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Veterans Drive Update

Veteran's Drive South Route 29 to Towerline Road

In April of 1996 the VFW Road Corridor Study was completed. The corridor study recommended that the alignment closely follow the existing VFW Road from Route 29 east to Towerline Road. Since that time the City has purchased several properties in order to have the necessary right-of-way for the proposed improvement in that section. Both the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce have established this as part of the next priority section. In November of 2000 Cincinnati Township expressed their support for improving this section of roadway based on increasing traffic and their anticipated maintenance expenditures. In February 2001, a Phase 1 Study of this section of the corridor began and will be completed within a year.

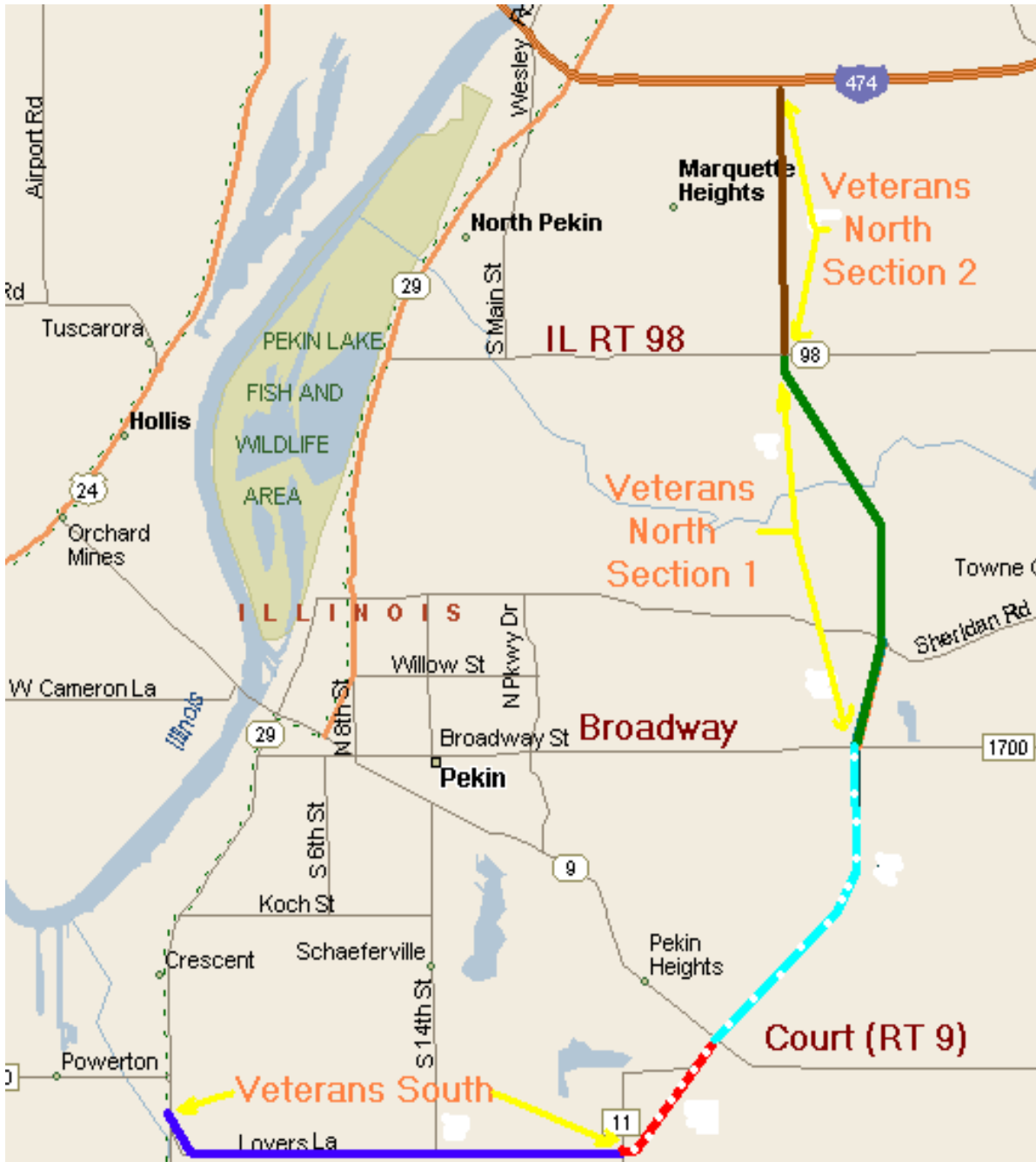
Veteran's Drive Towerline Road to Court Street

This was also a part of the 1996 VFW Road Corridor Study, 2 alignments were presented for this section, (1) Mall Road to Towerline Road then south on Towerline Road to VFW Road and (2) A direct route from the Mall Road/Veterans Drive intersection southwesterly to the Towerline at VFW Road intersection. At the November 1999 PPUATS meeting the City received 60% Federal funding for the construction of this section. Earlier this year that funding was increased to 70% Federal. The revenues generated by the City's gas tax will offset a large portion of the matching funds. The following is an update on the current status of the project.

