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West Main Street overpass provides traditional styling

Galesburg, IL (June 7, 2010) Design elements for the West Main Street overpass have been finalized. After receiving public comments on the aesthetics for the overpass at a Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting in February, 2010, city staff finalized the design elements to be used on the West Main Street overpass. Many of the elements were fixed due to Federal and State engineering design policies, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe requirements, and existing site conditions. However, there were six variable design elements proposed to the public for comments and input. These six elements were: retaining wall, roadway lighting, parapet wall, railing, fence, and landscaping design.

The overall design favors a traditional look as was requested by a majority of the surveys completed by the public. It incorporates the use of columns on the structure which are similar in motif to the columns currently located at the entrance to Hope Cemetery off Academy Street. The fencing and railing also are a simple and traditional steel railing pattern and are proposed to be black in color. The lighting selected for the project utilizes the same Sternberg lighting fixtures used for the downtown area with a flat lense in order to focus the light downward and painted solid black in color. The retaining walls will have a stone-like appearance created from a standard form liner frequently used by precast concrete manufacturers. The parapet wall pattern is a traditional design also, that is similar in pattern to the existing Cedar Fork Creek bridges located in the downtown area. For landscaping, it is proposed to use three types of trees with random spacing in the right-of-way. The three trees selected are the Japanese Lilac Tree, Kentucky Coffeetree, and Triumph Elm Tree.

The bridge design accomplishes the objectives of the CAG that were expressed in the surveys. It is a very aesthetically pleasing, economical, and traditional design, which complements the downtown area and historic Hope Cemetery. It provides a fluid transition into the downtown area and utilizes a variety of trees to complement the overall look.

The renderings by McDonough Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, provide an accurate visual representation of the overpass when completed barring minor structural changes that may be required but are unexpected at this time. Hanson Professional Services, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, assisted with the design concept.

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Attached images:

- 1) Railroad view
- 2) Bridge view