

State Letters



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July 11, 2007


Ms. Gigi Gruber
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Dear Ms. Gruber:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed access point along Thorndale Avenue. Based upon the additional information provided by the Village, we understand that an extension of Cherry Street and eventual connection to Arlington Heights Road is no longer feasible. In addition, the Department is not in a position to protectively acquire these parcels in order to eliminate the need for this new access point, and therefore, we have no further comments. However, we would urge the village to minimize the number of access points along this heavily traveled corridor as part of future planning efforts.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Peter E. Harmet, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

Very truly yours,


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IDNR Project #: 0804892
Date: 10/30/2007

Project: Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass Study
Address: 1000 Thorndale Avenue, Bensenville

Description: The Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass study (EOWB) involves the evaluations of transportation needs and system alternatives within a study area roughly bounded with a 2-mile buffer outside of I-90 to the north, I-290 to the west and to the south, and I-294 to the east.

Natural Resource Review Results

This project was submitted for information only. It is not a consultation under Part 1075.

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Busse Woods INAI Site
East Branch Marsh INAI Site
Fischer Woods INAI Site
Meacham Grove INAI Site
Schiller Woods Prairie INAI Site
Songbird Slough INAI Site
Swift Road Meadow INAI Site
Wgn Marsh INAI Site
Wood Dale Grove INAI Site
Busse Forest Nature Preserve
Alkali Bulrush (*Bolboschoenus maritimus*)
Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)
Black-Crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
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Blanding'S Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)
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Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium reflexum*)
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Dog Violet (*Viola conspersa*)

- Downy Solomon'S Seal (*Polygonatum pubescens*)
- Dwarf Raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*)
- Dwarf Raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*)
- Ear-Leafed Foxglove (*Tomanthera auriculata*)
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)
- Kirtland'S Snake (*Clonophis kirtlandi*)
- Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
- Little Green Sedge (*Carex viridula*)
- Marsh Speedwell (*Veronica scutellata*)
- Marsh Speedwell (*Veronica scutellata*)
- Northern Grape Fern (*Botrychium multifidum*)
- Pretty Sedge (*Carex woodii*)
- Pretty Sedge (*Carex woodii*)
- Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*)
- Richardson'S Rush (*Juncus alpinoarticulatus*)
- Sedge (*Carex bromoides*)
- Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
- Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
- Spotted Coral-Root Orchid (*Corallorhiza maculata*)
- Star-Flower (*Trientalis borealis*)
- Tuckerman'S Sedge (*Carex tuckermani*)
- Tuckerman'S Sedge (*Carex tuckermani*)
- White Lady'S Slipper (*Cypripedium candidum*)
- Yellow-Headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
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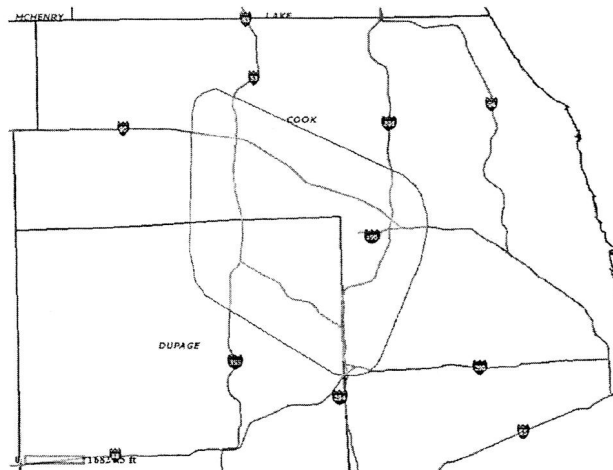
Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Cook

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November 9, 2007

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«City», «State» «Zip_code»

Re: Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass; Cook and DuPage Counties

Dear «Salutation» «Last_Name»:

We are writing to inform you that the Department has recently initiated preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase I) studies for the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass (EO-WB) project, and to seek your participation in our planning process. Our Phase I studies are being advanced in response to the Federal SAFETEA-LU legislation, which set aside \$140 million towards the project. Our planning and engineering work will examine a broad system of transportation improvements, encompassing roadways (including the EO-WB), rail/bus transit, and bike/pedestrian facilities. As such, project stakeholders will be engaged over a larger study area, which is generally bounded by I-90 on the north, I-290/IL 53 to the west and south, and I-294 to the east (Figure One). A western access to O'Hare Field will also be examined as part of our study.

Overall, the planning process will be pursued in two layers, or "tiers". Tier One, which will identify transportation system needs and evaluate a range of transportation system alternatives, will be completed by the end of 2010 although we will examine opportunities to accelerate this schedule (Figure Two). The results of our Tier One studies will be summarized in a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and will identify the preferred transportation system concept(s). Given that we are evaluating the transportation system within a 50 square mile study area, the level of detail for Tier One will be broader than the traditional level of detail. Tier Two studies will focus upon portions of the preferred transportation system concept that can be constructed independently, using the traditional Phase I level of detail. It is also important to note that although there are many past roadway planning efforts in the study area, our team will be making an entirely fresh start.

Our public outreach program will be extensive, and follows the Department's Context Sensitive Solutions policy. We have established a Corridor Planning Group (CPG) which consists of the Mayors/Presidents from the communities (plus officials from DuPage and Cook Counties) in the study area. On October 3rd, we hosted the initial CPG meeting, which included an exercise to identify transportation needs in the study area.

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We have also identified your agency or group as a stakeholder that could greatly assist us during this planning process. Therefore, we are seeking your participation in our **Environmental, Transportation or Land Use Task Forces**. We would also like to enlist your help in identifying other potential stakeholders that may wish to participate in our planning process.

In general, the role of these task forces will be to:

- Provide technical input according to their respective areas of expertise
- Provide insight and input from a stakeholder perspective that will influence the development and evaluation of alternatives
- Review study outputs in detail and provide comments
- Assist in the development of a consensus solution.

Our initial Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2007, as listed below. Our first Task Force meeting will be a combined session of all three task forces. The Task Force meeting agenda will include an overview, a schedule of future events, and a scoping workshop to identify issues and concerns from your agency or group's perspective. Please consider this a formal invitation to the event.

Another important event to put on your calendar our Public Informational Meeting, which is also noted below. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the planning process and seek input regarding transportation needs.

Public Informational Meeting # 1

Date: November 14, 2007
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: Oak Meadows Golf Club
900 N. Wood Dale Rd
Addison, IL 60101

Task Force Meeting # 1 (combined)

Date: December 13, 2007
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Oak Meadows Golf Club
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We look forward to working with you on this important project, and consultant staff will be contacting you to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me or Peter E. Harmet, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

Very truly yours,



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Re: Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass; Cook and DuPage Counties

Dear «Salutation» «Last_Name»:

As a follow up to our October 3rd Corridor Planning Group (CPG) meeting, we would like to invite your community to participate in our initial Task Force meeting, which will be a combined session of the **Environmental, Transportation and Land Use Task Forces**. These task forces are open to membership from any of the CPG communities, as well as other agencies or interested groups, which we are contacting separately. The Task Forces will have a similar role as the CPG, although the focus will be on more technically oriented issues. Accordingly, task force members should be comprised of staff with a particular expertise or interest in environment, transportation or land use. Our initial meeting is scheduled for:

Task Force Meeting # 1 (Combined)

Date: December 13, 2007

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Oak Meadows Golf Club
900 N. Wood Dale Rd
Addison, IL 60101

The Task Force meeting agenda will include an overview of the planning process, schedule of future events, and a scoping workshop to identify issues and concerns from your community's perspective.

