

Mayor Yukich's Blog

January 8, 2016



Happy New Year from the Village of Homer Glen!

Clerk Holtz, Village Trustees, Village Staff and I wish you and your family a safe and happy 2016!

Gougar Road and 147th Street Reopened

I have some good news to share from our neighbors to the west! The City of Lockport has opened Gougar Road from 151st Street to 147th Street, and 147th Street, from Gougar Road to Lemont Road. The target date for this opening is Friday, January 8. The City of Lockport predicts that the remaining segment of Gougar Road, from 147th to 143rd Street, will open later this summer. That portion of Gougar Road will open once a new temporary traffic light is installed at the intersection of 143rd Street and Gougar.

Holiday Decorations Recycling

Throughout the month of January, there will be a box inside of the lobby of Village Hall where residents can drop off holiday lights for recycling. Mini-lights, extension cords, rope lights and LED lights will be accepted. Lights can be in working or non-working condition. Natural Christmas trees may be disposed of during the month by placing the tree at the curb on your regularly scheduled waste pickup day or dropping them off at the Homer Township Highway Department, 14400 W. 151st Street.

2015 New Business Photo Review

2015 was a very active year with many new businesses opening in Homer Glen, including Big R, Nancy's Pizza, Dr. Z's Pharmacy, Wild Bill's RV & Outdoor Center, Steamers Hot Dogs, Vahalla Vitamins and others! A photo review is now available under **New Businesses** on the Economic Development page of the Village website.

Secretary of State Suspending Mailing of Vehicle Registration Renewal Reminders

Due to the lack of a state budget, the Secretary of State's office is suspending the mailing of vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. Suspension of this service will save approximately \$450,000 per month and the office will be able to mail vehicle registration renewal stickers, titles and license plates to vehicle owners for a few months longer before the postage account is depleted. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle registration status. Motorists can [sign up to receive reminder notices electronically by email](#).

Will Connects 2040 Survey and Open House

Will Connects 2040 is Will County's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Public participation is essential in developing a plan that reflects current and future needs and preferences for our future transportation network. The County is requesting that residents take a **survey** starting Thursday, January 14 and attend an open house regarding the plan. Please see the **attached newsletter** for open house dates and locations.

Upcoming Events

BI-CHAMBER EVENT- "DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS"

Tuesday, January 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Robert Morris College, 82 Orland Square in Orland Park. This event will be co-hosted by the Homer Chamber and the Orland Chamber. Discover how your business personality plays into your style of leadership. A presentation will be made by Robert Morris College. Registration is \$20 at the door for members and non- members and \$15 for members with advance registration at www.hoemrchamber.com.



Will County

2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Winter 2015-16 Newsletter

Shaping the Future of Transportation in Will County



On behalf of the Will County Division of Transportation, I would like to thank you for your continued interest in shaping **Will Connects 2040**, the County's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – a plan that will help establish a strategic direction and set priorities for future transportation investments to ensure Will County remains a great place to live, work, and do business.

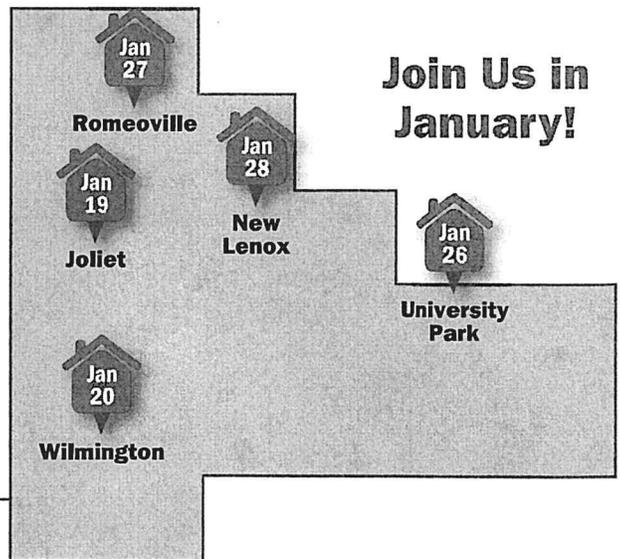
Throughout the **Will Connects 2040** planning process, we have collected valuable input through a variety of activities including online surveys and in-person Open Houses. We thank you for helping us develop a plan that reflects current and future needs and preferences for our future transportation network. Now, as we move in to the next phase, we are once again providing you another opportunity to engage in the planning process through a new survey and round of Open Houses.

Taking stock of our multimodal transportation assets is an important part of **Will Connects 2040** and now we are building on this work so we can begin to answer the question – what should the Will County multimodal transportation network look like in the future? Help us answer this question by participating in the third and final phase of our community survey that will be released January 14. This survey provides an interactive way for you to share your opinions. Also in January, we will be holding five (5) Open Houses throughout the County so you can ask questions and weigh in on what the future should look like.

Our transportation network is vital to the success of Will County's residents and businesses. That's why planning for our future is more important now than ever. By taking our survey and attending an upcoming Open House you will help shape the future and contribute to the success of Will County.

