



CAG Meeting #1

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Community Advisory Group Meeting #1 Summary

The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the US 30, Dugan Road to IL 47 Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. at the Sugar Grove Public Library 125 S Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove, Illinois 60554

The meeting included a power point presentation that provided an introduction of the project team and CAG members, an overview of Federal engineering process, review of existing US 30 data (geometrics, ADT, accident data and traffic operations), a description of the Context Sensitive Solutions element, an overview of the stakeholder involvement plan (SIP), and the CSS ground rules. Meeting attendees asked questions related to these topics, and were given the opportunity to work in small groups (four) to document issues and concerns as part of a Identify Issues and Concerns exercise. Based on the results of this exercise, CAG members crafted a Problem Statement through a facilitated discussion.

Project Team Attendance

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| 1. | Marty Morse | IDOT |
| 2. | Cary Lewis | IDOT |
| 3. | Carrie Hanson | Images |
| 4. | Jan Ward | Images |
| 5. | Jack Melhuish | HR Green |
| 6. | Ted Hamilton | HR Green |

The meeting was attended by 19 CAG members. Some of the attendees were designated alternates, and are so noted.

CAG Member Attendance

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| 1. | Sean Michels | Village of Sugar Grove |
| 2. | Brent Eichelberger | Village of Sugar Grove |
| 3. | Tony Speciale | Village of Sugar Grove |
| 4. | Rich Young | Village of Sugar Grove |
| 5. | Tom Rowe | Sugar Grove Township |
| 6. | Jeff Bornemann | Sugar Grove Drainage District 1 |
| 7. | Everett Whilden | Sugar Grove Drainage District 1 |
| 8. | Bill Perkins | Sugar Grove Fire Protection District |
| 9. | Wayne Parson | Sugar Grove Fire Protection District |
| 10. | Mike Sullivan | Kane Co DOT (Alternate for Carl Schoedel) |
| 11. | Mellisa Taylor | Kane County Board |



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12. Steve Andras	Aurora Municipal Airport
13. Ken Rojek	Big Rock Township
14. Keith Rich	Rich Harvest Farms
15. David Sweigert	Producers Chemical
16. Leonard Gaul	Scot Industries
17. John Wills	WBK for Sugar Grove Drainage District 1
18. Kathy Metzger	Village of Big Rock (Alternate for Dean Hummel)
19. Robert Bohler	Village of Sugar Grove

Comments

During the facilitated exercise portion of the meeting, CAG members were able to provide their input on the most prominent issues and concerns related to the project. The following is a list of those issues and concerns by topic area:

Traffic Impacts

- US 30 at Dugan congestion to be addressed
- Is corridor project needed or just intersection improvements
- Profile of US 30 needs to be improved
- Accommodations for Special Events in the region
- Address regional traffic
- Railroad crossing delays

Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions

- Pedestrian and bike accommodations
- Look for regional connections

Economic Impacts

- Economic development is important
- Preserve and enhance access for existing and future development
- Minimize impacts to business
- Amount of ROW acquisition needed

Airport

- Improvements FAA compliant
- Runway lighting system impacted by drainage
- Improve Veterans Memorial Parkway intersection
- Consider use of airport property for any excess fill



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Environmental Impacts

- Minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas
- Build in an environmentally sensitive manner

Safety

- Emergency vehicles stuck in traffic
- Improve rail crossing
- Reduce accidents

Drainage

- Adequate stormwater conveyance needed
- Alleviate roadway flooding
- Consider regional stormwater management

Draft Problem Statement

A draft problem statement was crafted based on the results of this issues and concerns exercise. The draft problem statement is as follows:

“The transportation problems along US 30 between Dugan Road and IL Route 47 to be addresses by this project are safety, mobility (traffic flow), capacity, drainage and airport operations. Traffic flow problems are related to the regional traffic in the west and southwest section of the study area, railroad crossing, and special events in the region. Solutions need to balance environmental impacts and the needs of economic development, including vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access to businesses and properties along and across the corridor.”

General Understanding of Agreement

A general understanding of agreement was achieved by the CAG attendees on the CSS process, the CAG ground rules, and the problem statement.

Next Steps

It was agreed that early December would be the preferred time for the second CAG meeting. At this meeting the following items will be addresses: review of concerns and issues, develop purpose and need and discuss design alternatives. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.