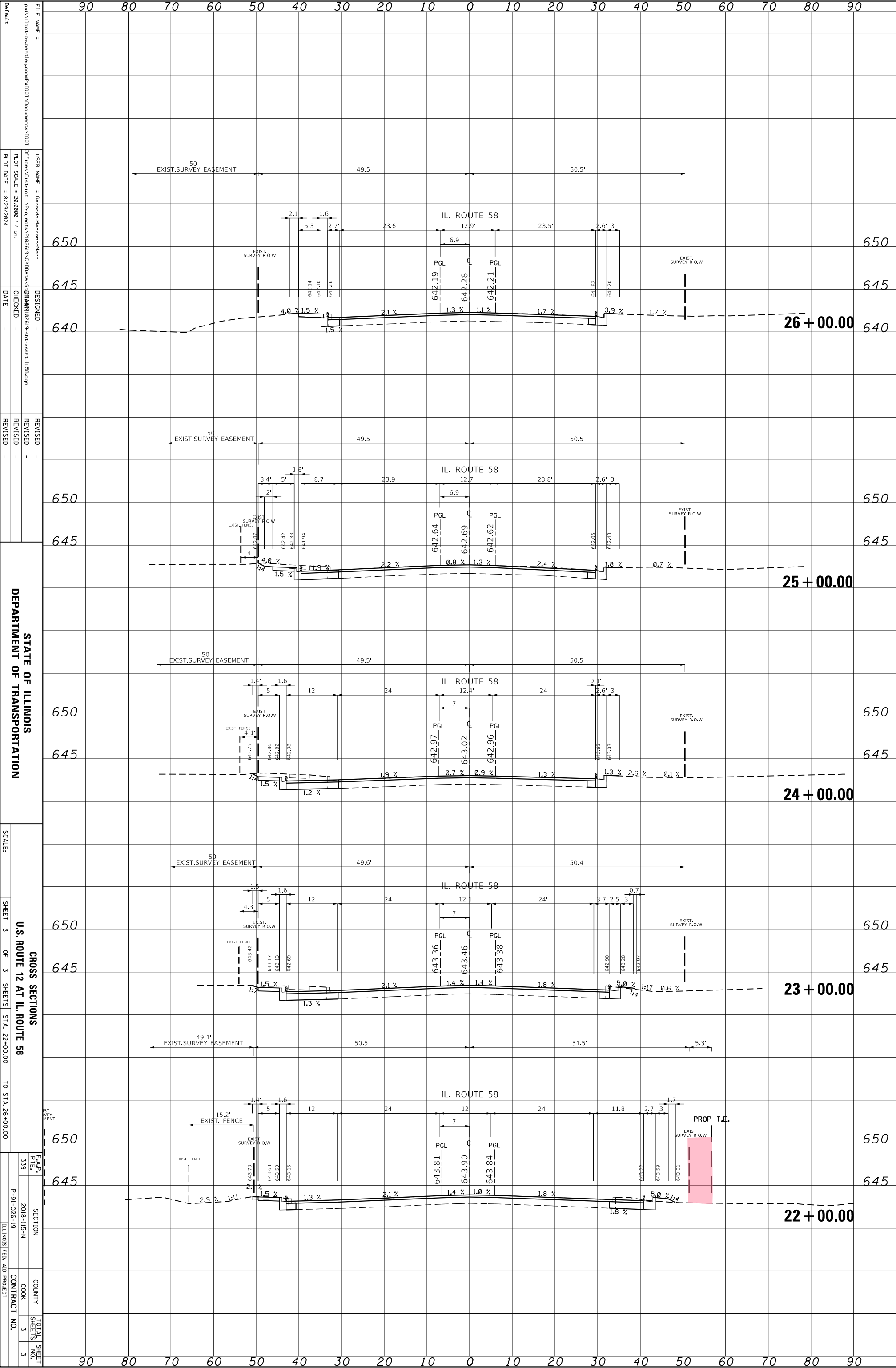
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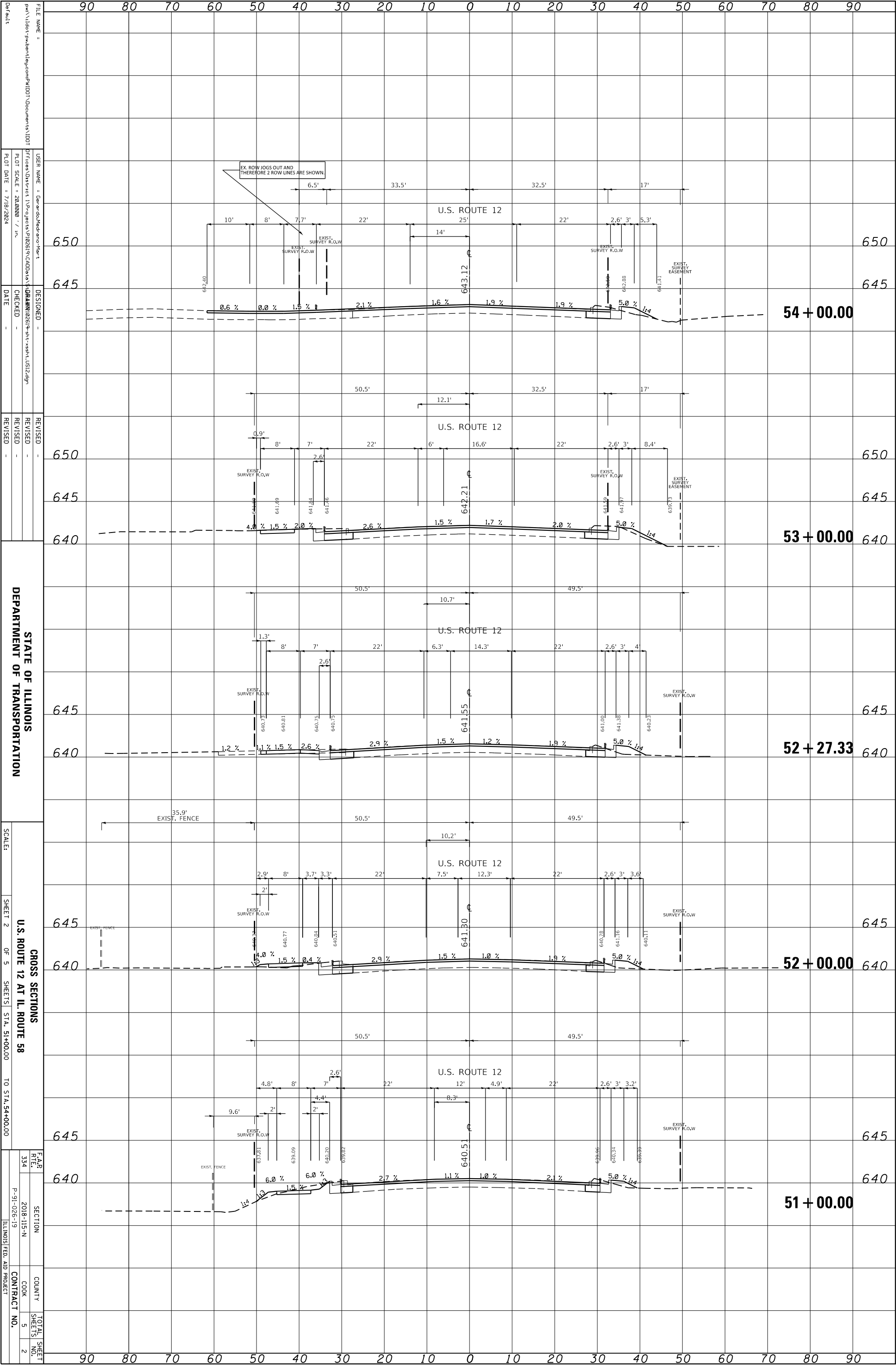
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