## IP City of Highland Park

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June 8, 2022

Current Resident Address City, St Zip

RE: Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (Bridge over US Route 41)

**Project Update #2 (Correction)** 

Dear Current Resident,

The City mailed a letter dated June 7, 2022, the letter did not have the color exhibit enclosed that is referenced in the letter. This letter includes the color exhibit.

The City of Highland Park sent an update on the subject project on October 4, 2021. This letter provides you with recent developments since the last update letter.

The City was successful in securing partial federal grant funds to replace the Pedestrian Bridge that spans over US Route 41. The bridge is located south of Deerfield Road. The project limits are Old Skokie Road on the west end and Fredrickson Place on the east end. Enclosed with this letter is an aerial exhibit depicting the project, blue color denotes the existing bridge and red color denotes the new ADA-compliant bridge. Please note the existing pedestrian bridge is safe and functional. The City is required to perform periodic bridge safety inspections and send the reports to IDOT, as requested.

The City is developing conceptual plans for the proposed ADA-compliant pedestrian overpass bridge. Due to less-steep elevations part of the vertical profile transitions to meet the existing grade and be in compliance with ADA elevations of the bridge approach. The east end preliminary plans calls for a retaining wall along Fredrickson Place, the wall may partially block the west view of a few residential properties on the south side adjacent to the proposed pedestrian bridge. All construction work is anticipated to be done within City or Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), right-of-way who owns and maintains Rt 41.

The use of federal grant funds requires City to comply with IDOT's policies and procedures as noted below:

 Phase I Preliminary Engineering: In this phase site conditions, environmental impacts, mitigation strategies, and conceptual site plans are produced and submitted. The Phase I Preliminary Engineering process could take up to 2-3 years.



- Phase II Design Engineering: In this phase final design plans and bid specifications are produced based on Phase I Preliminary Engineering findings and submitted to IDOT for approval. The Phase II Design Engineering process could take up to 1-2 years.
- Phase III Construction: In this phase a contract is awarded to the low responsible bidder for construction of proposed improvements. We anticipate construction to last one season.

The above noted phasing time lines are tentative and subject to change depending on IDOT funding, phasing approvals, outside agencies permit approvals, and availability of City funding.

Phase I Preliminary Engineering is currently underway and approximately 50% complete. We anticipate hosting an Open House with the affected residents later this summer. Invitations will be mailed, during Phase I Preliminary Engineering review process. As the construction phase draws near, more detailed communication regarding traffic detours and other pertinent information will be mailed and posted on City's website at <a href="https://www.cityhpil.com/construction">www.cityhpil.com/construction</a>

If you would like to be added to the project email list or need additional information, please contact me at 847.432.0807 or via email at <a href="mailto:engineering@cityhpil.com">engineering@cityhpil.com</a>.

Sincerely,

City Engineer

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