

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. How much will the project actually cost?

During Phase I Engineering, the total cost of the project was estimated to be \$73.5 million.

2. Do you have all the money you need to build the underpass?

Funds Obligated 2011-2019 (Phase I Engineering)	\$11.0 million*
Current STP Award (October 10, 2019)	\$48.0 million
Remaining Allocations from Federal, State, Local, CN	\$14.5 million
Total Project Cost Estimate:	\$73.5 million**

**To date, over \$11 million has been expended on the underpass project, including \$3.8 million from a TIGER II grant, which Barrington was awarded in 2010 and which was used to complete Phase I engineering. An additional \$8 million in federal and state transportation funds were used for the land acquisition achieved thus far.*

***This estimate was created during Phase I of the project. During Phase II, a more detailed cost estimate will be established.*

3. Will Lake Zurich Road relocation be a part of the project?

You may recall that in April 2018, the Barrington Area Library Board voted to discontinue discussions about re-routing Lake Zurich Road. This “Preferred Alternative” plan, which was approved during the community input phase of the underpass planning in 2012, would have rerouted Lake Zurich Road to intersect with the current light at Berry Road in order to remediate the current dangerous intersection with Route 14. Unless the Library Board reconsiders its decision from April 2018, the underpass project will not include the re-routing of Lake Zurich Road. Instead, the road will be connected to the underpass, on a downslope and without a traffic light, at its current location.

4. Do you have the necessary land that you need to complete the underpass?

A considerable amount of the land acquisitions are complete; a number of right-of-way acquisitions and easements still remain.

5. Where will the remaining \$14.1 million for the project come from?

The state (Illinois Department of Transportation) has acknowledged the regional significance of this project and has committed to providing a portion of these matching funds in their annual budget programming over the next several years. The remaining funds will come from additional federal, local, and CN funds.

6. How much money will the Village of Barrington be contributing?

The Village dollars that will be allocated to the underpass project include non-participatory costs that the state will not cover for enhancements to the project, such as

a multi-use path, streetscapes, and other beautification projects. The Village is expected to contribute about \$1.2 million to the construction of this project.

7. Who controls the project? Barrington or IDOT?

Route 14 is a federal highway that is controlled by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). As such, the construction of the underpass (Phase III) will be controlled by IDOT. The Phase I engineering was managed by the Village of Barrington and funded exclusively through federal grants and state matching funds. Phase II acquisition and engineering will continue as a partnership between Barrington and IDOT in order to ensure that Barrington has the highest possible level of input into the design and construction of this critical project in our community.

8. Will Route 14 Be Closed During Construction?

No. In fact, all four lanes of Route 14 will remain OPEN during construction of the underpass. A temporary road will be built just to the north of the current Route 14 between the Library and Route 59 that will carry all four lanes of Route 14 traffic during the underpass construction. There will likely still be some construction delays throughout the project, but the lanes themselves will remain open.