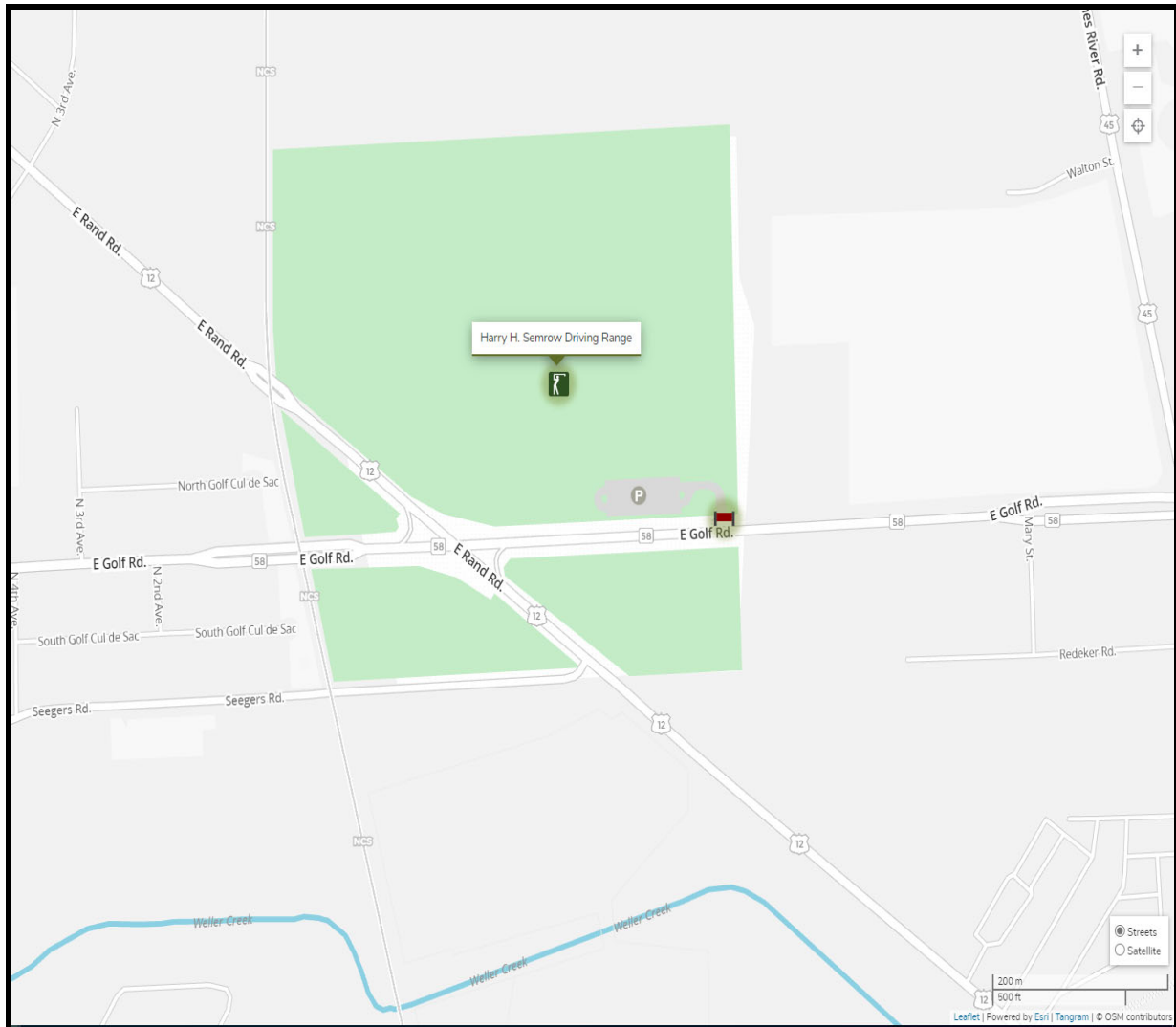
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PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESOURCE

