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DATE: July 31, 2017

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

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

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to consider fee simple transfer of District property, to provide permanent and temporary easements for road improvements to Illinois Route 60/83 at Countryside Golf Club, and to authorize execution of a letter of concurrence and negotiation of an intergovernmental agreement between IDOT and the District.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections

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

BACKGROUND: IDOT is nearing completion of the Phase I Engineering and Environmental Study for the proposed improvements to Illinois Route 60/83 from Illinois Route 176 (Maple Avenue) to the intersection of Illinois 60 at Illinois 83. The proposed improvements include widening and reconstruction of Illinois 60/83 to provide two through lanes in each direction separated by a median, a new bridge to carry IL 60/83 over the CN/Wisconsin Central railroad (just north of Diamond Lake Road), pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, drainage improvements and potential installation of noise walls in certain locations.

As part of the proposed improvements, IDOT is requesting approximately 0.71 acres of additional right-of-way in fee simple ownership, approximately 0.75 acres of permanent easement for stormwater detention and approximately 0.15 acres of temporary easement for grading purposes associated with the road improvements.

For several years staff has assisted IDOT as a member of the Community Advisory Group during the Phase I planning process. More recently, staff has worked with IDOT to ensure that the planned improvements address an on-going drainage/flooding problem on the north end of the golf course along the Seavey Drainage Ditch and to ensure that the proposed detention area (at the southwest corner of IL 83 and Hawley Street) takes on a more natural appearance.

Staff is seeking approval to continue discussions with IDOT, approval to sign a non-binding letter of concurrence and for authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement and to prepare additional documents related to the property right transactions listed above.

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