

Village of



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June 4, 2010

Ms. Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
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RE: Route 45 Phase 1 Study

Dear Ms. O'Keefe:

This correspondence is pursuant to your letter dated March 22, 2010 and the subsequent May 4, 2010 Village Board meeting that Mr. Mir Mustafa and Mr. Ojas Patel attended. The following response to your letter is provided:

Proposed ROW near Centennial Crossing and Stone Fence Farms

The Village Board is supportive of the elimination of the landscape median and protection of existing trees to the extent practicable. The use of retaining walls and use of a pathway versus a bike path are favorable to minimize impacts. The alignment that minimized impacts to Stone Fence Farms is also preferred.

Residents at the meeting asked for clarification of the following:

- What exactly is meant by the funding commitment of IDOT in the current 5 year program for Phase II work that was stated by the representatives of IDOT on Tuesday?
- Provide some greater detail on the revised alignment and precisely how it will impact the trees and topography in the area.
- Identify the height of the retaining wall throughout the project. What areas should have a fence installed at the top of the wall to insure safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the path/sidewalk?
- Are the Stone Fence monuments within the area to be disturbed?
- IDOT staff advised that the policy is for 1:1 tree replacement. What happens if the tree removal exceeds the area left for planting within the ROW? Can this plant material be placed on private property?
- A cross section of the roadway and parkway adjacent to Stone Fence Farms would be helpful in explaining the proposed plan.

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Barrier Median

Does the Phase 1 study include decisions on landscaping and decorative concrete preferences or will this occur as part of the Phase 2 process?

Grosse Pointe Circle Townhomes & Reduce ROW at Faucet Queen

Minimize impacts to the extent practicable.

Noise Mitigation

Based on the new alignments, we await the results of the noise analysis and mitigation study.

ADT of Route 45 & Traffic Signal Warrant at Grosse Pointe Boulevard

No further comment.

Path Connection

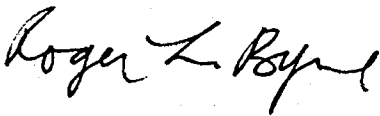
It is understood that IDOT will continue to coordinate pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations.

Former Kelly's Day Camp

The Village is requesting that the Phase 1 planning reflect the potential for a traffic signal at this location. The collector road would be extended from this intersection through Corporate Woods Business Park to Route 21.

Your staff's attendance at our Village Board meeting was very useful in communicating information about the study. Please assist in expediting the completion of the Phase 1 study and the scheduling of a project open house. Your prompt response to the above is also appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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Village President

cc: Michael S. Allison, Village Manager

David Brown, Public Works Director/ Village Engineer

Cynthia Miller, McGill Management-Centennial Crossing HOA

Dan Grahn, Property Management Specialists-Stone Fence Farms HOA