



Report to CLIPP

Agenda Item:

Meeting Date: Feb 2, 2026

Referring Body: CLIPP

Committee Contact: Trustee Charneski

Staff Contact: Greg Ullman

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AGENDA ITEM: Railroad Blockage Project

OBJECTIVE(S): For CLIPP to discuss feasibility of finding a workaround to the train blockages which create a potential safety risk to west side residents.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: At the Jan 12 Village Board meeting we discussed this issue and I said the logical next step would be to gather information from the previously approved firm, who had offered pro bono basic information and recommendations. The Board voted to send this issue back to CLIPP .

As we can see from the following report, the Public Works director was directed by administrator Davel to get RFP's before this issue even came to CLIPP for discussion. Unfortunately Mr Davel's instructions were ill-advised and premature, as the Board had discussed the issue wasting vendor's time asking for RFP's for projects that we may not award.

I thank Richard Schneider of Kapur and Associates for the pro bono information that he has very generously provided.

Attached are emails, a summary on how to approach this project, a brochure on land owner rights, an article on project bidding, and a cost breakdown to build the road in the most logical, cost effective location. All very good information for this project, and for DPW to keep on hand for the future.

The evaluation study would not necessarily be needed, because options are limited to a new road, and a more cost-effective approach would be to apply that money to the engineering for the actual road that would be needed.

So that is the good news.

The bad news is that a key property owner who was interested in this project up to two weeks ago, has changed his mind, and this project won't help the accessibility problem without his cooperation.

The \$500K anticipated cost would balloon to many times the cost if we went with a second-best option.

PROPOSAL: Given the abrupt change of circumstances, the committee should reconsider the feasibility of the project, and whether or not RFP's were called for.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FINANCIAL

Financial Consideration/Action: None at this time

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

Account Number/Title: #
Current Adopted Budget: \$
Spent to Date: \$
Remaining Budget: \$
Requested Amount: \$
Remainder of Budgeted Amount, if approved:

ATTACHMENTS: Email thread, a summary on how to approach this project, a brochure on land owner rights, an article on project bidding, cost breakdown of the original project plan.