



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 29, 2013
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

Stormwater/Water Conservation Education Session for Businesses and Non-Profits - On **Wednesday, April 3 at 9 a.m.**, the Village will host a stormwater education workshop to encourage businesses and non-profits to take advantage of the Village's credit program. The session will be held in the Lincoln Center Auditorium at 935 Maple Avenue.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

Neighborhood Traffic Study Update - As a result of a recommendation from Neighborhood Traffic Study Area #1 staff successfully applied for Safe Route to School grant funding to improve pedestrian safety and further reduce traffic speed on Blodgett Avenue in the vicinity of Whittier School. Residents in the neighborhood were invited to comment on a preliminary plan at a July 2012 TaP meeting. Since that time staff has been working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to finalize the design in preparation for construction. This pre-final plan was presented for discussion at last week's TaP meeting. Attached is the staff report that was presented at last week's meeting, an exhibit showing the existing condition and the final design, which incorporates suggestions staff received from residents. Construction of this project is planned for fall 2013.

Public Works Staff Report
File # 03-13
2012 Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Program –
Blodgett/Elmwood/Randall Intersection Improvements – Pre-Final Design

BACKGROUND

This item was last presented to this Commission at the July 11, 2012 meeting as a formal Public Meeting, required by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Phase I process.

Since that time, staff has been coordinating the various design elements with the IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) throughout the remainder of 2012. This project was last presented to IDOT /FHWA in January 15, 2013 and was approved. The approved design is considered pre-final, since most of the key elements are addressed and resolved. There are always a few design features that can be refined and adjusted to make it final.

Staff is bringing this design back to this Commission for a final review since it has been changed somewhat from the original design presented at the July 11, 2012 meeting.

STUDY

This proposed improvement will have several significant benefits to the motorists, pedestrians, and school kids to/from Whittier School. The constant vehicular speeding which has been an issue at this location for many years will be addressed. The pedestrian safety to/from Whittier School will be enhanced. Staff has observed on numerous occasions pedestrian walking activity in this area. The large expanse of pavement has always been an obstacle. With a new designated sidewalk/crosswalk design as part of this improvement, that condition will be eliminated. Staff sees this opportunity to physically re-shape this intersection as a positive benefit to the school, the neighborhood, as well as for all passing motorists.

Next Steps

From tonight's meeting, staff anticipates minor design adjustment comments to this set of plans, which can be easily added to the plans. Contract plans are being finalized by Village staff and will be submitted to IDOT by March 15, 2013. The Village will proceed with a Local Agency Agreement to be presented to the Village Council on May 14, 2013.

