Appendix E

Section 4(f) De Mimimis Documentation

Benting, Keith

From: Miller, Nita K <Nita.Miller@illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:15 PM
To: Benting, Keith
Cc: 'Cave, Mary E'
Subject: FW: City of Decatur - Brush College Road Improvement Study - Section 09-00933-00-BR
Attachments: Section 4f De Minimis Documentation Requirements.pdf

Please see attached and below.

Nita Miller
LR&S Field Engineer
Phone 217-342-8325
email Nita.Miller@illinois.gov

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From: Winkelman, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:12 PM
To: Miller, Nita K
Subject: RE: City of Decatur - Brush College Road Improvement Study - Section 09-00933-00-BR

Nita,

I have the final decision from FHWA regarding the Section 4(f) requirements for the Brush College Road project in Decatur.

School Property – No Section 4(f) impact (No documentation required)
Park District Property – Section 4(f) impact (De Minimis documentation required)

Please see the attached check sheet for the required documentation to complete the De Minimis documentation requirements. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Tom

Thomas Winkelman, P.E.
Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Local Roads & Streets
Phone: (217) 782 - 0675

From: Miller, Nita K
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 2:05 PM
To: Winkelman, Tom
Subject: FW: City of Decatur - Brush College Road Improvement Study - Section 09-00933-00-BR

Benting, Keith

From: Miller, Nita K <Nita.Miller@illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 2:18 PM
To: Benting, Keith; Mary E Cave "Cave, Mary E" "Cave, Mary E" <MCave@decaturil.gov> (MCave@decaturil.gov)
Subject: FW: Brush College Road 4(f) DeMinimus Documentation - Section 09-00933-00-BR

Keith

Please see below.

-----Original Message-----
From: Danmole, Salmon O
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Miller, Nita K
Subject: FW: Brush College Road 4(f) DeMinimus Documentation - Section 09-00933-00-BR

See below.

Salmon O. Danmole, P.E.
Project Development Engineer
Bureau of Local Roads and Streets
Tel: 217-785-2798
Cel: 217-720-4406

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hassan.Dastgir@dot.gov [mailto:Hassan.Dastgir@dot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Danmole, Salmon O
Subject: RE: Brush College Road 4(f) DeMinimus Documentation - Section 09-00933-00-BR

Sal,

Brush College Road Project will result in the use of City of Decatur Park District Parking area, a Section 4(f) resource. FHWA hereby makes a de minimis impact finding for this use as it will not adversely affect this resource's activities features and attributes. The de minimis impact finding is based upon the impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation or enhancement measures detailed in the documentation submitted on December 11, 2012.

Hassan

-----Original Message-----
From: Danmole, Salmon O [mailto:Salmon.Danmole@illinois.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 10:06 AM
To: Dastgir, Hassan (FHWA)
Subject: FW: Brush College Road 4(f) DeMinimus Documentation - Section 09-00933-00-BR

4(f) De Minimis Documentation for the Brush College Road Improvement Study in the City of Decatur, Illinois

1. Project Description

- **a.** Brush College Road Improvement Study
- **b.** IDOT Project No. P-97-072-10
- **c.** Section 09-00933-00-BR
- **d.** Northeast Decatur, IL., from north of N. Lake Shore Drive to just north of E. Harrison Street on Brush College Road (C.H.1).
- **e.** Project type: Roadway and intersection improvements including lane additions, new bridge structure and existing bridge replacement.
- **f.** Project size: 1.4 miles.
- **g.** NEPA Class of Action – EA
- **h.** Purpose and need of project: Preliminary design study for providing adequate capacity to handle the future traffic volumes of the Brush College Road corridor. Improvement will increase safety and access for businesses and future industrial development along the corridor.
- **i.** Project status: Phase I study is in-process.

2. Section 4(f) Resources

- **a.** Resource type: park and recreation area.
- **b.** Resource name: Decatur Park District (Brush College Park #1)
- **c.** Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ): Jim Kiefer, Decatur Park District Director of Operations.
- **d.** Parking Lot serves as access for recreational activities on Decatur Park District property and serves as parking lot for Brush College Elementary School.

3. Description of Intended Section 4(f) Resource Use

- **a.** Area of land to be taken is 0.044 acres. It is a 15.32'(ave.) x 125' strip at the east end of the parking lot near the entrance. The total Park District property is 3.75 acres. See Project Plan and Profile - Exhibit 3.
- **b.** Type of impact is R.O.W. acquisition for roadway/shared path work.
- **c.** Existing function of impacted areas is a parking lot which serves as access for recreational activities on Decatur Park District property and serves as parking lot for Brush College Elementary School.
- **d.** Resulting function of impacted area will remain for parking. However, the parking lot will have a net loss of 4 spaces. Impacted area is mostly asphalt parking and partially grass. The parking lot entrance will be moved back from

the street and repaved with bituminous. A new grass island with curb and gutter and a shared use path will separate the parking area from the roadway. The existing grass area will be converted to partially asphalt parking and concrete sidewalk.

