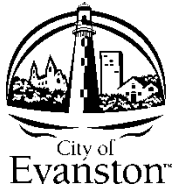


**Resolution 88-R-17 – ITEP Grant Fund Application for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project  
For Action**



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
Administration and Public Works Committee

From: David Stoneback, Public Works Agency Director  
Lara Biggs, P.E., Bureau Chief – Capital Planning / City Engineer  
Sat Nagar, P.E., Senior Project Manager

Subject: Resolution 88-R-17, Requesting Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Funds from Illinois Department of Transportation for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project

Date: November 1, 2017

### Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 88-R-17 authorizing the City Manager to apply for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Funds for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. The proposed project is on Main Street from Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue.

### Livability Benefits:

Built Environment: Enhance public spaces; Provide compact and complete streets and neighborhoods

Climate & Energy: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Equity & Empowerment: Ensure equitable access to community assets

Health & Safety: Promote healthy, active lifestyles

### Background:

Staff has been planning to make improvements to the section of Main Street between Maple Avenue and Hinman Avenue for the past several years. A portion of the Main Dempster Mile business district is within the proposed project limits. This portion of the district is comprised of a variety of businesses that range from specialty shops that include jewelry, horticulture and wine shops to service-based businesses like personal fitness, insurance and salons. It is a destination for both visitors from the north side of Chicago, and other parts of Evanston and the surrounding neighborhoods that include a mix of single-family homes and multi-family higher density units. In addition, this area is home to the Main Street Station, which has stops for both the CTA Purple Line and the Metra Union Pacific North Line. Adjacent to Chicago Avenue, this area serves as a major bicycle connection for Evanston. A Divvy Station was installed in 2016, and 40 new bike parking spaces will be installed at the train station in 2017 as part of the RTA

Access to Transit Improvement Program. This area is also served by CTA Bus Routes 93 and 206, and the Northwestern University Shuttle Bus. With significant multi-family housing in the surrounding neighborhoods and access to multiple forms of transportation as well as a major business district, this is one of the most walkable areas in the North Shore, supporting substantial pedestrian use as well. Park School, a local elementary school serving disabled youth through age 21, is also located within the project area and generates significant multi-modal traffic as well. A housing facility for people with disabilities is located one block west of the project limits, increasing pedestrian traffic of differently abled persons in the project area.

Analysis:

The ITEP program is a federally funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The maximum grant amount for any one project is \$2 million. It pays for 80 percent of the eligible construction activities and requires a 20% local match. The type of projects eligible for this funding include pedestrian and bike related improvements, streetscape enhancements, traffic signal modernization, and safety improvements that will increase the travel choices for the community residents. Staff believes this project is a good fit with the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program because it improves access to public transit, addresses pedestrian deficiencies, and will make improvements to a significant commercial business district (providing a secondary economic development benefit).

Staff is proposing to request grant funding in the amount of \$2 million for the sidewalk / streetscape improvements as well as the traffic signal modernization at the Main Street / Sherman Avenue intersection.

The overall project will also include the following work that will need to be locally funded:

- Roadway rehabilitation / reconstruction
- Pedestrian crossings on Main Street at Elmwood Avenue and Custer Avenue
- New street lights and cabling system
- Repair or removal of vaulted sidewalks in the public right-of-way
- Replacement of the 100+ year old water main

This portion of work could be funded from several different sources, including the Capital Improvement Fund, Chicago – Main TIF fund and the Water Fund.

The project plans will be developed for staged construction to minimize impacts on the business district and maintain two-way traffic on Main Street during construction.

The grant funding application needs to be submitted by December 1, 2017. The Phase I Planning and Phase II Design is expected to start early next year with construction scheduled for 2020.

