



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Village of Countryside

From: Bureau of Construction By: Shearrisa Phillips-Hatcher, P.E.

Subject: Contract 62C25 - East Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street

Date: October 18, 2023

The proposed reconstruction and widening of East Avenue between Joliet Road and 55th Street is located in the City of Countryside and the Villages of Hodgkins and McCook in Cook County. The work to be performed under this contract consists of pavement removal, earth excavation, placement of furnished excavation, sidewalk reconstruction, shared use path construction, construction of new PACE bus pads, ADA ramp construction, roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, roadway widening, channelization improvements, concrete median construction, placement of pavement markings, concrete repair of four culverts, construction of two retaining walls, traffic signal modernization at three intersections with interconnect to an existing fiber optic system, lighting improvements and drainage improvements. The contract has experienced substantial delays due to utility conflicts for various known and unknown utilities. The IDOT staff and consultants have been working closely and diligently with the various utilities and municipalities to advance the contract. Daily coordination efforts with utilities are still underway, resulting in significant progress.

Over the last three months the contractor has poured approximately 7,000 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter, adjusted over 50 drainage structures, placed 6,000 tons of stone for the roadway subgrade, placed over 5,000 tons hot-mix asphalt for pavement widening, installed approximately 3,000 linear feet of electric conduit for lighting and traffic signal mast arms and poured over 40 concrete foundations for light poles and traffic signal mast arms. In the next few weeks, the contractor will continue placing hot-mix asphalt on the mainline roadway and driveways, construct ADA ramps, grade and construct a shared use path, and install electric cables, electric conduit and light poles. Once this work is complete, the contractor anticipates starting Stage 3, which will shift traffic to the new widened pavement on the west side of East Ave. This configuration will allow the contractor to work through the winter months constructing a new retaining wall on the east side of East Ave.

IDOT Construction appreciates your continued collaboration to complete the remaining work on the improvement project. Based on the current progress and pending no additional delays, the contract is anticipated to be complete by late Summer 2024.