4. Description of Efforts to Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate or Enhance Resource

- **a.** Although avoiding impact to the park property was not possible, efforts to minimize impact included obtaining a design variance for adjustment of proposed vertical curve geometry to limit the lowering of the roadway profile, limiting the number and width of added traffic lanes, utilizing all available space on the opposite side of roadway for widening and providing a retaining wall to eliminate need for wide sloped embankments.
- **b.** Enhancement of the resource is achieved by safer alignment of the parking lot entrance with other nearby entrances, adding a dedicated left turn lane for entrance into the parking lot and by providing safe access to a new shared use path and sidewalks.
- **c.** On 08/01/2012 and 08/02/2012 State Historic Preservation and Cultural clearance respectively were obtained. See Exhibit 4.

5. Evidence of Opportunity for Public Review and Comment

- **a.** Public availability was provided by a community survey by mail conducted in December 2010 and January 2011, public meetings held 2/17/2011 and 7/24/2012 and local newspaper articles published on 2/18/11 and 7-25-12.
- **b.** For public meeting notifications, see Exhibit 5
- **c.** For newspaper articles, see Exhibit 5
- **d.** For summary of public meeting comments, see Exhibit 5.
- **e.** For summary of community survey comments, see Exhibit 5.
- **f.** For OWJ notification of comments see Exhibit 6.

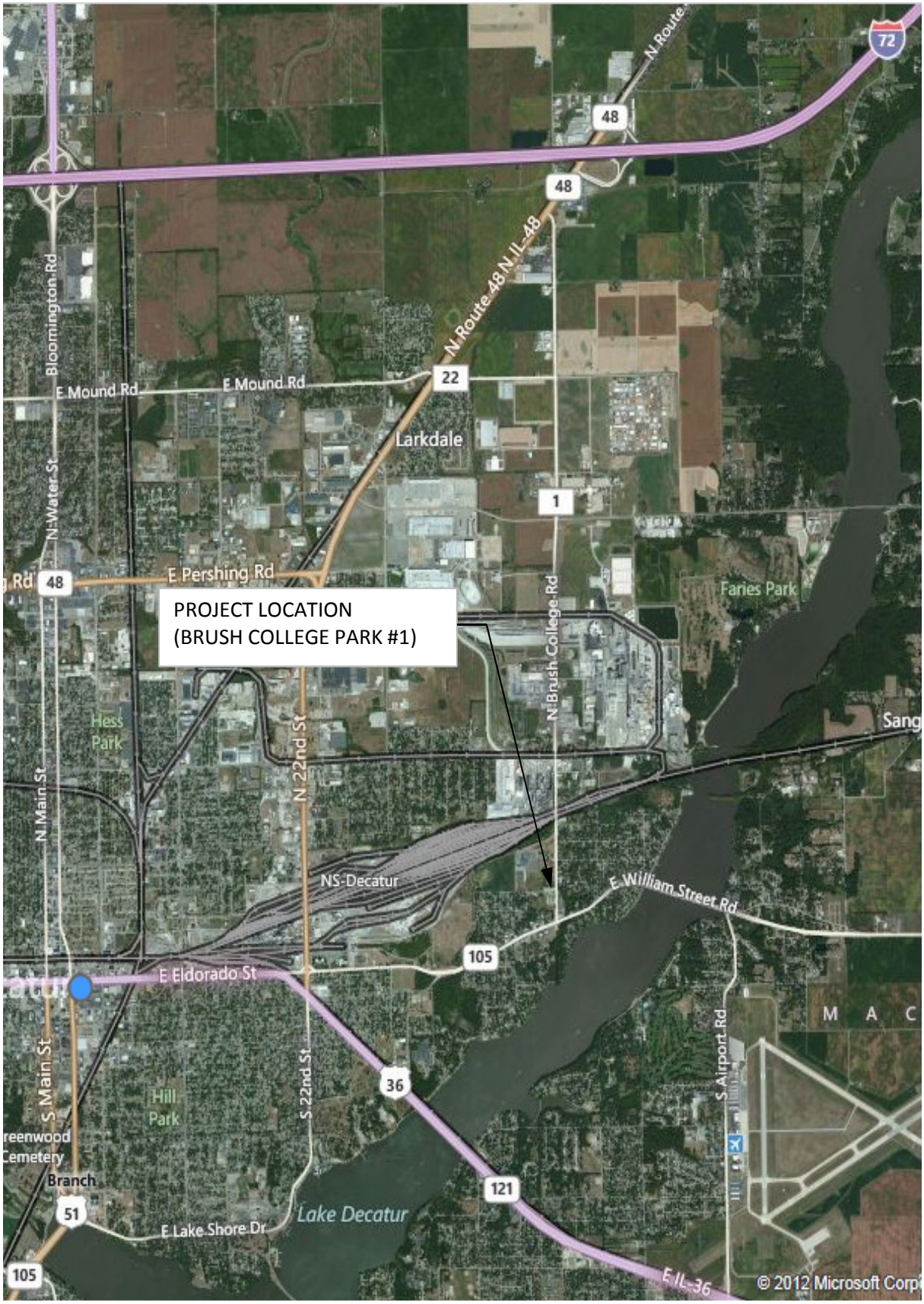
6. Evidence of Coordination with Official(s) with Jurisdiction

- **a.** Coordination meeting was held 10/2/2012. See Exhibit 6 for meeting minutes.
- **b.** See Exhibit 6 for correspondence.
- **c.** Copy of letter from OWJ providing concurrence with the determination that there will be no adverse effect to the resource. See Exhibit 6.

