



Division of Transportation

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«Prefix» «Tax First_Name» «Tax Last_Name»

«Taxpayer Address 1»

«Taxpayer Address 2»

RE: <Site Address 1> (PIN: <PIN>)

Dear <Taxpayer Name>:

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) cordially invites you to attend the Public Hearing regarding improvements to Deerfield Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Saunders/Riverwoods Road. To protect the health and safety of all participants, the public hearing will be held VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, May 25, at 4 p.m. All public hearing materials, including the Environmental Assessment and Preferred Alternatives design, will be available on the project website beginning May 10th.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present and seek input on the final Deerfield Road project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preferred Alternative. The preferred alternative improvement consists of reconstructing Deerfield Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Saunders/Riverwoods Road with additional lanes added at the Milwaukee Avenue intersection and 3-lane curbed roadway from the Des Plaines River to Saunders/Riverwoods Road with multi-use path and drainage improvements. Additionally, the project team is seeking public input on the proposed temporary use of 0.32 acres of the Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve and the proposed use of floodplain and floodway. The EA is a document that provides the purpose and need, range of alternatives, preferred alternative, and environmental impacts, benefits, and mitigation measures.

You are also receiving this letter to notify you that there is anticipated land acquisition from your property related to the proposed transportation improvements. Generally, the permanent land acquisition is needed for drainage purposes and temporary land acquisition is needed for grading and driveway replacement. Information on the land acquisition process will be presented during the Public Hearing and is also available on the project website starting May 10th. Enclosed you will find a project newsletter and detailed exhibit showing the current proposed land acquisition from your property based on the Phase I Engineering design. In the early stages of Phase II Engineering, the project team will evaluate possible reductions to the proposed land acquisition. We ask that if you have detailed questions about the proposed property acquisition to contact the project team directly and not raise these detailed design questions during the Virtual Public Hearing.

This live, virtual event will also grant the public opportunity to provide their 2-minute statement to a court reporter regarding the Preferred Alternative and the EA. A Q&A session with the project team will follow the public comment opportunity. Participants can register to join the public hearing at any time by visiting the project website at DeerfieldRoadCorridor.com. The details of the Virtual Public Hearing are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Register: www.DeerfieldRoadCorridor.com

Comments received between May 10 and June 14, 2021, will be specifically added to the public hearing record. Comments can be submitted via email to DeerfieldRoadCorridorComment@cbbel.com or a comment form can be picked up at Riverwoods Village Hall and submitted to the project team. For those without internet access and/or would like to view hard copies of the public hearing materials, or for additional information, please visit the project website at www.DeerfieldRoadCorridor.com or contact: Matt Huffman, Consultant Project Manager, at DeerfieldRoadCorridorComment@cbbel.com or (847) 823-0500.

Following the comment period, the project team will be evaluating all input received and making necessary changes to the proposed improvement and EA. To document the changes to the EA, an Errata document will be prepared and LCDOT may recommend to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) be issued for the project. The FHWA will review the EA, comments submitted on the EA (in writing or at a public hearing or meeting), and other supporting documentation, as appropriate. If the FHWA agrees with the LCDOT and IDOT's recommendations, it will issue a separate written FONSI incorporating by reference the EA and any other appropriate environmental documents. If FHWA determines the project will have a significant impact on the environment, then an Environmental Impact Statement will be required.

The Deerfield Road Phase I Engineering Study is anticipated to conclude in Summer 2021. Phase II Engineering (i.e., Design Engineering) and Land Acquisition will be ongoing for the next several years with the construction anticipated to start in late 2023 or early 2024. The formal land acquisition process will not begin until Phase I Engineering has been completed. Initial contact with affected property owners is anticipated to occur in Fall 2021.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Victoria Watts at (630) 510-3944 ex:109. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Matt Huffman, Consultant Project Manager, at DeerfieldRoadCorridorComment@cbbel.com or (847) 823-0500.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Carrier, P.E.

Director of Planning & Programming