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Four-lane Willow Road project will take time

In the May 28 edition of the Winnetka Talk there was an unfortunate misquote attributed to me with regard to how quickly IDOT work on Willow Road can commence. The four-lane "highway" project being pushed by IDOT and Senator Schoenberg will not be ready to begin in a year's time, as written. Rather, once the planning for the project is awarded to a contractor, at least 48 months of engineering work will have to be done

(IDOT's calculation) before any work can commence. Should there be opposition from community or environmental groups during that process, the time frame would be longer yet. Since the awarding of that project has not yet been done, we are looking at the summer or fall of 2013 at the earliest before that project could commence.

The article was correct when it said that the agreed-upon 3-lane compromise plan needs only the signature of the head of IDOT to begin work immediately.

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