

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Local Circulator Study Task Force Findings	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Naneil R. Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to accept the findings of the Circulator Study Task Force. Based on current economic conditions, not anticipated at the initiation of this project, staff does not recommend that the Village implement the Local Circulator at this time.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Village's Five Year Plan and Goals identifies *Exceptional Municipal Services*. An objective is *Continuously Looking for Opportunities, Innovations, and Ways to Improve Management and Service Delivery*.

FISCAL IMPACT

Proceeding with the implementation of the Local Circulator Program at this time would require a Village contribution of between \$69,635.00 and \$92,040.00 for the first year. These funds are not included in the 2009 budget.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the March 10, 2009 workshop. Based on the discussion, staff has amended the motion. Approval of the motion would accept the findings of the Circulator Task Force and would suspend participation in the Circulator program.

In addition, members of the Village Council requested additional information pertaining to the status of the grant funding if the Village Council elects not to implement the Local Circulator at this time. Staff has contacted representatives from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference regarding this inquiry. The total funding available for the program is \$1.6 million. DuPage County is responsible for approximately two-thirds of these funds and has indicated that their portion is not deferrable. The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is responsible for the remaining funds and has indicated their portion of the funds is deferrable if the Village approves the program in the future.

Staff recommends approval on the March 17, 2009 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

At the Village Council Workshop on January 22, 2008, Tam Kutzmark, Transportation & Planning Director for the DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference (DMMC), made a presentation to the Village Council about the Local Circulator Study and the options that were available to the Village.

At the Village Council Meeting on February 19, 2008 a Resolution was adopted that accepted the preferred alternative in Phase 3 of the DuPage Manors and Managers Conference Local Circulator Study. As part of this Resolution the Village agreed to "diligently work towards developing an Implementation Plan for the recommended service, design, including pursuing potential funding resources and submitting applications to those sources in concert with DuPage Mayor and Managers Conference staff and

consultants.” The Village also agreed to appoint a Circulator Task Force for the purpose of evaluating and participating in the study.

The Task Force members included:

- Daniel J. Loftus, Chairman
- James A. Giblin
- Frank Green, Jr.
- Christine Fregeau
- Heather Prince
- Alice J. Strelau
- Anthony D. Schiller
- Dan Dembinski, Pace Bus Representative
- Luis Dominguez, Staff Liaison

The purpose of the Task Force was to develop an implementation strategy that set forth how best to implement the preferred service design. During this process the DMMC and its consultant, LSC Transportation Consults, Inc., worked with the four communities involved, Addison, Lombard, Wheaton and Downers Grove. Considerations included how to obtain funds, operate, market, and monitor the service.

This work was overseen by the Local Circulator Study Task Force, whose members met once a month for six months, beginning September 30, 2008 and ending January 29, 2009. The Task Force provided a very detailed review of the proposed service implementation strategies, with proposed routes, schedules and projected costs. The findings of the Task Force are attached.

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works **DATE:** March 17, 2009
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Ordinance

Motion to adopt the findings of the Circulator Study Task Force and to suspend participation in the Local Circulator Task Force.

Resolution

Motion

Other

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached motion shall adopt the findings of the Circulator Study Task Force and suspend the Village's participation in the Local Circulator Task Force.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
