

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
RESOLUTION 2021-020**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-038 ACKNOWLEDGING THE
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS' REJECTION OF A PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENT ALONG MILWAUKEE AVENUE BORDERING THE MELLODY FARM
DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has the power to approve and determine the final plans, specifications and estimates for all State highways; and

WHEREAS, the Department's projects must adequately meet the State's transportation needs, exist in harmony with their surroundings, and add lasting value to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Department must embrace principles of context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions in its policies and procedures for the planning, design, construction, and operation of its projects for new construction, reconstruction, or major expansion of existing transportation facilities by engaging in early and ongoing collaboration with affected citizens, elected officials, interest groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that the values and needs of the affected communities are identified and carefully considered in the development of transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Bicyclist and pedestrian ways must be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities, including the incorporation of such ways into State plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, The State's complete streets law requires bicyclist and pedestrian ways to be established in or within one mile of an urban area in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility, except in pavement resurfacing projects that do not widen the existing traveled way or do not provide stabilized shoulders, or where approved by the Secretary of Transportation based upon documented safety issues, excessive cost or absence of need; and

WHEREAS, During the development of highway projects throughout the State, the Department gives consideration to accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians on a need-basis; and

WHEREAS, The Department has presented the Village of Vernon Hills ("Village"), for its consideration, a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement along Illinois Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) along the westerly border of the northeast corner of Illinois Route 21 and Illinois Route 60 (Townline Road) intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Vernon Hills adopted Ordinance 2016-045 approving a Planned Unit Development known as Melody Farm on the northeast corner of Illinois Route 21 and Illinois Route 60 intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Site Plan for Melody Farm calls for bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvements to be made internal to the site to allow pedestrian or bicycle traffic to travel in a northern or southern direction without the need for bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement along Illinois Route 21; and

WHEREAS, the Village has approved of a revitalization plan for Hawthorn Mall which exists on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue across from Melody Farm; and

WHEREAS, the owners of Hawthorn Mall have agreed to allow the installation of a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement along their frontage on private property and easements have been secured and recorded; and

WHEREAS, the Village has applied for an IDOT permit to provide for extending the bicyclist/ pedestrian improvements along the west side of Milwaukee Avenue from Ring Drive southerly to the existing path; and

WHEREAS, the Village's application also provides for roadway and bicyclist/pedestrian interconnection between the Hawthorn Mall and Melody Farm developments across Milwaukee Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

THAT, the Village of Vernon Hills hereby rejects the Department's proposed bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement and acknowledges that such rejection will result in no bicycle or pedestrian access along eastern side of Milwaukee Avenue adjacent to Melody Farm Development; and be it further

THAT, a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement will be constructed, solely at the expense of the Village, internally to the property development allowing for a bicyclist and/or pedestrian traffic to connect to adjacent properties as shown on the Site Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and, by this reference, made part of this Resolution.

THAT, a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Project Engineer associated with the proposal, or his or her equivalent, within the Department.

Dated the 6th of July, 2021

Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Koch, Forster, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Schenk

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Byrne

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW]


Thom Koch, Village President Pro Tem

PASSED: 07/06/2021
APPROVED: 07/06/2021
ATTEST: 07/06/2021


Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk

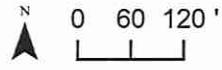


**RESOLUTION 2021-020
ATTACHMENT A**

MAP

Mellody farm existing route / Proposed Sidewalk

Exhibit A



-  Melody Farm Existing Route
-  Proposed Sidewalk

