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Illinois Department of Transportation
Attn: Kevin Marchek, Region 2 Engineer
700 East Norris Drive
Ottawa, Illinois 61350-0697

Dear Mr. Marchek,

As the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) reviews and considers funding for projects, the United City of Yorkville wishes to voice its fullest support for the intersection improvement at Illinois State Route 47 and Galena Road as well as the expansion of the Northern Illinois Route 47 corridor. These projects exemplify facets of smart investments of funds, and will promote safety and efficient traffic flow north and south within the region.

The intersection improvement and expansion of the roadway will lead to improved safety measures. Between 2011 and today there have been 150 accidents reported at the intersection of IL Route 47 and Galena Road. Of those 150 accidents, 17 have been personal injury accidents and 1 recent accident resulted in a fatality. At an intersection just to the south, IL Route 47 and Corneils Road, there have been 28 accidents reported. Of those 28 reported, 5 were personal injury accidents and 1 was a fatality. Regionally, a roadway that lessens crashes, especially fatal ones, and improves capacity and mobility is desperately needed. Currently, the United City of Yorkville's residents are limited with roadway capacity and un-improved intersections.

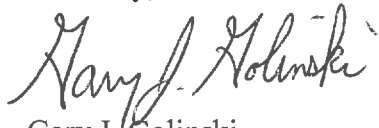
Improvements of this scope will increase and enhance public safety and allow IDOT to follow its own policies and standards. According to IDOT policy, the current average daily traffic capacity of a two-lane highway (similar to IL Route 47) should be between 8,500 and 12,500 vehicles. The northern corridor average daily traffic count is between approximately 15,000 and 20,000. Clearly, this number is way beyond policy levels. Currently, IL 47 from County Line Road to South of Kennedy Road in Yorkville is in the FY 2018 – 2023 Highway Improvement Program within District 3. However, only \$2,000,000 is programmed for resurfacing and ADA improvements. Full funding for reconstruction is needed along this corridor.

We are aware that safety improvements were programmed for the Galena and IL Route 47 intersection in an early IDOT budget and were subsequently removed due to budget cuts. Given the recent accidents at this intersection, we would encourage those improvements to

receive immediate funding while the Route 47 expansion plan is being considered for funding on a longer term.

In summary, this project will have far-reaching impact beyond the residents of the City. The United City of Yorkville wishes to add its support for funding to move the intersection improvements and overall expansion of the Northern Illinois Route 47 corridor forward. As IDOT moves forward in planning and programming projects, we hope you give the corridor, including the intersection of IL Route 47 and Galena Road your full consideration and support for additional lanes, reconstruction and ADA improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary J. Golinski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary J. Golinski
Mayor, United City of Yorkville

cc: Randall S. Blankenhorn, Illinois Transportation Secretary