

DIVISION OF HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

January 10, 2022

I. General Operations:

Winter was generally mild in December with only two major snow events. A few traffic incidents were recorded and these typically involved motorists driving too fast for conditions. Overall, it has been a favorable winter for routine maintenance operations which include shouldering, crack sealing, ditching, culvert repair and trash pickup.

Similarly, for State work, we engaged in crack sealing, shouldering, brushing, ditching and culvert repair.

CTH N Class B Classification – We would like to bring to your attention that we shall be classifying CTH N from STH 45 to 128th Ave as a Class B highway. This section of CTH N was constructed in the early 50s, hence, the roadbed was not designed for today’s larger and heavier trucks. Re-classifying this section of CTH N will extend the life of this recently paved east-west commuter roadway.

CTH JF and STH 83 Intersection – We are investigating traffic safety at this intersection due to concerns raised by the area’s Supervisor and residents that use this intersection or live in the vicinity of the intersection. Data collection is complete and data analysis is targeted for completion this month. We will keep you updated on our findings.

II. Project Updates:

A. County Projects:

1. Update - CTH S Project:

The project is complete and opened to traffic. Contractor continues to work on punch list items.

2. CTH K Project – 94th CT to UPRR:

We are waiting for DOT approval of the design plans; utility relocation is ongoing, and we are actively working with the DOT and the railroads to finalize and execute required project agreements. It is critical to secure these project agreements to prevent any project delays. The project is targeted for advertisement in early February, bid opening in March and construction to start in early summer of ’22.

3. CTH Y and CTH A Roundabout (Village of Somers)

ROW acquisition is ongoing and on schedule to be completed by end of March ’22 to ensure that utility relocation can start in April/May of ’22. Construction is targeted to start in Spring of 2023.

4. CTH WG Bridge (Village of Bristol)

Construction is scheduled to start in Spring of ’22.

5. CTH U and CTH Q Intersection improvements (Village of Bristol)

The road improvement project is on winter shutdown while utility relocation continues till March ’22. Road construction activities are targeted to resume in April ’22.

6. CTH U and CTH C Intersection Improvements (Village of Bristol)

ROW acquisition is almost complete, utility relocation is still scheduled to commence early ’22 and construction scheduled to start by mid-summer ’22.

7. CTH JB Bridge Deck Replacement (Town of Wheatland)

This project was advertised this week, bids shall be opened by month end and construction is scheduled to start in early Spring. We are targeting project completion by June '22.

8. CTH MB Bridge Replacement (Town of Paris)

Bids were opened last week, we are reviewing bids and will update the Committee as soon as we are ready to award the contract to the apparent low bidder.

9. CTH EZ at Russel Road Roundabout (Village of Pleasant Prairie)

Lake County, Illinois has initiated a roundabout project at the intersection of CTH EZ and Russel Road, tentatively scheduled for construction in 2024. Due to half of the intersection being located within Kenosha County, Lake County is requesting Kenosha County's participation in the project by having us acquire the necessary ROW within Kenosha required to accommodate the roundabout's footprint. Lake County will fund all other aspects of the project. We have reviewed the preliminary layout of the project and determined the project would improve safety and facilitate improved traffic flow. The Lake County project team is developing cost estimates and a project schedule that we expect to receive in Q1 '22. When we receive this information, we will evaluate and develop recommendations for how to proceed. The project layout is attached.

B. FoxConn & Related DOT Projects:

1. CTH KR Enhancement Project:

Section from CTH H to STH 31:

Project is on winter shutdown.

2. STH 50 Reconstruction project: 118 Avenue to 43rd Avenue

Concrete paving from 118th Avenue to CTH H is complete. The project team is on winter shutdown except for the construction of the westbound bridges over the railroads. This project is still on schedule for Fall '22 completion.