Our consultant team will be contacting you to confirm your interest and attendance. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me or Peter Harmet, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

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Dear «Salutation» «Last_Name»:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass. The project study area covers approximately 50 square miles and is bounded by I-90 to the north, I-290 to the west and south and I-294 to the east. The area is a major transportation hub of regional and national significance, including O'Hare International Airport, the Bensenville Railroad Yard, and five intersecting interstate facilities (I-355, I-190, I-90, I-294 and I-290).

The FHWA and IDOT are using a tiered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) approach in this study. Tier One will include an evaluation of transportation system needs across the entire study area as well as the development and evaluation of multi-modal system alternatives. A travel demand model and a Geographic Information System (GIS) database will be the primary technical tools used to identify transportation system needs and potential environmental impacts during the Tier One study.

The outcome of the Tier One EIS is expected to be the identification of a preferred transportation system alternative(s). Tier Two environmental studies would focus on detailed environmental analyses for individual projects within the preferred transportation system alternative(s) that have independent utility.

The FHWA and IDOT, as joint lead agencies for this project, are responsible for identifying State and local agencies, municipalities and other entities that may have an interest in the project and inviting those entities to be Participating Agencies.

Your agency has been identified as one that may have an interest in this project, because of your jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project; accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to become actively involved as a Participating Agency. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the project.

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As a Participating Agency and pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act,-a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), you will be afforded the opportunity to be involved in important aspects of the planning process including:

- Early identification of any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts;
- Providing input to the project's Purpose and Need;
- Providing input to the alternative development and evaluation process, and
- Review and comment on other items such as level of detail of study, methodologies for alternative development and analysis, and environmental impact analysis.

Attached as a third page to this letter, you will find a form that will allow you to check a response to either accept or decline the offer to become a Participating Agency. Please check the response that is appropriate for you and return this form to IDOT using the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope prior to December 14, 2007.

Please note that non-federal agencies must formally accept the invitation in order to be considered as a Participating Agency. If your agency declines to be a Participating Agency, the response should state your reason for declining the invitation. If you choose not to be a Participating Agency, your comments regarding the process may be recorded through available public/stakeholder involvement venues, e.g. Corridor Planning Group, Task Forces, Public Meetings, etc. See the attachment for further definition of the role of a Participating Agency.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact Peter E. Harmet, P.E., Bureau Chief of Programming at (847) 705-4393.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Very truly yours,



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Accept: _____

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Reason(s) for not accepting:

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Attachment

Role of Participating Agencies

The recent Federal transportation legislation (SAFETEA-LU, 2005) expanded participation in federally funded transportation projects for non-federal agencies with the provision of a "Participating Agency" status. The intent was to broaden formal participation to agencies that have a genuine interest in the project. For the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass study, this means cities, villages, townships, counties, and others that would be potentially affected by transportation improvements.

IDOT has extended your agency an opportunity to serve as a "Participating Agency". This is a formal designation that affords you access to the study process; to provide input on key matters early in the process, and to review and comment on outputs from the process. There is an expectation that goes with the status of a "Participating Agency" and that will be your involvement on key matters to ensure timely input and timely decisions that reflects that input. These key milestones are:

- Project Purpose and Need
- Study Methods to be used in the Evaluation
- Alternative Development and Evaluation
- Identification of the Preferred Alternative

IDOT encourages agencies to become participating agencies and to become actively involved with this study. However, you may choose to decline the invitation, and take part in the study process as a non-participating agency. Whereas, your role would be less formalized, you would still have the opportunity to provide input and review project materials through the established public involvement process. For those who are a member of the CPG, regular opportunities for input and review will be provided through that mechanism as well.

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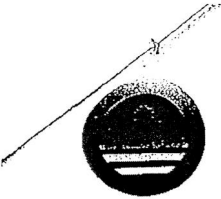
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Village of Roselle	Participating agency	Declined
Village of Berkeley	Participating agency	Declined

Participating Agencies Responses

Agency Name	Requested Role	Agency Response
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Cook County	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Regional Transportation Authority	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Chicago Transit Authority	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Addison Township	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Village of Bensenville	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Village of Bloomingdale	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Village of Franklin Park	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Hanover Township	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
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City of Park Ridge	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
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Village of Villa Park	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
City of Wood Dale	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Hannahville Indian Community	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Prairie Band of Potawatomi	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	Participating agency	No Response (Per SAFETEA-LU: by not responding, considered to have declined)



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217-782-0547

November 29, 2007

Ms. Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Highways/ Region One/ District One
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

Dear Ms. O'Keefe:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project for the Elgin O'Hare-West Bypass Project, Phase I, in Cook and DuPage Counties.

The Agency has no objections to the project; however a construction site activities stormwater NPDES permit will be required from the Division of Water Pollution Control. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Al Keller at 217-782-0610.

Solid and hazardous waste must be properly disposed of or recycled.

If you have need for an Environmental Review in the future, please submit your information to:
**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Deputy Director's Office/MC #1,
PO Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, ATTN: DiAnne Schuerman**

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Killian
Deputy Director

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Applicant: Larry Martin
Contact: Larry Martin
Address: 8501 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

IDNR Project #: 0806296
Alternate #: 0804892
Date: 11/30/2007

Project: Elgin O'Hare West By-Pass (EOWB)
Address: 1000 Thorndale Avenue, Bensenville, Bensenville

Description: involves the evaluations of transportation needs and system alternatives within a study area roughly bounded with a 2-mile buffer outside of I-90 to the north, I-290 to the west and to the south, and I-294 to the east.

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Busse Woods INAI Site
East Branch Marsh INAI Site
Fischer Woods INAI Site
Schiller Woods Prairie INAI Site
Songbird Slough INAI Site
Swift Road Meadow INAI Site
Wgn Marsh INAI Site
Wood Dale Grove INAI Site
Busse Forest Nature Preserve
Alkali Bulrush (*Bolboschoenus maritimus*)
Black-Crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
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Blanding'S Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)
Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium reflexum*)
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Downy Solomon'S Seal (*Polygonatum pubescens*)
Dwarf Raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*)
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Ear-Leafed Foxglove (*Tomanthera auriculata*)
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)

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- Kirtland'S Snake (*Clonophis kirtlandi*)
- Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
- Marsh Speedwell (*Veronica scutellata*)
- Marsh Speedwell (*Veronica scutellata*)
- Northern Grape Fern (*Botrychium multifidum*)
- Pretty Sedge (*Carex woodii*)
- Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*)
- Sedge (*Carex bromoides*)
- Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
- Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
- Spotted Coral-Root Orchid (*Corallorhiza maculata*)
- Star-Flower (*Trientalis borealis*)
- Tuckerman'S Sedge (*Carex tuckermani*)
- Tuckerman'S Sedge (*Carex tuckermani*)
- White Lady'S Slipper (*Cypripedium candidum*)
- Yellow-Headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
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Wetland Review (Part 1090)

The National Wetlands Inventory shows wetlands within 250 feet of the project location.

An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you within 30 days to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.

