



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**
By: City Manager's office
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A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:

1. William Novack
Director of TED/City
Engineer

Subject:

North Aurora between Frontenac
and Weston Ridge Construction
Delays

Action:

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**CITY OF
NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 25, 2023
TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
FROM: William Novack, Director of TED/City Engineer
SUBJECT: North Aurora Road between Frontenac and Weston Ridge
Construction Delays

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and members of the City Council of the construction delays encountered on the North Aurora Road improvement project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Naperville received \$6 million dollars from the federal government to widen and improve North Aurora Road between Frontenac Road and Weston Ridge Drive west of Route 59. Because of the federal funding the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) bids and holds the contract with the contractor.

Construction on this \$10.1 million project started on April 19, 2021, with a projected completion of late summer/early fall 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Construction was progressing well until the equipment operator strike that occurred for seven weeks last summer. Because of the IDOT requirements the contractor was not able to source alternative materials for the project during the strike, so work completely stopped. Start-up of work following settlement of the strike was slow due to the need to build back up supplies of materials that had been exhausted at the start of the strike. Because of the strike construction pushed into 2023.

A couple of months ago the liquid asphalt supplier for the paving contractor had an explosion at their facility that halted their production of material. Because paving of the westbound lanes is the critical construction activity very little work has occurred this year.

The paving contractor is now sourcing his liquid asphalt from a different supplier, but the new mix design must be approved by IDOT. They recently performed a test strip with the new mix design; however, it failed. They have designed a new mix and are currently testing its performance. Once the mix passes the tests and it is approved by IDOT then the paving may commence. Staff is hopeful that the necessary approvals will be obtained in the next couple of weeks.

CONCLUSION:

Please include in the May 25, 2023 Manager's Memorandum.