Sincerely,

Larry Walsh
Will County Executive



Open Houses:

January 19th, 4-7pm
Joliet Junior College
1215 Houbolt Rd.
Concourse *1031
Joliet, IL 60431

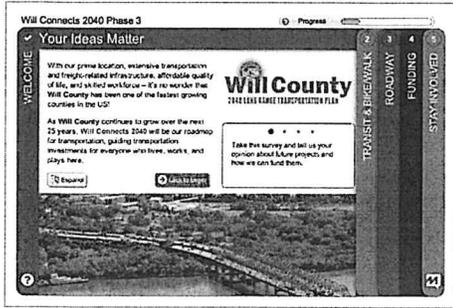
January 20th, 4-7pm
Wilmington Village Hall
Council Chambers
1165 S. Water St.
Wilmington, IL 60481

January 26th, 4-7pm
Governors State University
Engbretson Hall
One University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484

January 27th, 4-7pm
Romeoville Village Hall
Board Room
1050 West Romeo Rd.
Romeoville, IL 60446

January 28th, 4-7pm
New Lenox Village Hall
Community Room
One Veterans Parkway
New Lenox, IL 60451

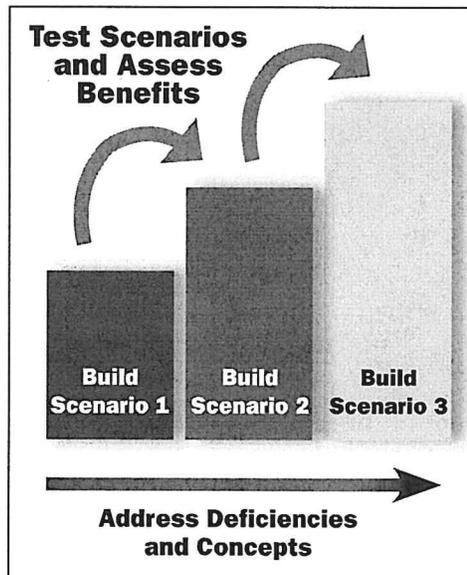
Participate in Our Survey and Stay Involved



Whether you walk, bike, drive, or take public transit, we want your input on what Will County's future transportation will look like! Provide your input on future transportation investments and how we can fund them. Take our survey at www.WillConnects2040.org. The survey is available starting January 14 through mid-April 2016.

Keeping Busy! The Advisory Committee's Current Work

Since early 2015, the Advisory Committee, consisting of civic and business leaders and transportation professionals from local, regional, and statewide agencies, has met regularly to share their knowledge and guide *Will Connects 2040*. Recently, the Committee helped select roadway capacity improvements and transit projects to analyze using a tool known as a travel demand model. The model is one of the tools we use to help define and evaluate future year mobility issues, some of which have been identified from the input received through the *Will Connects 2040* public engagement process.



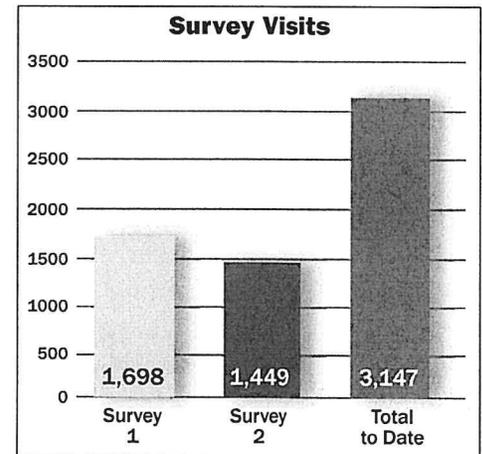
Like a set of building blocks, three separate scenarios were tested that build on each other. Using this incremental process to test different scenarios helps us understand impacts to the transportation system and which improvements are effective at addressing Will County's transportation challenges. Ultimately, this work will help inform our investment priorities.

In the coming months, the Committee will provide recommendations to analyze different revenue scenarios, evaluate the project list consisting of capacity projects (widening existing roads and constructing new ones) and preservation projects (repairing existing roads and bridges), and identify specific projects that represent our transportation investment priorities for the future.

For more information about the *Will Connects 2040* Advisory Committee please visit our project website at www.WillConnects2040.org.

Your Feedback Helps Shape Will Connects 2040

We continue to review and consider the input you've provided us through the *Will Connects 2040* planning process. Thanks go out to those of you who we've heard from, whether through our website, one of the two online surveys, or in-person at our first round of Open Houses. Your input helps shape the County's vision of what our transportation network looks like in 2040. Most recently, through our second community survey completed this fall, you've told us that that you think the County should focus on improving the deteriorating condition of roads and bridges. Addressing freight — both rail and trucks — is important to you, as well. Finally, you want us to consider the rural character of much of the County and recognize these differences so that appropriate improvements are implemented. Thank you for all your input to date, your feedback is shaping *Will Connects 2040*.



Newsletter is available in Spanish.

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