Holly Ostdick

From: Vogt, Fred <vogt@cityrm.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Holly Ostdick
Cc: Mike Walczak; Matthew J. Lehan; Carl L. Gutowski
Subject: FW: 03-08-0004 Commuter Drive Funding Request

To Holly Ostdick: The reasons as stated below, provided by Commuter Drive project engineer Matt Lehan summarize the change from bike lanes as originally contemplated, to separate bike path. The safety concerns with required multiple crossings for bicycle users of Commuter Drive at both the east and west end, and the narrow right-of-way / easement restrictions at the east end, where the bike rack parking is now planned, make a separate bike path on the south side of Commuter Drive more appropriate.
If you need any other information , please let me know. Thank you for your assistance with this project and for the consideration of additional funding needs.

Fred Vogt, City of Rolling Meadows

From: Matthew J. Lehan [mailto:mlehan@ciorba.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Vogt, Fred
Cc: Carl L. Gutowski
Subject: RE: 03-08-0004 Commuter Drive Funding Request

Fred

We explored bike lanes vs. a bike path during the preliminary design and decided on a bike path due to the following reasons:

- The existing bicycle facility on Rohwling Road is a bike path and we had safety concerns of having bicyclists cross the Rohwling Road/Commuter Drive Intersection if there were bike lanes on Commuter Drive.
- The Union Pacific Railroad did not want bicyclists along their railroad tracks and preferred having a bike path on the south side of Commuter Drive.
- There is only one entrance on Commuter Drive and Commuter Drive is primarily used for access to the train station, therefore having a bike path separated from motorized vehicular traffic was deemed the safer option vs. having bike lanes.
- The project includes providing bike storage on the south side of Commuter Drive before the train station and having a bike path on the south side of Commuter Drive minimized bicyclists having to cross Commuter Drive.

If you have any questions or need anything else, please let me know.

Thanks

Matt

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Carl and / or Matt, either of you care to make a formal engineering response to this question before I respond, or to assist in my response????

fred

From: Holly Ostdick [mailto:Hostdick@cmap.illinois.gov]
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Subject: 03-08-0004 Commuter Drive Funding Request

Hi Fred-

I received your letter dated 11/1/10. I will place the cost increase request on the November 18 agenda. I notice in the letter though that you are now completing an off street bike path instead of on-street bike lanes. We will need to process this as a scope change. In case any questions arise I was hoping you could let me know why the city decided to go with an off street bike path instead of bike lanes.

Thank you,
Holly

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