



167th Street Multi-Use Path Improvements Phase 1 Study
Virtual Public Informational Meeting Summary

10/14/2020

The Village of Orland Park is concluding a Phase I Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Study for potential path improvements along the south side of 167th Street, from Steeplechase Parkway to 104th Avenue. The public involvement portion of this study is one of the last steps in the preliminary engineering process necessary to complete the study.

19 attendees (11 via Teams and 8 by phone) joined the virtual meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6PM. The meeting began with a welcome and introductions of the project team members. The presentation provided an overview of the Phase I Study limits and process, the project's purpose and need, the proposed improvements, a summary of the stakeholder involvement, and the anticipated project schedule. At the end of the presentation, there was ample time for a Questions & Answers session. The following is a summary of the comments and questions received that evening via the virtual chat box and/or by phone:

- A resident representing the Muirfield Subdivision noted existing irrigation system located along the south and north side of the proposed path. The resident also indicated their concern of the path's potential impacts to the subdivision's structural signage/pillars and bushes located on the south side of the existing sidewalk.
- A couple residents expressed their concern of asphalt material rather than concrete due to asphalt's aesthetics and its inability to reflect heat due to its dark color.
- A resident inquired whether the existing sidewalk could remain in-place and only install new asphalt path at the gapped areas.
- A resident inquired the environmental impact of sidewalk removal.
- A couple residents expressed their concerns of existing flooding in the area and that the widened path would exacerbate the problem.
- A resident inquired if there was a plan to address areas where there isn't sufficient room for a 12-ft wide path and if there would be encroachment onto the homeowners' property.
- A resident inquired whether there were considerations to provide the path along the north side of 167th Street rather than the south side.

The Village is currently compiling all comments and questions through the end of the comment period, November 5, 2020. Upon retrieval of the public comments, the Village's responses will be published on the website and mailed to the adjacent property owners along the project.

It is anticipated that the majority of the proposed improvements can be constructed within the Cook County Division of Transportation & Highway's (CCDOH) right-of-way with some properties requiring temporary construction easements. Upon completion of the Phase I study, a report will be prepared describing the proposed work and submitted to IDOT and CCDOH for approval. A record of public comments will be included in the report for further consideration prior to preparation of the contract documents and land acquisition (Phase 2). The Village intends on applying for grants this fall to fund the next phases of the project.