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Honorable Jeffrey Schielke, Chairman
Council of Mayors Executive Committee
c/o Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
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Dear Mayor Schielke:

The North Shore Council of Mayors respectfully requests that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee approve our request for advance funding of $780,740 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars. The request contains the Austin Ave. LAPP project (TIP # 02-01-0117) in the Village of Morton Grove, and right of way (ROW) acquisition for the Golf Road & Skokie Boulevard intersection project (TIP # 02-99-0102) in the Village of Skokie.

FY 08 PROJECTS	Sponsor	TIP Number	Phase	STP Funding
Austin Avenue	Morton Grove	02-01-0117	LAPP	$601,520*
Golf/Skokie	Skokie	02-99-0102	ROW	$179,220
		Advanced Funding Request		$780,740

*Funding of $18,746 for Phase II of the Austin Ave. project was prematurely obligated. The Austin Ave. portion ($601,520) of this request includes the Phase II funding.

Austin Avenue is considered an important collector road that provides a vital north-south connection to business and residential areas within Morton Grove and to other major State routes such as IL-58 (Dempster Street) and Oakton Street. The 2002 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for the roadway was 9,400 and is projected to increase to 12,000 by 2025. The roadway is currently in need of resurfacing based on its pavement condition and has been patched in many areas along the route. This project was originally submitted for approval in 1998 as part of the Local Area Pavement Preservation Program. The Village desires to resurface the roadway prior to further deterioration which would result in increased maintenance costs. Additionally, the Village Board and IDOT have approved this project and the contract with the engineering consultant to develop the plans and specifications. IDOT identified this project as on-schedule for the June 13, 2008 letting.

The Golf Road & Skokie Boulevard intersection is a significant intersection between two large state roadways. For the last five years, this intersection had the highest number of accidents in Skokie. In order to reduce accidents and

improve traffic flow, the project includes pavement rehabilitation, intersection widening and channelization, northbound and southbound dual left turn lanes, enclosed drainage system improvements, new curb and gutter, and traffic signal modernization. The Phase I Project Development Report has been completed and approved. The necessary agreements for Phase II have been approved and executed. The Village is currently taking the necessary steps to proceed with a ROW Agreement. Federal and state procedures require a designated funding source before a ROW agreement can be authorized. Advanced funding of ROW acquisition is necessary to keep this project moving forward towards a letting this fall.

In FFY 07, the North Shore Council of Mayors sought and received advanced funding for Wilmette's Sheridan Road Project. Due to the substantial advanced funding in FFY 07, the Council was left with a negative balance. Consequently, the Council must request advanced funding for any and all projects until a positive program balance is restored. Despite the negative balance, the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee identified programmed projects ready to move forward in FFY 08. The Technical Committee approved requesting advanced funding for their FFY 08 program at their December 18, 2007 meeting. Likewise, the North Shore Council of Mayors approved this request on January 9, 2008.

At this time, the North Shore Council of Mayors is requesting advanced funding for phases of programmed projects ready to be awarded. The Council expects to request additional advanced funding as programmed projects become ready. Please see the enclosed spreadsheet for a summary of the FFY 08 projects expected to request advanced funding.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Christopher Staron at 847-296-9200. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

George Van Dusen, Mayor, Village of Skokie
Co-Chair, North Shore Council of Mayors

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North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 08 Projects: Status and Estimated Advanced Funding Request Date

	FY 08 PROJECTS	Sponsor	TIP Number	Phase	STP Funding	Project Status	Estimated Request Date
1	Austin Avenue	Morton Grove	02-01-0117	LAPP	$601,520	Phase I Design Approval, Targeting 6/13/08 letting	February-08
2	Golf/Skokie	Skokie	02-99-0102	ROW	$179,220	Phase I Design Approval, Plats and Legals approval, Phase II currently in-progress	February-08
				Construction	$2,782,030	Targeting 9/19/2008 letting	April-08
3	Church/Crawford	Skokie	02-99-0103	ROW	$30,900	Does not have Phase I approval (Skokie expects Phase I approval in February) - Have not submitted Plats and Legals	April-08
				ENG II	$29,870	Does not have Phase I approval (Skokie expects Phase I approval in February)	March-08
4	Old Orchard/Skokie	Skokie	02-00-0103	ROW	$65,920	ROW will follow Golf/Skokie project	Fall/Winter-08
				ENG II	$163,770	Phase II will follow Golf/Skokie project	Fall/Winter-08
5	Greenwood/Glenview	Glenview	02-05-0004	ROW	$51,500	Earliest Phase I Design Approval in mid-May 2008, Plats and Legals are approved	Summer-08
				ENG II	$100,940	Earliest Phase I Design Approval in mid-May 2008	Summer-08