



Media Release

Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township Highway Department Secure Over \$1 Million in Grant Funds for 151st Street and Parker Road Intersection Project

Homer Glen, (September 27, 2012)

The Village of Homer Glen and the Homer Township Highway Department are partnering on an important intersection improvement for the Homer Glen community. As a result of efforts by the Village of Homer Glen, the Homer Township Highway Department and the engineering firm H.R. Green, the Village received notice on May 23, 2012 that the Phase I engineering study for the 151st Street & Parker Road Intersection project had been approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Following IDOT approval, a request for grant funding (Phase II engineering study and construction) was made to the Will County Governmental League's Transportation Committee on behalf of the Village of Homer Glen.

On September 26, 2012 the Village and Homer Township's request for CMAQ grant funding of the 151st Street & Parker Road Intersection project was approved by the transportation committee. Village of Homer Glen's Development Services' Director Michael Salamowicz stated, "**The intersection of 151st Street and Parker Road is one of the busiest intersections in the community, so there is a definite need for these improvements.**"

Homer Township Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo stated, "**Both 151st Street and Parker Road have seen increases in traffic over the last several years.**" Highway Commissioner DeVivo continued, "**This project has been one of my top priorities as it will greatly improve the safety and**

traffic flow through the intersection.” “The Highway Department is happy to work with the Village of Homer Glen on getting this important intergovernmental improvement project completed,” concluded Commissioner DeVivo.

The intersection improvement project was approved for **\$88,000.00** in grant money for the Phase II engineering study along with **\$968,000.00** of grant money for the construction portion of the improvement project. In total, the Village’s and Township Road District’s efforts have resulted in **over \$1 million dollars** (\$1,056,000.00) in grant money to help pay for the improvement project.

The CMAQ grant requires a 20% local match. Therefore, the local match will include \$17,600 for the Phase II study and \$193,600 for the construction portion of the project. The Homer Township Highway Department will be paying the local match costs of the project and it is anticipated that the project will be advertised for bids in the fall of 2013.

“The Village of Homer Glen is committed to seeking out and securing grant money to help pay for needed infrastructure improvements in our community,” stated Homer Glen Mayor Jim Daley. “By securing over \$1 million dollars in grant money for this project, the Homer Highway Department and Village of Homer Glen have continued to demonstrate the importance of intergovernmental cooperation in the greater Homer Glen community,” concluded Mayor Daley.

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