Forest Preserves of Cook County Map



US 12 at IL 58, City of Des Plaines, IL

US 12 at IL 58, City of Des Plaines, IL





IL 58 facing the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58



IL 58 facing the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58



IL 58 (Golf Road) west of US 12 (Rand Road) facing west



IL 58 (Golf Road) west of US 12 (Rand Road) facing east



US 12 (Rand Road) north of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing northwest



US 12 (Rand Road) north of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing southeast



US 12 (Rand Road) south of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing northwest



US 12 (Rand Road) south of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing southeast



Northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58



Northwest corner of US 12 at IL 58



Southeast corner of US 12 at IL 58



Southwest corner of US 12 at IL 58

US 12 at IL 58
City of Des Plaines
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NEWSPAPER PUBLIC COMMENT
DISPLAY AD

IDOT is seeking public comments on impacts that the US 12 (Rand Road) at IL 58 (Golf Road) project will have on the Unnamed Green Space adjacent to the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range. The green spaces are owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

IDOT requires the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements on the west side of US 12 south of IL 58, both sides of the west leg of IL 58, and the southeast corner of US 12 at IL 58 in order to replace the existing shared-use path along the west side of US 12, for grading purposes, and to provide access for construction equipment.

Hard copies of the Section 4 (f) de minimis documentation will be provided at the following locations during normal business hours.

DATE: July 9, 2024 to August 9, 2024
TIME: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday
PLACE: Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Programming
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196
OR
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
536 North Harlem Avenue River Forest, IL 60305

The Section 4 (f) De Minimis Documentation is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/section-4f-documents.html> (Click on Section 4(f) tab)

Electronic copies can be provided by emailing a request to **melissa.au@illinois.gov**

Written comments can be submitted at the IDOT office, mailed to the IDOT office, or submitted electronically to **melissa.au@illinois.gov**. Comments must be received by August 23, 2024, to be considered part of the public record.

This documentation will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Melissa Au at (847)705-4074. Persons planning to visit either site to review the documents and who need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TDD number (847)705-4710 at least five days prior to their visit.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Programming
Attn: Melissa Au
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Paddock Publications, Inc.

Northwest Suburbs **Daily Herald**

Corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that it is the publisher of the **Northwest Suburbs DAILY HERALD**. That said **Northwest Suburbs DAILY HERALD** is a secular newspaper, published in Arlington Heights, Cook County, State of Illinois, and has been in general circulation daily throughout Cook County, continuously for more than 50 weeks prior to the first Publication of the attached notice, and a newspaper as defined by 715 ILCS 5/5.

I further certify that the **Northwest Suburbs DAILY HERALD** is a newspaper as defined in "an Act to revise the law in relation to notices" as amended in 1992 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 715, Act 5, Section 1 and 5. That a notice of which the annexed printed slip is a true copy, was published 07/09/2024, 07/23/2024 in said **Northwest Suburbs DAILY HERALD**. This notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 5 ILCS 5/2.1.

BY



Designee of the Publisher of the Daily Herald

Control # 4617129



to place a legal advertisement, email legals@dailyherald.com or call 847-427-4671 hours: M - F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

DES PLAINES JOURNAL, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, does hereby CERTIFY that it is the publisher of the:

Journal & Topics Newspapers
AKA Des Plaines Journal, Inc.
622 Graceland Ave.
Des Plaines, IL 60016-4556

and that said newspaper(s) is a secular newspaper of general circulation and has been published weekly in the

(Village) (Town) (City) (Township) of DES PLAINES



County of COOK

and State of Illinois, continuously for more than one year prior to date of the first publication of the notice attached hereto, and that said newspaper(s) complies with the requirements of Paragraphs 5 and 10, Chapter 100, of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

Further, that the notice, of which the attached is a true copy, was published TWO times in the said newspaper(s), namely once each week for TWO week(s) and that the first publication of said notice was made on the 10TH day of JULY, A.D. 2024, and the last publication thereof was made on the 24TH day of JULY, A.D. 2024.

