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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** January 5, 2015

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

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Randall L. Seebach, Director  
Planning, Conservation and Development

**SUBJECT:** IDOT–Route 132 (Grand Avenue) Road Improvements at Duck Farm and Fourth Lake

**REQUEST:** Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to consider permanent and temporary easements on IL Route 132 (Grand Avenue) at Duck Farm and Fourth Lake Forest Preserves, to authorize permission to sign a Letter of Intent between IDOT and the District, and to authorize negotiations of an Intergovernmental Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** IDOT has been in regular contact with the District regarding the proposed improvements, including the roadway widening and resurfacing to provide a median to separate the opposing travel lanes, as well as the relocation of the Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area entrance to line up with the intersection of Munn Road to the north, and the potential easements that will be needed to complete the improvements.

As part of the planned improvements, at Duck Farm Forest Preserve, IDOT is requesting:

- 0.20 acres of permanent easement for traffic signal equipment and proposed sidewalk.
- 0.17 acres of temporary easement for grading to meet existing ground
- 0.36 acres of (donated) temporary easement to extend the relocated entrance to the existing parking lot (with the District responsible for local share of costs).
- District agreement to maintain a portion of the relocated entrance.

At Fourth Lake Forest Preserve, IDOT is requesting:

- 0.08 acres of permanent easement for a proposed shared-use path, for which the District may be responsible for a local cost share for the path.
- District agreement to design and construct the shared use path from the IL 132 ROW to the existing fire lane/trail connection.

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 an intergovernmental agreement regarding a possible grant of easements in some portions of the property needed by IDOT for the road improvement project.

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

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

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

**PRESENTER:** Randall L. Seebach