

**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 24, 2011

TO: Douglas A. Krieger, City Manager
Marcie Schatz, Director of Transportation, Engineering and Development

THROUGH: William J. Novack, City Engineer 

FROM: Jennifer Loudon, Project Engineer 

SUBJECT: Illinois Route 59 Expansion

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with an update regarding the Illinois Route 59 Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Naperville and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) have been studying the three-mile stretch of Illinois Route 59 between Ferry Road and Aurora Avenue for several years to identify improvements to address the traffic congestion and safety along the corridor. Through the engineering study, key improvements to Route 59 have been identified, such as widening the roadway to accommodate three lanes in each direction and adding additional turn lanes at intersections and the Interstate 88 interchange.

INFORMATION:

On February 18, 2011 IDOT granted Design Approval to the Illinois Route 59 engineering study, marking the completion of this stage of the project. This is a key step in the project process as Design Approval was required before IDOT could move forward with acquiring the necessary right-of-way and easements and developing detailed construction plans and specifications. IDOT will resume the role of lead agency for the remaining phases of the project and anticipates that construction may begin as early as 2012.

As IDOT moves forward with land acquisition and design engineering, the scope of improvements to the Interstate 88 interchange remains under consideration. IDOT has not yet completed their evaluation of incorporating the diverging diamond interchange into the project. Should the evaluation indicate that the diverging diamond is the preferred improvement, the engineering study will be amended and city staff will partner with IDOT to host a public meeting to present the diverging diamond interchange.

CONCLUSION:

Please include in the Manager's Memorandum for informational purposes.

Cc: Transportation Advisory Board