7. Supporting Documentation

- **a.** Map of project area indicating relationship of project to resource - see Exhibit 1. Aerial Plan of impacted property – see Exhibit 1.
- **b.** Photographs of resource – see Exhibit 2.

Exhibit 1
Map and Aerial Plan of Project Area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(BRUSH COLLEGE PARK #1)
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Bloomington Rd
N Water St
Larkdale
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N Brush College Rd
Faries Park
Hess Park
N 22nd St
N Main St
NS-Decatur
E William Street Rd
E Eldorado St
S Main St
S 22nd St
Hill Park
S Airport Rd
Lake Decatur
E Lake Shore Dr
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Exhibit 2
Photographs

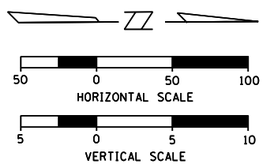
Looking West at South Parking Lot Entrance

Looking West at North Parking Lot Entrance

Looking Southeast at Impacted Area

Looking Northeast at Impacted Area

Exhibit 3
Project Plan and Profile



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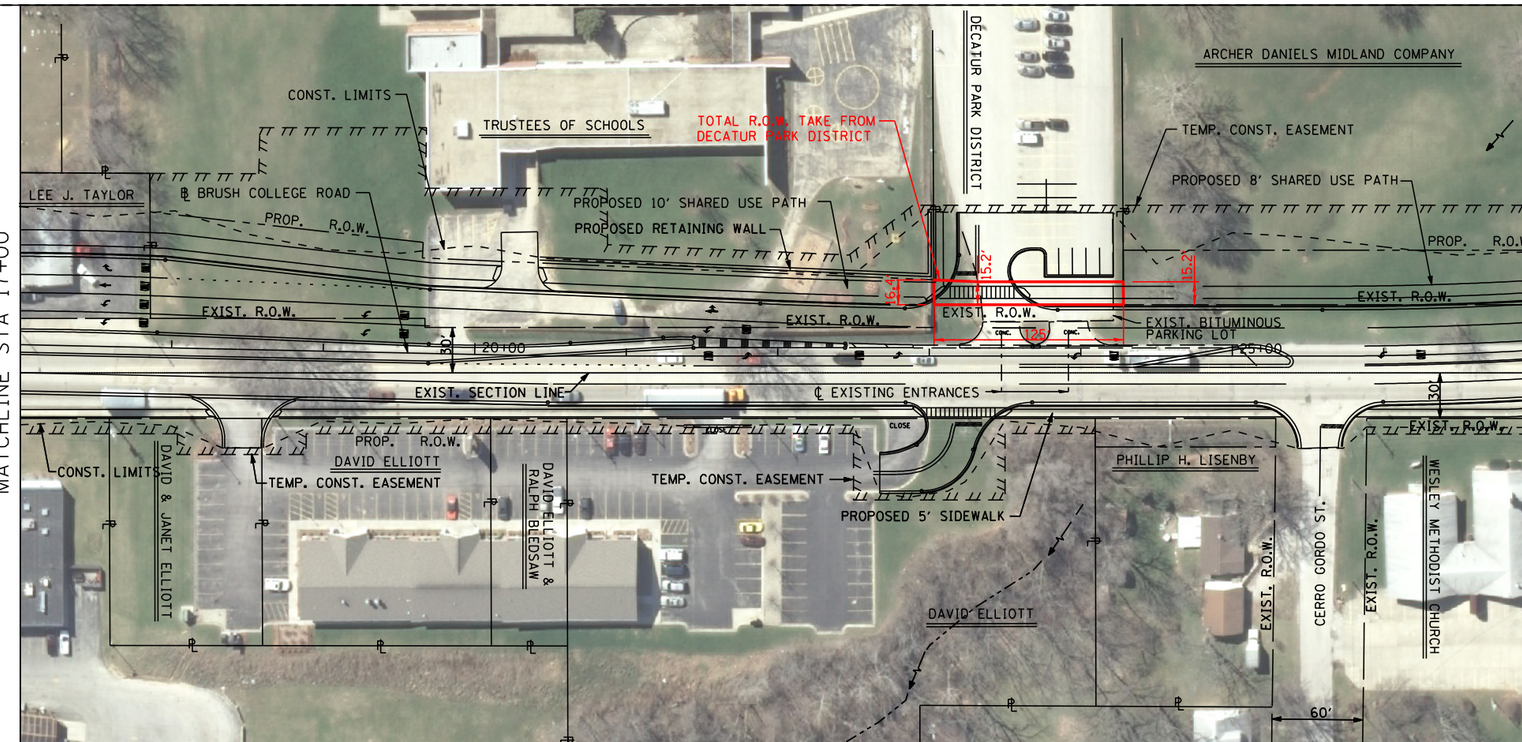

