

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: July 22, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: Agreement of Support and Notice of Construction - Traffic Signals

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting that the Village Board authorize the Village President to execute an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) supporting the needed improvements to the existing signalized intersection of Riegel Road at Holbrook Road.

This intersection lies within the limits of the Village of Homewood and is part of the Intergovernmental Maintenance Agreement recently approved during the June 10, 2025 meeting. This agreement acknowledges IDOT's investment of an estimated \$454,000.00 into modernizing the intersection with new traffic control devices, traffic signal cabinet, and street name signs. The only cost to the Village would be an estimated \$1,772.73 to be reimbursed to the State for their removal and replacement of Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) devices. EVPs are the devices that control the traffic signal to give emergency vehicles a green light as they approach the intersection.

PROCESS

IDOT has identified a number of locations that are in need of modernizing. They began gathering data in December 2023/January 2024 for five (5) intersections, and finalized the engineering last year in May/June 2024. The intersections consisted of:

- I-80 eastbound ramp at Dixie Hwy.
- 175th St. at Governors Hwy.
- ***Riegel Rd. at Holbrook Rd.***
- Western Ave. at Joe Orr Rd./Country Club Rd.
- Governors Hwy. at Poplar Ave.

Specifically this work will consist of the replacement of new traffic control devices, traffic signal cabinets, and street name signs, resulting in higher visibility and safety. In some cases these aluminum mast arms and signals are over 50 years old. The State of Illinois plans on bidding this project on August 1, 2025 with tentative pre-construction meetings being scheduled with shareholders in September 2025. They plan to begin work in spring 2026, but due to potential

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material procurement times, the start date could be extended into 2027. More information will be available after the State selects a contractor.

OUTCOME

Approval of support for this project is mutually beneficial to facilitate the flow of traffic and ensure safety to the motoring public as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program being hosted by the State of Illinois. New enhanced safety signals improve traffic flow and help minimize confusion at busy intersections.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** Operating (Traffic Control & Street Lights 321)
- **Budgeted Amount:** Not Budgeted
- **Cost:** \$1,772.73

LEGAL REVIEW

Complete

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation supporting the improvement of the existing signalized intersection of Riegel Road at Holbrook Road for the modernization of new traffic lights, traffic signal cabinet, and increased-visibility street name signs, with an estimated amount of \$1,772.73 to be reimbursed to the State of Illinois for the relocation of Emergency Vehicle Preemption devices.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Agreement
- Improvement plans