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**SCHAKOWSKY APPLAUDS KEY HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF FEDERAL
DOLLARS FOR MORTON GROVE**

**\$500,000 INCLUDED IN COMMITTEE-PASSED
APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today applauded action by a key House committee which approved \$500,000 in federal funds for the Village of Morton Grove. The House Appropriations Committee passed the Transportation funding bill, which includes the funds for the Dempster Commercial Corridor Improvement Project in the Village of Morton Grove.

Funds for this project will be used for a transportation/commercial corridor improvement project. The project will improve vehicular circulation and characteristics of the Dempster Street roadway. More than 40,000 vehicles travel the Dempster Commercial Corridor daily. The Illinois Department of Transportation has designated the portion of Dempster Street that runs through the Village of Morton Grove as a Strategic Regional Arterial route.

"The Dempster Commercial Corridor Improvement project is a congestion mitigation initiative that will increase safety and reduce travel time for commuters and shoppers on a major Illinois roadway. I am pleased that we are a step closer to funding this critical project," Schakowsky said.

Schakowsky added that she would work to secure the funds as the Transportation Appropriations bill moves toward enactment.