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Public Meeting #4

March 23, 2011
Meeting Agenda

- Review Study Process
- Review Recent Meeting Results and Consensus Decisions
- Review Alternatives Development
- Present Refined Alternatives
- Project Next Steps
Purpose & Need

- Transportation Issues
- Problem Statement

Alternatives Development

Preferred Alternative

Community Involvement

Agency Input
Public Meeting 4 (March 2011)
- Educate alternative evaluation findings
- Present refined alternatives
- Solicit stakeholder input
Workshop and Meeting Accomplishments

CPG/TAG Meeting #3 – April 26, 2010
• Previewed Preliminary Alternatives
• Discussed Evaluation Criteria

Public Meeting #3 – May 26, 2010
• Examined and evaluated Preliminary Alternatives

CPG/TAG Meeting #4 – Nov. 30, 2010
• Rated Refined Alternatives
Preliminary Alternatives
Stakeholder Comments

Safety
Drainage
Kenosha Road alignments
Public Outreach
Shoulder vs. Curb & Gutter
Barrier vs. Flush Median
Property Impacts
Identified Needs

Safety
- 2004-2009: 1,176 crashes, 309 injuries, 4 fatalities
- 2008: 5% location north of 9th Street

Capacity
- Roadway
- Intersection

Operations / Mobility
- Kenosha Road intersection
- Signal needs
Environmental Impacts

Follow National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Prepare an environmental inventory and consider reasonable environmental alternatives which would:

- Enhance quality of human environment
- Avoid sensitive resources
- Minimize adverse impacts
- Mitigate resources as necessary

Consider minimizing impacts:

- 5 sensitive resources (green areas)
- 6 minor ditch flooding locations (☆)
Purpose & Need

Project Purpose:
The purpose of the Illinois Route 131 engineering study is to improve safety and functionality along Illinois Route 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue. Improvements to this route are necessary to address issues of roadway and intersection capacity and efficiency; enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle accommodation and safety; and bring the roadway into compliance with current IDOT standards.

Project Needs:

Improve Safety  Improve Capacity
Improve Operations and Mobility
Complete Streets

Illinois Complete Streets Policy
- Requires the incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into state highway projects

Cost-sharing of sidewalk/path construction:

New selection criteria
Shared-Use path best accommodation
# Project Elements

## Evaluation of Preliminary Alternatives

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✅ = Element included in Alternative  
❌ = Element NOT used
Project Characteristics

- **Sunset Avenue to Wadsworth Road**
  - Less ROW available
  - Many intersecting streets/driveways

- **Wadsworth Road to Illinois Route 173**
  - Relatively more ROW
  - Fewer intersecting streets/driveways

- **Illinois Route 173 to Russell Road**
  - More available ROW
  - Few intersecting streets/driveways
**Alternatives Evaluation**

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Two refined alternatives have been developed
Preliminary Alternative A1
Refined Alternative E1
Sunset Avenue to Illinois Route 173

5’   13’   10’

135’ – 175’
Refined Alternative E1

Illinois Route 173 to Russell Road

5' - 22' - 10'

150' - 180'
Alternative E1 Development

Preliminary Alternative A1

Preliminary Alternative B1

Complete Streets Policy

= Refined Alternative E1
Refined Alternative E1
Preliminary Alternative B2
Refined Alternative E2

Sunset Avenue to Wadsworth Road

5’  
13’  
10’  
110’ – 145’
Refined Alternative E2

Wadsworth Road to Russell Road

5’
22’
130’ – 160’
10’
Alternative E2 Development

Preliminary Alternative A2 + Preliminary Alternative B2 = Complete Streets Policy

= Refined Alternative E2

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Refined Alternative E2
Kenosha Road Intersection Realignment
Waukegan Regional Airport

Independent Study

- **Lead agency FAA**
  - Coordination with IL Rte. 131 Study

- **Two Feasible Alternatives**
  - Runway Extension / Relocation
  - Shown on aerial exhibits

- **Roadway Design**
  - Minimize impact to airport property
  - Currently under FAA review
Property Acquisition

- Fee Simple Take
- Temporary Easement
- Permanent Easement
Property Acquisition Procedures

• Determination of Ownership/Property Description

• Offer Made at Appraised Value

• Negotiation of Value/Eminent Domain
Project Funding

Funded
- Phase I Study

Not Funded
- Phase II: Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition
- Phase III: Construction
Review Alternatives

Provide Input

How well do the Alternatives:

• Satisfy the project Purpose?
• Meet the project Needs?
• Minimize impacts to the surrounding environment?
Next Steps

**CPG/TAG Meeting #5**
- Evaluate Preferred Alternative
- Review Environmental Documentation

**Public Hearing**
- Present Preferred Alternative and reports

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Thank you!