



## Legislation Text

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### **EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the southwest corner of Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Ave.) and 47<sup>th</sup> Street for the use of 0.030 Acre or 1,320square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT has requested the temporary easement to construct a paved shared use trail connection from a proposed crosswalk at the southwest corner of Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Ave.) and 47<sup>th</sup> Street to the Salt Creek Greenway Paved Trail. Construction of the shared use trail will connect the existing Preserve Trail on the west side of Harlem Ave. to a signalized crosswalk connecting to the existing sidewalk on the east side of Harlem Ave.

Construction of the trail connection will improve the public’s access to the Salt Creek Greenway Paved Trail and encourage the use of the crosswalks at the signalized intersection. IDOT will construct the trail connection at no cost to the Preserves. The Preserves will accept future maintenance responsibility for the portion of the trail connection on the Preserves property.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.030 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** None

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**Concurrence(s):**

The Comptroller and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 16