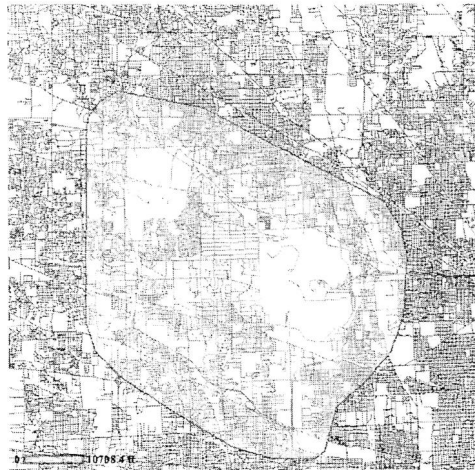
Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

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County: Dupage

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IL Department of Natural Resources Contact

Steve Hamer
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Local or State Government Jurisdiction

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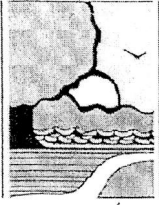
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December 3, 2007

Mr. Larry Martin, Project Manager
CH2MHill Consultants
8501 West Higgins Road
Chicago, Illinois 60631

RE: Elgin O'Hare West
By-Pass
IDNR Proj. No. 0806296

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is in response to the above referenced project that was screened through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Eco-CAT review tool.

Based on further review of resources in the vicinity of the project, the need for resource surveys will need to be done when the study has a more defined corridor for which an alignment would be selected. Currently there are several INAI sites and many listed species in the large study area.

As the project proceeds through the NEPA/404 Merger process, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will provide input for necessary studies as final alignments are determined.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact me at 217-785-4862.

Sincerely,

Steve Hamer
Transportation Review Program
Division of Environment and Ecosystems

cc: Tom Brooks/IDOT,BDE
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Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways/Region One / District One
201 West Center Court/Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

January 10, 2008

The Honorable Craig B. Johnson
Mayor
Village of Elk Grove Village
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3499

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Thank you for your letter dated December 14, 2007. It is certainly in both the Department's and the Village's interest to resolve issues as quickly as possible, and my staff will continue to work with you and your community to move the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass (EO-WB) planning process forward to completion. However, in order to achieve lasting and meaningful results, we will need to follow a planning process that identifies the transportation needs, carefully evaluates a range of alternatives, and seeks broad public input prior to selecting a preferred option. This is not only mandated by the use of Federal funds, it is vitally important to all project Stakeholders that may be impacted by the EO-WB project. As you know, the 300 foot corridor identified in the O'Hare Modernization Plan does not connect to either I-90 or I-294. Therefore, the 300 foot corridor, as a stand alone proposal, does not have logical termini or independent utility. In order to develop a preferred location for the West Bypass, we must examine areas to the north and south of O'Hare Airport, where there are no relatively open 300 foot wide corridors. Given the potential for impacts in these areas, it is essential that a thorough and open process is conducted prior to identifying a preferred alternative.

We will move the planning process forward as expeditiously as possible, and appreciate your participation and patience. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Diane O'Keefe'.

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

cc: Raymond R. Rummel, Village Manager
Matthew J. Roan, Deputy Village Manager
Alan Boffice, Director of Engineering & Community Development
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Prepared By: Ron Krall, Ext. 4103
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Project and Environmental Studies
Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass
Cook and DuPage Counties

January 11, 2008

Ms. Cathy Pollack
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Chicago Field Office
1250 S. Grove, Suite 103
Barrington, IL 60010

Subject: Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass
Endangered and Threatened Species – Technical Assistance Request
Cook County & DuPage County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Pollack:

We are writing to request Technical Assistance for the above referenced project. Please provide information on the recorded presence of federally listed endangered or threatened species for the study area. Attached please find a site location map and an aerial photograph. The study area extends approximately 2 miles outward from an area generally bounded by Interstate 90 on the north, Interstate 294 on the east, and Interstate 290 on the south and west. Township, Range, Section, Longitude, and Latitude information are included in the Appendix which is also attached to this letter.

The study area, which includes Cook and DuPage Counties and portions of 25 communities, is a regional transportation hub, with one of the nation's busiest airports, multiple interstate highways, transit facilities, and major freight transportation facilities and distribution centers. The area is densely developed with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses.

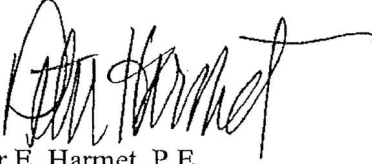
Please indicate if the study area has any recorded presence of federally protected species or if any known critical habitat for protected species occurs within the study area vicinity. If any federally protected species or critical habitat exists within the vicinity of the study area, please provide their specific locations, to the extent possible, so that this information can be used for project planning purposes when developing transportation system alternatives and considering potential environmental impacts.

Ms. Cathy Pollack
January 11, 2008
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
Peter E. Harmet, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming

Attachments

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APPENDIX

Longitude & Latitude

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2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764
Telephone 217/782-5597

January 15, 2008

Honorable Claudia "Gigi" Gruber
Mayor
550 West Irving Park Road
Itasca, Illinois 60143

Dear Mayor Gruber:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Western Access to O'Hare International Airport.

Our Elgin O'Hare-West Bypass (EO WB) planning process, which was initiated fall 2007, is following our Context Sensitive Solutions policy. We have made a tremendous commitment to seeking early, meaningful and continuous public input to guide our planning efforts. We would like to commend the village for articulating their concerns in writing at this early stage. We will consider them as the planning process moves forward and encourage you to continue to participate in the EO WB study. While we will not have definitive responses to your concerns until the planning process has sufficiently advanced, we offer the following at this time:

Direct Access to Hamilton Lakes — We acknowledge the importance of this property, as well as the access needs associated with it. At this point, we are still seeking input regarding project need and will consider the village's comments in detail during the development and evaluation of alternatives later in the planning process. It is important to note that as members of the Corridor Planning Group and Project Task Forces, there will be numerous opportunities for the village to assist in the development and evaluation of alternatives.

Light Rail — We acknowledge the village's desire for light rail solutions. The project team has committed to developing and evaluating a multi-modal solution that encompasses roadway, rail, bus, bicycle and pedestrian elements.

Access at Rohlwing Road (IL 53) — We acknowledge the village's desire for adequate access at Rohlwing Road. As noted above, we are still seeking input regarding project need and will consider the village's comments in detail during the development and evaluation of alternatives later in the planning process.

Quality of Life and Environmental Considerations — As part of our planning process, we will be seeking to avoid or minimize impacts as a priority. In addition, we will examine a variety of alternatives, and seek input from the communities in terms of benefits and impacts, as well as potential mitigation concepts.

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Process and Coordination – The village of Itasca is a key stakeholder, and the department will continue to seek your input through individual meetings with you and your staff, as well as through our established Stakeholder Involvement Program. We would also ask for your continued patience during this planning process, which we believe is structured to methodically address a number of complex issues and conflicting objectives in the study area.

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois transportation system. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Diane O'Keefe, Deputy Director of Highways, Region One Engineer, located at 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196, or telephone her at (847) 705-4110.

Sincerely,

Milton R. Sees, P.E.
Secretary

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January 31, 2008

Cook County Assessor's Office
118 North Clark Street, Room 312
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Chief Legal Counsel

Re: Inter-Agency Agreement between the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Agency"). dated December 7, 2007

Dear Chief Legal Counsel:

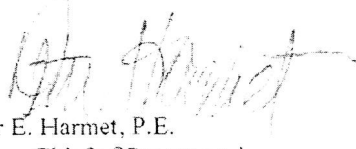
The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in acquiring GIS data for the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass Study. This involves the evaluations of transportation needs and system alternatives within a study boundary roughly defined within a two mile buffer outside of I-90 to the north, I-290 to the west and south, and I-294 to the east. A project location map is attached for your reference.