Your Legal appeared in
the following Journal & Topics
Newspapers
(Des Plaines Journal, Inc.)

- ☒ Des Plaines Journal
- ☒ Elk Grove Village Journal
- ☒ Mt. Prospect Journal
- ☒ Niles Journal
- ☒ Park Ridge-Golf Mill Journal
- ☒ Prospect Heights Journal
- ☒ Rosemont Journal
- ☒ Arlington Heights Topics
- ☒ Buffalo Grove Topics
- ☒ Palatine Topics
- ☒ Rolling Meadows Topics
- ☒ Wheeling Topics
- ☐ Suburban Journal
- ☐ Northwest Journal
- ☒ Glenview Journal



Mary Alice Wenzl

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE DES PLAINES JOURNAL, INC., has caused this certificate to be signed and its corporate seal affixed hereto at Des Plaines, Illinois this 24TH day of JULY, A.D., 2024.

By Todd Wessell

President

Title of Corporate Officer

County of Cook
State of Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24TH day of JULY, A.D., 2024.

My commission expires the 15TH day of JULY, A.D., 2025.

California Comforts: Summer In Sonoma

As the summer sun graces the Sonoma, California County, sky, it ushers in longer days, and the landscape bursts to life as it shines on its coast, rivers, red-woods, vineyards, and valleys. Combined, they offer visitors a wide variety of unique experiences to enjoy. From the musical rhythms of the Country Summer Music Festival to the melodies heard at the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, throughout the summer season, visitors can delight their senses at events like Taste of Sonoma, toast to good times at Gay Wine Weekend, or immerse themselves in the joy of the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Here are just a few of Sonoma’s scheduled events:

Broadway in Sonoma
Transcendence Theatre Company has been the epitome of entertainment in Sonoma Wine Country for over 13 years. Each season, the Transcendence Company presents a series of original outdoor musical revues, featuring talent direct from Broadway, Las Vegas, and beyond. For the 2024 summer season, Transcendence moved their performance venue to Sonoma’s Field of Dreams, located within Fazio Field, a short walk from the Sonoma Plaza. The new location near downtown Sonoma provides Transcendence Theatre patrons with easy access to Sonoma’s cultural amenities including local cuisine, boutique shopping, and wine tastings. Transcendence will host four weekends of Broadway musical revues with the summer series kicking off June 20 and running through Sept. 22.

Russian River Valley Wine Weekend
Renowned for its exceptional climate and ideal growing conditions, the Russian River Valley stands as a beacon of Pinot Noir excellence. The influence of Pacific Ocean fog with ancient soil nurtures heritage vines tended by a dedicated farming community, ensuring the production of wines of unparalleled quality. The Russian River Wine Weekend, Aug. 2-4, offers attendees a three-day experience tailored to diverse preferences. From the vibrant atmosphere of live music and food trucks to the refined elegance of family-style dining among fellow wine enthusiasts, there is something to delight every palate.

Climate Ride Wine Country Edition
Kendall-Jackson, in collaboration with Climate Ride and Grounded.org, will hold their




Sonoma Valley looking north. (TJM97/Wikimedia Commons)

inaugural Gran-Fondo style ride in Sonoma County, Aug. 17. The event offers four route options suitable for cyclists of all abilities. Participants will have the chance to race and fund environmental causes across six categories: oceans, air, forests, species and wildlife, soil and land conservation, and youth-led movements. The Climate Ride Wine Country Edition combines a passion for the environment, physical activity, and philanthropy.

Jack London State Historic

Park
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2) Paris, France	B) 1964, 2021 (2020)
3) Los Angeles, California	C) 1896, 1906, 2004
4) Tokyo, Japan	D) 1900, 1924, 2024
5) Athens, Greece	E) 1908, 1948, 2012

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Public Comment

IDOT is seeking public comments on impacts that the US 12 (Rand Road) at IL 58 (Golf Road) project will have on the Unnamed Green Space adjacent to the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range. The green spaces are owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

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Father, Son Chefs Provide Update On Plans For Koukla



With the interior gutted, work on the exterior of the former Amici Ristorante at Milwaukee and Howard is expected to begin within the next two weeks. The central second-story tower will be gone and the exterior reenvisioned with more natural light and painted white.

Bannos' Share Century Of Family Culinary Stories

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

Father and son chefs Jimmy Bannos, Sr., and Jimmy Bannos, Jr. plan to run Koukla restaurant together.

They are working to turn the former Amici Ristorante, 7620 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, into a new Greek-themed experience.

The Bannos family shares a 100-year history spanning four generations in the restaurant business that brought them to this point.

Bannos, Jr., who lives in Park Ridge, closed on the purchase of the Amici in May. A graduate of Maine South High School, he said although earlier in his career he never envisioned opening a restaurant in the suburbs, working to open Koukla “feels like coming home.”

