

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
11/10/2015

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
A Resolution Rejecting IDOT bicyclist/pedestrian improvement plan	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has requested this resolution related to a request for the Village's cost participation for the construction of an asphalt path on the north side of Butterfield Road between Gray Avenue and Lloyd Avenue. Approval of this resolution means that the Village of Downers Grove would not contribute funding for the construction of a 10 foot pedestrian path.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The strategic goals for 2015-2017 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval on the November 10, 2015 Consent Agenda.

BACKGROUND

IDOT is in the process of finalizing preliminary engineering plans for the improvement of IL Route 53 and IL Route 56 (Butterfield Road). Improvements are planned for 2018/2019. The scope of work includes three through lanes in each direction on Butterfield Road, separated by a median. IDOT is responsible for 100% of the cost for removal and replacement of existing sidewalks/paths affected by the project. An existing five foot wide path is located on the north side of Butterfield Road between Bob-O-Link Road and Briarcliff Road, and this path will be replaced by a ten foot wide path by IDOT as part of this project.

The north side of Butterfield Road right-of-way, between Gray Avenue and Lloyd Avenue, is within the jurisdiction of the Village of Downers Grove. The area is unincorporated Lombard. By letter to the Village, IDOT has asserted that responsibility for the construction of the remaining path sections between Gray and Lloyd are the responsibility of the Village, and has asked if the Village is willing to fund the local share of this construction as well as agree to accept long-term responsibility for the administration, control, reconstruction and maintenance of the shared-use path. If the Village chooses not to participate in this cost/responsibility, IDOT requested that a local resolution be adopted stating this preference.

At this time there are no plans to extend the proposed path to the west and the path would solely provide access for unincorporated residents to the commercial area to the east and to the Esplanade to the south. Because the path would primarily benefit unincorporated County residents, and may ultimately provide a link to a more regional County trail system, staff forwarded this request to DuPage County staff for consideration. Staff does not recommend that the Village assume the local cost share for construction or the long term maintenance for this future multi-use trail segment.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Map

RESOLUTION NO. _____**A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BICYCLIST/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Department") has the power to approve and determine the final plans, specifications and estimates for all State highways; and

WHEREAS, the Department's projects must adequately meet the State's transportation needs, exist in harmony with their surroundings and add lasting value to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Department must embrace principles of context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions in its policies and procedures for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction or major expansion of existing transportation facilities by engaging in early and ongoing collaboration with affected citizens, elected officials, interest groups and other stakeholders to ensure that the values and needs of the affected communities are identified and carefully considered in the development of transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, bicyclist and pedestrian ways must be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities, including the incorporation of such ways into State plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, the State's complete streets law requires bicyclist and pedestrian ways to be established in or within one mile of an urban area in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction or other change of any State transportation facility, except in pavement resurfacing projects that do not widen the existing traveled way or do not provide stabilized shoulders or where approved by the Secretary of Transportation based upon documented safety issues, excessive cost or absence of need; and

WHEREAS, during the development of highway projects throughout the State, the Department gives consideration to accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians on a need-basis; and

WHEREAS, the Department has presented the Village of Downers Grove, for its consideration, a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement with funding to be split 80% State, 20% local with maintenance to be provided by the Village of Downers Grove; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

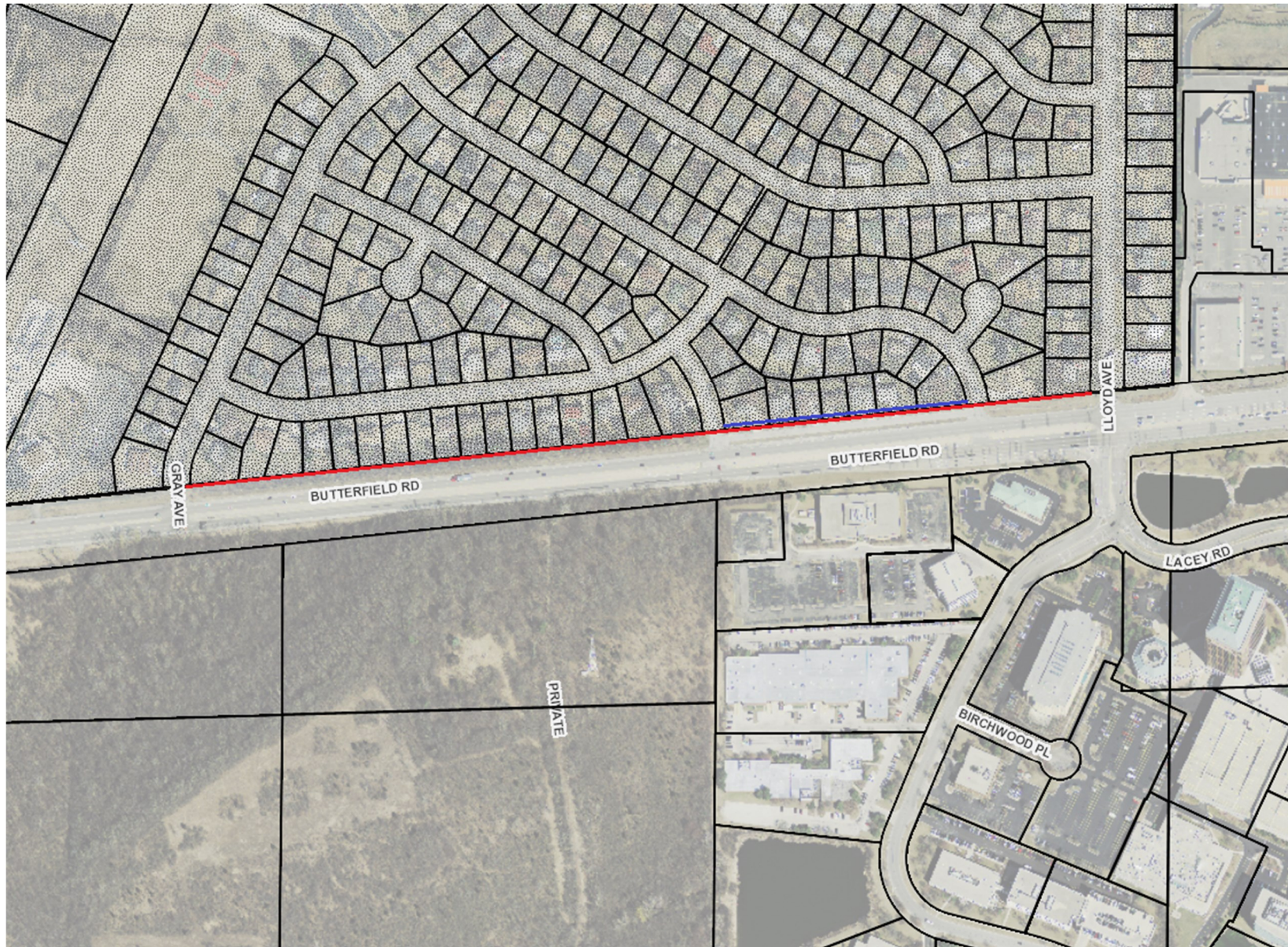
1. That the Village of Downers Grove hereby rejects the Department's proposed bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement and acknowledges that such rejection will result in a cancellation of the proposed improvement.
2. That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Project Engineer associated with the proposal, or his or her equivalent, within the Department.
3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk



Location of Shared Use Path Proposed by Illinois Department of Transportation

Exhibit A