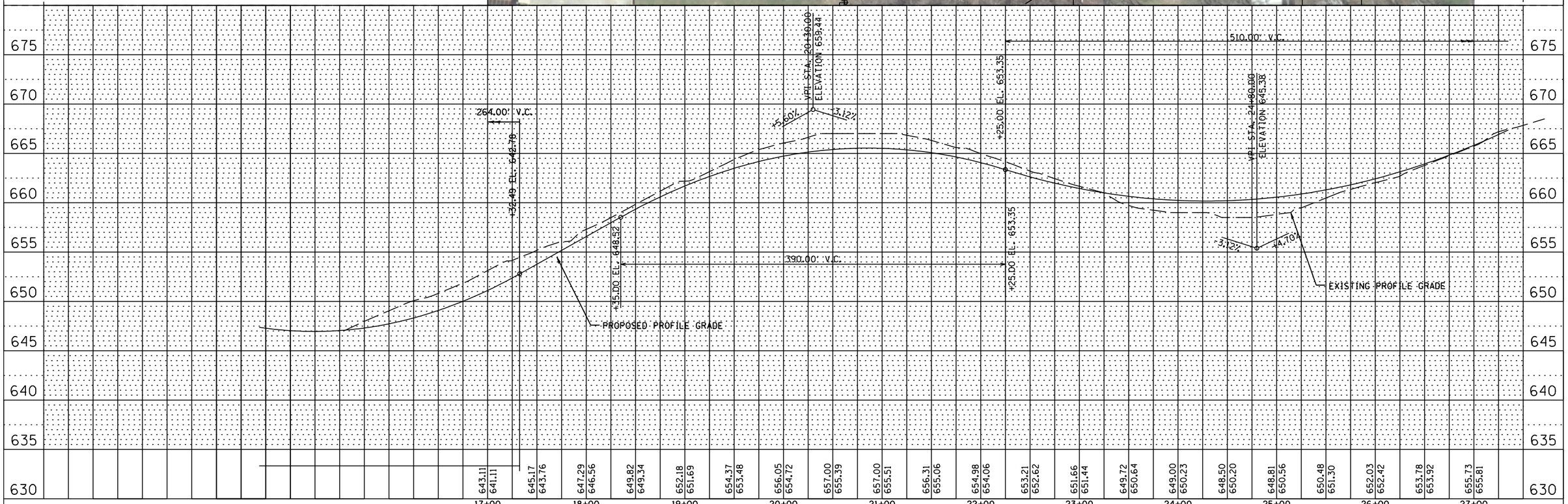

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Exhibit 4
SHPO and Cultural Clearance

Project Overview

Submittal Date: 11/11/2011 **Sequence No:** 16936
District: 7 **Requesting Agency:** Local City of Decatur **Project No:**
Contract #: **Job No.:**
Counties: Macon
Route: FAU 7448 **Marked:** CH 1
Street: Brush College Road **Section:** 09-00933-00-BR
Municipality(ies): City of Decatur **Project Length:** 2.2531 km 1.4 miles
FromTo (At): East William St. Rd. (IL. Rte. 105) to East Faries Parkway
Quadrangle: Decatur **Township-Range-Section:** T16N-R3E-SEC5, 6, 7 and 8
Survey Target Date: **Anticipated Design Appr.:** 08/01/2012 **Anticipated Processing:** CE

Funding: ☑ Federal ☑ State ☐ TBP ☐ MFT ☑ Local Non-MFT

Consultant:
PTB No.: **Item No.:** **PTB Date:** **Prequal Level:**

Sequence No: 16936

	Biological	Wetlands	Cultural	Special Waste
Entered By	BDE	No	BDE	BDE
Cleared for DA	11/22/2011		8/2/2012	7/20/2012
Cleared for Letting	11/22/2011		8/2/2012	
Resubmittal				
ResubmittalCleared				

Section: 09-00933-00-BR **Job No.:**
FromTo (At): East William St. Rd. (IL. Rte. 105) to East Faries Parkway

Notice of Intent	Project Initiation Ltr to FHWA	Public Info Meeting(s)		Notice of Availability		Public Hearing	Draft	ROD/FONSI
		1st	2nd	Draft	Final			Approved

Project Phase Comments:

Cultural Resources

Submittal Date: 11/11/2011 **Sequence No:** 16936

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Quadrangle: Decatur **Township-Range-Section:** T16N-R3E-SEC5, 6, 7 and 8

Survey Target Date: **Anticipated DA:** 08/01/2012 **Cleared for DA:** 08/02/2012

Cleared for Letting: 08/02/2012 **Anticipated Processing:** CE

Project Description: Preliminary design study to determine the most feasible option for providing adequate capacity to handle the future traffic volumes in a safe and efficient manner for the Brush College Road crossing of the Norfolk Southern track yard -

Funding: ☑ Federal ☑ State ☐ TBP ☐ MFT ☑ Local Non-MFT

Proposed Work: ☑ Highway ☑ Bridge ☑ Bike Trail ☐ Other

☑ **Acquisition of additional ROW or easement** 8.6197905 **ha/** 21.3 **acres**

Overall Cultural Resource

☐ **In-House Cultural Resources Clearance** **District Notified:**

Archaeological Resources

☐ **In-House Archeology Only Clearance** **District Notified:** 08/02/2012

Sent for Survey ISAS: 11/17/2011 **SHPO Concurrence:** 08/01/2012

Architectural Resources (Standing Structures)

☐ **In-House Architectural Only Clearance** **District Notified:**

Historic District Involved: No **Historic Building Involved:** No

Architectural Photos Requested: **Photos Received:**

Sent for Architectural Survey: **SHPO Concurrence:**

Historic Bridges

☐ **In-House Historic Bridge Only Clearance** **District Notified:**

Existing Bridge(s) Structure Number: 058-3013 **On Historic Bridge List:** No

Sent for Archival Recordation: **Substitute Bridge Identification:**

SHPO Submittal:

Comments:

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

Macon County
FAU 7448, CH 1
Brush College Road, Decatur
Section: 09-00933-00-BR
IDOT Sequence #16936
ISAS Log #11193

August 1, 2012

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Federal - Section 106 Project

NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED

Ms. Anne Haaker
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Haaker:

Enclosed are copies of the Phase I Archaeological Report completed by Illinois State Archaeological Survey personnel concerning archaeological and historical properties potentially impacted by the above referenced project. Survey of the 21-acre project area resulted in the detection of no archaeological sites. No architectural resources eligible for National Register consideration were identified by IDOT's professional staff.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed Illinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no historic properties subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be affected by the proposed project.