This GIS data will be used as a decision support tool for alternative corridor development and impact assessments. Attached to this letter is a copy of the Cook County Township, Range, and Section information for all the areas in which the GIS data is being sought.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
Peter E. Harnet, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming

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bcc: Lidia Pilecky, CH2M Hill
David R. Walters, CBBEL
Ron Krall



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January 31, 2008

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Re: Agency Letter; Inter-Agency Agreement between the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Agency"), dated December 7, 2007

Dear Chief Legal Counsel:

This letter concerns the agreement listed above (the "Agreement") and is a request that either the Cook County Assessor's Office send Assessor Data (as that term is defined in the Agreement) directly to Christopher Burke Engineering ("Consultant") or that Agency be allowed to forward Assessor Data to Consultant directly or through one of its agents.


Agency hereby authorizes Consultant to act for Agency and in the Agency's name with respect to those certain Exhibits attached to the Agreement, including, but not limited to, the completion and execution of such Exhibits. Agency will, at all times, remain liable under the Agreement and any Exhibits, including, but not limited to, any Exhibits completed and executed by Agency and/or Consultant, subject to the terms of the Agreement.

This letter is being written to induce the Cook County Assessor's Office to deliver Assessor Data to Consultant or to grant permission that Agency be allowed to forward Assessor Data to Consultant.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

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March 5, 2008

The Honorable Craig B. Johnson
Mayor
Village of Elk Grove Village
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3499

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Thank you for your letter dated January 18, 2008. As we mentioned in our last letter, we must follow a federally mandated process, which will ultimately lead to approval of a preferred multimodal transportation system alternative by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). More specifically, we must follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). At the heart of NEPA is a requirement that we must rigorously analyze alternatives, and in doing so, seek to avoid or minimize potential impacts to the natural and human environment, while also taking into account transportation needs in reaching a decision that is in the best overall public interest.

We share your belief that the 300 foot corridor would have a relatively low level of impacts, and even at this point in the planning process, we can acknowledge that a new transportation facility west of York Road, through the middle of your Industrial Park, would result in an unacceptable level of impact. However, we also want to make it clear that FHWA approval, which will be based upon an analysis of alternatives, is needed in order to make any decision meaningful or credible. Therefore, until we have advanced the alternatives analysis, we cannot identify a preferred transportation alternative. Accordingly, declaring a preferred "portion" of a highway alternative will not have any standing in the process. It is possible that as we analyze alternatives, we may find that improvements to existing roadways or transit may be even less damaging and better serve the transportation needs of your community and the study area.

Another important point to consider is that we are seeking your communities' participation in the development and evaluation of alternatives. We will be engaging in the alternatives analysis this spring, and will be meeting with project stakeholders on a monthly basis to move the planning process forward, with the objective of identifying a preferred, multi modal transportation system alternative by the end of 2008. This will be based upon a favorable combination of technical analysis, regulatory agency approvals, and stakeholder support. We urge you to continue the Village's high level of participation.

The Honorable Craig B. Johnson
March 5, 2008
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Peter Harmet, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

Very truly yours,



Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

cc: Raymond R. Rummel, Village Manager
Matthew J. Roan, Deputy Village Manager
Alan Boffice, Director of Engineering & Community Development Board
of Trustees

Prepared By: Pete Harmet, Ext. 4393
Bureau of Programming

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March 14, 2008

Ms. Terry Fell
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Region V
FEMA, Chief Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch
536 South Clark Street, Floor 6
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Ms. Fell:

Thank you for your February, 2008 letter regarding the proposed Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass project. As we indicated in our initial letter to you, we are performing a Tiered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is at a broad level of detail.

The outcome of Tier One will be a preferred multi-modal Transportation System solution that addresses transportation needs within our 100 square mile study area. As such, we will be using a Geographic Information System (GIS) database for our environmental analysis. Floodplains and related elements are included in this database. However, impacts to floodplains will be identified at a macro level, and only relative comparisons between proposed system alternatives will be made as part of the evaluation process.

Tier Two will involve traditional detailed Phase I engineering and environmental studies on individual components of the overall preferred Transportation System Alternative that have logical termini and independent utility. We will seek to avoid or minimize impacts to natural resources throughout the planning process. However, impacts that cannot be completely avoided will be determined more precisely in Tier Two, and complete mitigation requirements developed to address all unavoidable impacts. The studies will be completed in accordance with the Federal Aid Policy Guide and the Governor's Executive Order on Construction Activities in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Ms. Terry Fell
March 14, 2008
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Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer



By:
Peter E. Harnet, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming



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September 30, 2008

Mr. Len Kleinjan
President
Haeger Engineering, LLC
1300 N. Plum Grove Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Dear Mr. Kleinjan:

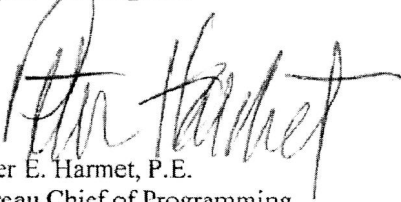
Thank you for your e-mail inquiry regarding our Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass study. As you note in your e-mail, there are several alternatives (seven) remaining that are undergoing further evaluation to arrive at a preferred alternative or alternatives. As requested, we have enclosed the right-of-way footprint exhibits for Alternative 501.

As you discussed with Ron Krall of my staff, the City of Chicago's O'Hare Modernization Project requires a partial relocation of Irving Park Road (IL 19) from just east of York Road to a point just east of Taft Road to accommodate new runway additions and configurations. It is our understanding that the relocated Irving Park Road will provide two lanes in each direction. However, the number of lanes, the final centerline alignment, and the final right-of-way footprint area all still subject to change. We recommend that you contact Shawn Kinder, OMP, at (773) 462-7335 and request further information from them regarding this topic as well.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
Peter E. Harmet, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming

Enclosure

Krall, Ronald D

From: Harmet, Pete E
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 9:48 AM
To: Krall, Ronald D
Subject: RE: Elgin O'Hare West Bypass - Route 19 Improvements

Response should be a (legible) ROW footprint and caveats about additional evaluation to be conducted....

From: Krall, Ronald D
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 8:53 AM
To: Harmet, Pete E
Subject: FW: Elgin O'Hare West Bypass - Route 19 Improvements

Fyi...what we were talking about.

From: Len Kleinjan [mailto:len-k@haegerengineering.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Krall, Ronald D
Subject: FW: Elgin O'Hare West Bypass - Route 19 Improvements

Ron:

We represent a property owner on Taft Avenue on the south side of the O'Hare Airport who is concerned about possible future right of way takings with respect to modal 501 alternative for the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass. We realize that you are in the early stages of your design concepts and there are many alternatives under consideration. If Modal 501 is implemented we understand that IL-19 would be widened from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. Do you know if additional right of way would be required or what the typical right of way section would look like?

I am sure you are overwhelmed with questions on the proposed bypass but we would very much appreciate a quick response.

