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Mr. Michael Walczak Program Manager for Transportation Northwest Municipal Conference 1616 East Golf Road Des Plaines, IL 60016

RE: BUFFALO CREEK BIKE PATH EXTENSION

WILKE ROAD AT LAKE-COOK ROAD

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TIP ID#: 03-08-600 0003 CMAQ ID#: BP03082903

Dear Mike:

Per your recent request, please accept this letter as the Village's formal notification that the CMAQ funds allocated as part the above referenced proposal were not able to be adequately utilized.

Although let as part of the I.D.O.T. bid letting process, the bid prices were double the anticipated costs and the project was withdrawn. While the County has plans for the upgrade of the intersection to provide more efficient L.E.D. signal heads, subsequent inquiries by the Village to see if the County would include the pedestrian improvements designed for this intersection have not resulted in consideration to include this as a potential project within their transportation plan.

As mentioned in the most recent edition of the NWMC Newsletter, many of the projects along the Lake-Cook corridor were identified in the 2010 NWMC Bike Plan, but were not included in the final program.

We strongly advocate the pursuit of S.T.P. or other funding sources to make up the shortfall of funds or reassignment of the grant to another sponsor agency prior to re-appropriation of these grant funds.

The Village continues to advocate and support this major intersection improvement that creates interconnection of the regional bike plan between Lake and Cook Counties. Therefore, anything the NWMC could provide to facilitate implementation of this project would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ponsot Traffic Engineer

c: Jim Massarelli, Director of Engineering

Mike Pagones, Deputy Director of Engineering

Briget Schwab, BPAC Liaison

Scott VanDerAa, Cook County Hwy. Dept.