Very truly yours,

Brad Koldehoff

Brad H. Koldehoff, RPA
Cultural Resources Unit
Bureau of Design and Environment

CONCUR
By: Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Date: 8-1-12

Exhibit 5
Public Process Documents

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The meeting will be held at the Richland Community College Shilling Center (Salon #1), One College Park. Representatives from the City and the consulting firm URS Corporation will be present to answer questions and to receive public comment. The study limits are William Street to Faries Parkway.

Contact Keith Benting of URS Corporation at 875-4800 or City Engineering at 424-2747 for more information.

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Date: 01-24-11 By Jenette Johnson

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Due to inclement weather on 2/3/2011, the public meeting was rescheduled for 2/17/2011.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Decatur in said County and State, this 18 day of July A.D. 20 12..

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Publisher.

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Residents shown improvement options for Brush College Road railroad underpass

By KENNETH LOWE - H&R Staff Writer | Posted: Friday, February 18, 2011 12:01 am

DECATUR - Hundreds of Decatur residents, Archer Daniels Midland Co. employees and Richland Community College students and staff agree: The underpass that carries Brush College Road beneath the Norfolk Southern Corp. railroad tracks needs fixing.

The claustrophobic, dark and seemingly eternally moist underpass ranked among the top priorities of survey respondents who regularly travel the stretch, and Thursday they had a chance to view detailed proposals on how to fix it.

At a public meeting at Richland, a small crowd of drivers who regularly travel Brush College Road studied two options the city of Decatur and the engineering firm they've hired to figure out how to widen and improve the road have put forward: a wider underpass or an overpass.

"We're getting a lot of good feedback from people," said Keith Benting, project manager for engineering firm URS Corp.

City engineer Mary Cave said the project will need to consider many potential consequences due to the large number of businesses and institutions along the road.

"We're impacting a lot," Cave said. "There are churches along the roads, schools, the park district has property along there. All of that information will go to (the Illinois Department of Transportation) and be factored into the decision."

The overall plan, Benting said, is to widen Brush College Road to four lanes between William Street and Faries Parkway, as well as add a bike and pedestrian path to it. Part of that would require either the underpass or the overpass.

"We're still in the early stages of the study, but it appears that with the overpass option we wouldn't have to close Brush College Road," Benting said. "We haven't been able to figure that out for the underpass option."

Benting said the underpass option also likely would take longer due to the logistics involved. Another possible drawback could be that future widening efforts would be more complicated.

Benting said his firm hasn't yet determined the difference in cost between going the route of an underpass versus an overpass. Cave said no funding has yet been secured for the project, which is projected to begin in 2015.

"We have no idea where funding is going to come from," she said. "We're hoping we can find grants, both state and federal, to do it."

ADM employee Carmen Bremmer said she preferred the overpass option.

"I've heard of people standing on the railroad tracks and throwing things at cars," she said. "Sometimes when it rains there are draining issues under there."

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City details plans for Brush College Road revamp at Faries Parkway

JULY 25, 2012 12:01 AM • BY ALLISON PETTY - H&R STAFF WRITER

DECATUR — From a driver's perspective, Brush College Road presents challenges, with its cramped underpass beneath Norfolk Southern Corp. railroad tracks and the potentially long waits from trains stopped at the intersection with Faries Parkway.

Engineers working for the city detailed their plans to address these issues at a meeting open to the public Tuesday. Residents, including property owners who could be affected by the plans, gathered at Richland Community College to speak with city officials and representatives from engineering firm URS Corp.

The proposed improvements would involve an overpass to carry Brush College Road over Faries Parkway and the railroad tracks, where the problematic underpass currently exists.

Engineers presented two options for a ramp from Brush College Road to Faries Parkway, one with traffic signals and one with roundabouts at each end. The roundabouts would likely increase the efficiency of traffic flow but could be an adjustment for drivers because there are few in Illinois, said Public Works Director Rick Marley.

The plans also call for the city to construct a four-lane section between William Street and Faries Parkway, add turn lanes to the intersection of William Street and Brush College Road intersection and reconfigure the Marietta Street intersection.

Keith Benting, project manager from URS Corp., said the firm is scheduled to complete its study late this year. The design process following that could take years, and an optimistic start date for the project would be 2015.

But there is currently no money set aside for construction. The firm's ballpark estimate for the project is $60 million.

Marley said the city would need to seek money from federal and state sources, as well as its own coffers.

"When it comes time to fund this project, we are going to have to seek help from everybody. … It's going to take a major push by the entire community to get this project built," he said.

Engineers are seeking input from residents by Aug. 9 on options for the ramp. They are also asking residents whether they would like to keep Brush College Road open during the project, even if it means that construction takes longer.

