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ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

APPENDIX I

**IDOT Categorical
Exclusion Approval**

MEETING MINUTES

Subject: FHWA/IDOT/CDOT Monthly Coordination Meeting Update

Project: **Englewood Trail**
Between 58th Street and 59th Streets,
Hoynes Avenue to Wallace Avenue
Section No:16-E5482-00-BT

CDOT Project Number: E-5-482

Meeting Date: Monday January 8, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Hybrid, IDOT District 1 and online via Teams

Attendees

- See attached attendance roster sheet

Minutes:

1. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update to FHWA and IDOT on the status of the Phase I engineering design.
2. Discussion:

CDOT stated that the project will decline the Federal RAISE grant funding. The project will use \$3 million in ITEP, \$42.3 million in CMAQ/TAP-L funds, with the remaining coming from STP and local funds. CDOT does not anticipate any changes to the project schedule.

CDOT Confirmed that Biological, Wetlands, and Cultural clearances have been approved and a Public Hearing was held on November 15, 2023 with no major objections from the community. Special Waste will be covered with a local PESA.

CDOT clarified that the City acquired the Norfolk Southern Railway property in 2018. The current amount of both permanent and temporary Right-of-Way needed for the project is 3.17 acres for the entire project length of 1.75 miles.

IDOT in consultation with the FHWA, has determined that this project will not have any significant impacts on the human environment, or involve any unusual circumstances; therefore, it is a State Approved Categorical Exclusion.

IDOT has addressed all environmental requirements for this project and determined that it has met the following requirements of the CE Programmatic Agreement (approved October 14, 2020): (1) the scope is consistent with the project scope listed in Appendix A (3), and (2) none of the circumstances in Section V exist. Therefore, on behalf of FHWA, IDOT hereby approves this

project as a CE. IDOT Central-BLRS and FHWA agreed that the project should now be processed as a **State CE** due to the amount of land acquisition, no wetland impacts, and no endangered biological impacts.

CDOT will submit the Draft PDR in the coming weeks.

FHWA and IDOT agreed that the Englewood Trail Project no longer will need to meet on a monthly basis.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

CDOT will submit the draft PDR for review.

Lubica Benak, CDOT/Grant Davis, CDOT/Wade Van Nortwick, CDOT

Attachment: Attendance Roster, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (2 pages).

ATTENDANCE ROSTER BUREAU OF LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

Project / Topic: FHWA/IDOT/City of Chicago Coordination Meeting

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Location: _____ **Room:** _____

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+ the PMs - Lubica Benak and Wade VanNortwick

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Good morning all,

Per January 8, 2024, coordination meeting conversion of the Englewood Line Trail project from a federal CE to a State CE. Please include the language below in the minutes and in the PDR for usage of the BLR 22211 formwork:

On January 8, 2024, IDOT in consultation with the FHWA, has determined that this project will not have any significant impacts on the human environment, or involve any unusual circumstances; therefore, it is a State Approved Categorical Exclusion.

IDOT has addressed all environmental requirements for this project and determined that it has met the following requirements of the CE Programmatic Agreement (approved October 14, 2020): (1) the scope is consistent with the project scope listed in Appendix A (3), and (2) none of the circumstances in Section V exist. Therefore, on behalf of FHWA, IDOT hereby approves this project as a CE.

Thank you,

Omar Alsharbini, PE

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