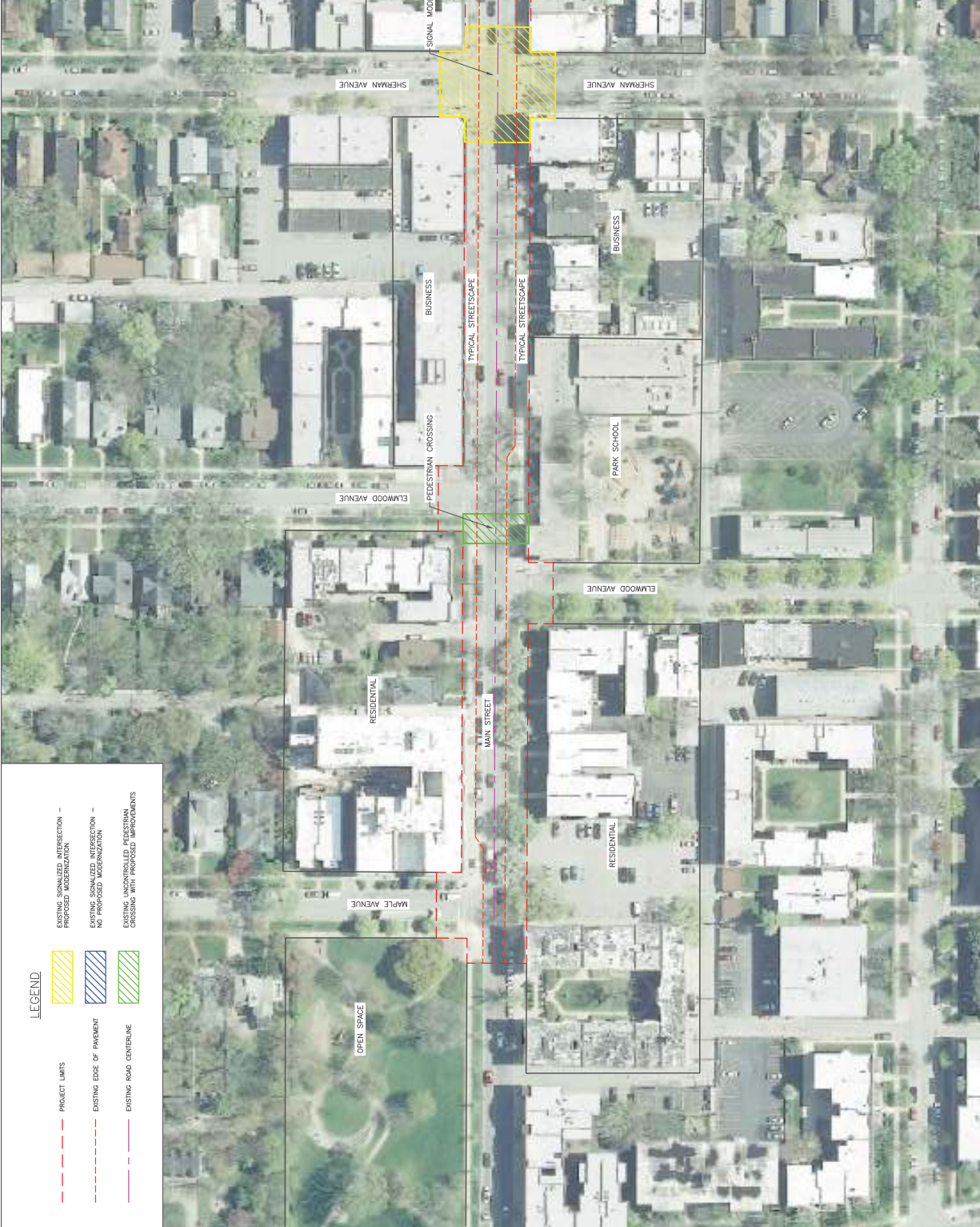
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Project Map  
Resolution 88-R-17

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**88-R-17**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Local Assurance Document and Submit an Application for Grant Funds from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project from Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (“ITEP”) is a Federally-financed program, operated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) in partnership with other state agencies, local governments, interest groups, and citizens, designed to enhance the transportation system and encourage more livable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, ITEP funding can be requested for streetscape enhancements, signal projects, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities that facilitate transportation and are included in a local, regional or statewide plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the ITEP operates with funding based on the following formula: eighty percent (80%) Federal funding and twenty percent (20%) non-Federal match for engineering and construction costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to submit an ITEP application for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project from Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston wishes to avail themselves of funds from the ITEP program for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston has available the funds to finance the twenty percent (20%) non-Federal match and the financial capability to maintain and manage the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for the public use; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its proposal, the City must sign and submit a Local Assurance document indicating its willingness and ability to perform the Project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign, and the City Clerk hereby authorized and directed to attest, on behalf of the City of Evanston, the Local Assurance document, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, for the ITEP application for the Project.

**SECTION 2:** The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and additional conditions of the application as may be determined to be in the best interest of the City.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution 88-R-17 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

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Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:

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Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

## EXHIBIT A

This page must be signed by a representative of the local sponsoring agency in order for the project to be considered for funding.

The project sponsor certifies that it is willing and able to manage, maintain, and operate the project as a highway authority eligible to receive federal funding. The project sponsor possesses legal authority to nominate the transportation enhancement project and to finance, acquire, and construct the proposed project. The sponsor authorizes the nomination of the transportation enhancement project, including all assurances contained therein. The sponsor authorizes the person identified below as the official project representative to act in connection with the nomination and to provide such additional information as may be required. The project sponsor affirms that, if selected, the project will commence within the time periods defined by the Sunset Clause (refer to Section I of the ITEP Guidelines Manual) and in accordance with departmental policies.

I certify that the information contained in this transportation enhancement application, including attachments, is accurate and that I have read and understand the information and agree to the assurances on this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Agency: \_\_\_\_\_