



# Barrington Road Phase I Study

Mundhank Road to IL 62

## CAG Meeting No. 1 Summary

The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the Barrington Road Phase I Study was held on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at the South Barrington Village Hall, 30 Barrington Road, South Barrington, IL 60010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting was a facilitated session that included a PowerPoint presentation, small group discussions, and an issues/concerns identification exercise. CAG members received binders that included meeting materials such as: the meeting agenda, CAG membership roster, and a handout of the PowerPoint presentation.

## Attendance

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) invited a variety of stakeholders to serve as members of the CAG. Members were solicited to establish adequate and balanced representation for all interest groups. During the first CAG meeting, the CAG members assisted the Department in understanding transportation related issues and concerns for the Barrington Road project corridor. The meeting was attended by 10 of the 11 CAG members, as well as a few observers. Below is a list of the CAG members that were in attendance.

In attendance:

- Jim Kreher – Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District
- Steve Andrews – PACE
- Mike Hankey – Village of Hoffman Estates
- Dave Jacobs – Terra Vita Estates Homeowners Association
- Ed Barsotti – Ride Illinois
- Tom Roman – South Barrington Police Department
- Natalie Karney – Village of South Barrington
- Scott Troeger – Willow Creek Church
- Suzanne Corr – Barrington Chamber of Commerce
- Jeff Jorian – Hoffman Estates Fire Department

Not in attendance:

- Paul Girard, HOA President, Willowmere Homeowners Association



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Observers included:

- Terry Witt, Spinductor Cyclewerks (Terry Witt expressed interest in joining the CAG as a full member. This adjustment was made and the member listing was updated.)
- Bob Palmer, Administrator, Village of South Barrington
- Paula McCombie, Village President, Village of South Barrington
- Todd Shaffer, Haeger Engineering

## Presentation

The project was introduced to the CAG members through a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation provided an overview of the Phase I study process, Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process, the role the CAG plays in the project development, and an overview of the existing conditions within the corridor.

The following goals were identified for the meeting:

- Understand the project and purpose of the study
- Understand the public involvement (CSS/CAG) process
- Become familiar with the IDOT Phase I process
- Identify transportation related issues and concerns for the corridor (group exercise)
- Understand preliminary studies and data
- Develop a problem statement

Following the issues and concerns exercise, preliminary studies and data available was presented to the CAG members. This portion of the presentation included crash statistics and analysis, traffic data such as existing and projected volumes, a level of service analysis, and types and locations of geometric deficiencies.

The presentation materials may be located on the project website:

<http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/barrington-rd-at-il-62>



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### Workshop

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. During the workshop, similar issues and concerns were grouped by the CAG members and headings were developed for each topic area. The following is a list of the topic areas and the Project Team's understanding of the issues and concerns developed.

#### **Improve Multimodal Transportation**

Currently, there is a lack of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along the Barrington Road corridor. The CAG members indicated a desire for improving multimodal movement along and across Barrington Road. The lack of transit infrastructure was also mentioned, in particular as it relates to the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facilities as part of the I-90 Reconstruction and Barrington Road Interchange projects.

#### **Improve Lane Configuration**

Barrington Road currently transitions from a four lane section (two lanes in each direction) south of Mundhank Road to a two lane section (one lane in each direction) between Mundhank Road and IL 62. The CAG members discussed traffic congestion through this area as it relates to the roadway section bottleneck. The narrow roadway and shoulder widths were discussed, as well as the need for regular roadway maintenance.

#### **Improve Lighting**

Roadway lighting does not currently exist along Barrington Road between Mundhank Road and IL 62. The CAG members discussed the lack of roadway lighting as it relates to safety concerns. The Project Team stated the Crash Analysis Report does not indicate crash trends related to lack of roadway lighting.

#### **Accommodate Traffic Demands**

The CAG members discussed rush hour congestion throughout the corridor and as it relates to recurring special events at Willow Creek Community Church. They indicated a desire for a traffic signal at the Willow Creek Entrance along Barrington Road to accommodate traffic demands. The CAG members also indicated a desire for two left turn lanes from northbound Barrington Road to westbound IL 62 to accommodate traffic demands for this critical movement. The length of the existing turn bay does not safely hold cars queued to turn and rush hour congestion is a concern. Also discussed was the need for emergency vehicle access during construction as Barrington Road is a primary route for local emergency vehicles.



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## Safety/Hazards

The CAG members discussed existing safety concerns along the Barrington Road corridor, including the deteriorating pavement at the Poplar Creek culvert crossing. Sight distance concerns at the Willow Creek Entrance south of IL 62 were also discussed. The Project Team noted the pavement condition and existing roadway profile throughout the corridor will be assessed as part of the Technical Analysis for the project.

## Problem Statement

The framework for a problem statement was reviewed following the issues and concerns exercise. This framework discussion involved answering the question “What are the transportation problems to be addressed by this project?” and answering via the issues and concerns exercise results. The Problem Statement, along with technical analysis, will serve as a basis for the Purpose and Need for the project.

The following is the draft Problem Statement developed during CAG Meeting No. 1:

*“The transportation problems on Barrington Road to be solved by this project are: improve multimodal transportation, improve lane configuration, improve lighting, accommodate traffic demands, and improve safety.”*

## Next Steps

The second CAG meeting is anticipated to be held in May 2016 to review the problem statement, discuss the Purpose and Need, discuss potential design alternatives, and identify the Preferred Alternative moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.