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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** February 29, 2016

**MEMO TO:** Carol Calabresa, Chair  
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

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

**REQUEST:** Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to approve a non-binding letter of intent and/or negotiate an intergovernmental agreement for the grant by the District of permanent and temporary easements along IL Route 132 (Grand Avenue) west of Munn Road, at Duck Farm Forest Preserve.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Public Access and Connections, Leadership and Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** At this time there is no financial impact.

**BACKGROUND:** IDOT has been in regular contact with the District regarding proposed improvements to IL Route 132 (Grand Avenue) near Duck Farm Forest Preserve, including the roadway widening and resurfacing to provide a median to separate the opposing travel lanes, and potential easements that will be needed to complete the improvements.

As part of the planned improvements, IDOT is requesting:

- 0.63 acres of permanent easement for storm drainage improvements and a proposed sidewalk.
- 0.27 acres of temporary easement for grading to meet existing ground elevations.

As an alternative to requiring easement fees at fair market value, staff is requesting permission to discuss the possibility of a land exchange for property that IDOT owns. In accordance with the District's adopted Ordinance Regarding Licenses and Easements for Public Services, authorization is needed from the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee and the Finance and Administrative Committee to enter into negotiations with IDOT for the grant of easements in District property.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Policy Direction is required in accordance with District policy.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Director of Finance, Director of Operations and Public Safety, Corporate Counsel

**PRESENTER:** Randall L. Seebach