Sunset Avenue to Russell Road

Welcome
Public Hearing
November 16, 2017
Purpose of Today’s Hearing

- Project Overview
- Preferred Alternative
- Environmental Assessment
  - Seek input on the Preferred Alternative
  - Seek input on impacts to Waukegan Park District - Sports Park
Strategic Regional Arterial

- Supplements freeway and expressway travel
- Long-distance
- High volume traffic
Project Process

PHASE I
We Are Here
Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Study

PHASE II*
Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition
Typically 18-24 months

PHASE III*
Construction

Sunset Avenue to Russell Road

IL 131 GREEN BAY ROAD PROJECT

WORKING TOGETHER... Creating a Plan For Your Community
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Stakeholder Involvement

- **5** Corridor Planning Group/Technical Advisory Group Meetings
- **4** Public Meetings
- **1** Public Hearing
- **20** State & Federal Meetings
- **4** State & Federal Permitting Agency Meetings
- **15** FAA & Waukegan National Airport Meetings
- **On-going** Local Community, Lake & Kenosha County, and Wisconsin DOT Meetings
Purpose & Need

PROJECT PURPOSE

› IMPROVED transportation system for IL 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue

PROJECT NEEDS

› IMPROVE mobility
› IMPROVE safety
› UPGRADE roadway features to meet current design standards

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

› IMPROVE bicycle and pedestrian facilities
Preferred Alternative

4-Lane with Flush Median, Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk and Shared Use Path

Sunset Avenue to Yorkhouse Road
Preferred Alternative

Sunset Avenue to Russell Road

4-Lane with Raised Curb Median, Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Shared Use Path

Yorkhouse Road to Stone Bridge Drive and 9th Street to Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course
Preferred Alternative

4-Lane with Raised Curb Median, Shoulder, Sidewalk, and Shared Use Path

Stone Bridge Drive to 9th Street and Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course to Russell Road
• Waukegan National Airport
  – IL 131 shifts approx. 90 feet to the west and lowers 30 feet
  – Side street closures at Illinois 131
  – Impacts 13 residences
  – Airport has been acquiring properties
  – Impacts documented through FAA NEPA process
- Improves mobility
- Improves safety
- Current Design Standards
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities*

*Subject to Local Participation
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Inventory
- Analyze Impacts
- Avoid and Minimize Impacts
- Mitigate Unavoidable Impacts
Types of Environmental Resources

- Neighborhoods
- Businesses and Residences
- Wetlands and Waterways
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Cultural/Historic
- Trees
- Traffic Noise
- Public Lands
Environmental Resources Affected*

**Natural Resources**
- 2.81 Acres of Wetlands
- 1.08 Acres of Waukegan Park District
- Three Unnamed Streams
- 1,660 Trees

**Social, Economic, and Community Resources**
- 1.11 Acres of Public Facilities (Schools, Fire, Places of Worship, etc.)
- 8.50 Acres of Agricultural Lands
- 2 Displacements (Industrial & Commercial)

*See the Environmental Assessment (EA) or a project team member for more information*
Noise impacts have been evaluated for the Preferred Alternative.

- Future traffic noise levels predicted
- Impacts were determined
- Mitigate impacts
- Noise walls to be considered for Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition (Phase II)
Land Acquisition

- Fee Simple Acquisition
- Permanent Easement
- Temporary Easement
Kenosha Road Project

Sunset Avenue to Russell Road

IL 131 (Green Bay Road)

PROPOSED KENOSHA ROAD REALIGNMENT

EXISTING KENOSHA ROAD TO BE REMOVED

29th Street

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Next Steps

Design Approval 2018

Contract Plan Preparation &
Land Acquisition – Unfunded

Construction - Unfunded
Comments Please

- Environmental Assessment
- Preferred Alternative
- Impacts to Waukegan Sports Park
Ways to Comment

Participate in the Public Forum at 6:00 PM

IL 131 Green Bay Road Project
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Public Forum Sign-up

* All public comment speakers will have a maximum of 2 minutes each to present their comments to a court reporter.

The Illinois Department of Transportation welcomes your comments and requests that you present your remarks in a respectful manner, within the established 2-minute time limit.

Name: __________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

If you would like to participate please complete and place in the Public Forum box near the sign-in area.
Ways to Comment

COMMENTS PLEASE

• Written comment forms

• Online comment forms at IL131Project.com

Comments received through December 16, 2017 will become part of the public hearing record.
Thank you for your on-going participation and input on creating a Plan for Your Community!