Thank you,

Len Kleinjan, P.E., CFM – President

HAEGER ENGINEERING LLC
1300 N. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173
p 847.394.6600 f 847.394.6608 direct 847.230.3160



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October 17, 2008

Baxter & Woodman
8678 Ridgefield Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Attn: Al Stefan

Dear Mr. Stefan:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation on October 16, 2008 with Peter Procaccio of Christopher B. Burke Engineering relative to the drainage study to be prepared as part of the Location Phase for the subject improvement (see attached map). We are requesting the appropriate drainage information for incorporation into the drainage study.

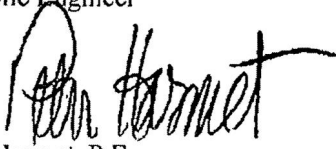
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Very truly yours,

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Village of Bensenville
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, IL 60106
Attn: Jim Johnson

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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Cook County Highway Department
69 West Washington Avenue – 21st Floor
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Bob Mack

Dear Mr. Mack:

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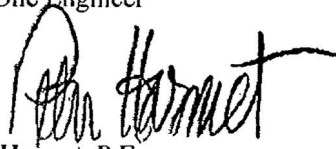
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City of Des Plaines
1420 Miner Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016
Attn: Tim Oakley

Dear Mr. Oakley:

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DuPage County Public Works Department
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
Attn: Nick Kottmeyer

Dear Mr. Kottmeyer:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation on October 16, 2008 between Peter Procaccio of Christopher B. Burke Engineering and Tony Charlton relative to the drainage study to be prepared as part of the Location Phase for the subject improvement (see attached map). We are requesting the appropriate drainage information for incorporation into the drainage study.

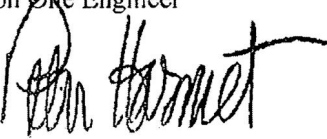
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Elk Grove Village
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Attn: Alan Boffice

Dear Mr. Boffice:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation on October 8, 2008 with Peter Procaccio of Christopher B. Burke Engineering relative to the drainage study to be prepared as part of the Location Phase for the subject improvement (see attached map). We are requesting the appropriate drainage information for incorporation into the drainage study.

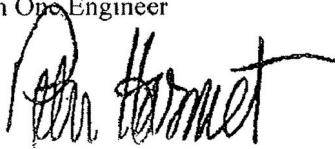
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Village of Hanover Park
2121 West Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133
Attn: William Beckman

Dear Mr. Beckman:

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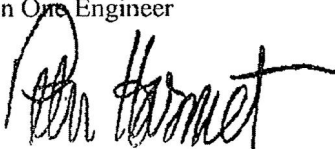
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October 17, 2008

Village of Roselle
31 South Prospect Street
Roselle, IL 60172
Attn: Jeffrey D. O'Dell

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

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Village of Schaumburg
714 South Plum Grove Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193
Attn: Steve Weinstock

Dear Mr. Weinstock:

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Village of Schiller Park
9526 Irving Park Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176
Attn: Kevin Barr

Dear Mr. Barr:

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City of Wood Dale
720 North Central Avenue
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Attn: Dave Graff

Dear Mr. Graff:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation on October 14, 2008 with Peter Procaccio of Christopher B. Burke Engineering relative to the drainage study to be prepared as part of the Location Phase for the subject improvement (see attached map). We are requesting the appropriate drainage information for incorporation into the drainage study.

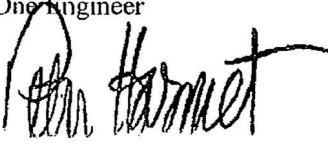
In particular, we request the following:

- Storm sewer plans
- Combined sewer atlas
- Utility plans
- Contour mapping
- Proposed and current drainage improvements
- Identification of flooding experience associated with the highway or adjacent properties
- Local ordinance

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Peter Procaccio, Drainage Engineer, at Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (847)-823-0500

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
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December 1, 2008

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Dear «Salutation»:

We appreciate your attendance at the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass (EOWB) Public Meeting #2, held on September 3, 2008. From the beginning, stakeholder input has been an important aspect of this planning process. Thank you for the comments you submitted at the meeting. We received a number of comments regarding a potential West O'Hare Bypass in the Bensenville area, and would like to take this opportunity to provide an overall response to the issues raised.

For the purposes of our study, the federally approved O'Hare Modernization Plan is considered a given, and our alignment options were developed to be compatible with the future configuration of the airport. Further, the West Bypass has been designed to be located on O'Hare Airport property to the maximum extent feasible. As shown on the attached exhibit, each of the West Bypass alignments (south of Thorndale Avenue) are east of York Road and stay north of Green Street just west of County Line Road. The alignments connect to I-294 via a number of alternates ranging from County Line Road to IL 19, and impact the Villages of Bensenville, Franklin Park or Schiller Park. The attached table, which was displayed at the public meeting, lists the impacts associated with each alignment.

As a next step in our evaluation process, the remaining seven roadway alternatives and the four transit alternatives will be further screened based upon stakeholder input, travel performance results, design performance, initial construction costs, and environmental/social impacts. Financing strategies will also be developed for the finalist alternatives, which will be a combination of all modes (highway, transit, bike and pedestrian). With respect to the environmental/social impact evaluation, we anticipate using many of the measures suggested by our stakeholders, including assessed property value, tax revenue, and number of employees. We will also evaluate potential land use changes as a result of any proposed highway or transit solution and how this may impact a community, either positively or negatively.


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We hope you continue to stay involved in the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass project, and we encourage you to visit the project website often (www.elginohare-westbypass.org), as it provides current project information. The site will be updated regularly throughout the study.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
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By: 

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ELGIN-O'HARE WEST BYPASS - SOUTH ALIGNMENTS (WEST BYPASS)
Impact Analysis

	SOUTH ALIGNMENTS (WEST BYPASS)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS							
ACRES OF WETLANDS IMPACTED	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
ACRES OF 100 YR FLOODPLAINS IMPACTED	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.6	6.3	23.2
ACRES OF DESIGNATED/RECREATIONAL LANDS IMPACTED	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ENDANGERED SPECIES SITES IMPACTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF HISTORICAL SITES IMPACTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IMPACTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOCIETAL EFFECTS							
NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES POTENTIALLY DISPLACED BY IMPROVEMENT	3	9	8	22	2	11	7
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NUMBER OF CEMETERIES IMPACTED BY IMPROVEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IMPACTED (CHURCHES, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, FIRE STATIONS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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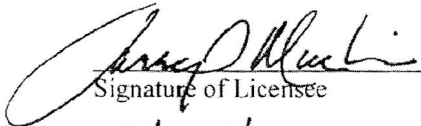
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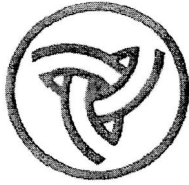
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January 6, 2009

Cook County Assessor's Office
118 North Clark Street, Room 312
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Chief Legal Counsel

Re: Agency Letter
Inter-Agency Agreement between the
Cook County Assessor's Office and the Illinois Department
of Transportation ("Agency"), dated January 6, 2009

Dear Chief Legal Counsel:

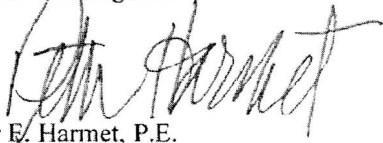
This letter concerns the agreement listed above (the "Agreement") and is a request that either the Cook County Assessor's Office send Assessor Data (as that term is defined in the Agreement) directly to Christopher Burke Engineering ("Consultant") or that Agency be allowed to forward Assessor Data to Consultant directly or through one of its agents.