Bannos, Sr. said they anticipate

an October or November opening, starting with dinner service but later adding lunch, with seating for 200 to 250.

Since May, the father and son duo have gutted the inside of the former Amici. Within the next week or so, work will transition to the exterior of the building before returning inside.

Bannos, Sr. said the dining room would offer lots of natural light, white interior finishes, and an off-white exterior.

Dishes at Koukla will be simple Greek dishes, but with “a different take on the classics, doing them differently, at a higher level,” said Bannos, Jr. He explained the cuisine of northern Greece is different from the south and the Greek Islands. All those cuisines would be represented at Koukla.

Central to the kitchen would be a custom-built, wood-fired oven. The only equipment kept from Amici is a large stand mixer and pizza ovens where fresh pita bread can be baked.

Built into the restaurant’s bar would also be a unique Greek



Chef Jimmy Bannos, Sr. (left) and son, chef Jimmy Bannos, Jr. in the former Amici Ristorante at Milwaukee Avenue and Howard Street, take a break from renovations Thursday to discuss plans for Koukla Greek restaurant they plan to open this fall. (Tom Robb/Journal photos)

coffee service called a hovoli. A hovoli is a large metal pan filled with sand, which is put over direct heat. Smaller cups with long straight handles are then placed in the sand where the coffee is heated.

When it comes to desserts, Bannos, Jr. said there would be more than baklava. They are buying a soft serve ice cream machine to have fun with making dessert.

Bannos, Jr. opened the Purple Pig restaurant on Chicago’s Michigan Avenue in 2009. He was named a James Beard Award-winning “Rising Star Chef.” The James Beard Awards are among the top honors for chefs in the culinary world.

The Purple Pig has been recognized as a Michelin Guide Bib Gourmand recipient since 2011.

His father Jimmy Bannos, Sr., has run 12 restaurants including a Little Italy Taylor Street Italian restaurant, and steakhouses, but is most well known for his famed New Orleans Cajun-themed Heaven On Seven restaurant in downtown Chicago.

Bannos, Sr. took his son to Heaven On Seven regularly from as early as age 4 where Bannos, Jr. soaked up his first culinary lessons.

After working with his father at Heaven On Seven, Bannos, Jr. attended culinary school at Johnson & Wales University. Among

his internships was with celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse at Emeril’s in New Orleans.

Bannos, Jr. moved to Italy for six months to learn about Italian cooking. Returning to the United States, he spent four years living and working in New York City with world-renowned chefs including Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich, at restaurants including Michelin Star-ranked Lupa, Esca, and Del Posto.

He spent more time traveling and learning, returning to Italy and traveling to Greece.

After Bannos, Sr. bought a Jewish deli on the seventh floor of a downtown Chicago office building in the early 1980s, he contacted famed New Orleans Creole Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme. The two talked for more than an hour and Prudhomme shared some of his recipes with Bannos, inviting him to New Orleans and starting Bannos’ love affair with Cajun cuisine.

Frequent trips to the Crescent City, which took place about eight times a year, put Bannos, Sr. in touch with many noted New Orleans chefs, including Lagasse, who he said, “Were so welcoming.”

Like his son, Bannos, Sr. said he was also brought into the kitchen of the restaurant his father owned at about the age of 9.

His grandmother Helen Bannos took over a restaurant her brothers owned in the 1920s after the brothers were deported from the United States.

Today, Bannos, Jr. has a 3-year-old daughter who he has brought to the Purple Pig. She feeds off the energy of the kitchen, says her dad.

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Project and Environmental Studies
US Route 12 at Illinois Route 58
Cook County

March 29, 2019

Ms. Chris Slattery
Director of Planning & Development
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
536 North Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Ms. Slattery:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has recently initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of US Route 12 (Rand Road) at Illinois Route 58 in the City of Des Plaines in Cook County. A location map is enclosed for your reference. This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. The proposed improvement consists of an intersection safety improvement to provide dual left turn lanes along US Route 12.

The subject improvement is in the vicinity of the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. At this early stage in project development, the Department requests that you provide some background information concerning these holdings. The following information would be of particular interest to the Department:

1. Is this property publicly owned?
2. Is it publicly used as a park, recreational area, wildlife and/or waterfowl refuge?
3. Is it on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)?
4. Size in acres, as well as a right-of-way plat and/or site plan
5. Common name and type of facility (recreation, historic, etc.)
6. Available recreational activities (fishing, swimming, bike trails, etc.)
7. Facilities, existing and planned (description and location)
8. Usage (approximate number of users for each activity)
9. Relationship to other similarly used lands in the vicinity
10. Access (pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian, and vehicular)
11. Ownership and applicable clauses affecting title, such as covenants, restrictions or conditions including forfeiture or federal encumbrances (i.e., LAWCON funds)

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12. Unusual characteristics of the property (flooding, vegetation, terrain conditions, or any other future plans)
13. A map identifying the extent of your holdings in the area of the proposed improvement

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Au, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4074.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Quigley, P.E.
Region One Engineer

By: 
Steven E. Schilke, P.E.
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From: Pamela Sielski (Forest Preserve District) <pamela.sielski@cookcountyil.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:04 AM
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Cc: David Kircher (Forest Preserve District); Kindy Kruller (Forest Preserve District); Morden, Autumn E.; John Sterenberg (Forest Preserve District)
Subject: [External] RE: U.S. Route 12 at Illinois Route 58 | P-91-026-19 | Bicycle Facilities

Melissa,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this upcoming road project.