A survey asking those questions will be available at decaturil.gov by the end of the week, as well as informational material from Tuesday's presentation. Residents who are interested can also email brushcollegestudy@decaturil.gov.

apetty@herald-review.com|421-6986

Brush College Road at Norfolk Southern Crossing Study - Comments from Public Meeting #1 (2/17/11)

	Name	Address	Phone/Email	Underpass	Overpass	No Opinion	Raised Median	Flush Median	Path on East Side	Path on West Side	Alternate Alignment	No Opinion	None/Question Need	Additional Comments
1	Ralph Acklin	3910 E. Marietta Decatur, IL 62526	422-7594	X				X		X				
2	Carmen Bremmer	4197 E. Lake Shore Dr Decatur, IL 62526	330-7362		X			X				X		OK with closing side streets. Important to keep road open during construction.
3	Alvin Cohen (Whits End)	3663 E. William Decatur, IL 62526	329-5650		X			X		X				Closing Brush College would impact business.
4	Daniel Fleckenstein	3823 E. Marrietta St. Decatur, IL 62526	425-2886 lakerat4@comcast.net		X			X		X				Concerned with traffic volume on Marietta. Would like to extend James St. to Faries.
5	Kathleen Fleckenstein	3823 E. Marrietta St. Decatur, IL 62526	358-1164 sillydawg33@comcast.net		X			X		X				Concerned with traffic volume on Marietta.
6	Debbie Freeman	1235 N. Nickey Ave Decatur, IL 62526	422-2058			X		X					X	Closing Hickory & Grand will increase traffic in neighborhood. Extending James to Faries will increase traffic in neighborhood.
7	Brian Kater	4320 E. White	853-5293 kater_brian@yahoo.com		X			X			X			No to extending James to Faries Parkway.
8	Tina Moran	4280 E. Glenwood Ave Decatur, IL 62526	433-9534 dntmoran@comcast.net		X			X					X	OK with any improvement.
9	Hannah Musson	265 E. Andrews Macon, IL 62544	299-6446 genuine.09@hotmail.com		X			X	X					
10	Teena Zindel-McWilliams	2128 E. Wood St. Decatur, IL 62521	855-0153 stb87@comcast.net		X		X		X					Concerned about traffic to and from Richland
11	Suellen Taylor	3941 E. Grand Decatur, IL 62526	422-9501 staylor@bwm-law.com			X		X					X	If open James to Faries Parkway, traffic will be ridiculous Never get out if close Grand & Hickory. Improve Marietta.
12	Stan & Renne Walters	4120 E. Grand Decatur, IL 62526	422-6748 sfrank500@yahoo.com			X		X		X				James to Faries Prkwy a good option as long as stoplight at 105. Consider moving Brush College Road to the west - fewer impacts.
13	Michael Price (BGM Engineers)	1670 S. Talorville Rd Decatur, IL 62521	423-8600 Mprice@BGMEngineering.com		X		X		X					
14	Mick Ashley (ADM)	670 Country Manor Dr Decatur, IL 62521	428-9996/412-1330 mick.ashley@adm.com		X		X		X					Besides traffic light, JRRC needs better acccess to Brush College.
15	Delmas D. Gross	1505 N. Lake Shore Dr Decatur, IL 62526	422-4996		X			X		X				Overpass will do away with ice and flooding. Option to Faries Prkwy nice but then back to RR tracks.
16	Steven & Diana Martin	1415 N. Lake Shore Dr Decatur, IL 62526	413-0400		X			X		X				Traffic signal at JRRC/Marietta good idea. Would like to see Grand Street kept open. Extending James St to Faries Prkwy good idea.
17	Walston Auto Wrecking	4148 Faries Parkway Decatur, IL 62526	422-4733 JLTWALSTON@comcast.net		X			X				X		See additional comments. Concerned about potential loss of access at Olive and Logan Street. Will impact business.
18	Jan Elliott	566 Brush College Rd Decatur, IL 62521	201-4309 / 428-0094 jansgrill@yahoo.com		X			X		X				Owner of East End Plaza and Jan's East End Grill. Keep road open. Closing road will devestate businesses. Extend over Faries Parkway.
19	David Elliott	566 Brush College Rd Decatur, IL 62521	519-0566		X			X		X				No reason to extend James. Closing those streets fine. Good to have traffic signal to slow traffic. Start as soon as possible.

	Name	Address	Phone/Email	Underpass	Overpass	No Opinion	Raised Median	Flush Median	Path on East Side	Path on West Side	Alternate Alignment	No Opinion	None/Question Need	Additional Comments
20	JoAnn & Ron Patrick	6331 Reas Bridge Rd Oakley, IL 62501	429-4238 Joann.Patrick@adm.com		X		X		X					Traffic signal at Research Center is needed now.