Agency hereby authorizes Consultant to act for Agency and in Agency's name with respect to those certain Exhibits attached to the Agreement, including, but not limited to, the completion and execution of such exhibits. Agency will at all times remain liable under the Agreement and any Exhibits, including, but not limited to, any Exhibits completed and executed by Agency and/or Consultant, subject to the terms of the Agreement.

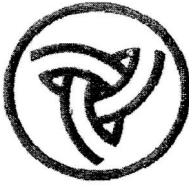
This letter is being written to induce the Cook County Assessor's Office to deliver Assessor Data to Consultant or to grant permission that Agency be allowed to forward Assessor Data to Consultant.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
Peter E. Harmet, P.E.
Bureau Chief of Programming

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February 11, 2009

Mr. Rodney S. Craig
Village President
Village of Hanover Park
2121 West Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133-4393

Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 2008 regarding our Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass (EO-WB) study.

As we discussed at the December 16, 2008 Stakeholder Workshop, the 2030 traffic impact of our EO-WB roadway alternatives, along the existing Elgin O'Hare corridor, extend as far west as Gary Avenue. Traffic volumes are not appreciably increased to the west of Gary Avenue, and relatively few arterial capacity improvements are needed solely as a result of our EO-WB roadway alternatives. However, if the Elgin O'Hare is extended west of its current terminus at U.S. Route 20 (Lake Street), we would expect that traffic would be redistributed along the surrounding arterial network, and introduce a new set of transportation issues to consider. Given that it serves a different set of trips, a westward extension of the Elgin O'Hare Expressway is not being pursued as part of our EO-WB study.

We acknowledge that by the year 2030, normal background traffic growth, in conjunction with other factors, such as the new Stearns Road Bridge, will continue to add traffic and congestion to the area, and a comprehensive analysis of the transportation system is warranted. However, at this time, the Department is unable to pursue additional Phase I studies of this type. Our resources are primarily focused upon maintaining the condition of our existing roadways and bridges. We will consider this need as future improvement needs are identified and our program is updated. However, Region One is comprised of six counties all with competing transportation priorities. Thus, future improvement needs would be prioritized amongst all the needs across the six county area.

In the interim, please note that we anticipate beginning Phase I studies for: (1) the Illinois Route 59/U.S. Route 20 (Lake Street) interchange, and (2) U.S. Route 20 (Lake Street), from Park Boulevard to Oak Avenue. The scope of work for these two projects is anticipated to be safety and operational type improvements.

Mr. Rodney S. Craig
February 11, 2009
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or
Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

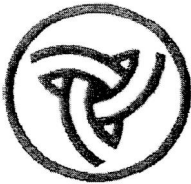
Very truly yours,



Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

cc: Catherine Melchert, Village President of Bartlett
Billie Roth, Village President of Streamwood
Ed Schock, Mayor of Elgin
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Harry Ramey, Illinois State Representative
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Prepared By: Ron Krall, ext. 4103
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February 12, 2009

Mr. Jim Chilton
O'Hare Modernization Program
P.O. Box 66848
10510 W. Zemke Road
Chicago, IL 60666

Dear Mr. Chilton:

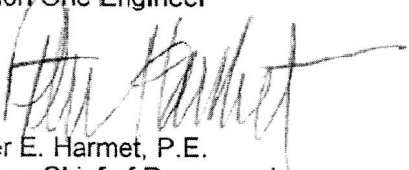
As a follow-up to our meeting on December 4, 2008, regarding the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass (EO-WB), we have enclosed a copy of the meeting summary for your information and review.

IDOT informally requested a copy of the exhibit depicting the "Proposed Conditions, Willow Creek Location" downstream of York Road on O'Hare International Airport property at the meeting held at the O'Hare Airport Building Number 4. This letter also represents our formal request of the "Proposed Conditions, Willow Creek Location" exhibit.

If you have any questions, or need additional information or clarification, please contact Ron Krall, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
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Enclosure

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

CH2MHILL

per internal review ... if there are comments per the CMP review these minutes will be modified accordingly

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare West Bypass (EOWB) – OMP Drainage Meeting RECORDER: CBBEL/Chinliang Wang

MEETING DATE & TIME: December 4, 2008 - 10:00 a.m. PREPARATION DATE: December 4, 2008

MEETING LOCATION: OMP Offices

ISSUE STATUS: Draft for Review Final

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An Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass coordination meeting was held on December 4, 2008 at the O'Hare Airport Building No. 4, beginning at approximately 10:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 11:30 a.m. The following is a summary of topics and issues discussed at the meeting.

1. Drainage Improvements at the O'Hare Airport Site:

Kay Whitlock started by providing a detailed history of drainage studies and improvements on O'Hare property and west of York Road from the late 1980's to present. Exhibits describing the airport drainage improvements background and identifying completed and ongoing projects were reviewed along with general completion timeframes.

The Touhy Avenue Reservoir and Willow-Higgins Creek Flood Control Reservoirs have been in place since 2007 and are fully operational. Both Touhy Avenue and Willow-Higgins Creek Flood Control Reservoirs were constructed to replace Reservoir #140 originally planned but not implemented/constructed due to conflicts with the airport expansion plans.

Flowage Easements were established between DuPage County and Chicago's Department of Aviation so that flows from the Willow Creek can drain to the Willow-Higgins Flood Control Reservoirs to access flood control storage.

2. Bensenville Flood Control Project:

Don Dressel provided an overview of the Bensenville Flood Control Project, which CBBEL has been involved with since 1987. The purposes are to improve channel conveyance capacity, lower flood stage elevations, and reduce flood boundary limits.

Don Dressel used a work in progress "Contour Map showing Willow Creek South Tributary 100-year floodplain after proposed conditions" to illustrate the 100-year floodplain boundary after the full implementation of recommended flood control projects from the DuPage County Watershed Plan. It was noted that the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map dated 2004 does not accurately reflect drainage improvements of the last 21 years or updated hydrologic/hydraulic models.

Portions of the recommended plan have been constructed by the DuPage DOT. Drainage improvements completed include, but are not limited to, raising York Road profile (which includes an 1,100 foot long land bridge), installing three trapezoidal openings spanned as a bridge under York Road, constructing a 100' wide channel on the west side of York Road and installing three 10' x 4' box culverts under Thorndale Road. The drainage structures were designed for the 100-year frequency event based on ISWS Bulletin 70 rainfall data using the hydrologic and hydraulic model calibrated to the 1987 August flood event observed high water marks. It was noted that the temporary gabion dams installed on the west side of York Road and upstream of Thorndale Avenue to restrict flows from draining to the O'Hare Airport property have been removed since the flowage easements were executed and the Willow-Higgins Creek Flood Control Reservoir were constructed and brought on-line.

DuPage County will process the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) once the entire recommended plan for the Willow Creek South Tributary watershed, Willow Creek North Tributary watershed and Willow Creek watershed are completed. CBBEL noted that the County did not want to do multiple LOMR's as individual component projects were completed. As a result, it was noted that the FEMA maps that IDOT has in this area do not accurately reflect the current situation.

