

## ROADS AND BRIDGES MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2014

Longmeadow Parkway - A second meeting was held on January 8, 2014 with 27 people present to review the answers submitted by KDOT to questions posed by residents at the December meeting as well as to have residents examine the KDOT Exhibits earlier presented. Comments, suggestions, preferences were expressed as well as comment forms submitted that night and emailed to me later.

All these comments have been compiled by Dan Strahan and forwarded to IDOT with a request by the Village for a meeting to discuss the impact of the Longmeadow Parkway on Rte. 62. IDOT has responded to this request with a meeting scheduled on Friday, January 31st. Topics for discussion include IDOT plans for widening Rte. 62 from Rte. 68 to Rte. 25, lowering the speed limit at the proposed intersection of Longmeadow Parkway and Rte. 62, Regan Blvd. and Royal Way access.

Additional topics for discussion include IDOT approval for repairs to the Rts. 59 and 68 intersection which resulted from an accident on September 2, 2013. Other topics are having IDOT remove downed signs along roads, some of which have been down 2 years, and trimming trees that have overgrown warning and speed limit signs at several locations.

Haeger's Bend Road - McHenry Council of Mayors have announced their call date of August for projects. The village engineer will be working on Phase I Engineering and Project Development to meet their deadline.

Oak Lake Drainage Project - A tentative consent has been received from residents for an easement to Oak Lake and Dan Strahan, Bob Kosin and I will meet next week to discuss so that the project can move forward and preliminary engineering can begin.

Cuba Road Bridge - Phase Two Engineering is anticipated to begin in February. Bids will be let in August/September.

2014 Road Program - In order to more closely monitor the costs since the village has the Cuba Road Bridge project scheduled for fall 2014, bids will be let in June/July for resurfacing in September/October.

2014 Pavement Inventory - This project will begin when we lose our snow cover.

Patty Meroni,  
Chair, Roads and Bridges

January 23, 2014

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Mr. Paul LaFleur  
Kane County Division of Transportation  
41W011 Burlington Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175

Re: Village of Barrington Hills  
Longmeadow Parkway Meeting

Dear Mr. LaFleur:

As discussed, the Village of Barrington Hills hosted a resident meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 for those in the vicinity of the proposed Longmeadow Parkway project. This meeting was offered as a follow-up to the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting attended by Kane County DOT staff and consultants in order to seek additional feedback on the project and the options presented for the potential connection to Autumn Trail.

I have attached a number of comment forms filled out by residents at the meeting, one of which was filled out jointly by the owners of three properties on Autumn Trail. The preferred option for the majority of the residents responding was "Concept D- Cul-de-sac/No Emergency Access". Additional comments are included on the forms and separate emails attached.

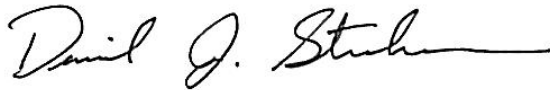
The discussion at the meeting included a number of other topics pertaining to the Longmeadow Parkway project. As the Village of Barrington Hills has considered the potential impacts of the proposed project, we offer the following comments:

- **Impacts to Route 62-** Traffic projections indicate a nominal decrease in traffic volume on IL Rte. 62 north of the Longmeadow Parkway intersection, with increased volumes on IL Rte. 62 to the south of the intersection. The additional traffic volume and the introduction of an additional signalized intersection will further necessitate the widening of IL Rte. 62 from two lanes to four through lanes from Route 68 to Route 25. The Village requests that Kane County DOT support the Village of Barrington Hills in requesting that IDOT prioritize these improvements to address existing traffic volumes as well as the proposed increases from the Longmeadow Parkway project.
- **Land Acquisition-** In 2006 the Village of Barrington Hills passed Resolution 06-06, which outlined conditions for the support of the Corridor. As noted in the conditions of the resolution, the Village was and remains especially concerned with the impacts that the proposed project will have on private property owners from whom right-of-way is required and will work with the affected property owners to make sure they are properly compensated.

- **Stormwater Detention-** The preliminary engineering plans include a stormwater detention facility along the north side of Longmeadow Parkway, just east of the proposed intersection at IL Rte. 25. The existing parcels adjacent to the detention area at the northeast corner of IL Rte. 25 and the proposed Longmeadow Parkway are zoned as “B-3 General Business District”. In addition, this area is shown to have a future land use of “Business” in the Comprehensive Plan and is included within Facility Planning Area #5. The acquisition of a portion of these parcels may limit the ability of the property owners to develop the land in a manner consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. In order to allow for a more efficient future development of the remaining land, the Village requests that an additional 2.51 acre-feet of detention volume be provided within the basin to accommodate runoff from these parcels.
- **Watermain Extension-** As properties in the Village of Barrington Hills are served predominately by domestic wells, a reliable water supply for use in responding to fires is difficult to find within the Village limits. To address this issue, the Village has explored with a number of neighboring communities the prospect of extending watermain into the Village. The Village requests that the final design for Longmeadow Parkway include provisions for a watermain to be extended for fire suppression purposes, with final design details to be coordinated with the Villages of Barrington Hills and Carpentersville.