Brush College Road Improvement Study - Comments from Public Meeting #2 (7/24/12)

	Name	Address	Phone/Email	Ramp with Signals	Ramp with Roundabouts	Keep Brush College Rd Open	Close Brush College Road	Close North Leg; Keep South Leg Open	Additional Comments
1	Jerry Murbarger (Ameren)	370 S. Main Street Decatur, IL 62523	217-424-8794 jmurbarger@ameren.com	X			X		
2	William Stenger	4004 E. Marietta Decatur, IL	217-423-1215 scorpion13063@comcast.net	X			X		If BC Road is closed between FP and William, ADM traffic will illegally cross tracks on James St. and cut thru residential neighborhood
3	Keith R. Keeton (NS Railroad)	1735 E. Condit St. Decatur, IL 62521	217-413-0227 (cell) keith.keeton@nscorp.com	X				X	With overpass at Faries Parkway there will be some relief, but will still have rail traffic on Faries Parkway at various times.
4	Walter R. Logan	4000 E. Marietta St. Decatur, IL	217-233-0541	X				X	
5	Stan & Renne Walters	4120 E. Grand Ave. Decatur, IL 62526	217-422-6748	X			X		
6	Dwight J. Krimbill	528 Lucas Ln. Forsyth, IL 62535	217-451-8056 dwight.krimbill.contractor@adm.com	X		X			
7	Tim Wilderman	4230 E. Lakewood Ave. Decatur, IL 62526	217-620-9852 t.wilderman@comcast.net	X			X		
8	Alvin Cohen (Whit's End Owner)	3663 E. William St. Decatur, IL	217-329-56560		X	X		X	
9	Ronald E. Nihiser Sr. (Owner - Ron's Garage)	3800 E. Hickory St. Decatur, IL 62526	217-422-9200		X			X	
10	Tina A. Moran	4280 E. Glenwood Ave. Decatur, IL 62526	217-433-9534 dntmoran@comcast.net		X	X			
11	Mick Ashley (ADM Employee)	670 Country Manor Dr Decatur, IL 62521	217-428-8996 mick.ashley@adm.com	X		1		2	Rerouting traffic to Faries Prkwy for ADM would definitely create backups, particularly if there is a train crossing at ADM West Plant.
12	Roy & Mary Ann Montgomery	3838 E. Harrison Decatur, IL	217-422-1748	X		X			Concerned about whether property will be eliminated and access to Brush College Road due to ill husband.
13	Curtis Chaney Tri Star Mrktng - Super Pantry	2211 W. Bradley Ave. Champaign, IL 61821	217-202-6137 cchaney@trism.net	X		X			Design of Brush College Rd/William St interchange will seriously impinge our business. Need service road from Elliot property.
14	Delmar D. Gross (St. John's Cemetery)	1505 N. Lake Shore Dr. Decatur, IL	217-422-4996; cell - 433-0919 baker1146@aol.com		X		X		Ramps with traffic signals could be a problem during winter months.
15	Steve Martin	1415 N. Lake Shore Dr Decatur, IL 62526	217-413-0400 smartininv@aol.com		X	X			
16	Ron & Joann Patrick	6331 Reas Bridge Road Oakley, IL 62501	217-429-4238	X		X			
17	Tony Williamson	2292 E. North St. Decatur, IL 62521	217-428-7297 tonyewilliamson0328@hotmail.com	X			X		

Brush College Road Corridor Study - Community Survey

SurveyMonkey

1. Would you like additional information on the Brush College Road Corridor Study?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	45.1%	93
No, skip to survey questions.	**54.9%**	**113**
	answered question	**206**
	skipped question	**0**

2. How frequently do you travel along the Brush College Road study corridor?

	Response Percent	Response Count
More than 5 times per week	**74.4%**	**145**
3 to 5 times per week	10.3%	20
1 or 2 times per week	5.1%	10
On occasion (a few times per month or maybe a couple times per year)	10.3%	20
	answered question	**195**
	skipped question	**11**

3. Which of the following best describes where you live in relation to the Brush College Road study corridor?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I live approximately one mile or less from of the study corridor	**70.8%**	**138**
I live more than one mile from the study corridor	29.2%	57
	answered question	**195**
	skipped question	**11**

4. OPTIONAL: Are there any traffic issues (for example, areas of traffic congestion or safety related issues) that should be addressed as part of the Brush College Road corridor study? If so, please list any you can think of.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Issue	**100.0%**	**134**
Issue	57.5%	77
Issue	31.3%	42
Issue	11.9%	16
	answered question	**134**
	skipped question	**72**

5. The following are potential transportation improvements along Brush College Road. Please rank what would be your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priority.

NOTE: The following improvements are listed randomly and do not reflect any priority or preference by the project team.

	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	Response Count
Making it easier for pedestrians to cross Brush College Road is...	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	**55.6% (5)**	9
Develop a continuous bicycle/pedestrian path along Brush College Road is...	11.1% (2)	11.1% (2)	**77.8% (14)**	18
Divert truck traffic from Brush College Road is...	**36.7% (11)**	26.7% (8)	**36.7% (11)**	30
Enhance public transportation connections within the corridor is...	11.1% (1)	22.2% (2)	**66.7% (6)**	9
Find ways to better accommodate truck traffic along Brush College Road is...	16.7% (5)	**46.7% (14)**	36.7% (11)	30
Improve the Brush College/Faries Parkway intersection is...	14.3% (2)	35.7% (5)	**50.0% (7)**	14
Improve the Brush College/William Street intersection is...	18.2% (2)	**45.5% (5)**	36.4% (4)	11
Improve travel safety (i.e., better geometrics, access, driving/site visibility) along Brush College is...	24.1% (7)	17.2% (5)	**58.6% (17)**	29
Reduce the number of train crossings/delays in the Faries Parkway intersection is...	**34.4% (22)**	32.8% (21)	32.8% (21)	64
Widen (add lanes) at the railroad underpass along Brush College Road is...	**55.4% (46)**	31.3% (26)	13.3% (11)	83
Widen (add lanes) along the entire Brush College Road corridor is...	31.5% (17)	**50.0% (27)**	18.5% (10)	54
			answered question	**117**
			skipped question	**89**

6. If you wish, please use the space below to make additional comments regarding the Brush College Road corridor study. This can be related to general mobility issues, a particular transportation mode, your daily commute, or specific transportation improvements that you would like to see implemented within the corridor.

