

Public Notification

Central Road Railroad Crossing Study – Meeting Invitation

Village of Mount Prospect
Public Works Department
September 2026

INTRODUCTION:

The Village of Mount Prospect is conducting a Phase I Engineering Study to address vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle issues at the Central Road Railroad Crossing and the intersections of Central Road with Northwest Highway (US 14) and Prospect Avenue. The Phase I Engineering Study is the first step of potentially rebuilding the intersection. **More information can be found on the study website using the QR code below or by finding it on the Village website by searching “Central Road Railroad Crossing”.**

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT:

The Village developed multiple alternatives to meet the project goals of addressing blocked thru lanes on eastbound Central Road, enhancing safety for vehicles crossing the railroad tracks and traveling through the intersections, improving truck turning movements, and improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Existing conditions routinely have backups that extend past We Go Trail, or over a half mile from the crossing. These alternatives were presented at a public open house on June 5, 2025, after which a comment period was open for residents to provide input on all alternatives. Public meeting materials, alternative drawings and a public comment summary are available on the project website.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:

The preferred alternative includes a dedicated left turn lane on eastbound Central Road through the railroad crossing to Northwest Highway to prevent blocked thru lanes. Other improvements include widening Central Road to five lanes to provide a shared center turn lane, installing a shared-use path on the south side of Central Road and installing a continuous sidewalk on the north side of Central Road, all from Cathy Lane to Prospect Avenue. As part of adding a dedicated left turn lane, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requiring that left turns be prohibited from northbound Wa Pella Avenue onto Central Road and from the exit at 500 W. Central Road onto Central Road. This prohibition is being required as a safety consideration due to widening Central Road at the intersection. IDOT owns Central Road and therefore can dictate access changes as part of the project. A map of the proposed changes is included in this letter.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

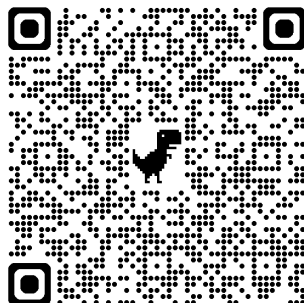
The Village Board will discuss the study at the October 20th Committee of the Whole meeting. At this meeting an update on the study will be presented by the Village’s engineering consultant for the project, public comments can be made, and the Village Board will direct staff whether to continue with the project. You are invited to attend and provide comments during the meeting. **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00pm in the Village Board Room on the 3rd floor at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street.**

Please feel free to reach out to Public Works with any questions.

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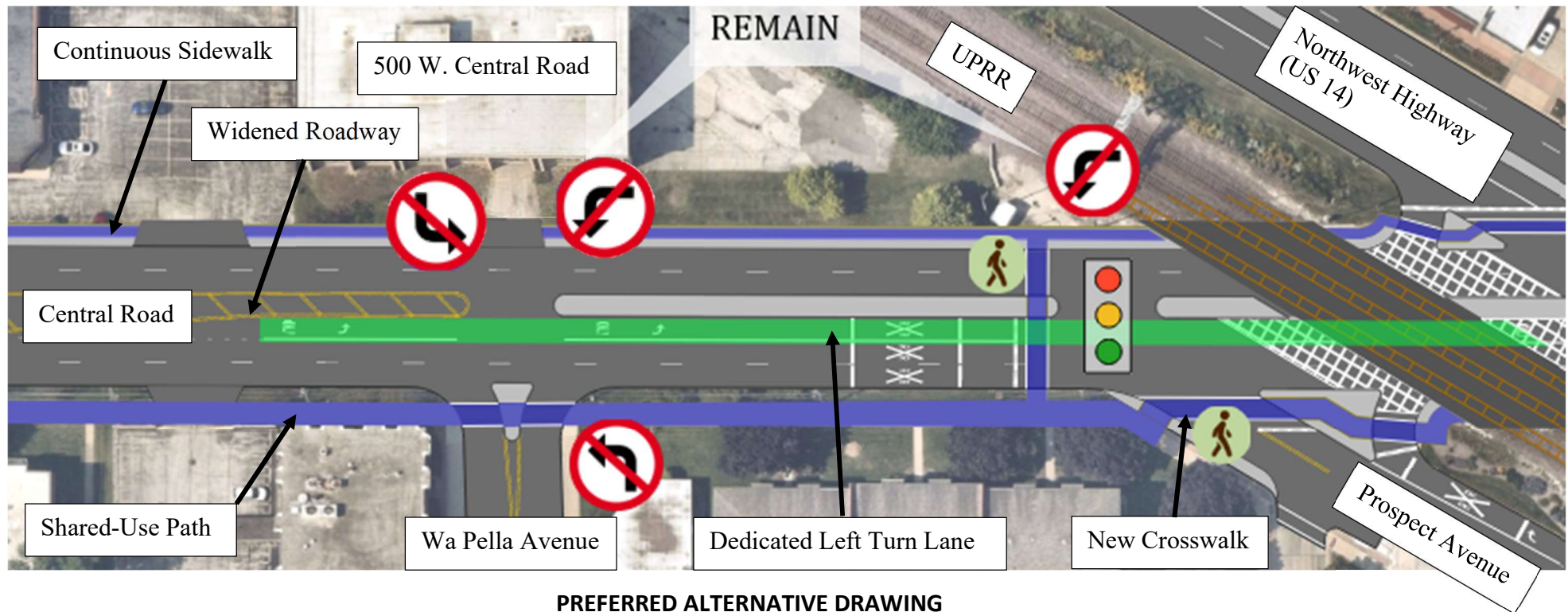
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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DRAWING

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