

Date: August 2, 2016
Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Nunda Township Supervisor Building
3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Topic: IL 176 at Nish Road Phase I Study
Open House Meeting

Meeting Summary

An open house meeting for the preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) of IL 176 at Nish Road was held on August 2, 2016 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Nunda Township Supervisor Building. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed improvement, discuss the need, and obtain public input.

The meeting was an open house format with IDOT and consultant team members available to answer questions. Exhibit boards, an informational brochure, and comment forms were available at the meeting. The exhibit boards included a project schedule, crash data, the proposed improvements, proposed right-of-way impacts, a proposed detour map, and a breakdown of the land acquisition procedure. These materials are available on the project website at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il-176-at-nish-road>

Comment Summary

The meeting was attended by 40 people. A total of nine (9) comments were received during the three week comment period. At the meeting attendees were given the option to take comment forms home and mail them back by August 23, 2016 to be included as part of the official meeting record. In addition to the comment forms, attendees were informed that comments can be submitted via the project email (IL176atnish@clarkdietz.com) or mail at any point during the study. Following is a summary of the comments received.

- support the proposed improvements and the need for a traffic signal (2)
- support the need for some type of traffic signal improvement, but thought the proposed roadway realignment would cause too many property impacts or additional traffic issues (4)
- support the proposed roadway improvements, but opposed the traffic signal installation (2).
- Does not support the improvements (1)

Other comments include:

- Traffic will back up on Wright Road if there is no stop sign for Nish Road traffic (4)

- Proposed left and right turn lanes on IL 176 are needed (2)
- Support a traffic signal (4)
- Opposed to impacting the Quality Car Care property (3)
- Leave Wright Road where it is and install a traffic signal that works with all five legs (2)
- The Wright Road realignment will have negative impacts on residents (3)
- Traffic signal will make intersection more dangerous since traffic will have to stop while coming down a hill (2)
- Traffic signal on IL 176 will cause traffic to back up and block the Nunda Rural Fire Protection District entrance (1)
- Traffic signal on IL 176 will cause traffic to back up on bridge making bridge unstable (1)
- Provide northbound left turn lane on IL 176 for traffic turning into Carlos River Café (1)
- IL 176 should be widened from IL 31 to the Fox River Bridge to improve access to Prairie Grove School (1)
- Project costs too much money (2)
- No sidewalks are needed (1)
- Culvert needed along the east side of IL 176 from Nish Road north to the commercial property (1)

Public Official and Agency Attendance

In addition to the general public, several of the 40 attendees were from local organizations and local government. These include the McHenry County Division of Transportation, Nunda Township, Nunda Rural Fire Protection District, and the Village of Prairie Grove. The agency attendees are listed on the following page.

Illinois Department of Transportation

Kimberly Murphy, Consultant Studies Unit Head
Theresa Pelletier, Project Manager (Epstein)
Scott Czaplicki, Programming (Transystems)
Perry Masouridis, Hydraulics
Ahmad Rashidianfar, Hydraulics
Mike Cullian, Land Acquisition

McHenry County Division of Transportation

Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer
Ben Redding, Design Manager
Ernest Varga, Project Engineer

Nunda Township

Mike Lesperance, Highway Commissioner
Karen Tynis, Trustee
Eric Konieczski, Road District

Nunda Rural Fire Protection District
William Hoover, District Chief
Mike Keenan, Deputy Chief

Village of Prairie Grove
Charlotte Kremer, Trustee

Next Steps

The Department is evaluating the comments and will refine the the design as necessary. A newsletter will be prepared that addressed the comments and provides an update on any changes to the proposed plan. The Phase I study is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2016. After completion of Phase I and contingent on funding availability, the Department will initiate the preparation of contract plans and land acquisition (Phase II), followed by Construction (Phase III). This improvement is included in the Department's FY 2017-2022 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Our current engineering efforts are targeted to enable a contract letting in the later years of our current multi-year program contingent upon plan readiness, land acquisition, and funding availability through our future annual legislative appropriations.