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Mr. John Fortmann  
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Re: IL Rte. 62 (Algonquin Road) Improvements, Village of Barrington Hills

Dear Mr. Fortmann:

I appreciate the meeting with you and your staff on Friday, January 31, 2014 at IDOT District One Offices. It was a candid discussion about the recent Phase I design approval of the Longmeadow Parkway project being pursued by the Kane County Division of Transportation and how that has renewed concerns within the Village of Barrington Hills regarding the capacity of IL Rte. 62 (Algonquin Road). In particular, the existing two-lane section between IL Rte. 68 and IL Rte. 25 continues to see congestion on a daily basis, with an ADT of approximately 22,000. It is anticipated that additional traffic volume from the Longmeadow Parkway project will further add to this congestion.

This anticipated increase in traffic volumes creates a number of concerns for the Village. As congestion increases, motorists increasingly utilize the local roadway network to avoid Algonquin Road traffic, and thereby increase traffic loads on county, village, and private roads which were constructed with the intention of serving only local traffic loads. Increased traffic loadings will further increase the risk associated with crossing IL Rte. 62 at Old Sutton Road, Bateman Road, and Helm Road, which some motorists avoid already due to limited gaps in traffic during peak hours. The Village has seen numerous accidents and fatalities in the past at these intersections. Existing equestrian and pedestrian crossing locations would also be jeopardized by increased traffic volumes. These impacts will result in IL Rte. 62 bisecting the Village, impacting the quality of life for those living or traveling in this area of the Village.

The Village of Barrington Hills for these concerns requests, with no prior expectation of approval or waiver of rights, that the District undertake a study to examine and pursue capacity and safety improvements along IL Rte. 62.

Sincerely,  
Village of Barrington Hills

  
Martin J. McLaughlin  
Village President

cc: Board of Trustees