

Report to Village Board

Agenda Item: Emergency Access Designation of BUS 51 Bike & Pedestrian Trail
Meeting Date: Monday, November 13, 2023
Referring Body: Community Life, Infrastructure and Public Property Committee (CLIPP)
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AGENDA ITEM: Emergency Access Designation of BUS 51 Bike & Pedestrian Trail (West Nelson Road to Happy Hollow Road)

OBJECTIVE(S): Designation of the bike and pedestrian trail west of BUS 51 as an access for Village Police, EMS and Fire Departments to allow for faster response times in the event that the railroad system is blocking access.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: A citizen complaint brought up at CLIPP asking for attention to be placed on additional emergency access needed in the West Nelson Road and other residents in the areas west of the Railroad Track. Meeting discussions have mentioned a number of alternatives with a final consensus by the CLIPP Committees to ask if the bike and pedestrian trail west of BUS 51 extending from West Nelson Road to Happy Hollow Road could be designated as an Emergency Access for sole use of Village Police and Fire Departments.

PROPOSAL: The designation of the bike and pedestrian trail west of BUS 51 as an access for Village Police and Fire Departments will translate into faster response times in the event that the railroad system would hinder access to this area during an emergency situation. In that, Public Works staff would need to maintain this route as it maintains all other emergency routes to assuring obstacles are removed and snow removal is maintained allowing adequate clearance and accessibility for emergency vehicles at all times.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approved and authorize Administrative Staff change the designation of the bike and pedestrian trail west of BUS 51 extending from West Nelson Road to Happy Hollow Road be designated as an emergency access for Village Police, EMS and Fire Departments as an Emergency Access route.

FINANCIAL

Financial Consideration/Action: Additional responsibility for the Public Works staff to maintain this route as it maintains all other emergency routes. No financial action needed.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

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

ATTACHMENTS

- Map of West Nelson to Happy Hollow Road's Bike and Pedestrian Trail
- WisDOT Bike & Ped Fac Project Design and Construction Terms