

IL Route 47

Caton Farm Road to IL Route 71

Community Advisory Group Meeting #3

November 18, 2014 - Yorkville Public Library

The third Community Advisory Group meeting for the IL Route 47 study was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Yorkville Public Library. The meeting featured a project overview and update, review of the results from the second Community Advisory Group meeting, review and discussion of the Preferred Alternative, and the solicitation of input on the Preferred Alternative. The meeting was attended by **7 stakeholders**:

- Raymond and Shirley Brucki, Residents
- Steve and Linda Gengler, Residents
- Gerry Johnson, Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church and Resident
- Jason Langston, Kendall County Sherriff's Office
- Blake Mellecker, BGM Group, Inc.

Project Overview and Update

Study team members recapped the study area and existing roadway conditions within project limits, including traffic volumes and crash data. The proposed scope of work was discussed along with results from previous meetings including those involving local officials, the Community Advisory Group, Project Study Group, and public information meetings. It was noted that the current scope of work generally consists of reconstructing IL Route 47 from just south of Caton Farm Road to just south of IL 71.

Additional projects around the Yorkville area were described to show how the IL Route 47 project would complement current projects. Study team members also discussed funding and explained that, while Phase I Engineering and Phase II Engineering are funded, the construction and Land Acquisition is currently unfunded in the FY 2015-2020 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. The project will continue to be monitored and considered for inclusion in future programs. It is expected that the Phase I process will conclude in early 2015. Phase II Engineering will then require approximately 18-24 months for completion.

CAG members were encouraged to visit the updated project website and were provided a link on the agenda.

Results of CAG Meeting #2 were described, which included a review of the Community Context Audit results, a discussion of the Preliminary Problem Statement and Purpose and Need, as well as a discussion regarding the proposed alternative. CAG members were reminded that CAG Meeting #2 showed that attendees preferred Alternative #1A, which features asymmetrical widening south of Ament Road to avoid impacts to property owned by ComEd. A handout summarizing the CAG Meeting #2 was provided to attendees and is also available on the project website.

Preferred Alternative

A roll plot map of the Preferred Alternative was available for review and discussion with study team members. Typical sections were discussed as well as on-road bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. In addition, study team members described how the IL Route 47 project is compatible with adjacent projects to the north and south and it adheres to the Purpose and Need established earlier in Phase I. Attendees were given the opportunity to provide comments while also speaking with study team members. Two (2) comments were placed on the proposed improvement roll plot map by attendees and include the following:

- There may be an intersection sight line issue at 6762 from Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church turning left onto northbound IL Route 47.
- The trees along Legion Road west of the entrance were planted by the property owner for privacy. The property owner would like the trees to remain there.

Additional comments were discussed with study team members and include the following:

- Concerns were expressed about drainage near the Ament Road intersection.
- Support for the proposed improvement.
- Support for the two-way left-turn lane in the urban section of IL Route 47.

No comments regarding the overall scope of the project were received.

Next Steps

The next steps in the process were identified:

- Refinement of the Preferred Alternative
- Design Approval: Spring, 2015
- Begin Phase II Engineering (Contract/Specifications): Summer/Fall, 2015
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Project Study Group Meeting #3: December, 2014
 - Local Official's Meeting #3: Winter, 2015
 - Public Hearing: Winter/Spring, 2015