



## MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

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### A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:  
1. TED Business Group

Subject:  
95<sup>th</sup> Street and Book Road  
Project, Project Timeline

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 30, 2020  
**TO:** Doug Krieger, City Manager  
William Novack, Director of TED Business Group  
**FROM:** Christine Rhoades, TED Project Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Book Road, Project Timeline

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Mayor and City Council with a revised schedule for finishing Phase I of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Book Road intersection improvement project.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2018, the City selected an engineering consultant to carry out the Phase I preliminary engineering study for improvements to the intersection of 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Book Road. This intersection had been identified through the Roadway Improvement Plan as a location that would benefit from operational improvements. Through the course of the Phase I study, it became apparent the proposed improvements would also offer safety benefits. It was anticipated the safety benefits could be large enough to secure federal funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), so safety improvements became another focal point of the project.

Public meetings were held on May 22, 2018 and September 20, 2018 to provide the public with information on the project and collect feedback. A public hearing was held on June 6, 2019 in conjunction with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) meeting, and TAB voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the preferred alternative. At the July 16, 2019 meeting, City Council voted 6-3 against approval of the preferred alternative, citing concerns due to some residents who indicated they had not been provided adequate notice or information about the project. Several City Council members indicated they did not want to completely stop the project but rather desired staff to conduct additional public engagement.

The HSIP application was submitted on the June 14, 2019 deadline. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) released the HSIP results on August 30, 2019, and this project was not selected to receive funding. Since the total cost of the preferred alternative is estimated to be \$2.4 million, the City will seek funding through an alternate funding source. Staff plans to apply for funding through the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), which could provide up to 70% funding for the project. Since applications for the upcoming STP funding cycle are not due until January 2022, the project was temporarily put on hold, and the Phase I schedule was adjusted to the new timeline.

**DISCUSSION:**

The STP-Local funding is administered through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). The DMMC has recently revised its criteria for selecting projects to receive STP-Local funding. This revision resulted in a more transparent, objective scoring method with distinct criteria. With this method, local agencies can have a better idea of how well their projects will

score and of their chances to receive funding. This scoring will first be used during the January 2022 funding cycle, so at this time, it is unknown what qualifies as a “good” score.

There are two upcoming TED projects that may be good candidates for STP-Local funding: the 95<sup>th</sup> and Book intersection improvement project and the 248<sup>th</sup> improvement project. Staff has “pre-scored” these projects to determine how well they will compete for funding. The 248<sup>th</sup> improvement project scored higher, making it a better candidate. Since the funding available is limited, staff has decided to only apply for funding for the 248<sup>th</sup> improvement project during the January 2022 funding cycle, rather than submitting two projects that must compete against each other. This approach will allow staff to prioritize the project most likely to receive funding and avoid wasting time, money, and resources on updates to the other project. Consistent with past practice, staff will bring an agenda item to City Council seeking authorization to submit an application for the 248<sup>th</sup> project prior to submittal.

Since the STP-Local funding is the most likely source of funding for the 95<sup>th</sup> and Book intersection improvement project, staff has decided to re-adjust the project timeline for the January 2024 funding cycle. This will avoid unnecessary updates of the analyses in the project that must use the most current data available (e.g., traffic analyses, crash analyses). The intervening funding cycle will also provide staff with a better idea of what qualifies as a “good” score and any modifications that can be made to the project to improve its score.

In late 2021/early 2022, staff intends to develop additional Manager’s Memorandums. These memorandums will present information about transportation topics relevant to this and other upcoming TED projects to help both the City Council and the community develop a foundational understanding of the way the City’s transportation network is managed.

In the fall of 2022, staff plans to conduct an additional public meeting with extensive public engagement. This additional public meeting is not within the scope of the original contract, so staff will meet with the consultant to develop a plan for an effective public meeting and negotiate the revised scope. Staff anticipates presenting the resulting change order at the June 2022 meeting for City Council consideration. After the public meeting, staff hopes to finalize the preferred alternative and present it for City Council consideration before the end of 2022.

If the City Council supports an alternative that is a good candidate for STP funding, then staff will proceed with the preliminary engineering study. In 2023, the consultant will update and finalize the Project Development Report (PDR) and submit it to IDOT for review and approval. Once IDOT has approved the Phase I, the project will be able to score more points on the STP funding application. The STP-local funding application will be prepared and submitted at the January 2024 call for projects.

The CY 2020 budget originally included funds for the additional public involvement needed to complete the preliminary engineering study. After review of the funding opportunities described above, these funds will be reprogrammed for CY 2022. City Council removed the CY 2020 funds for the 95<sup>th</sup> and Book Road project (SC196) with the budget amendment that was approved on May 5, 2020 (File #20-5280).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Please share this information with the Major and City Council through the July 30, 2020 Manager’s Memorandum.