3. Deliverables & Issues:

Rick Wojcik asked whether the trapezoidal openings under York Road and the U.P. Railroad line could adequately convey water from the west and onto the O'Hare property. Don Dressel informed Rick that the trapezoidal openings already in place are sized for the ultimate configuration (not including the proposed interchange) and can handle the appropriate design storm. Don further stated that the three trapezoidal openings under York Road in conjunction with the culverts under the railroad (Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific) are adequate to pass the 100-year base flow without any head loss; therefore, no flood storage will occur upstream of York Road apart from the conveyance storage in the channel. Don noted the south tributary could be moved back to its natural/historic location (west side of current Parker Hannifinn Building Property in the northwest corner of Thorndale and York) as part of the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass project, if necessary.

Rick Wojcik requested a copy of the Bensenville Flood Control documents including hydrologic/hydraulic modeling data and a copy of Willow Creek Relocation exhibit. CBBEL will request information through OMP with Kay Whitlock's assistance. A separate request based on the Freedom of Information Act was processed through DuPage County on November 19, 2008. Don Dressel has received permission from DuPage County to release the information.

Rick Wojcik asked why the proposed airport western terminal was located in a floodplain. Rick stated that a 2-ft freeboard above the 100-year design storm for the Willow Creek South Tributary will be required for all new (interchange) ramps that are proposed to be below grade. This is consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers freeboard criteria to prevent adjacent properties from the floodplain by constructing berms or levees two feet above the 100-year floodplain. IDOT policy and practice is to provide three foot freeboard above the 50-year design storm in floodplains for new construction (proposed interchange and new expressways) constructed at or above grade. Pat Pechnick indicated that the proposed airport western terminal site has been a "given" element for the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass Project and IDOT has to accommodate it. In essence, the West Terminal placement was determined by the City of Chicago and is part of the approved federal action (EIS report) which

includes the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Thus, it cannot be moved by IDOT. It can only be moved by the OMP with a revision to the ALP and approved by the FAA and that is not anticipated.

The EO-WB team will study drainage alternatives to minimize the base floodplain influence spreading into the proposed interchange at York Road/West Bypass/Elgin O'Hare and present viable drainage alternatives to CH2M HILL, SEC Group, Inc. and IDOT by January 15, 2009.

Subject: FW: Use of data

From: Kieninger, Tara [mailto:Tara.Kieninger@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 1:30 PM
To: pknysz@cbbel.com
Subject: RE: Use of data

Dear Pete,

Sorry for the delay in responding. I've been out of the office since the 12th. See my responses below in bold font.

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Tara,

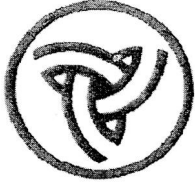
Hi. Sorry to bother you...I just wanted to make sure that we are following the terms of the License Agreements for the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass project and US Route 45 Millburn Bypass.

- 1) Is it okay for us to use the data that your office provided in project reports and other project related materials? Threatened and endangered species names will not be labeled on the exhibits if polygons are shown on exhibits. The data will be cited. **Yes, polygons can be shown as long as they are not labeled with species names.**
- 2) Is it okay to shown and name INAI sites and other lands protected by INPC on exhibits? **If possible, could you just label INAI sites as "natural areas"? Many landowners are unaware that their site is on the Natural Areas Inventory and may not be happy to see their properties circled and given a name.**

Thanks,

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March 11, 2009

The Honorable Craig B. Johnson
Mayor
Village of Elk Grove Village
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 2, 2009. We would like to take this opportunity to provide clarification relative to the issues raised, as well as emphasize the context and scope of the Elgin O'Hare – West Bypass planning process.

As you know, our study is being pursued in two parts, or Tiers. More specifically, the purpose of Tier One, through a robust analysis of alternatives and stakeholder input, is to identify a preferred multi-modal system concept for the study area. In doing so, we are neither attempting to develop a final design for the roadway alternatives, nor are we developing design-level traffic numbers in Tier One. Rather, we have developed working concepts in order to make relative comparisons between alternatives, using a travel demand model, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) 2030 forecast data, and a Geographic Information System (GIS) database, which are the appropriate planning tools for our 175 square mile study area. Tier One will result in a preferred improvement corridor, along with the basic type of roadway/transit facilities and potential access locations.

In Tier Two, which is slated to begin in late 2010, we will be performing detailed Phase I engineering and environmental studies within the preferred improvement corridors, using more refined information with respect to traffic, topography and the environment. Tier Two would include a detailed development of roadway geometry, including final interchange types and locations, as well as supporting roadway improvements. Most importantly, we will be using more detailed information in terms of our traffic analysis in Tier Two, including new traffic counts. These counts will include individual peak hour turning movements that will be factored up to 2040 forecasts, which, along with continued stakeholder input and environmental analysis, will be used to develop a Phase I design.

The following are more specific responses to the issues raised by the Village.

Existing Traffic Data

As part of our data collection efforts in 2007, our consultant team collected traffic data at approximately 250 locations within the study area, including data assembled from various agencies, as well as new traffic counts at various locations. The compiled traffic counts consisted of a combination of 24 hour counts along with 12 hour counts. Regarding the traffic count comparison table in your letter, it is important to note that the information shared by the Village may or may not have been taken in the same areas or same timeframes, which can account for some variations. However, regardless of the data being used, the key point is that the same platform is being used for all of our alternatives to make relative comparisons, rather than determine absolute values, and that the overall approach is appropriate for the broad level of planning being conducted in Tier One.

2030 Baseline Traffic Demand Forecasts

While the 2030 Baseline scenario does not include any major north-south improvements within Elk Grove Village, it does assume that all of the projects in CMAP's 2030 Regional Transportation Plan will be in place outside the study area. This includes capacity improvements along I-90 and I-294, which may serve to divert longer distance or regional trips. In addition, an add-lanes improvement along Thorndale Avenue is assumed in the 2030 Baseline, which also serves to divert some trips from IL 83, whom are choosing to stay on Thorndale Avenue and use York Road instead. We would also like to note that the 2030 Baseline scenario is being used as a platform to test the initial alternatives. Once the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Build Alternatives are identified, we will work with CMAP to develop 2030 "Build" forecasts of the Build Alternatives. Again, we will also be updating the traffic data in Tier Two when the focus will be on detailed design engineering.

2030 Trip Origin-Destination Data

As you mentioned, the Transportation System Performance Report provides a breakdown of study area trip origins and destinations. However, this information is intended to characterize the entire study area, rather than estimate travel on an individual corridor, as the origin-destination (O-D) characteristics for the study area are not necessarily the same for individual corridors. The trip characteristics were estimated by the Travel Demand Model tool, and represent the total system-wide travel patterns. The model takes into account a wide array of factors such as trip interactions between traffic generators, the travel relationships between population and employment in the study area and the region, and relationships between study area trip patterns and regional travel patterns.

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March 11, 2009
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East-West Business Park Circulation

The Travel Demand Model takes into account changes in access when generating estimated volumes. Given the major capacity additions along the Thorndale Corridor associated with Alternative 202 (construction of the Elgin O'Hare extension), we would expect the east-west traffic adjacent to the IL 83 corridor to be reduced, as longer distance and regional trips are shifted to the Elgin O'Hare Extension. In addition, we will be revisiting this issue for the DEIS Build Alternatives using refined forecasts. Finally, as indicated earlier, a more detailed analysis of travel patterns and traffic demand for the preferred system alternative will be performed in Tier Two.