- Even though Forest Preserve property occurs on all four corners of this intersection, existing or anticipated future bicycle usage within the Forest Preserve does not occur within or adjacent to the U.S. Route 12 corridor.
- Forest Preserve does not collect user counts for on-road bicycle usage.
- The existing Des Plaines Trail signed is approximately 1.3 miles east of the project. <http://fpdcc.com/downloads/maps/trails/english/FPCC-Des-Plaines-Trail-Map-10-15.pdf>
- Phase I Engineering is underway to study a crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad Road between Golf & Central. Funding applications have been submitted for future engineering and construction phases. Pending funding approvals, this project could occur within 5 years.
- Consult with the City of Des Plaines regarding additional bicycle programs which may affect the U.S. Route 12.

Please let us know if you need any additional information from the Forest Preserves.

PAMELA A. SIELSKI

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Subject: U.S. Route 12 at Illinois Route 58 | P-91-026-19 | Bicycle Facilities

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has recently initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of U.S. Route 12 (Rand Road) at Illinois Route 58 in the City of Des Plaines in Cook County. A location map is attached for your reference. This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. The proposed improvement consists of an intersection safety improvement to provide dual left turn lanes along U.S. Route 12.

At this early stage of Phase I project development, the Department requests that you provide any information relevant to defining an appropriate roadway configuration which can include bicycle accommodations where needs exist. Specific information the Department is requesting includes the following:

- Existing or anticipated future bicycle usage along or crossing the U.S. Route 12 corridor
- Existing or planned facilities generating bicycle travel in the project area
- Extent of on-road bicycle usage
- Existing or planned separate bicycle trails or signed bike routes in the vicinity (1.2 miles) of the project
- Planned and programmed local bikeway construction projects within a 5-year period
- Any additional bicycle programs which may affect the U.S. Route 12

The Department appreciates any input you could provide in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Au, Project Manager.

Thank you,

Melissa Au, P.E.

Project Manager

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Project and Environmental Studies
US 12
At IL 58
Cook County

March 21, 2024

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Chris Slattery
Director of Planning & Development
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
536 North Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Ms. Slattery:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is nearing completion of preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the proposed improvement of US 12 (Rand Road) at IL 58 (Golf Road) in the City of Des Plaines, Cook County. A location map is enclosed for your reference (see Attachment A-1). This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. The general scope of work for this improvement consists of traffic signal modernization, the addition of dual left-turn lanes along US 12, bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations, and ADA improvements.

As discussed in a meeting with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) on September 14, 2023, the intersection improvement will impact FPDCC property. As this project is being processed to utilize federal funds, the Forest Preserve 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, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. The Department anticipates a *de minimis* impact finding for the FPDCC 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 provide documentation that supports a *de minimis* finding. After your review and concurrence with the documentation, the Department will place a newspaper ad to allow the public to review and comment on the effects of the project on the Section 4(f) property.

The notice will allow the public to review the documentation at our offices or review the copy of the documentation being transmitted to you at this time or a revised version, as needed, in the FPDCC office. The *de minimis* documentation will also be made available on the Department's website during the comment period. A copy of the Section 4(f) *de minimis* documentation can be found on the Department's website at:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/section-4f-documents.html>

The proposed improvements will impact the unnamed green spaces along the west side of US 12 south of IL 58, both sides of the west leg of IL 58, and the southeast corner of US 12 at IL 58. The Department will be acquiring approximately 0.082 acres of right-of-way in permanent easements and 0.163 acres of temporary easements for the construction of the proposed shared-use path, grading work, and to provide access for construction equipment. See Attachment A-3 for the plan view.

Please review the enclosed Section 4(f) *de minimis* documentation for a more detailed description of Section 4(f) properties that will be affected. The Department requests a response within 60 days of receipt of this letter in order to maintain its project schedule. Your comments will not affect any future negotiations, including the amount of compensation, with the Department for land being acquired.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Carlos Feliciano, In-House Project Studies Unit Head, at (847) 705-4106 or via email carlos.feliciano@illinois.gov.

Very truly yours,

Jose Rios, P.E.
Region One Engineer



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

Attachment

From: [Au, Melissa M.](#)
To: [Feliciano, Carlos A](#)
Cc: [Medrano-Martinez, Gerardo](#)
Subject: FW: IL 58 at US 12
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:01:39 PM

Melissa Au

From: Mike Schechtman (Forest Preserve District) <Michael.Schechtman@cookcountyil.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Au, Melissa M. <Melissa.Au@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: IL 58 at US 12

Melissa,
Answer to your question is yes.
Thanks,
Mike

From: Au, Melissa M. <Melissa.Au@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Mike Schechtman (Forest Preserve District) <Michael.Schechtman@cookcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: IL 58 at US 12

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Mike,
Thank you for that information. In the quarterly meeting with IDOT, did the FPDCC give verbal approval for this US 12 at IL 58 project to proceed with public outreach? The last meeting I attended was last September but I can definitely touch base with Carlos as well.

