

IL Route 47

IL Route 71 to Caton Farm Rd.

Community Advisory Group Meeting # 1 August 25, 2011 – Yorkville Public Library

The first Community Advisory Group meeting for the IL Route 47 study was held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the Yorkville Public Library. The meeting featured a presentation from the Project Study Group, large scale maps of the study area, exhibit boards for review, and an interactive workshop which allowed meeting attendees to identify study area issues and concerns. The Project Study Group's presentation included a summary of the following: the Phase I process; the project's study limits and existing characteristics; results from the first public meeting; project schedule and funding; other area projects; and, an overview of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) principles and process. The meeting was attended by **9 stakeholders**.

Workshop: Identify Study Area Issues & Concerns

(Transcribed Workshop Feedback)

Workshop Participants:

Megan Andrews – Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District
Raymond Brucki – Property Owner
Erik Gauss – Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Steve Gengler – Property Owner
Larry Hilt – Yorkville Police Department
Jason Pettit – Kendall County Forest Preserve
Brad Sanderson – United City of Yorkville Engineer (Engineering Enterprises, Inc.)
Bill Stahler – Grainco FS, Inc.
Jeff Wilkins – Kendall County

Table 1 (Yellow)- Issues and Concerns

Safety

- School speed zone
- School safety
- Safety – especially turn ins and outs
- Farm equipment: traffic, access to fields
- Number of lanes: ingress, egress onto and from 47
- Speed limits
- Turn lanes
- Turning lanes: at locations of businesses – USDA Service Center, intersections – Walker Road

Drainage

- Water on roadway in rain events
- Stormwater management
- Incorporate native plants in drainage ditches/ROW
- Opportunities for green infrastructure with stormwater management – bioswales?
- Drainage issues: IDOT maintenance building (east and south), Kleinwachter stormwater basins, west of Windett Ridge into subdivision

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Access

- Maintain access points
- Shell, McDonalds entrance driveway
- Access points/maintain
- Property access points

Trails

- Multi-use trail connectivity to Route 71 trail, Windett Ridge, etc.
- Pedestrian: walkways, trails (old rail line opportunity?)

Right of way/Land acquisition

- Land acquisition

Urban/rural transition (cross sections)

Utility conflicts

Table 2 (Green)-Issues and Concerns

Intersection safety

- Additional traffic signals
- 4-Lane and turning lane?
- Stop light at Legion?
- Address intersections first – turn lanes
- Access in/out of Windett Ridge subdivision
- Turn lanes to help flow and prevent rear end collisions
- Stop light at Ament?
- Walker Road intersection visibility
- Access in-out Bonnie Lane

Improve traffic flow and alleviate congestion

- Move traffic regionally, not just locally
- Ability to safely pass slower vehicles (ie trucks)
- Limit curb cuts that slow traffic flow
- Improve access to I-80 and I-80 to I-88 connection
- Concerned ribbon development of commercial/retail will increase stop lights and slow traffic flow
- Traffic congestion
- Frontage road?

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Construction safety

- Detour routes clearly posted
- Construction noise affecting residents
- General traffic safety in construction zones
- Enforcing speed limits in construction zone

Consider new and existing business in design

- Open property/acres to light industry - industrial parks
- Set back requirements for business signs

Trails and open space connections

- Trail opportunities to south (Morris) connecting to Fox River Corridor