	Response Count
	72
answered question	**72**
skipped question	**134**

7. If you would like to stay up to date on the corridor study, please give us your e-mail address. We will not share your e-mail with anyone.

	Response Count
	63
answered question	**63**
skipped question	**143**

1. OPTIONAL: Are there any traffic issues (for example, areas of traffic

	Issue	
1	The underpass is not only a huge congestion problem but is also dangerous when bigger truck are going through it	Dec 1, 2010 10:56 PM
2	traffic is usually backed up when I take this route South (toward Williams St.) after tunnel	Dec 2, 2010 4:43 PM
3	road conditions, road quickly deteriorates with amount of traffic flow & heavy vehicles traveling road frequently	Dec 2, 2010 6:46 PM
4	The railroad underpass is too narrow for the amount of traffic, especially with heavy trucks	Dec 2, 2010 9:46 PM
5	the underpass is narrow	Dec 3, 2010 2:18 AM
6	TRAFFIC CONGESTION: SPECIFICALLY AT THE ADM JRRRC BLDG	Dec 4, 2010 1:51 PM
7	Narrow lanes at the underpass	Dec 9, 2010 2:19 PM
8	More lanes are needed going both ways. ADM traffic is terrible during rush hour, morning & night	Dec 9, 2010 2:37 PM
9	Need a traffic light at the exit from the ADM JRRRC facility; currently very dangerous turning north from JRRRC.	Dec 10, 2010 6:57 PM
10	Traffic coming out of the old Lakeview High School - need traffic light	Dec 10, 2010 7:14 PM
11	The tight underpass!	Dec 10, 2010 7:20 PM

Exhibit 6
Coordination with Officials with Jurisdiction (OWJ)

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Meeting Minutes

Subject:	Brush College Road Improvement Study City of Decatur Section 09-00933-00-BR
Project No:	36432772
Meeting Date & Time:	10/2/2012 9:00 am
Location:	Decatur Park District Office
Prepared By/Date:	Keith W. Benting/10-3-12
Attendees:	Keith Benting — URS - Project Manager Mary Cave — City of Decatur – Project Manager Bill Clevenger — Decatur Park District – Executive Director Jim Kiefer — Decatur Park District – Director of Operations
Copies To:	Attendees, Project File

Purpose: The meeting was held to discuss the 4(f) impacts at the parking lot for Brush College Elementary School. The parking lot is owned by the Decatur Park District.

Meeting Summary:

K. Benting provided an aerial plan of the proposed project along with a second aerial showing the proposed changes at the Brush College Elementary School Parking lot. He gave a brief overview of the proposed improvements.

B. Clevenger wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page. He asked if we were aware of the future of Brush College Elementary School. M. Cave and K. Benting acknowledged that they were aware that the school is to be closed based on information received from Mike Sotiroff of District 61. The proposed improvements are being shown in the area of the school since the information regarding the closing has not been released to the public.

B. Clevenger said that he understood that the notice of the closing would be given this fall in accordance with required policy. He also said that ADM would most likely acquire the school and it doesn't make a lot of sense for the Decatur Park District to own the strip of land that includes the parking lot. He said that the park in the neighborhood to the west of the school does not see a lot of activity and can probably be downsized.

Although ownership of the parking lot may change by the time that the project is constructed, K. Benting said that 4(f) coordination is required as part of the study phase since the parking lot may service some of the adjacent recreational areas. K. Benting had sent a sample letter to J. Kiefer that should satisfy the 4(f) coordination requirements. B. Clevenger said that he would review the letter and get it submitted to IDOT.

These minutes represent our understanding of the discussion and decisions reached during the meeting. Please forward additions and/or corrections within five business days.

Sincerely,

Keith W. Benting, P.E., S.E.
Project Manager
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October 2, 2012

Mr. Roger Driskell, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways
Region Four Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Attention: Maureen Kastl, P.E.
Local Roads Engineer

Re: **4(f) Impacts to Brush College Elementary School Parking Lot**
Brush College Road Improvement Study
Section 09-00933-00-BR
City of Decatur

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the Brush College Elementary School parking lot in Decatur, Illinois, I concur with the determination that there will be no adverse effects to this resource as a result of the proposed improvements along Brush College Road. The proposed improvements will result in 5,218 square foot of right-of-way being taken from the parking lot. A construction easement will require 2,978 square feet. The proposed improvements will have minimal impact on the parking lot function and will provide favorable improvements to the area.

Decatur Park District accepts the current proposed improvements for the Brush College Road corridor between William Street and Brush College Road and is in favor of the project.

Sincerely,

William L. Clevenger
Executive Director
Decatur Park District

cc: Keith Benting / URS Corporation
Mary Cave / City of Decatur

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