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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, Conservation and Development

SUBJECT: LCDOT- Cedar Lake Road Improvements

POLICY DIRECTION: Policy direction regarding a request from the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) to consider the dedication of right-of-way and the placement of a stormwater detention area at Nippersink Forest Preserve, and to authorize negotiation of an intergovernmental agreement between LCDOT and the District.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Division of Transportation is in the process of preparing preliminary Phase I Design plans for future improvements to Cedar Lake Road between IL Route 120 and Nippersink Road, which eventually will include the widening of the existing road to five lanes through the Village of Round Lake. As part of the planned improvements, LCDOT will construct an 8-foot wide multi-use path on the east side of Cedar Lake Road and crosswalk improvements to the intersection of IL Route 120 and Cedar Lake Road to allow for safe pedestrian access to Nippersink Forest Preserve.

As part of the planned improvements, LCDOT is requesting additional right-of-way on the west side of Cedar Lake Road for the road widening, and permission to construct a naturalized stormwater detention and compensatory storage area within Nippersink Forest Preserve. LCDOT is currently assessing the ROW requirements and the required size of the detention and compensatory storage area.

Recognizing the opportunity to connect the large residential areas east of Cedar Lake Road and south of IL Route 120, as part of the adopted Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2015/16, the Board approved a ¾-mile trail connection from the existing Nippersink trail loop, east to Cedar Lake Road. Staff has had preliminary discussions with LCDOT, which included the opportunity to complete a portion of the trail connection within the Cedar Lake Road right-of-way and the potential restoration of a portion of the former RV sales/storage site at no cost to the District in exchange for the dedicated land and easements.

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

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

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

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

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach