



Public Meeting #2

Summary

Public Meeting #2 Overview

The second Public Meeting for the Barrington Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Phase I Study was held on February 21, 2013 from 4 to 7 P.M. at the Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The purpose of the meeting was to present the draft alternatives and draft preferred alternative for the interchange design and gather input from the community.

The meeting was an open house format with a continuous audio/visual presentation, exhibit boards, scaled aerial images of the project area, an informational brochure, and comment forms. The exhibit boards presented included the Project Process and Phase I Process; a summary of the Context Sensitive Solutions Process, Goals, and Outreach; the Project Study Group and Community Advisory Group (CAG), a summary of completed CAG meetings; the Project Timeline; and an Overview of Project Studies and Statistics. In addition, exhibit boards were shown of the three remaining draft alternatives, including the draft preferred alternative. Potential access and mobility options at the interchange were shown.

The meeting was attended by 39 people. A total of nine (9) comment forms were completed and returned during the meeting. Attendees were also given the option to take the comment forms home and mail them back by March 8, 2013.

Public Official and Agency/Organization Attendance

In addition to the general public, several of the 39 attendees were local public officials and agency attendees. These attendees are listed below.

Village of Hoffman Estates

- Ray Kincaid, Trustee
- Anna Newell, Trustee
- Gary Stanton, Trustee
- Gary Skoog, Director of Economic Development

Village of South Barrington

- Frank Munao, Village President
- Mark Masciola, Village Administrator (CAG Member)



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Hanover Township

- Tom Kутtenberg, Community Relations Manager

Other Agencies and Organizations

- Fred Crespo – State Representative, Hoffman Estates
- Michael Kies – Hoffman Estates Park District
- Duane Mahone – Pace
- Brandy Kellom – Pace (CAG Member)
- Charlotte O'Donnell – Pace (CAG Member)
- Dave Kralik – Metra (CAG Member)
- Reed Panther – Illinois Tollway
- Tim Schneider – Cook County Commissioner
- Cheri Sisson – Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce
- Carmela Gonzalez – Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIIFC)

Comment Summary

Nine comment forms were completed and returned at the meeting. Of those, seven people actually provided comments. Three expressed preference for the Single Point Urbanized Interchange (Alternative #1), one stated that the 'original cloverleaf' is a better solution, and six respondents expressed full support of improvements to the interchange.

One commenter addressed issues of safety, mentioning an annual deaf expo held in November so there is an increased number of hearing impaired people in the area. Two commenters discussed the importance of interchange improvements for economic/business support reasons.

Respondents included two residents; four representing businesses; two interest groups (I.U.O.E. Local 150 and Barrington Road Interchange Committee), one non-profit organization, and one consulting engineering on I-90.

All comments received at the meeting are provided below.

Comments (as written)

Do you have any questions or comments about the Barrington Road at I-90 Interchange study?

Commenter #1:

Prefer the Single Point Urban Interchange. Many deafies live this area, viewing is very importance! Annual Deaf Expo held at Harper College (November).



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Commenter #2:

We need access both from the West and to the West. We have been in the Village 27 years and we are in a building that has never been fully occupied in 30 years. Hoffman has lost businesses because of accessibility.

Commenter #3:

I prefer alternative #1.

Commenter #4:

I believe that this interchange would greatly improve traffic conditions and travel times as well as provide much needed jobs for our construction workers.

Commenter #5:

Yes, I believe it to be a half assed solution to a problem. It will multiply traffic problems. But better than nothing. The original cloverleaf is a better solution and should have been done 10 years ago. Banaid solution.

Commenter #6:

We are in support of a full interchange for I-90.

Commenter #7:

Well presented alternatives. As a transportation consultant I understand the importance of garnering public input. As a Hoffman Estates resident for 20 years, I am in favor of improvements at this interchange location. The SPUI appears to minimize impacts yet provide good operational characteristics. I am in support of this project and appreciate this opportunity to provide input.

Commenter #8:

(Provided contact information but did not provide comment)

Commenter #9:

(Provided contact information but did not provide comment)