

Item #4:

Resolution Supporting Maintaining Existing Intersection Configuration

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R-__**

**A RESOLUTION
CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING MAINTAINING THE EXISTING
DESIGN AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AT INTERSECTION OF OLD MCHENRY ROAD &
ROBERT PARKER COFFIN ROAD WITHIN THE LONG GROVE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**

WHEREAS, Old McHenry Road travels through the Village of Long Grove Historic Downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Transportation ("**LDOT**") has initiated preliminary design/engineering studies to construct certain improvements to the portion of Old McHenry Road that extends through the Village of Long Grove Historic Downtown, including widening Old McHenry Road from the current two lanes to four lanes and intersection improvements at Robert Parker Coffin Road as part of the improvements within the Village of Long Grove Historic Downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove approved Resolution 2007-R-30 supporting the widening of IL Route 22, including significant improvements to the intersection of IL Route 22 & Old McHenry Road in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and the resulting increased cut-thru traffic on Old McHenry Road that is not designed nor intended to accept this additional traffic and increased wear and tear; thus threatening the safety of the public traveling on Old McHenry Road and the intersection with Robert Parker Coffin Road, as well as the owners, merchants and customers of the businesses located along Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road in the Village of Long Grove Historic Downtown; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the safety concerns, the rural character of the area, and to ensure the safety of the public while at the same time facilitating the free flow of traffic on Old McHenry Road, the Village has, on numerous occasions in the past, worked cooperatively with LCDOT to develop plans for reconstruction of Old McHenry

Road through the Historic Downtown that reduces the roadway impact on neighboring properties, businesses and the natural environment by developing a roadway and intersection cross-section that minimizes each lane width and thereby minimizes the overall pavement “footprint”; and

WHEREAS, in previous discussions between the Village of Long Grove and LCDOT Representatives, the Village has consistently noted that the Village supports the reconstruction of this last remaining portion of Old McHenry Road through the Historic Downtown so long as the roadway & intersection cross-section incorporates these few design standards and LCDOT agreed that it would include Village participation and input; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the Village, the downtown and its residents that LCDOT reconstruct Old McHenry Road and the intersection with Robert Parker Coffin Road within the Historic Downtown Long Grove as two lanes; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Village of Long Grove approved Resolution No. 2007-R-08 “A Resolution Identifying And Prioritizing Certain Traffic Projects For Further Study And Consideration” in which The President and the Board of Trustees identified and prioritized the following roadways (as more fully described in the Village-wide traffic study) for further detailed study and consideration of future traffic improvements as a means to address roadway congestion throughout the Village of Long Grove, including the investigation of state and/or federal funding opportunities for traffic improvements to these roadways, listed in order of priority:

1. Illinois Route 83, from Arlington Heights Road to north of Aptakisic Road
2. Illinois Route 53
3. Arlington Heights Road and Lake Cook Road
4. Illinois Route 22; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Village of Long Grove approved a joint study with The Lake County Division Of Transportation to evaluate certain preliminary work related to a proposed modern roundabout in downtown Long Grove at the intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this preliminary engineering study, the Village of Long Grove has concluded that the proposed modern roundabout in downtown Long Grove at the intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road would negatively affect the existing historic buildings and character of the downtown and negatively affect pedestrian access throughout the historic downtown by increasing traffic levels and speeds through the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village desire to further memorialize the Village's support for maintaining the existing Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road intersection for the reasons set forth in this Resolution;

SECTION ONE. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO. Maintaining The Existing Intersection Design and Traffic Control At Old McHenry Road & Robert Parker Coffin Road. The President and the Board of Trustees hereby memorializes its support for maintaining the existing design and traffic control at the intersection of Old McHenry Road & Robert Parker Coffin Road within the Village of Long Grove Historic Downtown to preserve the Historic Downtown and the natural environment. In furtherance of the Village's study and consideration of such roadway/intersection improvements, the Village President, Village Staff, and the Village Engineer shall be authorized and directed to seek assistance from and work cooperatively with the Illinois and Lake County Departments of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 8th day of March, 2011.

AYES: (___)

NAYS: (___)

ABSENT: (___)

APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2011.

Village President, Maria Rodriguez

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Karen Schultheis