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## IL 251 & Melbourne Improvements June 1, 2015

### **Welcome to the Project!**

The Village is excited to begin the reconstruction of the Melbourne/IL 251 intersection to convert it from a right-in/right-out (RI/RO) to a full access intersection complete with new traffic signals.

### **Scope of Work:**

The construction of a new southbound to east bound left turn lane along IL 251; the removal of the existing RI/RO traffic island and the construction of a new smaller traffic island; various drainage improvements; installation of new decorative traffic signals (the signals will match those recently constructed along the IL 173 corridor) and new pavement markings.

### **Funding:**

The project is being funded by a joint effort between the Village of Machesney Park and First Midwest Group.

### **Construction:**

1. The Contractor will first complete work within the IL 251 Right of Way. That work generally consists of new storm sewer improvements; the construction of a new southbound to eastbound left turn lane and traffic islands, and traffic signal improvements, and work is scheduled to begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be advised that the traffic signals themselves are a specialty item and take approximately 12-16 weeks to manufacture. Therefore, the Contractor will complete as much work as possible in the IL 251 right of way, and then install the signals once the necessary materials arrive to the job site. Please note that the Melbourne Avenue/IL 251 Intersection will continue to function as a RI/RO until the signals are activated.
2. Once the IL 251 work is complete, the Contractor will then focus on the Melbourne Avenue Improvements. Melbourne Avenue will be closed at IL 251 for approximately two (2) weeks to allow the Contractor to construct the necessary improvements. We will distribute a notice to the affected building owners approximately one week prior to the closure of Melbourne Avenue. (This update will also be available on the Village's website at <http://machesneypark.org/construction-alerts-updates/>.) We anticipate that the closure of Melbourne Avenue will occur around mid-July.

3. After the Melbourne work is complete, the intersection will re-open as a RI/RO until the traffic signals are placed into service. We anticipate that the signals will go on-line in early October.
4. Traffic control will be in place during the course of construction. IL 251 will see lane width reductions, and it is necessary to periodically close one lane of IL 251 during construction. Melbourne will remain open with the exception of the two (2) week period mentioned in #2 above.

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Project Schedule: June 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>

We look forward to the completion of the improvements.