



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

3/12/2026

A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:

1. Marcie Schatz,
Assistant to the
City Manager

Subject:

Legislative positions –
Week of March 9, 2026

Action:

FYI

2. Matt Calpin,
Deputy City Engineer,
TED Business Group

North Aurora Road Closure
between Pennsbury Lane
and Frontenac Road
Starts March 31

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 12, 2026
TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
FROM: Marcie Schatz, Assistant to the City Manager
SUBJECT: Legislative positions – Week of March 9, 2026

Purpose:

At the December 2, 2025, meeting, the City Council approved the 2026 legislative priorities. City staff uses the approved legislative priorities (LP), principles, and review process which includes reporting on any legislative actions or positions in the Managers Memorandum.

Discussion:

Week of March 9, 2026

City staff filed a witness slip on the following bill.

Bill No.	Title	Position	Basis
SB0029	Notices – Electronic Publication	Proponent	LP – Government Efficiency

SB0029 – NOTICES- ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

Provides that whenever a municipality is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the municipality may publish the notice on an official municipal website instead of in a newspaper if the notice published on the official municipal website is also published electronically on a searchable online database website and that website provides independent certification of the publication.

Follow up to 3/3/26 City Council meeting discussion HB2454

The City had filed a witness slip opposing HB2454 (classifying bicyclists as intended users of the roadway) due to increased liability associated with the bill. During the March 3, 2026, City Council meeting, a public forum speaker requested that we reconsider our position. The Council subsequently asked us to reach out to the offices of Representative Hirschauer (sponsor) and Representative Yang Rohr (co-sponsor) to understand the basis for sponsoring the bill.

Representative Hirschauer shared that she is seeking to eliminate preventable tragedies and is starting the dialogue on this issue. Representative Yang Rohr's office shared that many people in our community utilize the roadways on their bikes not only

for recreational use but also as a mode of transportation and this bill highlights the need for road safety for all users. Understanding that there will be further discussions on this bill and that we are committed to being involved in those conversations, staff will not be taking any positions on HB2454 at this time.

New Proposed Bill Position

SB3915/HB4546

Basis: Additional Revenues for Operation of Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Position: Support

Creates the Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Act. Requires a producer funded program to support and expand collection of household hazardous waste throughout the state. Manufacturers of covered products that result in Household Hazardous Waste will be required to provide a stewardship program to collect these wastes.

Recommendation:

Please include in the March 12, 2026, Manager's Memorandum.

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DATE: March 12, 2026

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
Jennifer Louden, Director of TED Business Group

FROM: Matt Calpin, Deputy City Engineer, TED Business Group

SUBJECT: North Aurora Road Closure between Pennsbury Lane & Frontenac Road
Starts March 31

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Mayor and City Council with information regarding the closure of North Aurora Road in both directions between Pennsbury Lane and Frontenac Road for approximately four months beginning Tuesday, March 31, for work associated with the North Aurora Road Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND:

North Aurora Road between Illinois Route 59 and Eola Road is a minor arterial road with an average daily traffic of approximately 22,000 vehicles. The road is a primary connection between the cities of Naperville and Aurora and provides access to the Route 59 Metra station, numerous businesses, and subdivisions. North Aurora Road between Frontenac Road and Pennsbury Lane is a heavily traversed roadway with a single lane in each direction, known to create congestion along this corridor. The existing traffic, which already exceeds the capacity of the current roadway, is expected to grow to nearly 33,000 vehicles by 2040.

The intergovernmental North Aurora Road Improvement Project was initiated in 2006 to reduce traffic congestion and crashes while improving bicyclist and pedestrian access. The project is a collaborative effort between the City of Naperville, the Naperville Township Road District, and the City of Aurora, and is expected to be completed by the end of 2027, pending unforeseen circumstances.

This phase of the project to replace the 110-year-old Canadian National/Wisconsin Central Railroad bridge is estimated to cost \$52 million, \$40 million of which is supported by external funding sources, including \$25 million from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Funding and \$15 million from the Illinois Department of Transportation's Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF). To date, the City of Naperville, the City of Aurora, and Naperville Township have invested about \$6.5 million in easements, land acquisition, engineering, environmental services and utility coordination.

The North Aurora Road Project Team was established in 2024 and granted authority by the Naperville City Council, Aurora City Council, and Naperville Township Board to review and approve agreements for the North Aurora Road widening project. The Project Team will remain in place until the project is complete.

INFORMATION:

North Aurora Road will be closed to all traffic in both directions between Pennsbury Lane and Frontenac Road for approximately four months beginning Tuesday, March 31, to accommodate utility work needed for roadway widening associated with the North Aurora Road Improvement Project. Pending weather and unforeseen circumstances, the road is expected to reopen by the end of July 2026.

Work during the closure will include relocating a large gas pipeline, moving ComEd distribution lines located in the middle of the roadway and reshaping the roadway to ensure there is enough vertical clearance between the road and a temporary railroad bridge to allow for continued rail traffic during future stages of the project.

A detour will be in place directing motorists to use Diehl Road throughout the closure. Local traffic will be allowed on North Aurora Road between Route 59 and Frontenac Road and Eola Road and Pennsbury Lane. Access will also be maintained to businesses in the area, including the entrance to All Seasons Ice Rink, the Route 59 train station parking lot on the north side of the railroad tracks and the emissions testing facility. A map of the posted detour is attached and available at www.naperville.il.us/north-aurora-improvements. Motorists should use caution, allow additional travel time, and follow the posted detour.

Construction of the temporary railroad bridge is anticipated to begin in late summer 2026. North Aurora Road is also expected to close again between Pennsbury Lane and Frontenac Road in fall 2026, pending any major timeline changes. Additional details about future closures, detours and traffic impacts will be shared in advance.

TED staff is working closely with Communications to notify the public and other interested parties. Project details and updates will also be posted on the City's website at www.naperville.il.us/north-aurora-improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please share this information with the Mayor and City Council through the March 12, 2026, Manager's Memorandum.

North Aurora Road Detour

Eola Road to IL-59

-  Posted Detour
-  Road Closed To All Traffic
-  Road Closed To Through Traffic
-  Metra Station
-  Metra BNSF
-  Railroad Tracks