Thank you for your attendance at the initial meeting in December. We look forward to continuing to work with Kane County to ensure that impacts from the proposed Longmeadow Parkway project are mitigated to the extent possible.

Sincerely,  
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.



Daniel J. Strahan, P.E., CFM  
Assistant Village Engineer

cc: Martin McLaughlin, Village President  
Patty Meroni, Village Trustee- Roads & Bridges Chair  
Robert Kosin, Village Administrator



The Village of Barrington Hills  
112 Algonquin Road  
Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010-5199

## Longmeadow Parkway Project Autumn Trail Intersection Options

Preferred option for the proposed intersection of Longmeadow Parkway & Autumn Trail (based on options prepared by the Kane County Division of Transportation):

~~No~~ Option 1- "Current Design"

~~No~~ Option 2- "Concept A: Replace Existing Roadway"

~~No~~ Option 3- "Concept B: Relocate Intersection"

Option 4- "Concept D: Cul-de-sac/No Emergency Access"

\_\_\_ Other (Please describe suggested alternative to options presented)

Stop the Parkway at Route 25. There is no benefit to going through Barrington Hills. If you must do this extension!

Comments: Please do option 4. This is a private road in poor to below average condition. The general public should have no access to our road. It would be dangerous to residents, as many people could use Autumn Trail as a cut through streets. There are children who wait for school buses! The cul-de-sac would protect all. Plus full and total sound barriers are needed.

Dan & Adele Smyczynski

Name

Joe & Elizabeth Mueller

Bates & Marianne Noble

10 Autumn Trail

Address

9 Autumn Trail

8 Autumn Trail



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No Option 1- "Current Design"

No Option 2- "Concept A: Replace Existing Roadway"

NO Option 3- "Concept B: Relocate Intersection" - Into our driveway

Best of Bad Option 4- "Concept D: Cul-de-sac/No Emergency Access"

X Other (Please describe suggested alternative to options presented)

End Longmeadow Parkway at 25 - not at 62  
Save \$10 to \$20 million

**Comments:** Options 1, 2 + 3 take property from existing  
residents. I am very concerned about drainage  
issues for my property. Turning natural land  
with trees into concrete will create flooding  
on my land. - What will be done about noise?  
What will be done about light? With construction  
traffic who will repair our land? / street?

Sonne DeVries-Sheldon  
Name

6 Autumn Trail  
Address



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Preferred option for the proposed intersection of Longmeadow Parkway & Autumn Trail (based on options prepared by the Kane County Division of Transportation):

- Option 1- "Current Design" *Emergency Access Needed.*
- Option 2- "Concept A: Replace Existing Roadway"
- Option 3- "Concept B: Relocate Intersection"
- Option 4- "Concept D: Cul-de-sac/No Emergency Access"
- Other (Please describe suggested alternative to options presented)

Comments: *Will my address change, as was the only residence off this thing  
increase in noise / air brakes, horns - standing traffic engines*

*Seems they gentlemen from Kane said median in front of my  
house I could drive over - looking at Key I will not - green  
Landscape -*

*road limit on road - will the stop lights be timed or  
triggered by cars.*

*Keller*  
Name

*1 Autumn Trail*  
Address

*How long will elect, gas & Comcast be disturbed.  
I will not be able to turn left out of my driveway? Nuts*



Dan Strahan < [dstrahan@gha-engineers.com](mailto:dstrahan@gha-engineers.com) >

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## Fwd: Resident at 8 Royal Way

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**Patty Meroni** < [pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov) >

Tue, Jan 21, 2014 at 2:00 PM

To: Dan Strahan < [dstrahan@gha-engineers.com](mailto:dstrahan@gha-engineers.com) >, Robert Kosin < [rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov) >

More comments

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From: **Peter LeBlanc** < [baba.wa.q@gmail.com](mailto:baba.wa.q@gmail.com) >

Date: Sat, Jan 18, 2014 at 2:10 PM

Subject: Fwd: Resident at 8 Royal Way

To: [pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov)

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From: **Peter LeBlanc** < [baba.wa.q@gmail.com](mailto:baba.wa.q@gmail.com) >

Date: Sat, Jan 18, 2014 at 2:09 PM

Subject: Resident at 8 Royal Way

To: [pmeroni@barringtonhill-il.gov](mailto:pmeroni@barringtonhill-il.gov), [stacy.macdonald@comcast.net](mailto:stacy.macdonald@comcast.net), Julia Kim LeBlanc < [osprey130@yahoo.com](mailto:osprey130@yahoo.com) >

Hello,

I received the correspondence from Stacy regarding the upcoming updates to Algonquin road. Thank you for contacting me and keeping me informed.

