



**OAK PARK and
RIVER FOREST
HIGH SCHOOL**

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Sean Keane
Parking & Mobility Services Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

Dear Sean,

Thank you for your assistance on this matter and for your service to our community.

As we discussed previously, Oak Park and River Forest High School is interested in applying for a waiver of the right-of-way obstruction permit fee and the parking obstruction fee related to the renovations of the OPRF Imagine Plan Project 2. Our right-of-way permit application included temporary obstructions and modifications to both the parking and driving lanes in the 100 block of Scoville Avenue in order for us to safely construct the Project 2 addition at the southeast corner of the existing building.

By eliminating parking and reducing Scoville Avenue to a single lane of southbound traffic, the project will be able to conduct all demolition and new construction activities from within the confines of the project site fence, including receiving and unloading all deliveries. Without these temporary modifications to Scoville Avenue the safety of student and public safety would have been jeopardized by the potential need for unloading and staging large deliveries outside the fence.

With the proposed plan for site logistics being the same configuration throughout construction, starting June 2024 and lasting through Spring 2026, we're able to eliminate fluctuations and unannounced impacts to Scoville Avenue.

The school district is making every attempt possible to minimize the impact to our neighbors and the community while we renovate a portion of our building that will have a lasting impact on the same community for generations to come. Some examples of ways we're attempting to minimize impact include:

- Monthly meetings with neighbors at our school to keep them updated on schedules and hear any concerns they may have with the project.
- Providing direct contact information to members of our district to address any concerns quickly.
- Maintaining a publicly available folder on our website with all information shared with neighbors so that anyone can access it at any time.
- Upgraded barriers and fence screens that will help reduce dust, noise and vibration.
- Vibration monitoring during demolition.
- District paid-for surveying and inspections of homes to monitor impact of vibrations on individual homes.
- District-provided parking passes for neighbors in the 100 block of Scoville Avenue, allowing them free access to the parking garage at the corner of Scoville and Lake Street.

- Revised the design for the earth retention system installation from driven sheet piling to a soldier beam and lagging system, allowing the soldier piles to be drilled rather than driven. This will drastically reduce the noise and vibration associated with this month-long activity.
- Using dust suppression water cannons and hoses during demolition as well as excavation.
- Implementing regular wet method street sweeping on Scoville to minimize dust.
- Implementing 5-minute idle limits for delivery trucks waiting to unload or being unloaded.

Further, the district has attempted to be a good neighbor to our entire community by keeping the costs of this project under control. Many additional extras were not included in this project in order to keep costs within budget. Adding the right-of-way obstruction fee of \$494,575 will push the project over budget and force the District to find additional savings by reducing scope from the project—which ultimately means providing less for our students or increasing taxes on our residents.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions regarding this request for waiver of right-of-way obstruction permit fee and the parking obstruction fee for Scoville Avenue.

Sincerely,



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