2030 Traffic Demand on Lively Boulevard, at Interchanges

The conceptual layout for the Elgin O'Hare Extension shows a frontage road system and a series of slip ramps. While there are ramps that are oriented on either side of Lively Boulevard, the purpose of this concept is simply to provide access between the mainline freeway and the frontage road system. As you mentioned, Lively Boulevard has limited continuity, and for that reason, as well as its limited capacity, the travel demand model is not predicting relative increases in traffic. Instead, the traffic flow is accessing the frontage road and seeking other major north-south routes. With respect to the other interchange locations, as mentioned earlier, our preliminary analysis indicates that building a freeway facility in the Thorndale Corridor will serve to draw trips away from local east-west arterials. Again, design engineering for the preferred improvement corridors will be developed in detail in Tier Two.

We appreciate and value the Village's participation, as it has guided and strengthened the planning process. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff regarding further evaluation and refinement of the alternatives as the process continues.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Peter Harmet, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

Very truly yours,



Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

cc: Ray Rummel, Village Manager
Matt Roan, Assistant Village Manager

Prepared By: Ron Krall, ext. 4103
Bureau of Programming

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Applicant: Larry Martin *IDNR Project #:* 0911687
Contact: Larry Martin *Alternate #:* 0804892,
0911651
Address: 8501 W. Higgins Road *Date:* 06/11/2009
Chicago, IL 60631

Project: Elgin O'Hare West By-Pass (EOWB)
Address: 1000 Thorndale Avenue, Bensenville

Description: Involves the evaluation of transportation needs and system alternatives within a study area roughly bounded by a 2-mile buffer outside of I-90 to the north and I-294 to the south and a 5-mile buffer of I-290 to the west.

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Busse Woods INAI Site
East Branch Marsh INAI Site
Fischer Woods INAI Site
Gray Farm Park Marsh INAI Site
Meacham Grove INAI Site
Schiller Woods Prairie INAI Site
Songbird Slough INAI Site
Swift Road Meadow INAI Site
Wgn Marsh INAI Site
Wood Dale Grove INAI Site
Busse Forest Nature Preserve
Alkali Bulrush (*Bolboschoenus maritimus*)
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Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)
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Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium reflexum*)

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
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Dog Violet (*Viola conspersa*)
Downy Solomon'S Seal (*Polygonatum pubescens*)
Dwarf Raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*)
Ear-Leafed Foxglove (*Tomanthera auriculata*)
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)
Henslow'S Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*)
Kirtland'S Snake (*Clonophis kirtlandi*)
Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
Little Green Sedge (*Carex viridula*)
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Marsh Speedwell (*Veronica scutellata*)
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Northern Grape Fern (*Botrychium multifidum*)
Pretty Sedge (*Carex woodii*)
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Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*)
Sedge (*Carex bromoides*)
Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
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Spotted Coral-Root Orchid (*Corallorhiza maculata*)
Star-Flower (*Trientalis borealis*)
Tuckerman'S Sedge (*Carex tuckermani*)
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White Lady'S Slipper (*Cypripedium candidum*)
Yellow-Headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
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Wetland Review (Part 1090)

The National Wetlands Inventory shows wetlands within 250 feet of the project location.

An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you within 30 days to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.

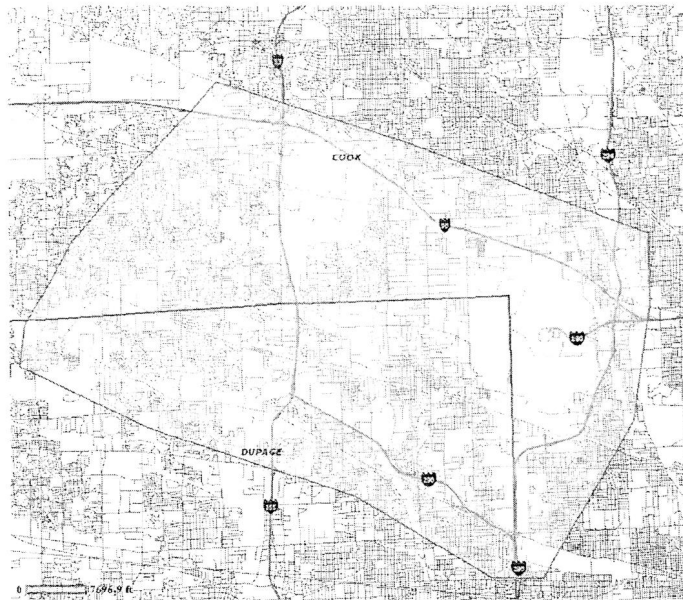
Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

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County: DuPage

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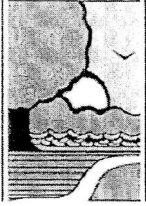
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June 15, 2009

Mr. Larry Martin, Project Manager
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RE: Elgin O'Hare West
By-Pass
Cook County
INDR #0911687

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is in response to the above referenced project that was screened through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Eco-CAT review tool. Based on the results of further review, this project has potential for impacts to resources that occur in the project area.

The project as outlined is very large with many resources in the area. As the scope of this project is narrowed down to specific alternatives, the need for both flora and fauna surveys will need to be completed.

As the project proceeds through the NEPA/404 Merger Process, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will provide input for necessary studies based on alignments chosen. Coordination of the surveys will then need to be reviewed for comments by IDNR. Consultation for this project remains open.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact me at 217-785-4862.

Sincerely,

Steve Hamer
Transportation Review Program
Division of Environment and Ecosystems

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Tom Brooks, IDOT/BDE



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Diane O'Keefe Attn: Pete Harmet
From: Charles Ingersoll By: John A. Walfhall
Subject: Cultural Resource Architectural Concurrence
Date: July 24, 2009

Cook & DuPage Counties
Elgin O'Hare Expressway
Job No. P-91-443-06
Seq. 15237

Attached is a letter of concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer indicating that architectural survey coordination for National Register consideration is complete.

This completes the necessary coordination relative to evaluating the impact of this project on significant architectural resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JAWalfhall".

Attachment

JAW:km



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

July 20, 2009

Cook and DuPage Counties
Elgin O'Hare Expressway
Project: 91-443-06

IDOT Seq # 15237

FEDERAL 106 PROJECT

Ms. Anne Haaker
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Haaker:

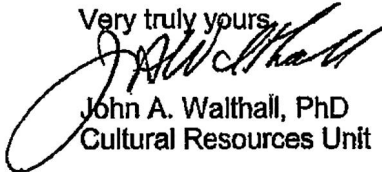
On June 19, 2009 you, along with a representative of the IDOT Environmental staff, conducted a review of photographs and locational data concerning buildings and other standing architectural structures along the Elgin O'Hare Expressway which may be impacted by proposed construction.

As you confirmed during the inspection of the photo log, none of these structures are located within an historic district, with the possible exception of a single structure, none individually meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Attached is a report from Heritage Research concerning the blue Greek revival house with Italianate influences. John Vogel in the attached report concludes:

"Predicated on our visit to the property, our observations, and our analysis of the photographs taken during the visit, we believe the property lacks any defining characteristics that would merit formal National Register consideration."

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of Illinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no residential or commercial buildings subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be impacted.

Very truly yours,


John A. Walthall, PhD
Cultural Resources Unit

CONCUR

By: 
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: July 22, 2009