

LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM

Date of Application: September 19, 2019

Name of Applicant: The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the "Tollway").

Purpose of Proposed Request: The Tollway requests permanent and temporary easements to reconstruct a section of I-294, from Ogden Avenue to 31st Street in and adjacent to Bemis Woods, to perform bridge and roadway reconstruction and widening, retaining and noise wall construction, salt shield barriers, and box culverts for storm sewer systems, among other infrastructure modifications.

General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land: Along the western edge of Bemis Woods and Meadowlark Golf Course and an access path near 31st Street.

Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land: The work will require permanent easements of on 3.325 acres and temporary easements on 0.892 acres. The Tollway will pay \$44,000 for the permanent and temporary easements.

Potential Impact to District Land: Approximately 431 trees will be removed, the Tollway will pay a Tree Mitigation fee of \$2,246,102.79 and trim trees and maintain vegetation along a permanent access path for a period of 10 years after construction. Construction activity will require temporary closure of the Salt Creek Trail and waterway where it passes under I-294 for a brief period during initial drainage work in 2021, and for extended periods during mainline construction in 2023 through 2025. The Tollway will rehabilitate the impacted portion of the trail at the conclusion of mainline construction. The Tollway will also provide the following in-kind contributions concurrently with the Project: (1) restoration of approximately 85 acres of land in Bemis Woods (estimated value \$300,000), (2) fabrication and installation of gateway logo signage at the Salt Creek Trail and other locations in Bemis Woods (estimated value \$50,000); and (3) stabilize the embankment adjoining a portion of the I&M Canal Trail which is currently closed to provide Mile Long Bridge construction access as soon as possible.

Alternatives Considered: The existing Tollway alignment limits construction to the location of this site, including access paths to the Tollway. Required compensatory storage of stormwater was originally proposed on Forest Preserve property but was relocated to avoid additional impacts to Forest Preserve land.

Completion Date of Staff Review: November 17, 2020

Referred to Board of Commissioners XX

Not referred to Board of Commissioners _____

General Superintendent

Date