



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Real Estate Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Real Estate committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board meetings. The President and Commissioners will participate remotely. The public can observe the livestream <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>

The public can still testify to the Committee Meetings. Only written comment will be accepted for those wishing to provide Public Testimony. Written comments provided prior to the start of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety. If you have additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record. All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online.

[21-0133](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/15/2020

[20-0451](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the “Tollway”).

Goods or Services: Proposed permanent and temporary easements, tree removal, and temporary partial closure of the Salt Creek Trail associated with reconstruction of I-294 adjacent to Bemis Woods.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Construction period and temporary easement from 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2025. The permanent easement will continue indefinitely (perpetual).

Fiscal Impact: \$2,290,102.79 (Revenue Generating). This amount represents the following: (1) Permanent and Temporary easements - \$44,000.00 (appraised value); and (2) tree mitigation (estimate for 431 trees) - \$2,246,102.79. In-kind contributions by Tollway for ecological restoration, gateway signs have an estimated value of over \$350,000.00

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 17

Summary: The Tollway is scheduled to reconstruct a section of I-294 from Ogden Avenue to 31st Street in and adjacent to Bemis Woods. The proposed reconstruction work will impact property owned by the Forest Preserves and will require granting a permanent easement of 3.325 acres and a temporary easement of 0.892 acre. Impacts to land owned or leased by the Forest Preserves will include construction of box culverts and other storm sewer infrastructure, removal of approximately four hundred thirty-one (431) trees, establishment of a mowed access path for future maintenance, and temporary closure of the Salt Creek Trail.

The Tollway will pay required tree mitigation fees, provide vegetation management and tree trimming along a permanent access path in Bemis Woods adjacent to 31st Street at Meadowlark Golf Course, and contribute in-kind restoration work on approximately 85 acres within Bemis Woods with an estimated value of \$300,000.00. The Tollway will also install a taller salt spray wall to minimize impacts on the preserves.

In addition, the Tollway will reconstruct the Salt Creek Trail under the I-294 Salt Creek Bridge, include the Forest Preserves logo as a public artwork on the bridge abutment, and provide in-kind contribution of additional gateway signs designed by the Forest Preserves at various locations in Bemis Woods with an estimated value of over \$50,000.00. The Tollway will make additional bank stabilization improvements

adjacent to a portion of the I&M Trail which is currently closed to provide access for the Tollway's Mile Long Bridge reconstruction.

Legislative History : 12/15/20 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee



Secretary

Chairman: Anaya

Vice-Chairman: Moore

Members: Committee of the Whole