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Honorable John L. Birkinbine, Jr.
Village President
361 Happ Road
Northfield, IL 60093

Dear Village President Birkinbine:

Thank you for your letter regarding proposed improvements for Willow Road through the Village of Northfield. I am aware of the agreement that was reached between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the village on an interim highway improvement for Willow Road.

Given that surface condition improvements along Willow Road in Northfield are needed at a minimum, and that a project to provide additional travel lanes would cost considerably more than the current project funding levels, it is appropriate that the project move forward as currently planned. These modifications will improve the flow of traffic along Willow Road. Once these improvements are constructed, the roadway will be monitored to determine their effectiveness. Please be assured that the state fully intends to honor the agreements reached regarding this route.

Thank you for your interest in Illinois' transportation system.

Sincerely,


ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor