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Mr. Jose Rios, P.E.
Region 1 Engineer
Office of Highways Project Implementation
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196

Attn: Mr. Charles Riddle
Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets

Re: 143rd Street (IL7) from Wolf Rd (IL7) to Southwest Hwy (IL7)
Section No.: 14-00072-00-WR / 14-00072-01-CH (Contract 1)
Project No.: AMPX (674)
Job No.: D-91-180-14

Dear Mr. Riddle:

The Village of Orland Park appreciates your continued support for the planned improvements to 143rd Street. At this time, we are in Phase II Design Engineering and the Plat of Highways have been submitted to IDOT. The Village will be submitting the ROW Agreements in the next few weeks (2025).

As you know, IL 7 is a marked highway owned, operated and maintained by IDOT. Due to its significant economical and operational importance for the Village of Orland Park, the Village has been investing significant local funds to widen this roadway from SW Highway to Will-Cook Road. The proposed improvements, as part of this project, include widening and reconstruction of 143rd St (IL 7) from Wolf Rd (IL 7) to Southwest Hwy (IL 7), sidewalk, multi-use path, new drainage system, Long Run Creek Trib A replacement, retaining walls, intersection improvements, new signal at Crystal Tree Dr, signal consolidation of SW Hwy/143rd St and Union St/143rd St, traffic signal interconnect, Southwest Highway Metra Commuter Lot expansion, and roadway lighting (West Ave to Southwest Hwy). The work will significantly improve the operations of the roadway, reduce flooding, improve the safety and accessibility of the corridor for all users, and promote economic development in Southwest Cook County.

Since both routes are State Highways, the Village is requesting IDOT's assistance with the land acquisition for those properties associated with the construction of these improvements by utilizing the "Quick Take" authority on this project. The request is being made to avoid a delay in the construction letting which is currently anticipated to be September 2026.

The Village looks forward to continuing to work with IDOT staff on this project. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at khoda@orlandpark.org or at 708-403-6128.

Sincerely,

S. Khurshid Hoda, CPP
Director of Engineering Services

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