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UPDATE 1:

State Appropriation Authority Runs Out: Deerfield Road Construction to Stop

This week, 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.

Today, Village staff and contractors inspected the project limits and are working to make the site as safe as possible until construction resumes. This included inspection of the closed lanes of Deerfield Road with a special focus on sidewalks, the open lanes of traffic, intersections and sight lines. Traffic and erosion control contractors will continue to monitor the site during this indefinite work stoppage period.

In the absence of a State budget or the necessary appropriation authority, IDOT will not have the ability to make payments to the contractor, effective July 1. Both the Illinois House and Senate will convene on Wednesday, June 29, in Springfield, which will be the final opportunity for the General Assembly to pass legislation that could avoid a complete cessation of work on Deerfield Road and other State-awarded construction projects. The Village immediately reached out to State Senator Morrison, State Representative Drury and the Governor's Office for assistance on this critical issue. Residents are encouraged to contact the Governor's Office and state legislators.

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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.

The Village will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

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