Thanks,
Melissa Au

From: Mike Schechtman (Forest Preserve District) <Michael.Schechtman@cookcountyil.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:21 AM
To: Au, Melissa M. <Melissa.Au@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: IL 58 at US 12

Melissa,

Actually we just had a quarterly with IDOT and in the meeting, they had asked and we said if we gave our verbal approval in the meeting would that be good enough, for the public outreach. And they said yes, so then we said we would look at getting the 4f signed. I think it was Yes if I'm not mistaken or Michael Pham, who said that, if you want to touch base with them? Or Carlos F perhaps?

Thanks,
Mike

From: Au, Melissa M. <Melissa.Au@Illinois.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:12 AM

To: Mike Schechtman (Forest Preserve District) <Michael.Schechtman@cookcountyil.gov>

Subject: RE: IL 58 at US 12

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Hi Mike,

We've only sent the initial Section 4f report which doesn't include a signature page. For the initial report we just ask that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) reviews and concurs with the documentation which supports a de minimis finding. We're just looking for confirmation before proceeding; you could respond to this email with something as simple as "the FPDCC reviewed the documentation and concurs with the de minimis findings."

Once the FPDCC concurs, then the Department will place a newspaper ad to allow the public to review and provide any comments they may have. If we receive no comments then we will send the FPDCC a final Section 4f report along with the final transmittal letter that will include the signature page requesting the FPDCC's concurrence.

Thank you,
Melissa Au

From: Mike Schechtman (Forest Preserve District) <Michael.Schechtman@cookcountyil.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 10:58 AM

To: Au, Melissa M. <Melissa.Au@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] IL 58 at US 12

Melissa,

Have your 4f report, but I do not see a signature page in it.
Would you be able to send that, and pattern as similar signature pages were on other

projects?

Thanks,

Mike

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IDOT and FPDCC Coordination Meetings

MEETING MINUTES

Subject: US 12 (Rand Road) at IL58 (Golf Road)

Date: September 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Place: Virtual WebEx Meeting

Attendees:

Melissa Au	IDOT Bureau of Programming – P&ES
Baraa Alsmadi	IDOT Bureau of Programming – P&ES
Michael Murnane	Cook County Forest Preserve
Chris Adas	Cook County Forest Preserve
Chris Slattery	Cook County Forest Preserve
Mike Schechtman	Cook County Forest Preserve
Adnan Nammari	Cook County Forest Preserve

1. General Discussion

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the project and discuss the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) property that is anticipated to be impacted by our proposed improvements due to existing ROW discrepancies.

2. Discussed Items

i. Project Overview & Scope of Work:

The Department introduced the project and discussed the general scope of work which consists of intersection safety improvements. The proposed improvements consist of traffic signal replacement, the addition of dual left-turn lanes along US 12, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and ADA improvements.

The surrounding land use is primarily residential and businesses. There is FPDCC property on four corners of the US 12 at IL 58 intersection. The Harry H. Semrow Driving Range is located at the northeast corner of the intersection and the other corners are undeveloped FPDCC green space.

There were no existing sidewalks along US 12 within the project limits; however, the City of Des Plaines (City) recently installed an 8-ft shared-use path on the west side of US 12 through the project limits. The Department's proposed improvements will include replacing the 8-foot shared-use path along the west side of US 12. A design exception was approved on August 3, 2022 for the substandard shared-use path width.

There are existing sidewalks along IL 58 at the northwest and northeast corners within the project limits. The proposed improvements will also provide a 7-foot sidewalk on the northwest corner of US 12 at IL 58 as well as a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of IL 58 east of US 12.

ii. Need for Proposed Improvement:

The purpose of this improvement is to enhance safety and reduce crashes at the intersection of US 12 and IL 58.

iii. Section 4(f):

As part of an existing ROW confirmation request to IDOT's Bureau of Land Acquisition, we received documentation stating the existing ROW was less than was initially identified as part of the project's data collection. The EX. ROW along the south side of US 12/Rand Rd south of IL 58 was originally noted as 57-ft from the EX. Centerline which meant that there was no ROW acquisition required from the FPDCC properties adjacent to US 12; however, upon a ROW Verification Request, it was noted that the EX. ROW was 33-ft from centerline with an additional Permanent Easement of 17-ft which altogether puts the existing ROW at 50-ft instead of 57-ft. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-ft wide shared use path installed by the City needs to be replaced 7-ft from the edge of traveled way which falls outside the existing Permanent Easement. An additional 5-ft to 6-ft of Permanent Easement and 5-ft of Temporary Easements will be required from the FPDCC. The area where the additional easement is required is undeveloped green space. The Department expects this additional permanent easement where the proposed shared-use path will be located in can be processed as a Section 4f De Minimis as it will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f).