Preliminary alignments were drawn and the environmental field review completed. A wetland determination was done as a result of field investigations. The ECAD was submitted to IDOT to start the review process. This study was identified as an ECAD at a previous IDOT bi-monthly meeting. The first public meeting was held September 20, 2000 to present the possible alignments. The preferred alignment was presented at a February 22, 2001, Public Informational Meeting.

Traffic signals will be installed and geometric improvements are under construction at the Veteran's @ Court intersection the Spring of 2001 as a

separate 70% Federally funded PPUATS project.



Veteran's Drive Court Street to Broadway

The Phase I Study for the extension of Veterans Drive from Court to Broadway has been completed and a recommended alignment has been selected. Environmental studies have been completed and public informational meetings have been held. Phase 2 (Design) work is underway.

The design work for the extension of Veterans Drive is continuing with emphasis on the Intersection Design Study for the proposed intersection of Broadway and Veterans Drive and the acquisition of right of way. The proposed extension of the sanitary sewer along the old railroad right of way will be included in the design process and easements will be prepared for this construction. Right of way plats have been prepared and the properties were appraised prior to acquisition talks taking place. Soil borings will be needed along the design alignment, but these will not begin until after the negotiation for right of way acquisition is at least partially completed. The typical section will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the City.

Veteran's North (Section 1) Broadway to Route 98

In 1997 a Preliminary Corridor Study was conducted on the extension of Veteran's Drive from Broadway to I-474. The section from Court to Broadway was established as the highest priority. With the Phase 1 Study underway and funding committed for the Court to Broadway section, both the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce have established this as part of the next priority section. A study funded by an Illinois Tomorrow Grant will begin this summer.

Veteran's Drive North (Section 2) Route 98 to Interstate 474

The 1997 Preliminary Corridor Study was conducted on the extension of Veteran's drive from Broadway to I-474. This section has the most topography and environmental concerns. The connection to the interstate is an important link for Pekin. It is important to note that when Interstate 474 was constructed property was acquired for a future interchange, which would be the northern terminus of this overall project. Obviously, the interchange evaluation will need to be conducted by IDOT. The Village of

Creve Coeur has expressed interest in working with the City of Pekin. In fact, they would like to see a complete intersection at I-474 and Veteran's Drive extended north to Fischer Road.

The City of Pekin, with the support of the Village of Creve Coeur has made (and received approval of) a request through PPUATS for an "Illinois Tomorrow" grant to expedite the Phase 1 and Land Use Planning of the Veteran's Drive Corridor from Broadway to I 474 (and north ½ mile to Fischer Road in Creve Coeur). This study should be completed in early 2002.

RELATED PROJECTS:

Broadway: Veteran's Drive to Schramm Drive

The need to widen Broadway from Schramm Drive to the new Veteran's Drive is now being considered a related part of this overall project.

Broadway @ Parkway Intersection Improvement

The geometrics and traffic signals of this intersection will be improved in a 2003 80% Federally funded Hazard Elimination System project. The Intersection Design Study for this project is currently underway.

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VETERAN'S DRIVE CORRIDOR PROJECT WORKPLAN SCHEDULE

SECTION	YEAR(S)
Veteran's Drive South 2ND STREET (ROUTE 29) TO TOWERLINE = 17,000' @ \$9.7M	
Environmental	2002
Right of Way Plats	2004
Right of Way Acquisition	2005
Design and Plans	2003-2004
Construction	2006-2007
TOWERLINE TO COURT (ROUTE 9) = 5,000' @ \$2.7M (Funded)	
Corridor Selection	2000
Right of Way Plats	2001
Right of Way Acquisition	2002
Design and Plans	2003
Construction	2004-2005
COURT (ROUTE 9) TO BROADWAY = 11,000' @ \$6.7M (Funded)	
Right of Way Plats	2000
Right of Way Acquisition	2001
Design and Plans	2000-2001
Construction	2002-2003
Veteran's Drive North (Section 1) BROADWAY TO ROUTE 98 = 14,000' @ \$9.5M	
Phase I	2002-2003
Right of Way Plats	2006
Right of Way Acquisition	2007
Design and Plans	2004-2005
Construction	2008-2009

SECTION	YEAR(S)
Veteran's Drive North (Section 2) ROUTE 98 TO I-474 = 9,500' @ \$9.8M	
Phase I	2002-2003
Interchange Evaluation	2004-2005
Right of Way Plats	2008
Right of Way Acquisition	2009
Design and Plans	2006-2007
Construction	2010-2011

