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The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the Barrington Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 from 1 to 3 P.M. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

The meeting included a power point presentation that provided an introduction of the project team and CAG members, an overview of the project, a description of the Context Sensitive Solutions element, an overview of the stakeholder involvement plan (SIP), and the CSS ground rules. Meeting attendees asked questions related to these topics, and were given the opportunity to work in small groups to document issues and concerns as part of a Community Context exercise. Based on the results of this exercise, CAG members crafted a draft Problem Statement through a facilitated discussion.

Project Team Attendance

- Marty Morse, IDOT
- Ken Doll, IDOT
- Christian Iroume, IDOT
- Gary Salavitch, Hoffman Estates
- Greg Dreyer, Illinois Tollway
- Kevin Nelson, CMT
- Tice Cole, CMT
- Jason Dove, CMT
- Dave Palia, Planning Communities
- Kevin Hall, Planning Communities
- Jamie Tunnell Bents, Huff & Huff

The meeting was attended by 20 of the 36 CAG members (includes 8 alternates). Some of the attendees were designated alternates, and are so noted.

CAG Member Attendance

- Debbie Albig, Hoffman Estates Park District (Alternate for Mike Kies)
- John Beissel, Cook County Highway Department
- Claire Bozic, Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning
- Kelley Clancy, Alexian Brothers Health System
- Peter Fahrenwald, Regional Transportation Authority
- Peter Gugliotta, Hoffman Estates Planning Director
- Casey Hutson, Phoenix and Associates (Alternate for George Kanagin)



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- George Kanagin, Phoenix and Associates
- Jaci Kator, AT&T
- Brandy Kellom, Pace
- Jennifer Killen, Cook County Highway Department (Alternate for John Beissel)
- David Kralik, Metra
- Mark Masciola, South Barrington Village Manager
- Bill McLeod, Hoffman Estates Mayor
- Elizabeth Morizzo, Morizzo Funeral Home (Alternate for Ross Morizzo)
- Dan Persky, Active Transportation Alliance
- Lisa Scoville, Millrose Restaurant
- Cheri Sisson, Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce
- Jeff Skender, Resident/Bike Activist
- Dwight Stiehl, Millrose Restaurant/Rose Packaging (Alternate for Lisa Scoville)

Other Attendees

- Adam Barnum, Pace
- Frank Munao, South Barrington Mayor

Comments

During the facilitated exercise portion of the meeting, CAG members were able to provide their input on the most prominent issues and concerns related to the project. The following is a list of those issues and concerns by topic area:

Permanent Traffic Impacts

- Traffic management (Barrington and adjacent arterials)
- Possible increased congestion if not planned correctly
- Traffic signal operations to reduce delay, especially if any are added
- Capacity to absorb additional traffic on Barrington Road
- Full access interchange
- Consequences of increased traffic

Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions

- Bike and pedestrian access
- Pedestrian/bike provision
- Bike and ped. connectivity
- Cannot bicycle safely across I-90
- Cannot walk safely across I-90



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- Connecting the two Forest Preserves for bicycles

Economic Impacts

- Economic development
- Economic benefits
- Increase commerce from west
- Footprint sensitive to business impacts
- Better access to local facilities

Environmental Impacts

- Ensure minimal environmental impact
- Minimize environmental impacts, especially to wetlands
- Footprint to be sensitive to environmental impacts
- Build in an environmentally sensitive manner

Public Transportation

- Study alternate transportation
- Public transportation options
- Bus access to and from interchange
- Don't preclude future fixed-guideway transit in I-90 (e.g. STAR line)

Temporary Traffic Impacts

- Maintain traffic flow during construction
- Construction progresses without delays to minimize economic impact
- Construction impact on businesses; mitigation and education about it too

Safety

- Safe westbound access for emergency vehicles
- Traffic weave safety for southbound
- Better connections within Village for emergency vehicles

Financial

- Safe westbound access for emergency vehicles

Draft Problem Statement

A draft problem statement was crafted based on the results of this issues and concerns exercise. The draft problem statement is as follows:



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“The transportation problems at Barrington Road and Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), within the study area, to be solved by this project are easier vehicular access on and off I-90 and Barrington Road, addressing current/future traffic impacts, and enabling bicycle/pedestrian opportunities and transit development. In addition, emergency vehicles should be able to access medical facilities in a timely manner. Economic impacts should be maximized and environmental impacts should be minimized.”

General Understanding of Agreement

A general understanding of agreement was achieved by the CAG attendees on the CSS process, the CSS ground rules, the SIP, and the draft problem statement.

Next Steps

Upon completion of the meeting exercises, the definition of Purpose and Need for IDOT projects was briefly discussed. The Purpose and Need Statement for the Barrington Road/I-90 project will be determined by a combination of the Problem Statement and the technical analysis being undertaken by the Project Study Group. It will be presented at the next CAG meeting.

After drafting the Purpose and Need Statement for the project during the next month, it was announced that the second CAG meeting will be held in late September timeframe to finalize the Problem Statement, present the draft Purpose and Need Statement, identify evaluation criteria, and time permitting, begin to design preliminary alternatives. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.