We anticipate requiring approximately 0.151 acres of Temporary Easement and 0.074 acres of Permanent Easement from the FPDCC. We also anticipate impacting four trees (three on the east leg on the north side of IL 58 and one tree on the south leg on the east side of US 12) and any brush/shrubs within the proposed grading boundary will also need removal as well.

iv. Items Discussed

The FPDCC inquired whether any of the existing utility poles along the south leg of US 12 would be impacted by the proposed improvements since the shared-use path is adjacent to it. The Department said they did not anticipate any impacts. The FPDCC also inquired whether there would be coordination ahead of the proposed improvements to remove any hazardous trees that would be impacted. The Department stated that coordination would take place. The FPDCC also asked who the existing easement was held by and whether it was the City's or some other entity's.

v. Next Steps

The Department will prepare and send the draft Section 4(f) Report and initial Section 4(f) transmittal letter to the FPDCC and Mike Schechtman so he can present the project at the FPDCC's next monthly committee meeting.

Post Meeting Note: The existing permanent easement on the west side of US 12 is held by IDOT.

Prepared By:
IDOT – Carlos Feliciano/Melissa Au/ Baraa Alsmadi

MEETING MINUTES

Subject: US 12 (Rand Road) at IL 58 (Golf Road)
Date: June 13, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Place: IDOT/FPDCC Quarterly Coordination Meeting - Virtual WebEx Meeting

1. General Discussion

This project was first discussed at the September 24, 2023 Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) coordination meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to follow up on the initial Section 4(f) report that was sent to the FPDCC on March 22, 2024 for review and concurrence on the documentation which supports a de minimis finding.

2. Discussed Items

i. Need for Proposed Improvement:

The purpose of this improvement is to enhance safety and reduce crashes at the intersection of US 12 and IL 58

ii. Project Overview & Scope of Work:

The general scope of work consists of intersection safety improvements. The proposed improvements consist of traffic signal replacement, the addition of dual left-turn lanes along US 12, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and ADA improvements.

The surrounding land use is primarily residential and businesses. There is FPDCC property on four corners of the US 12 at IL 58 intersection. The Harry H. Semrow Driving Range is located at the northeast corner of the intersection and the other corners are undeveloped FPDCC green space.

There were no existing sidewalks along US 12 within the project limits; however, the City of Des Plaines (City) recently installed an 8-ft shared-use path on the west side of US 12 through the project limits. The Department's proposed improvements will include replacing the 8-foot shared-use path along the west side of US 12. A design exception was approved on August 3, 2022 for the substandard shared-use path width.

There are existing sidewalks along IL 58 at the northwest and northeast corners within the project limits. The proposed improvements will provide a 7-foot sidewalk on the northwest corner of US 12 at IL 58 as well a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of IL 58 east of US 12.

iii. Section 4(f):

As part of an existing ROW confirmation request to IDOT's Bureau of Land Acquisition, we received documentation stating the existing ROW was less than was initially identified as part of the project's data collection. The existing ROW along the west side of US 12 (Rand Road) was originally noted as 57-ft from the existing centerline which meant that

there was no ROW acquisition required from the FPDCC properties adjacent to US 12; however, upon a ROW Verification Request, it was noted that the existing ROW was 33-ft from centerline with an additional Permanent Easement of 17-ft which altogether puts the existing ROW at 50-ft instead of 57-ft. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-ft wide shared use path installed by the City needs to be replaced 7-ft from the edge of traveled way which falls outside the existing Permanent Easement.

An additional 5-ft to 6-ft of Permanent Easement and 5-ft of Temporary Easements will be required from the FPDCC. The area where the additional easement is required is undeveloped green space consisting mainly of shrubbery and bushes. The Department expects this additional permanent easement where the proposed shared-use path will be located in can be processed as a Section 4f De Minimis as it will not adversely affect the recreational features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f).

iv. Items Discussed

The FPDCC asked IDOT to confirm that the proposed easements are to be used for pedestrian accommodations. IDOT confirmed that the proposed easements are required for the grading needed on the slight relocation of the existing 8-foot shared use path since portions of the path fall outside of the existing permanent easements. The FPDCC also inquired about how many trees would be impacted with the proposed improvements. The Department anticipates impacting 4 trees (3 on the east leg on the north side of IL 58 and 1 tree on the south leg on the east side of US 12) and any brush/shrubs within the proposed grading boundary will also need to be removed as well. The FPDCC also inquired if IDOT considered installing guardrail to act as a separation between the roadway and the shared-use path to reduce the space needed. The Department stated that guardrail was considered but it is to be used as a last resort since its installation creates a safety hazard itself to both vehicles on the road as well as bicyclists and pedestrians on the shared-use path. The guardrail only provides about 1.5 ft of space saving which would not entirely avoid the ROW required from the Forest Preserve. The 7-ft separation from the traveled way provides safety for all modes of transportation; vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists; provides for green space that can be used by underground utilities between the roadway and the path away from Forest Preserve vegetation and provides for a more better design. The Department prefers providing separation from traffic with green space.

v. Next Steps

The Department is waiting for the FPDCC to provide input/concurrence on the initial Section 4(f) documentation that was sent on March 22, 2024 before proceeding with public outreach in the form of a newspaper ad to allow the public time to review and comment on the effects of the project on the Section 4(f) property.

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