

ADVISORY GROUP INFORMATION

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There will be opportunities for interested stakeholders to be actively involved in the study and provide continuing input to the Project Study Group through participation in a Community Advisory Group or Technical Advisory Group.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)?

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) will assist the Project Study Group with providing input on community context, determining the study's Purpose and Need, and developing alternatives. The CAG will consist of stakeholders with expertise or interest in transportation, land use, the environment, or economic development in the study area. Members of the CAG would be responsible for providing general input on the study, attending CAG meetings, and collaborating with the PSG.

WHAT IS A TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)?

Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) will assist the Project Study Group with evaluating potential interchange alternatives for specific issues during the study process. TAGs would consist of members that have expertise areas such as *transportation/engineering*, and *environment/land use*. Members of the TAG would be responsible for providing technical input on the study, attending TAG meetings, and collaborating with the PSG. TAG members may or may not be members of the CAG.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A MEMBER OF A PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP?

There will be many meetings necessary to gather and review the information necessary to complete this study. The number and frequency of meetings will depend on which tasks the advisory groups are working on, but they will generally be held less than once per month at the start of the study and then less frequently as the study progresses. Meetings will generally be scheduled during normal business hours.

Attendance at every meeting is not mandatory. However, these meetings are being held so that interested stakeholders can play an active part in the decision-making process.

Participants will be asked to adhere to the following ground rules:

- All input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.
- All decisions made by the Illinois Department of Transportation must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner and the stakeholders should agree their input has been considered.
- Members of the media are welcome to attend the meetings as observers, not participants in the process.

If you are interested in being a participant in an advisory group, please call Mir Mustafa, IDOT District 1, at (847) 705-4477 or e-mail to www.I55atWeber.com.