



Division of Transportation

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**IL Rte 21 (IL 137 to South of IL Rte 120)  
Widening  
Pending IDOT Letter of Intent (LOI)**

May 12, 2009

The Hon. Terry Weppler  
Mayor, Village of Libertyville  
118 W. Cook Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

The Hon. Kristina Kovarik  
Mayor, Village of Gurnee  
325 N. O'Plaine Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031

Dear Mayor Weppler and Mayor Kovarik:

On May 28, 2008 I sent the two Villages and the IDOT Deputy Director of Highways, Region One Engineer, Diane O'Keefe, notice that the County Board was in the process of adopting a Plan for Use of "Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funds." This new revenue is generated by the 0.25% increase in the local sales tax which was a provision of the RTA Reform & Funding legislation that was enacted into law in January of 2008.

One aspect of the Plan called for the issuance by the county of \$50 million in capital "challenge bonds" in the year 2011 to be made available to IDOT to help fund the construction of road widening along three candidate corridors. The three corridors were: #1) IL Rte 21 between IL Route 137 and south of IL Route 120; #2) US 45 between IL Rte 22 and IL 83, and #3) IL 60/83 between US Rte 45 and IL Rte 176.

The Plan indicated that the improvements to be constructed along these corridors from the bonds issuance would be selected depending upon their "state of readiness" which would ultimately be identified by a joint State / County / Village construction agreement.

IDOT has informed us by a Letter of Intent (LOI) dated April 24, 2009, copy attached, that they are prepared to proceed with construction of project #1, IL Rte 21 between IL Route 137 and south of IL Route 120 in SFY2012 (starts 7/1/2011) and would use an estimated \$31 million of the offered \$50 million.

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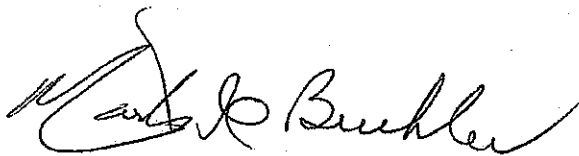
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Please be advised that I will be presenting the LOI for approval to the County Public Works and Transportation Committee on May 27, 2009. This action will lead to construction of said improvement as specified in a future joint State / County / Village(s) construction agreement to be prepared by IDOT.

As of this date, approximately \$19 million in proposed construction challenge bond funds remain available for the other 2 corridors. Information about the status of the current IDOT studies on those two corridors should be made to:

Ms. Diane O'Keefe, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region One Engineer  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

Very truly yours,



Martin G. Buehler, P.E.  
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Attachment

cc: The Hon. Roger Byrne, President, Village of Vernon Hills  
The Hon. Kenneth Kessler, Mayor, Village of Mundelein  
Diane O'Keefe, Deputy Director of Highways, Region One Engineer, IDOT

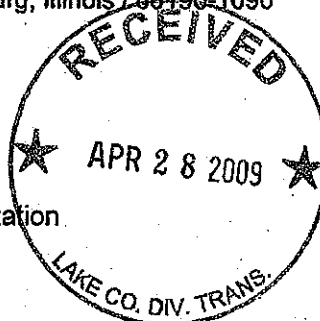


# Illinois Department of Transportation

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April 24, 2009

Mr. Martin G. Buehler, PE  
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Lake County Division of Transportation  
600 West Winchester Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048



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Maintenance	_____
Planning	PT _____
Traffic	_____
Other	_____
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Dear Mr. Buehler:

This letter will serve as a Letter of Intent between the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) and the Lake County Division of Transportation (County) regarding the add lanes project on Illinois Route 21 from Illinois Route 137 to Illinois Route 120.

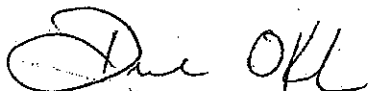
The Department will include the construction for this project in a future Proposed Highway Improvement Program with the understanding that the County will reimburse the Department for these costs utilizing Lake County Challenge Bond funds. The estimated cost for this project is \$31,000,000. It is our understanding that the County's Challenge Bond funding will be available after December, 2010 until December, 2011. With that understanding, the Department will target the construction of this project in Fiscal Year 2012.

In the interim, the Department will finalize engineering, acquire all necessary right of way and will provide construction engineering.

If you are in general agreement with the terms above, please indicate your concurrence to this proposal by signing on the appropriate line below and by returning this original to our office.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Ms. Sue Palmer, Area Programmer, at (847) 705-4090.

Very truly yours,

  
Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region One Engineer

Concur \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Concur \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_