



Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: November 14, 2016

Meeting Type: COW (Committee of the Whole) City Council Budget Workshop

Item Title: Talcott Road / Maine South Crossing

Action Requested: Approval For discussion Feedback requested For your information

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Background:

In August 2016 staff was directed to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding the installation of a traffic control signal on Talcott Road at the driveway by Maine South High School. A copy of this correspondence is attached along with IDOT's response.

IDOT's response stated that the municipality / school district would need to conduct a traffic study by a qualified traffic engineering consultant to determine if warrants are satisfied at this location. If warranted and approved by IDOT, the cost of this traffic control, including engineering and construction, would be the responsibility of the municipality / school district.

We will discuss this matter.

Attachments:

- Correspondence to IDOT from Director Zingsheim, August 9, 2016
- IDOT response, October 31, 2016



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August 9, 2016

Lisa Heaven-Baum
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Heaven-Baum:

At the August 8, 2016 City Council Meeting, discussion ensued on safety issues regarding students crossing Talcott Road mid-block at the back driveway entrance to Maine South High School. Discussion included the use of flashing lights, crossing guards, the elimination of the mid-block crosswalk, and the installation of a full traffic control stoplight.

After much discussion, it was decided that a traffic control was in the best interest of the City and the safety of the students. This proposed control would be east of the Dee / Talcott intersection, between Rose and Home, by the driveway entrance to Maine south High School where the students tend to cross.

If this were a possibility, how would the City need proceed as this is an IDOT roadway. Does the State study the area and would there even be funding for such an endeavor?

Please let me know the next steps as our Council has asked to see what can be done here in regards to a traffic control signal and how it would comply with your standards.

Sincerely,

Wayne Zingsheim
Director of Public Works

cc: Acting Mayor Maloney
Acting City Manager Gilmore
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RT1 (C) Talcott Road at Maine South High School

October 31, 2016

Mr. Wayne Zingsheim
Director of Public Works
City of Park Ridge
505 Butler Place
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Dear Mr. Zingsheim:

This is in response to your letter of August 9, 2016, regarding Talcott Road near Maine South High School in the City of Park Ridge. Before any changes in traffic control can be implemented at any intersection along a State highway, the change must first be determined warranted by a traffic engineering study.

In cases where a change in traffic control would benefit students and/or pedestrians only, the local school district and/or municipality must retain the services of a qualified traffic-engineering consultant to conduct and prepare the study. The study would determine if any of the pedestrian or school crossing warrants as defined in the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) are satisfied at the location. Once completed the study would be submitted to the Department via the Highway Permit process for review and comment.

If a consultant prepared study concludes a change in traffic control is warranted and the Department concurs with the findings, only then may the change be implemented. The improvement would be implemented by the local municipality and/or the school district via the Highway Permit process. All costs for engineering and construction of the improvement would be the responsibility of the local municipality and/or the school district.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Daryle Drew, Acting Traffic Programs Engineer, at (847) 705-4424.

Very truly yours,

John Fortmann, P.E.
Region One Engineer

By: 

Lisa E. Heaven-Baum, P.E.
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