

MEETING SUMMARY SIG MEETING #4

**August 17, 2pm
Old McHenry Crossings Phase I
Section No. 19-00999-65-ES**

The Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) Meeting #4 was conducted August 17, 2023, for the Old McHenry Crossings Phase I Project.

The meeting took place in person at Quentin Road Baptist Church. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation by the project team and a question and answer session followed by an open house session to review preliminary preferred alternative exhibits and aesthetic concepts. The meeting began at 2pm and ended at 4pm and was attended by 15 SIG members and 9 project team members. The meeting was also attended by County Board Members Sara Frederick Knizhnik and Marah Altenberg. The purpose of this SIG meeting was to summarize project progress, present the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, and Aesthetic Design Concepts.

Notification

The SIG members were notified of the meeting via an email "Save the Date" on July 13, 2023 and were requested to register to attend the meeting in another email on August 8, 2023.

Meeting Attendance

The following SIG members were in attendance:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
Mr. Jonathan Berger	Berger Asset Management	Owner
Mr. Michael Brown	Village of Lake Zurich	Director of Public Works
Mr. Joe Christopherson	Lake Zurich Fire Department	Deputy Chief-Administration
Mr. Roberto Diaz	Hawthorn Wood Unit 5	Resident
Mr. Douglas Duval	St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School	Administrator
Mr. Scott Stavnes (Representing John Kelly)	St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School	President/Chair
Ms. Erika Frable	Village of Hawthorn Woods	Director of Public Works/Village Engineer
Mr. Howard Goodman	Transit Management Association Lake Cook	Executive Director
Mr. Jim Herriman	Quentin Road Baptist	Head Engineer
Mr. Joel Klippel	Forest Lake	Resident
Mr. Bill Koch	Hawthorn Garden Center	Owner
Mr. Marc Linhardt	Commuter	Commuter
Mr. Ryan May	White Birch Lakes	Resident
Mrs. Patrice Ronczkowski	Heather Highlands / Quentin Road Baptist / Ela Twp Republicans	Resident

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
Mr. Paul Smith	Wicklow Village Community Group	Resident
Ms. Kim Wasson	Forward Stride Stables	Owner
Ms. Sara Frederick Knizhnik	Lake County Board District 18	Board Member
Ms. Marah Altenberg	Lake County Board District 19	Board Member

The following individuals have been invited to be a part of the SIG and received copies of the meeting materials, but did not attend the meeting:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
Mr. Bob Atwater	Apex Landscaping	Owner
Mr. Greg Dwiell	Forest Lake Community Association	Board Chair
Mr. Michael Gressick	Copperfield of Hawthorn Woods	Resident
Ms. Ellyn Kearney	Bridle Woods	Resident
Mr. John Kelly	St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School	President/Chair
Mr. Mike LaManna	Foglia YMCA	Executive Director
Dr. Philip Lane	Old Barn Lane	Resident
Ms. Mia Langer	Hawthorn Trails	Resident
Mr. Erich Massat	Wheeling Wheelmen TLEN Cycling Team / LZSD 95	Commuter / Bus Driver
Ms. Leslie Lauritzen	Lake Zurich School District 95 / Spencer Loomis / Middle School North	Director of Transportation
Mr. Rob Sabo	Wicklow Village Community Group	Resident
Mr. George Sambor	Architect/Planner/ 35year resident	Resident
Mr. Paul Smith	Wicklow Village Community Group	Resident
Ms. Jessica Vealitzek	Lake County Board District 10	Board Member
Mr. Adam Schlick	Lake County Board District 2	Board Member
Ms. Deb Ackerson	Senator Dan McConchie	District Director

The following project team members attended the meeting:

LCDOT	Kevin Carrier, Chuck Gleason
TRANSYSTEMS	Matt Smith, Ben Vander Wal, Mat Ciss
CBBEL	Matt Huffman, Julia Nigohosian
TESKA	Jodi Mariano, Gabi Ebikeme

MEETING HANDOUTS:

A packet of materials was provided for each member in attendance that included the following items:

1. PowerPoint presentation slides
2. Aesthetic Design Concepts

MEETING AGENDA & PRESENTATION:

The meeting agenda as presented at the start of the meeting:

1. Introductions
2. SIG #3 Recap and Project Progress
3. Public Involvement & Stakeholder Coordination
4. Environmental Studies Update
5. Preliminary Preferred Alternative Breakout Session
6. Aesthetic Opportunities Presentation
7. Next Steps & Schedule
8. Q&A

The meeting was facilitated via PowerPoint and live presentation which covered staff and SIG member introductions, SIG #3 recap and project progress, public involvement and stakeholder coordination, environmental studies update, preliminary preferred alternative, and aesthetic opportunities concepts. The PowerPoint slides are included in Attachment A.



The project team presented the progress that had been made since the third SIG meeting, including the progression from Level 1 to Level 2 analysis which led to the preferred alternatives selected.

The project team then presented the public involvement & stakeholder coordination which has occurred to this date. They also spoke about their intent to continue to be transparent and include the community throughout the remainder of the project and during construction.

The project team then presented the findings from the environmental surveys and inventories in the project area such as parks and public lands, historic resources, cemeteries, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, open waters, water quality, as well as other community resources.

The project team moved into introducing the selected grade separation on Old McHenry Road at the CN Crossing, by lowering the roadway profile under the railroad called B1.3. The team then went over in detail the preferred alternatives chosen and summarized the evaluation criteria that led to that choice.

For Old McHenry Road O1J was selected, which consisted of 5 lanes on Old McHenry Road (OMR) with intersection improvements, 3 eastbound through lanes at Fairfield & Midlothian, 3 westbound through lanes at Midlothian, 2 westbound through and 2 westbound right turn lanes at Fairfield. This is a combination of O1 and O2 which were presented at the prior meetings.