The 62 road is currently heavily traveled and at certain times of day is a bumper to bumper traffic jam. I believe proper turn lanes added to the current lanes are necessary so that turns can be made in either direction. Additionally better connections between 72, 62, 14 and 22 in a north-south direction would provide better ease of access and divert some congestion. Barrington Hills is a growing, changing area and as the towns West of us grow, we are further pressured along our roads. Thanks for all you are doing to alleviate the traffic flows and provide better access to the residents here.

Peter LeBlanc

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Dan Strahan <dstrahan@gha-engineers.com>

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## Fwd: LongMeadow Parkway Project

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Patty Meroni <pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Tue, Jan 21, 2014 at 2:30 PM

To: Dan Strahan <dstrahan@gha-engineers.com>, Robert Kosin <rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov>

More comments

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From: **Terry & Denise Cochran** <10royalway@comcast.net>

Date: Sat, Jan 11, 2014 at 6:32 PM

Subject: LongMeadow Parkway Project

To: Patty Meroni <pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Hi Patty,

We have finished reading the answers from Kane County regarding the project. On page 7, there was a homeowner who requested a PDF or image of the proposed improvement in the vicinity of Regan Blvd and Royal Way. It states that the county provided the requested information. They also state that the 4 lane would end approximately 300 feet west of Royal Way. Can you provide or request a copy for us as we live on Royal way?

We will be sending more questions and input into this project. On the Jan. 8th meeting, it was stated the sooner the better. Do you have a date in mind that you like our input or questions? We are ready join forces with the neighbors in the area so please include us.

Thank you,  
Denise

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## Fwd: Longmeadow Parkway

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Patty Meroni <pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Tue, Jan 21, 2014 at 1:57 PM

To: Dan Strahan <dstrahan@gha-engineers.com>, Robert Kosin <rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Additional comments re: Longmeadow Parkway

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From: **Kathy Moseler** <kathy@moseler.org>

Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2014 at 12:21 PM

Subject: Longmeadow Parkway

To: pmeroni@barringtonhills-il.gov

Patty,

Thank you for the informative meeting last week regarding the Longmeadow Parkway. I understand it seems very unlikely that the extension from Route 25 through the Autumn Trail subdivision can be stopped at this point, so given that we may be forced to live with it, as a taxpayer in the community, I am documenting my requests regarding the project so that you and your colleagues may fight for them on our behalf. Please confirm you received this.

1. **Mountable Median** for Regan Blvd, Royal Way and all individual homeowners in the areas where the road will be widened. This is imperative for the safety of ourselves, our children, other young, inexperienced drivers and stupid people who take unnecessary risks. Since we live here, we drive past people who pull out, so I would advocate that everyone who needs to turn left or right on Algonquin Road can go up on the median to wait for an opening.

2. **Bike Path** on Regan side of Algonquin Rd from Royal Way to Longmeadow Parkway, Autumn Trail and all the way to the Fox River Bike Path. This request helps fight child obesity by encouraging bike riding. It helps our children socialize and play with other kids on Autumn Trail, Regan Blvd, Royal Way and Carpentersville by encouraging kids to get outside for walking/roller blading and biking. It will be in place already in case the land owned by the park district behind Autumn Trail is ever developed. This bike path will help increase our property values to offset the reduction in property values caused by the addition of Longmeadow Parkway. Horses must not be allowed on the path.

3. **Rebuild Regan Blvd Entrance** The builder of our subdivision spent a lot of money on landscaping at the entrance of Regan Blvd. We would like this replaced with an attractive solution since it will likely get torn up badly during the construction.

4. **Fire Hydrants** Please install Fire Hydrants on Longmeadow Parkway to give firefighters access to water in the event of a fire. We have a lot of woods on ours and our neighbors property. The recent drought reminded me how potentially dangerous it can be. We've heard that neighboring communities are doing away with tankers/hawlers, so we do not want to be left in a vulnerable situation.

5. **Weather Station** At the meeting it was mentioned that a weather station could possibly be installed. This would be a very nice thing to have so we get accurate weather readings close to our home.

6. **Drainage Next to Regan Blvd** We understand from the meeting the drainage on the properties adjacent to ours may not be officially maintained by any government entity. We would like this to be rectified and have some government entity, be it Kane County, Carpentersville, Barrington Hills, the State of Illinois - whichever. Some entity must take responsibility for installation and maintenance of the drainage

from Alonquin Road to where ever it goes. We do not want to risk the possibility of our road and/or property ever flooding in a dramatic rain event or from a really bad year of snow.

7. **No Lights** Please ensure no lights are installed on Longmeadow Parkway hence creating light pollution in our area.

8. **Horse Trail Access** We do not own or ride horses, however, since we live in a horse community, improved access to horse trails will increase our property value somewhat. I don't know where the horse trails are, so I am just mentioning this in case no one ever thought of it. Not a big deal if it does not happen...

Is there a way for my requests to be logged and tracked?

Sincerely,

Kathy Moseler  
2 Regan Blvd  
Barrington Hills  
Kane County

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