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Mr. Joseph Gottemoller
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Dear Mr. Gottemoller:

Thank you for your letter of October 17, 2016 to the Highway Systems Manager requesting approval to add non-dedicated subdivision road mileage to the county highway system. The Department reviewed the request letter along with McHenry County Resolution R-201608-82-192 (including Exhibit A) creating the non-dedicated subdivision road construction program.

Pursuant to Illinois Statutes 605 ILCS 5/5-104 and 605 ILCS 5/5-105, a county may add mileage to their county highway system by passage of a resolution and approval from the Department. However, the additional mileage may not cause the total mileage of the county highway system to exceed 35 percent of the total rural public highway mileage in the county for a county with less than 500,000 inhabitants. The addition of the requested 23 miles per Exhibit A to the county resolution does not exceed this threshold for McHenry County.

Pursuant to Illinois Statute 605 ILCS 5/5-102, "Highways added to the county highway system shall be as nearly as possible highways connecting the principal municipalities and trading points in each county with each other, and also with the principal municipalities and trading points in other counties." The addition of the requested 23 miles to the county highway system does not satisfy this statute; however, based on the county resolution, we believe the intent of the non-dedicated subdivision road construction program is for the county to improve the identified roads and immediately turn over jurisdiction to the appropriate township highway commissioner.

The Department approves the addition of the requested 23 miles per Exhibit A to Resolution R-201608-82-192 to the McHenry county highway system under the non-dedicated subdivision road construction program with the following stipulations:

- 1) Once improved, the jurisdiction of the individual non-dedicated subdivision roadways shall immediately be transferred to the appropriate township highway commissioner.

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- 2) The Department shall be notified with a request for approval (Resolution, BLRS Form 05212, and location map) for each of the individual transfers of jurisdiction from McHenry County to the appropriate township highway commissioner in order for the Department's roadway inventory to be updated and for the appropriate township to receive monthly motor fuel tax distributions for the additional roadway mileage.

Thank you for the county board's efforts to improve these non-dedicated subdivision roadways within McHenry County. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thomas Winkelman, Local Planning and Programming Engineer, by telephone at (217) 782-0675 or by email at tom.winkelman@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



Randall S. Blankenhorn
Secretary

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