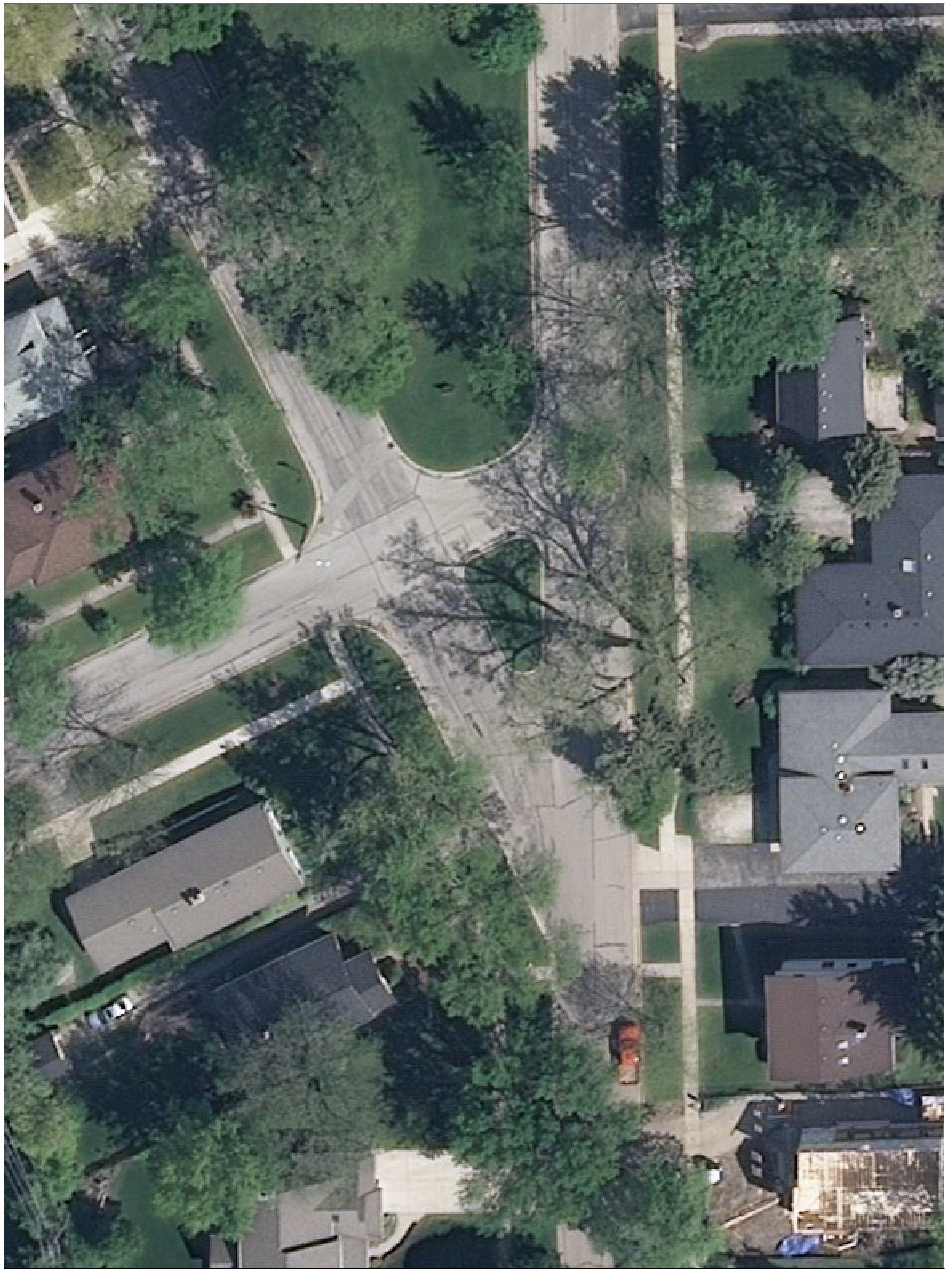
Project Schedule

Construction letting will be handled by IDOT and scheduled tentatively for August 2, 2013. Construction is anticipated to be started and completed Fall, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Transportation & Parking Commission forward a positive recommendation that the following be implemented:

- **APPROVE THE PRE-FINAL DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE BLODGETT/ELMWOOD/RANDALL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT.**



BLODGETT-RANDALL-ELMWOOD INTERSECTION
EXISTING CONDITION

2012 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

SCALE
1"=40'



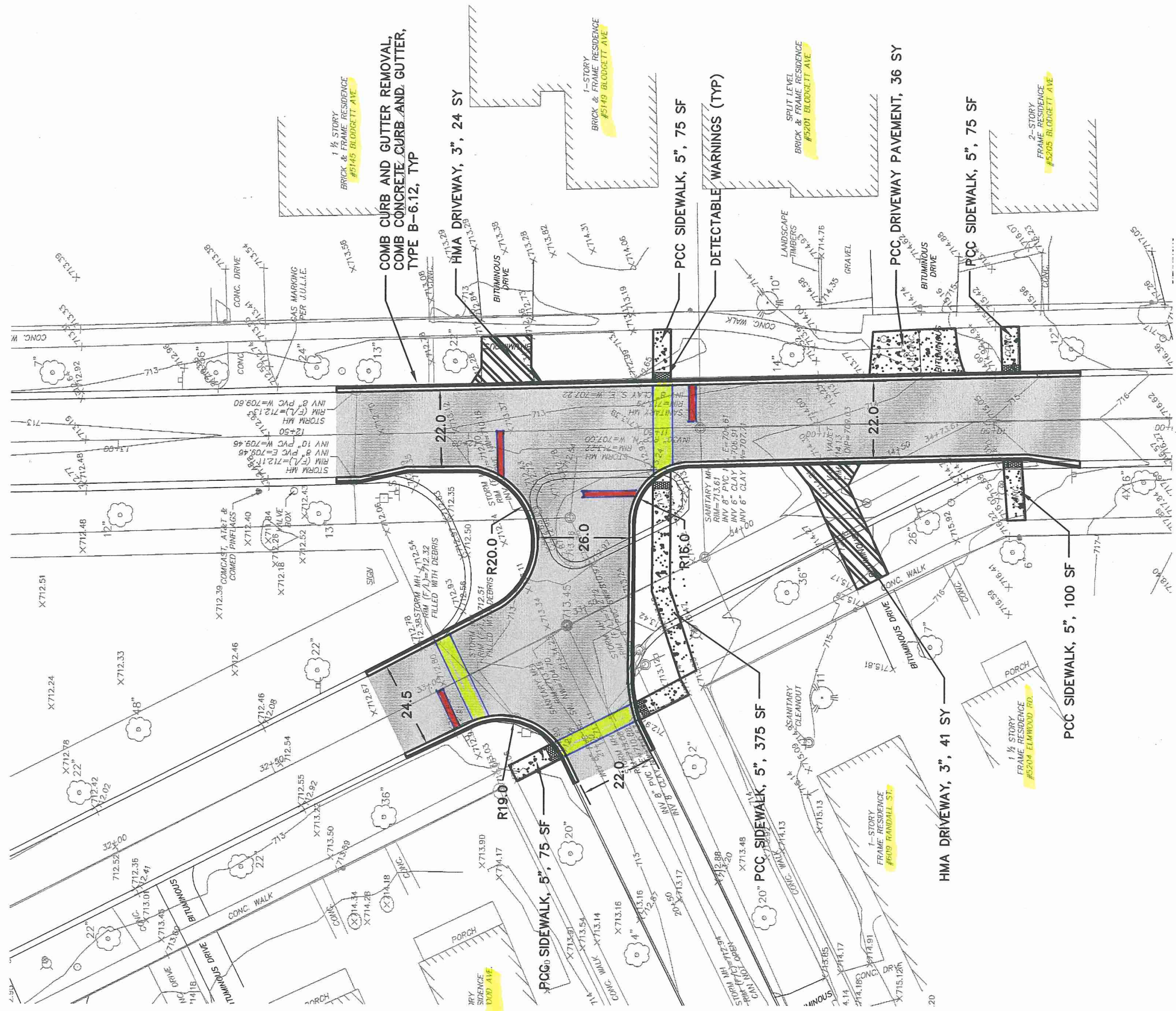
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RANDALL - MAPLEWOOD - BLODGETT INTERSECTION

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

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