



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways/Region One / District One
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Eric J. Gilbert, PE
Vice President, Infrastructure and Transportation CenterPoint Properties
1808 Swift Drive
Oak Brook, IL 60523-1501

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

The Illinois Department of Transportation is currently in the engineering phase for a project that will relocate the existing Interstate Route 55 at Arsenal Road interchange to enhance safety and to improve operations. The scope of work for this project includes removal and relocation of the Arsenal Road interchange approximately one mile south with a new geometric configuration. The new configuration will consist of a flyover of Interstate Route 55 for the southbound exit ramp and a loop ramp for the northbound entrance ramp. The northbound exit ramp will merge with the southbound exit ramp and match into northbound Arsenal Road which will be extended approximately one mile along the east side of Interstate Route 55. The existing Arsenal Road Bridge over Interstate Route 55 will be removed and a new bridge will be constructed approximately 200 feet south of the existing bridge to provide access to the West Frontage Road and the southbound entrance ramp. Retaining walls will also be provided. High mast interchange lighting will be installed including lighting at all bridge locations. Plans will include the installation of one traffic signal which will be interconnected to the existing traffic signals.

Funding for the construction and other necessary elements of this project is included in the Department's 2009-2014 Proposed Highway Improvement Program contingent upon legislative appropriations. Design approval for the Phase One report is currently anticipated at the end of 2008. To expedite the process, Phase Two (contract plan preparation) has begun to keep the project on schedule for our targeted letting date in the summer of 2009 dependent upon plan readiness and availability of funds. Funding for right of way acquisition is also included in our Multi-Year Program and is underway.

Please be assured that this project is a priority for the Department and we are making every effort to keep this project on track.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Ms. Sue Palmer, Area Programmer, at (847) 705-4090.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane O'Keefe, mpe".

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer