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UPDATE 2:

Illinois Passes Stopgap Budget, Deerfield Road Construction to Continue

Construction on the Deerfield Road Reconstruction Project will continue following the June 30 passage of a stopgap State budget. In the absence of a State budget or the necessary appropriation authority, IDOT would have been unable to make payments to the contractor, effective July 1.

Since June 22, the Village has been working with the contractor to make the work zone safe for a possible long-term project shutdown. Now, the contractor will start working to undo those measures to clear the south lanes to allow for paving operations. Crews will be on site after the July 4 holiday, but it will take until July 11 for work to be back in full force, as the contractor needs to bring back equipment that was removed and reorder deliveries for material that had to be canceled. Barring any unanticipated delays due to weather, the Village and contractor anticipate the project to be substantially complete by the end of the construction season, as originally planned.

Upon hearing of the possible shutdown, the Village immediately reached out to State Senator Morrison, State Representative Drury and the Governor's Office for assistance on this critical issue. Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal thanks State Senator Julie Morrison, who was a sponsor of the budget legislation that restored funding for State road construction projects.

"I am pleased that the Village can continue work on this critical infrastructure improvement project. The Village thanks our local representatives for their work on this important issue and our residents who reached out to State officials to request this funding continue," Mayor Rosenthal said.

The Deerfield Road Reconstruction project includes resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadway for a length of 2.39 miles from the Metra viaduct in the Village of Deerfield to U.S. Route 41 in the City of Highland Park. The project began in February and lane-impacting work was scheduled to be completed in November. The project totals over \$18.1 million with approximately \$16 million coming from a combination of Federal, State and County programs. The Village of Deerfield executed a Local Agency Agreement with IDOT on October 5, 2015, to facilitate the pass through of these funds to complete the project.

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