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CONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE UNDERPASS TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST 2018

Glen Ellyn, IL – Construction of the Taylor Avenue Pedestrian Tunnel project, located approximately a half mile east of downtown Glen Ellyn’s Central Business District, is anticipated to begin in late August. The project, located on the east side of Taylor Avenue at the existing underpass of the Union Pacific Railroad West Line, will create a grade-separated pedestrian crossing of the railroad for safer and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodation. Additionally, it will improve vehicular maneuverability through the existing underpass by removing the sidewalk and maximizing the roadway width. This element is particularly relevant for access of public safety vehicles.

The \$3 million construction contract is substantially funded through a \$2.6 million Federal Surface Transportation Program grant.

“This is an exciting project for the community of Glen Ellyn,” said Glen Ellyn Village President Diane McGinley. “It has been a much anticipated and needed public safety improvement project that has come to fruition thanks to Village engineering staff, the Village Board and our partners at Union Pacific Railroad.”

Construction is expected to take approximately four months and is anticipated to be complete by then end of 2018. As a result, full closure of the existing tunnel will be required through the duration of the project with detour routes posted to route traffic around the work site. Residents and visitors to the area should expect lane closures and other construction activity that will cause delays and general inconveniences.

The project, located within a residential neighborhood and in close proximity to Glenbard West High School and District 41 schools, will require extensive communication as the project progresses. Prior to the start of construction, an informational meeting will be held as an opportunity for the community to learn about the project and ask questions. Critical project communications will also be made through notification letters and Village communication channels. It is important to note that the construction nearby on Park Boulevard will be completed in the areas of the Central Business District by the start of the Taylor Avenue project, in order to minimize additional traffic congestion in the area.

“Residents can look forward to an end result of a safe, functional tunnel for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists that can now travel safely through our town,” said McGinley.

About the Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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