

**TOWNSHIP OF HOMER  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0908 RES 1**

**A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE 143RD STREET EXPANSION PROJECT AND  
URGING SAFETY-FOCUSED ALTERNATIVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board of the Township of Homer, Will County, Illinois (the "Township Board"), is charged with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and preserving the rural character that is central to the identity of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2024, the Township Board formally filed a written objection to the 143rd Street expansion project with the Will County Clerk, and the concerns expressed therein remain pertinent; and

**WHEREAS**, Homer Township remains in opposition to the proposed five-lane expansion of 143rd Street, and further opposes the compromise presented at the Will County Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting on September 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township supports a safety-oriented alternative that reduces the cross-section to two (2) through lanes with a continuous center turn lane (three-lane facility), with curbs and storm sewers, and supports traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Crème and 143rd Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board finds and declares the following public-interest reasons for objection:

1. The proposed five-lane expansion would alter and degrade the rural character of Homer Township;
2. Safety is a paramount concern because widening to five lanes would induce higher volumes and speeds, increasing crash risk for residents, school traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians, and turning vehicles;
3. The Township requests that the posted speed limit on 143rd Street within Homer Township be reduced to improve safety and consistency with surrounding residential uses;
4. The proposed compromise to maintain five lanes from Bell Road to Parker Road and then narrow to two lanes between Parker Road and Lemont Road would create a bottleneck and additional safety hazards;
5. The project would divert traffic critical to the economic development of 159th Street to 143rd Street, thereby undermining planned investment and growth along 159th Street;
6. Residents have consistently opposed developing 143rd Street as a commercial corridor between Golden Oak and Lemont Road; and
7. The project would negatively impact the environment, including removal of trees, increased stormwater runoff, excessive noise and air pollution, and loss of the area's rural nature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of the Township of Homer, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1. Objection Reaffirmed.** The Township Board hereby reiterates and adopts its objection to the proposed five-lane expansion of 143rd Street and its opposition to the compromise presented at the Will County Public Works and Transportation Committee on September 2, 2025.

**Section 2. Preferred Alternative.** The Township Board supports modifying the project to a three-lane cross-section consisting of two through lanes with a continuous center turn lane, with curbs and storm sewers, as the safer and more context-sensitive alternative.

**Section 3. Intersection Safety.** The Township Board supports installation and timing/geometry improvements for traffic signals at the intersection of Crème and 143rd Street.

**Section 4. Speed Management.** The Township Board requests that the posted speed limit on 143rd Street within Homer Township be reduced to better reflect existing residential frontages, turning movements, and school traffic, and to promote safety for all users.

**Section 5. Coordination and Economic Development.** The Township Board urges Will County to coordinate the 143rd Street project with regional traffic planning to protect planned economic development along 159th Street and to avoid diversion that would undermine that corridor.

**Section 6. Filing and Notice.** The Township Clerk is directed to file this Resolution with the Will County Clerk and to transmit certified copies to the Will County Board, the Will County Public Works and Transportation Committee, the Will County Division of Transportation, affected municipalities, and other relevant agencies.

**ADOPTED** this 8 day of September, 2025, by the Township Board of the Township of Homer, Will County, Illinois, by a roll call vote as follows:


AYES: 4

NAYS: 0


ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVED:

  
Township Supervisor

**ATTEST:** The undersigned Clerk certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Homer, Will County, Illinois.

  
Township Clerk

Dated:  2025