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

X	Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) Walk Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Other Business (Pink)			
TO:	PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
FROM:	Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager			
DATE:	March 24, 2014 (B of T) Date: April	3, 2014		
TITLE:	Acquisition of Real Property – IDOT/Fairfield Avenue			
SUBMITTED BY:	Department of Community Development			
BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The Department of Community Development transmits for your consideration a resolution authorizing the signature of the Village President on a letter of intent relative to a jurisdictional transfer of right of way from the Illinois Department of Transportation to the Village Of Lombard. (DISTRICT #3)  Staff recommends approval of this resolution.  Please place this item on the April 3, 2014 Board of Trustees agenda.  Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:				
Review (as necessary):				
Village Manager X Date				

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

FROM: William J. Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** April 3, 2014

**RE:** Acquisition of Real Property – IDOT/Fairfield Avenue

With an improving economy, staff has been working with representatives associated with the Ross Property located at 621 E. Butterfield Avenue. Staff is aware of prospective development opportunities that would result in a redevelopment of their property and possibly other neighboring tracts. As part of this effort, staff has been reviewing the existing right-of-way controlled by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at Butterfield Road and Fairfield Avenue and has been exploring options as to how address future development opportunities and improve traffic circulation in the area.

Staff has had ongoing dialogue with IDOT representatives regarding the possible release and acquisition of surplus right of way. Through these extensive discussions and review, IDOT has determined that a portion of their existing right of way could be released. Following IDOT protocols, IDOT could transfer the ownership of right of way to another highway authority, i.e., Village of Lombard, which requires no compensation as long as the right of way still is used in the same manner as it is at present. In instances where the conveyance is to another highway authority, the conveyance instrument (quit claim deed) must state that the transfer is subject to IDOT approval of any future vacation or disposal of the property, which would likely require compensation to IDOT for non-public use.

Following their procedures, IDOT has transmitted the attached correspondence and is seeking the Village Board's intent to accept and acquire a portion of their right-of-way as depicted on the attached exhibit.

From a Public Works maintenance perspective, this release to the Village is not anticipated to affect their operations, as a 1968 inter-governmental agreement (IGA) previously transferred maintenance operations to the existing frontage road to the Village.

This transfer would provide flexibility to the Village should redevelopment opportunities present themselves and would simplify any such future transfers to a private entity, if deemed appropriate. Should such a real estate sale occur in the future, compensation for the value of the real estate shall be required.

April 3, 2014 IDOT Fairfield Avenue Right of Way Resolution Page 2

# **ACTION REQUESTED**

Please place this item on the April 3, 2014 Village Board agenda. Staff is seeking approval from the Village Board to authorize the signature of President Giagnorio on a letter of intent to transfer the rights to IDOT right of way to the Village of Lombard.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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# A RESOLTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT ON A LETTER OF INTENT RELATIVE TO A JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is the owner of real estate located within the Corporate limits of the Village of Lombard (the 'Village") for public right of way purposes; and

WHEREAS, among IDOT's right of way holdings is a real estate tract, depicted on Exhibit "A" and attached hereto (hereinafter "the Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, IDOT has determined that ownership of the Subject Property is no longer necessary by IDOT to meet its transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of IDOT and the Village to enter into a binding agreement to transfer the rights of the Subject Property from IDOT to the Village; and

WHEREAS, in order to memorialize the Village's intent and desire to acquire the Subject Property, IDOT has requested the Village, by Resolution, execute the attached letter of intent attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village find it to be in its best interest to execute the transfer of the Subject Property to meet existing transportation needs of the community as well as the potential for future redevelopment of the Subject Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1**: That the Village President be and hereby is authorized to sign the attached Letter of Intent and requests that IDOT proceed with the necessary work to transfer the subject Property from IDOT to the Village of Lombard.

Passed on	reading this	day of	, 2014.
Ayes:			
Nays:			

Resolution No			
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Absent:			_
Approved this	day of	, 2014.	
		Keith T. Giagnorio	
		Village President	
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# Illinois Department of Transportation 2014

Division of Highways/Region One / District One 201 West Center Court/Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# BUREAU OF LAND ACQUISITION

Route:

IL 56 (Butterfield Rd)

Location:

Frontage Rd at the SEQ of IL 56 & Fairfield Ave, Lombard

County:

DuPage 1WY1109

Parcel: RE:

Letter of Intent

March 12, 2014

Mr. William J. Heniff **Director of Community Development** Village of Lombard 255 E. Wilson Avenue Lombard, IL 60148-3926

Dear Mr. Heniff:

Enclosed is the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) Letter of Intent. Please review this letter and indicate on page 2 whether or not the Village of Lombard wishes to proceed with the transfer of property as described on attached Exhibit "A".

Please return the Letter of Intent to the Department with your decision so that the transfer process may/may not proceed.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Cullian, Department Property Manager, at (847) 705-4280.

Very truly yours,

John A. Fortmann, P.E. Deputy Director of Highways, Region One Engineer

Bv:

John McDonough

Donorghase. Bureau Chief of Land Acquisition

March 3, 2014

Mr. Keith T. Giagnorio Village President Village of Lombard 255 E. Wilson Avenue Lombard, IL 60148-3926

### LETTER OF INTENT

Dear Mr. Giagnorio:

This letter will document the intent of the Village of Lombard and the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) to enter into a binding agreement to transfer the Department's rights to the property hereinafter described.

## See attached Exhibit A

The Department will prepare the conveyance documents in accordance with 605 ILCS 5/4-508d and have them recorded in the DuPage County Recorder's Office.

The Village of Lombard understands that the conveyance documents will include only property deemed necessary for public use. The Village of Lombard agrees that this property must continue to be used for public purposes.

The Village of Lombard further understands that no part of the transferred property can be vacated or disposed of without the approval of the Department, which may require compensation for non-public use. The deed of conveyance from the Department to the Village of Lombard will include specific language to reserve this right to approve future conveyances.

In order to document the Village of Lombard's acceptance of the property transfer, we ask that the Village of Lombard's Board of Trustees by Resolution, authorize you to sign the enclosed Letter of Intent. Please return the copy with your original signature as well as a copy of the Village of Lombard's Board of Trustee's Resolution, to the following:

John McDonough
Bureau Chief of Land Acquisition
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Ct.
Schaumburg, IL 60196

Mr. Keith T. Giagnorio March 3, 2014 Page Two

If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Cullian, Department Property Manager, at 847-705-4280.

Very truly yours,

John A. Fortmann, P.E. Deputy Director of Highways Region One Engineer

Jose Rios, P.E.

Program Development Engineer

# **Enclosures**

Please indicate the appropriate response by placing a check in the box adjacent to one of the alternatives listed below:

The Village of Lombard has received the terms outlined in this letter of Intent and requests the Department to proceed with the necessary work to transfer the property from the Department to the Village of Lombard.		
The Village of Lombard does NOT accept the terms outlined in this		

Letter of Intent and instructs the Department to take no further action.

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_

Village of Lombard

