

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
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TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager
DATE: March 28, 2011 (B of T) Date:
TITLE: Union Pacific West Line Pedestrian Tunnel Presentation
SUBMITTED BY: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CS*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Village of Lombard staff has been working with the Union Pacific Railroad and Metra on plans for a pedestrian underpass to serve the commuters and residents of Lombard. The tunnel will run under the railroad tracks between Michael McGuire Drive and Parkside in the Union Pacific right-of-way. Representatives from Union Pacific and Metra will be presenting the plan for review and comment by the Village Board of Trustees.

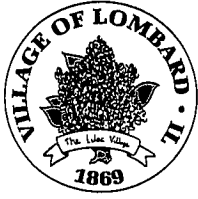
FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There is currently no cost to the Village for the base plan being proposed by the Union Pacific and Metra. An expanded plan that improves aesthetics would require a Village contribution, estimated at \$60,600, which can be funded through the Lombard Downtown Tax Increment Financing District.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X *[Signature]* _____ Date 3/29/11

NOTE: Materials must be submitted to / approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 pm, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



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March 28, 2011

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CJ*

SUBJECT: Union Pacific/Metra Pedestrian Tunnel

The Village of Lombard has long been a community that has been an ideal place to live. The Village's close proximity to major transportation hubs is one reason for its successes. Boasted easy access to major interstates, tollways and commuter rail are tremendous assets to the residents and business of Lombard. An ancillary effect of being situated along the Union Pacific West line, is the concern for rail safety; both commuters and motorists.

Over the years, the Village has worked closely with the Union Pacific and Metra to provide the safest rail system through Lombard. The Village has been recognized in the past for its commitment to rail safety and several projects have been undertaken to improve safety. Union Pacific (UP) has funded the grade separation at Main Street, installed fencing to delineate the railroad's right-of-way and continues to look at track and signal improvements to heighten rail safety.

Village staff has been working with the UP and Metra on the proposed pedestrian tunnel for downtown Lombard. The tunnel will be located at the terminus of Park Avenue and Michael McGuire Drive and will extend under the railroad tracks to Parkside Drive. As part of the project, UP and Metra will be installing new ADA compliant ramps and stairs to the platform and tunnel, as well as improving the amenities offered to commuters. One of the most significant improvements is the construction of roof canopies (6' x 250') over the platform areas on both the north and south platforms. The project will also result in the elimination of the at-grade track crossings for commuters.

UP and Metra have provided the Village with revised plans for the project. Based upon available funding for the project, the scope of the project (primarily design) has been reduced. As a result, the aesthetic elements do not provide the quality material finishes originally anticipated. UP and Metra representatives will be presenting the plans to the Village Board at the April 7, 2011 meeting. UP and Metra have developed two proposed tunnel designs for the project. The first proposal provides the base improvement, which will be funded by UP and Metra. UP and Metra have also developed an alternate proposal that improves the aesthetics of the tunnel. If the Village desires the improved tunnel design, the additional construction costs for these plans,

estimated at \$60,600, will be the responsibility of the Village. In either case, the Village will not be responsible for the maintenance of the tunnel facility.

The purpose of the UP/Metra presentation is to provide an overview of the project, as well as to solicit Village Board comments and input. Material has been provided by Union Pacific and Metra identifying the benefits of the proposed tunnel, plan sheets for the project and renderings of the proposed improvement.

UP and Metra will also be conducting an open house for the public to view the plans for the tunnel improvement. The date, time and location for the open house have not been determined. Once comments are received by UP/Metra, final plans will be developed to reflect the Village Board preference on the design.

It is anticipated that the project will commence during the 2011 construction season. Should you have any questions, please contact me.