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DATE: August 6, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach
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REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding cooperation with Fremont Township (Township) for the correction of the Ivanhoe Road right-of-way (ROW) west of Fairfield Road.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Leadership,

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact. Future costs may include survey fees to dedicate the correct ROW alignment, and would be funded from account 31314100-802100.

BACKGROUND: A portion of the existing pavement of Ivanhoe Road, just west of Fairfield Road, leaves the ROW and passes through District property, and a portion of an existing District parking lot at Lakewood Forest Preserve is partially located within the current ROW. Ivanhoe Road, at that location, is a Fremont Township road.

A 1946 air photo shows the pavement located within the ROW, but a 1961 air photo shows that the road has been relocated, presumably to reduce the degree of a curve. When the District purchased the Lakewood Farm property in 1968, the survey inaccurately showed the ROW as it had been in 1946. As early as 1974, using the inaccurate survey, the District had constructed a parking lot partially within the ROW. In conjunction with the Master Plan efforts underway for the site, it seems reasonable to correct the District's boundary and the ROW at this time.

Staff is seeking direction from the Planning Committee as to whether the District should seek to correct the ROW discrepancy and negotiate with the Township regarding the procedures and responsibilities required to correct the ROW.

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