



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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DATE: November 30, 2015

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
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Planning and Restoration Committee

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Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach, Director
Planning and Land Preservation

SUBJECT: LCDOT - 14th Street Improvements at Greenbelt Forest Preserve

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Lake County Division of Transportation to consider the exchange of District property and temporary easements for road improvements and a shared-use path along 14th Street at Greenbelt Forest Preserve, and to authorize negotiation of an intergovernmental agreement between the LCDOT and the District.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) is in the process of preparing preliminary Phase I design plans for future improvements to 14th Street between Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) and Jackson Street which will include widening the existing road through North Chicago and Waukegan and a reconstruction of the Dugdale Road intersection as a roundabout. As part of the planned improvements, LCDOT will construct a 10-foot wide shared-use path on the north side of 14th Street and the west side of Dugdale Road providing local residents a safe and convenient access to Greenbelt Forest Preserve and the Robert McClory Bike Path.

As the part of the proposed improvements, LCDOT is requesting additional right-of-way on the west side of Dugdale Road and the northwest corner of the intersection of 14th Street and Lewis Avenue and temporary easements along the north side of 14th Street within Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Staff is seeking approval to continue discussions with LCDOT, and for authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement.

REASON FOR REQUEST: District policy requires approval by relevant Standing Committees for negotiation of intergovernmental agreements.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact at this time.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION(S) SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Leadership; Organizational Sustainability

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach