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RE: Docket No. T05-0051
171st Street
Wood Street to Ashland Avenue

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Dear Mr. Lazarides:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order, dated July 12, 2006, in the above referenced docket, please find below the scope of work and construction progress report for the 171st Street improvement project.

Scope of Work: The project includes the reconstruction of 171st Street, from Wood Street to Ashland Avenue, and a portion of Park Avenue. The improvement work includes among other items; the lowering of the pavement under the Illinois Central Railroad Company's and Metra's bridge structures to provide a minimum vertical clearance of 14' - 6"; installation of new drainage system with detention pond, installation of pump station and improved ditch outlets; installation of new lighting system and traffic signals; improvements to the bridge façade; reconstruction of retaining walls; relocation of various utilities (watermains, gasmains, fiber optics); construction of Metra commuter lot parking; landscaping; and other incidental and collateral work to complete the project.

Construction Progress Report: 171st Street is now open to traffic. Park Avenue is not yet open to traffic. Portions of the project that have been completed include the concrete pavement for 171st Street and Park Avenue, retaining walls, sanitary lift station (now in operation), storm sewers, sanitary and storm sewer forcemains, traffic signal installation, and the relocation of watermains, gasmains, and other utilities. Construction work being completed are the sidewalks, driveways, water pump station, detention pond, Metra commuter lot parking, bridge underpass lighting, handrails, and landscaping.

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As prescribed by the Commission's Order, dated July 12, 2006, the completion deadline for the project should be within 30 months from the date of the Order, for which the deadline would be in January 2009.

If you have any questions or need additional information, the Cook County Highway Department's contact person for this docket is:

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