

MEMORANDUM

To: Martin McLaughlin, Village President
Brian Cecola, Chairman Roads & Bridges
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration

From: Dan Strahan, P.E., CFM
Gewalt Hamilton Associates (GHA)

Date: June 23, 2016

Re: Veteran's Crossing (Cuba Road Bridge) Project
Status Update

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, the Village received notice from IDOT of a potential shutdown of IDOT projects beginning on June 30, 2016 due to the state's ongoing budget impasse. The formal statement released by IDOT reads as follows:

"We have started to inform our industry partners that all of our projects in both construction and engineering phases will be shutting down starting June 30 due to the majority party in the legislature's failure to pass a balanced budget. The conversation about how individual projects will wind down is continuing. The stopgap proposal is a fiscally responsible solution proposed by the Republican leaders that can be voted on today. There will be no interruption in our projects and programs if the General Assembly returns to Springfield and passes HB 6585/SB 3435."

If enacted, the shutdown would affect all "state-let" projects, including the Cuba Road Bridge project. Given the delays that have already occurred and the undetermined nature of the potential shutdown, GHA made an inquiry with IDOT to determine if it would be an option for Copenhagen to continue work if the Village were to pay 100% of the remaining construction costs. IDOT responded that this would not be permitted, as Copenhagen has a contract with IDOT and not with the Village. For information purposes, the value of work completed to date is approximately \$680,000.00; the value of the remaining work is approximately \$490,000.00. The additional demobilization/remobilization cost is approximately \$11,000.00.

Currently it is unclear what the duration of the shutdown will be if it does proceed. If a prolonged shutdown is anticipated, we would recommend working with Copenhagen to reopen the intersections adjacent to the bridge to minimize the inconvenience to Village residents.

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June 21, 2016

Governor Rauner Visits IDOT Headquarters

Meets with employees to hear how IDOT is working for Illinois taxpayers Reiterates need for stopgap budget and the impact it would have on summer construction season

SPRINGFIELD – Governor Bruce Rauner visited the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) headquarters today to talk with employees about their work on important projects and programs impacting the entire state and what they are doing to build upon Illinois' status as the transportation hub of North America.

"Transportation is one of the cornerstones of our state's economy. The employees of IDOT are working hard day in and day out to keep our roads safe for all Illinois travelers and at a good value for taxpayers," Governor Rauner said. "Without a safe, reliable system of transportation, people don't get to work. Goods and services do not get to where they need to go. Strengthening IDOT will continue to be one of my top priorities so Illinois is an even better place to live, work, raise a family and do business."

During his visit, the Governor met with frontline employees working on new efforts to keep workers' compensation claims in check, as well as programs to improve IDOT's overall operational efficiency by introducing new technology and cutting red tape. Among the highlights was learning about the new electronic bidding system for contractors functions.

The Governor also toured the IDOT Communications Center to hear the latest on how the agency responds to emergencies and weather events on the state's highway system.

Under the Governor's leadership, IDOT is planning to invest more than \$1.8 billion in the state's highways and bridges in FY16. Among the biggest projects are the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction in Chicago, the Edinburg Bypass in the Springfield area, the Interstate 57/70 reconstruction around Effingham, and the reconstruction of the Interstate 74 and Interstate 155 interchange and the reconfiguration of the I-74 and Morton Avenue interchange in Tazewell County.

All of these projects, however, will be suspended unless the General Assembly passes the stopgap budget proposed by the GOP Leaders. It will allow important projects and programs to continue past June 30 without interruption. The stopgap funding solution, HB 6585/SB 3435, is funded and will keep IDOT's summer construction program moving forward without delay. The program includes much-needed improvements on the state system, as well as the distribution of motor fuel taxes to local governments to pay for items such as sidewalk repairs, pothole patching and salt for winter plowing operations.

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