

Kedzie/Olympian Way Improvements



2009 SOUTHWEST BRANCH PROJECT OF THE YEAR

\$5-25 Million - Transportation

Managing Agency: Village of Olympia Fields

Design By: Baxter & Woodman, Inc.


Constructed by: Gallagher Asphalt

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS


The \$7.4 million Kedzie Avenue/Olympian Way Improvements project was an exciting endeavor for the Village of Olympia Fields, as it transformed a county highway into a gateway to the Village with many community benefits. Prior to these improvements, jurisdiction of Kedzie Avenue from Lincoln Highway (U.S. Route 30) to 203rd Street belonged to the Cook County Highway Department, with its main purpose being to move regional automobile and truck traffic. Through a partnership with Cook County and a transfer of roadway jurisdiction to the Village of Olympia Fields, the reconstruction of Kedzie Avenue became a project that transformed this area of the community.

Accomplishments include:

- Enhanced community aesthetics
- Increased pedestrian/bicyclist travel safety
- Commuter access between two Metra stations and other facilities
- Eco-friendly solutions that reduced waste and saved money



An existing traffic lane and reconfigured parapet walls were used to create a bike path crossing over Butterfield Creek.



Excavated soils and materials were recycled to create a landscaped berm on the west side of Kedzie Avenue to shield residents from increased noise and traffic from the new Metra Station.



Improvements included new sidewalks with crosswalks, 4-foot bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway, new planted median and street lighting.