The alternative selected for Quentin Road was Q1.5B. This consisted of 5 lanes to Ensell northbound, 3 lanes from Ensell to Old McHenry Rd. Intersection and 5 lanes to Highland southbound, 3 lanes from Highland to Old McHenry Rd. This is a combination of Q1B and Q2B which were also presented at the prior meetings.

Following the Preferred Alternative presentation, the group participated in a breakout session to allow the SIG members to view the draft preliminary alternatives in more detail and ask the project team questions.

Following the breakout session, the project team presented aesthetic opportunities. The team summarized the character of the project area and presented areas for landscape enhancement opportunities in plan and section views. Conceptual enhancements to the proposed retaining walls and underpass at the CN Railroad were presented via perspective sketch and character photographs. A native and salt-tolerant plant list was provided for consideration. Implementation of these items will require local cost participation.

Next Steps

The final Public Information Meeting is targeted for early 2024. Ongoing coordination is anticipated with IDOT and FHWA. Phase 1 is anticipated to be approved in 2024, at which time Phase 2 Design Plans may commence. As funding becomes available, Phase 3 Construction may commence in 2026.



GENERAL DISCUSSION – Q & A

During the breakout session and following the presentation about Preliminary Preferred Alternatives, SIG Members were invited to provide comments and ask questions. A summary of the questions and answers are shown below grouped by category:

- Can a temporary traffic signal be installed when construction starts for the combined St. Matthew/Hawthorn Garden Center/Public Works entrance?
 - This will be considered when the project moves to Phase 2 design
- Is there potential to bury utilities along Old McHenry Road?
 - There is potential for burying utilities, but the cost would be borne by the local municipality, township, or both.
- Who will maintain the multi-use path along Quentin Road?
 - The County will assume maintenance responsibility for the multi-use path, which includes resurfacing, crack filling and replacement but would not include snow removal.
- Will there be a safety barrier installed between the roadway and the multi-use path at the underpass?
 - The minimum distance required between edge of traveled way (roadway) and a multi-use path is 7 feet (IDOT BDE Manual 17-2.03(c)). A safety barrier would only be required if the path were less than the 7-foot minimum. The preliminary preferred alternative places the multi-use path as far as is practical which is 15 ½ feet from the edge of traveled way.
- Will truck weight restrictions be changed with this project on Old McHenry and Quentin Roads?
 - No
- Will the County DOT be the general contractor for the project?
 - The Lake County Division of Transportation is the lead agency for the project, which will be let through the Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Roads. Private contractors will bid on the project and the lowest qualifying bid will be selected as the general contractor.
- Has the project team incorporated all the public comments that were made on the project website?
 - The team has reviewed and documented all comments; however, it is not possible to incorporate each comment into the project improvements.
- Will the bike-friendly shoulder be striped as a dedicated bike lane?
 - No, it is simply a paved shoulder that provides some extra space that accommodates on-street cyclists.
- Will this project be constructed all in one piece?
 - This project will likely be broken into more than one construction project with separate timelines depending on funding. The staging plan will be developed during Phase 1 Engineering.

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED

During the meeting, the SIG members had the opportunity to submit written comments. The project team accepted written comments from any SIG member up to two weeks after the meeting. No written comments were received after the SIG 4 meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm

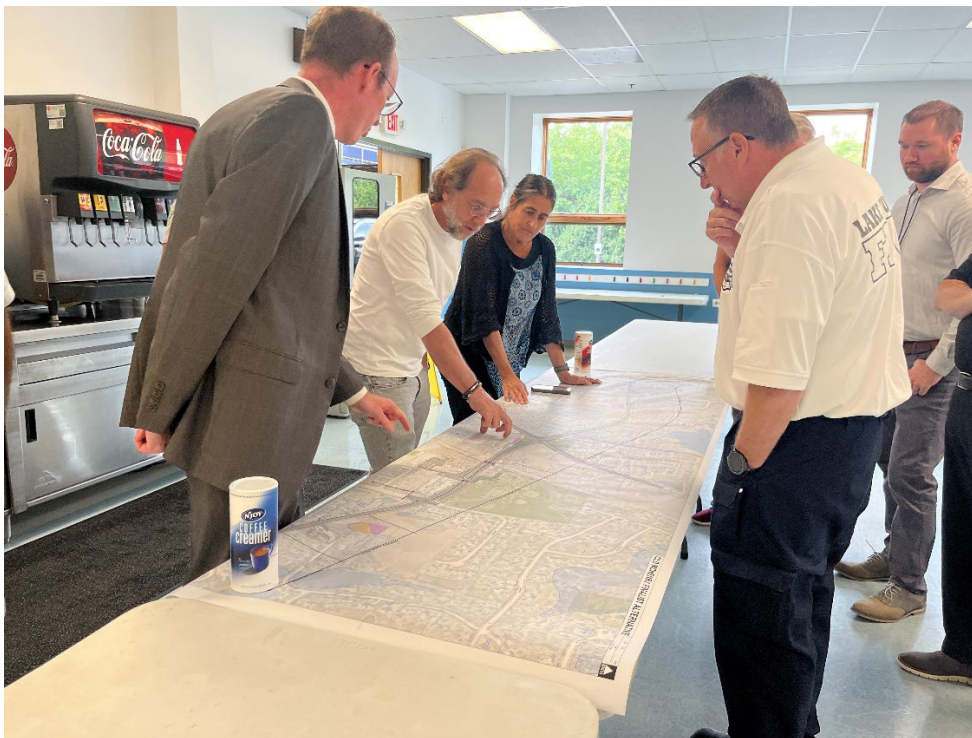
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment B – Preliminary Preferred Alternative

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