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State Appropriation Authority Runs Out: Deerfield Road Construction to Stop

Yesterday afternoon, the Village of Deerfield was advised that the Deerfield Road Reconstruction Project, which is supported by Federal funds that pass through the State, will stop on June 30, as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will no longer have appropriation authority to pay contractors beginning July 1.

The Deerfield Road Reconstruction project includes resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadway for a length of 2.39 miles from the Metra viaduct in the Village of Deerfield to U.S. Route 41 in the City of Highland Park. The project began in February and lane-impacting work was scheduled to be completed in November. The project totals over \$18.1 million with approximately \$16 million coming from a combination of Federal, State and County programs. The Village of Deerfield executed a Local Agency Agreement with IDOT on October 5, 2015, to facilitate the pass through of these funds to complete the project.

However, in the absence of a State budget or the necessary appropriation authority, IDOT will not be authorized to continue making payments to the contractor and therefore, they have directed contractors to cease construction activity on all State projects after June 30. It is unknown at this time when the Governor's Office will be able to pass a State budget and this is having a real impact on our Village. The Village will continue to strongly urge the Governor to address this matter so that Federal funds can pass through the State and contractors can continue to work on State-awarded construction projects.

The Village will work with the contractor to ensure that the work zone is made safe and secure during the indefinite shutdown period. The Village has contacted State Senator Morrison and State Representative Drury for assistance on this critical issue.

The Village will provide updates as additional information becomes available.

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