

## RESOLUTION

### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY (I-290) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2015 the Village Board approved a Motion directing staff to schedule a series of Special Meetings focused on developing a list of detailed I-290 (otherwise known as the Eisenhower Expressway) reconstruction requirements that will ultimately be incorporated into a Letter of Intent with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”); and

**WHEREAS**, key local priorities and areas of concern in our continuing discussions and deliberations with IDOT include:

1. Safety and convenience for all users, e.g., pedestrians, cyclists, and persons of all ages and abilities, especially at the interchanges with Harlem and Austin;
2. Methods for avoiding or mitigate noise and/or air quality impacts;
3. Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”) Blue Line improvements, including those generally described as "Urban Stitching";
4. Locations and extent of expanded bridge decking options;
5. Elements related to corridor aesthetics and community identity;
6. Coordination with public critical utilities;
7. Project financing sources and any local obligations;
8. Construction planning and staging; and
9. Flexibility to discuss options beneficial to Oak Park; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2015 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting, staff presented the progress and IDOT commitments for improved roadway geometry and sidewalk widths over I-290 to ensure adequate room for all modes of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2015 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting staff presented the traffic analysis of Harlem Avenue and Austin Boulevard at the interchanges with I-290; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2015 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting staff presented the Harlem Avenue/I-290 interchange design along with its effects on air quality and noise; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2015 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting staff presented the Austin Boulevard/I-290 interchange design along with its effects on air quality and noise; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 26, 2015 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting staff presented a summary of the traffic noise abatement analysis on noise walls and the solicitation process for determining if individual noise wall segments are included with the project, and the CTA also presented its Blue Line Forest Park Branch Feasibility/Vision Study; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2016 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting staff presented an update on the status of the noise wall balloting and a discussion of conceptual level aesthetic treatments for the vehicle and pedestrian bridges over I-290 and for potential aesthetic treatments for noise walls; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2016 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting, IDOT presented a summary of IDOT's approach and methodology to mitigating construction impacts during the design phases of the project and the construction staging of the I-290 reconstruction project including preliminary improvements to parallel routes, advanced construction work for bridges, and ultimately mainline pavement work; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2016 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting, IDOT and the Village presented an evaluation of the right-of-way (ROW) within the ditch to determine its optimal use, sustainability features of the reconstruction project, and two options related to expanded bridge decking at Oak Park Avenue and East Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2016 as part of the Village Board Special Meeting, the Village presented the elements to be incorporated into a proposed Letter of Intent ("LOI") between the Village of Oak Park and Illinois Department of Transportation and presented a series of tables which summarize the cost sharing and maintenance responsibility for the various items which are shared between the Village and IDOT on this project. These tables include lighting, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, aesthetic features with hardscaping and landscaping components, utility replacements and improvements, and traffic signals, which will become an attachment to the LOI. Other items of concern to the Village are CTA Blue Line coordination, noise wall status, expanded bridge decking, staffing for construction management, construction impact monitoring, parallel roadway improvements, and other matters which were presented for discussion at said meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2016, as part of the Village Board Special Meeting, a final review of the LOI exhibits was presented and as a part of that discussion, there was Village Board consensus related to the LOI exhibits to be included; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2016, the Village Board additionally expressed its desire to ensure there are continued efforts by the Village related to the reconstruction of the I-290 which include: (1) public transportation advocacy to reduce the impact of traffic in Oak Park during

reconstruction of the I-290 corridor with an emphasis on the CTA's Blue Line as a viable option to driving, as well as METRA and PACE; (2) review and evaluation of programs related to property value protection for homes adjacent to and near the I-290; (3) review and evaluation of a coordinated program to provide advance documentation of property conditions for those at risk of ground vibrations during construction and a compatible dispute resolution process; and (4) traffic management before and during construction.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

**Section 2. Reconstructed I-290 Elements.** Upon conclusion of the ten special meetings referenced above, the Village Board has determined that the Village of Oak Park advocates for a reconstructed I-290 that is designed to:

1. Provide safety and convenience for all users, e.g., pedestrians, cyclists, and persons of all ages and abilities, especially at the interchanges with Harlem Avenue and Austin Boulevard;
2. Avoid and/or mitigate noise and/or air quality impacts;
3. Improve the CTA Blue Line by incorporating design elements generally described as "Urban Stitching" defined as an innovative urban design trend for better pedestrian, cyclist, and transit experiences where the interstate and village streets converge for the purpose of having a profound impact on the fabric of Oak Park as a community by connecting people and stitching together Village neighbors north and south of the I-290 corridor and positively impacting the quality of life for many generations to come;
4. Retain opportunities for expand bridge decking to connect Oak Park residents south of the I-290 to the public school systems, public parks and government facilities and connect residents north of the I-290 to the public school systems, public parks and government facilities;
5. Incorporate corridor aesthetics and community identity;
6. Maintain critical public utility connections;
7. Protect opportunities for local financial obligations to be mitigated by other sources of revenues including grants;
8. Incorporate construction planning and staging efforts which account for police, fire and public works emergency services; and

9. Incorporate new technologies in the design phase that would improve these key priorities.

**Section 3. I-290 Critical Partners.** The Village of Oak Park has identified CTA, Metra and PACE as critical partners in the success of a reconstructed I-290 and staff should advocate for their inclusion in Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT.

**Section 4. Staff Review of Potential Negative Impacts on Adjacent Properties.** In advance of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, Village staff is directed to review the potential negative impacts on properties adjacent to or near the interstate of their value in Oak Park to determine the merits of programs to support rehabilitation loans or equity assurance and schedule a Special Meeting of the Village Board to consider the same.

**Section 4. Ground Vibrations.** In advance of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, staff will report on a coordinated program to provide advance documentation of property conditions for those at risk of ground vibrations during construction and a compatible dispute resolution process taking into account lessons learned by IDOT as part of the Morgan Street Bridge reconstruction project.

**Section 5. Sustainable Practices.** In advance of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, staff will report on how new sustainable practices for traffic, lighting, solar, noise and air quality should be incorporated into the design of the reconstructed I-290 that would advance the Village Board's stated key local priorities.

**Section 6. CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Right-of-Way.** In advance of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, staff will report on status of the CSX Transportation, Inc.'s right-of-way and any opportunity for additional right-of-way to be included into the design of the reconstructed I-290 that would advance the Village Board's stated key local priorities.

**Section 7. IDOT Scorecard.** In advance of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, staff will report on IDOT's scorecard under the Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to evaluate sustainability features.

**Section 8. Authorization to Execute the Letter of Intent.** The Village Manager is authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Intent with IDOT, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, in substantially the form attached.

**Section 9. Transmittal of Resolution to IDOT.** The Village Manager is authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to IDOT's Project Engineer for the I-290 reconstruction project.

**Section 10. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Barber				
Trustee Brewer				
Trustee Button Ott				
Trustee Lueck				
Trustee Salzman				
Trustee Tucker				

**APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016.

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Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS    )  
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COUNTY OF COOK    )

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Teresa Powell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Village of Oak Park Resolution No. 16-\_\_\_\_, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY (I-290) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION,” which was adopted by the corporate authorities of the Village of Oak Park on August 1, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois aforesaid, at the said Village, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, on August 1, 2016.

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

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