



**Waukegan Regional Airport Phase Environmental Analysis /  
Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) Phase I Engineering  
Project Coordination Briefing  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

**Introductions**

- Present: See attendance sheet.

**Illinois Route 131/ Green Bay Road Improvements**

- Project limits are from Sunset Avenue in Waukegan north to Russell Road at the Wisconsin state line.
- IL Rte. 131 is a major commuter traffic route. Southbound traffic is heavy in the morning and northbound traffic is heavy in the afternoon. The area has been experiencing traffic and population growth.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the proposed project
- This is an IDOT Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) project. This means more public involvement from the beginning and typically a slightly longer project schedule as consensus is sought among stakeholders at project milestones.
- The project started in April 2008 and is scheduled to be a 4 year project.
- Jim Stanczak represented the Waukegan Regional Airport at a project coordination meeting the study group held with the Village of Beach Park in September, 2008.
- The first public meeting was held October 29, 2008 at Beach Park Middle School and was attended by over 100 stakeholders.
- A Corridor Planning Group and Technical Advisory Group have been formed already and have met once. A project problem statement was developed from stakeholder input at the first group meeting. The Draft Purpose and Need will be presented to the FHWA on Wednesday, October 7.
- The next combined group meeting and workshop will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Zion-Benton Library. During the workshop portion, stakeholders will be ranking how well certain cross section and other project elements satisfy the needs of the study. This information will lead to the development of design alternatives. Airport

study representatives may come to the meeting to observe. All meeting attendees will be added to the IL Rte. 131 Phase I Study mailing list.

- The second public meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2009.
- While the final design has yet to be determined, IL Rte. 131 is 4 lanes south of Sunset Avenue and north of Russell Road. The existing roadway in the study area is only 2-lanes with dedicated turn lanes at some intersections.
- In addition, there is a safety improvement project at the IL Rte. 131 and Yorkhouse Road intersection. This break-out project will be let much sooner than any improvements resulting from this study and will be limited to minor turn lane improvements, etc.
- The IL Rte. 131 Improvements do not currently have funding for design or construction.
- An Environmental Survey Request (ESR) has been submitted to IDOT for this project and the response from IDOT Central Office is expected soon. IDOT Aeronautics has already contributed to the request form.
- IDOT will review the truck classification existing/planned at the runway site.  
Note – IL Rte. 131 is not a truck route in the study area.

### **Waukegan Regional Airport Improvements**

- The Airport is currently putting together a scope of services and budget to begin the Environmental Assessment and Master Plan process. Funding is already in place for this planning and environmental effort.
- Federal dollars will be pursued for the design and construction of this project. This project would have a high level of importance for the FAA to get extra federal consideration because these are runway safety improvements.
- A Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives has been developed for the Airport. Runway safety areas of 1000' are required at the both ends of the runway and a 7000' runway is desired. Environmentally and operationally, the most preferred solution is to extend the existing runway southwest. The study includes 16 alternatives and Alternatives 1b and 3b are preferred. A copy of the report was given to IDOT and HNTB.
- The preferred alternatives include a grade separation for IL Rte. 131 and the extended runway. A tunnel, one or more bridges, or a tunnel/bridge combination are all being considered. The preferred cross-section for the IL Rte. 131 improvements will help determine the grade separation design. For example, the taxiway may be a separate bridge from the runway. Security of a tunnel is a manageable concern and there are many recent examples across the country. The Airport study has coordinated with the USEPA to draft an EA with the tunnel. Final design will require coordination between the FAA and IDOT.
- The existing runway is approximately 10-12' above the roadway. This is the highest possible elevation of any improved runway design.
- Members of the IL Rte. 131 Study should be a part of the FAA study technical advisory committee.

- The primary Airport entrance is off Yorkhouse Road at McAree Road. Creating a more obvious gateway is part of the study.
- Waukegan Regional Airport is the only public airport in Lake County.
- Airport will prepare a fact sheet or brochure to be made available at future IL Rte. 131 public meetings to assist in answering questions about the airport plans. HNTB and Hanson Professional Services will coordinate this.

### **Shared Partnership Projects Timing / Scheduling**

- The IL Rte. 131 and Airport projects need to work together to coordinate information, timing, and project developments.
- The Airport Master Plan is the first phase of the project and should take approximately another 9 months.
- Both studies will need to coordinate with ComEd because of high tension lines in the area. IDOT has collected utility information for the IL Rte. 131 Study.
- The Lake County Forest Preserve District is a on the Airport Study Technical Advisory Group. The IL Rte. 131 Study also plans to coordinate with them.
- Neither study has taken soil borings to date.
- Land acquisition is an ongoing process for the Airport.
- There is a drainage issue along the west side of IL Rte. 131 near the Airport. Lake County Stormwater Management has performed creek studies in the area.
- The Waukegan Park District Community Sports Complex being developed includes improvements to the intersection of Beach Road and IL Rte. 131.
- IDOT is beginning a Phase I Study for the improvements to I-94 from Illinois Route 173 to Russell Road, adding an additional lane to I-94 and studying possible improvements to the interchange at I-94 and Illinois Route 173 and Russell Road.

### **Future Meetings / Coordination**

- The IL Rte. 131 Study is using ProjectWise, a Bentley software, to manage electronic files. Information is also available on the study website:  
[www.il131project.com](http://www.il131project.com)
- The Airport Study may use SharePoint as a file management tool.
- No regular meeting is required between the two Study groups at this time, but information will be shared and communication will continue.



# Illinois Department of Transportation

## Attendance Roster

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Project/Topic: WAUKEGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT / ILLINOIS ROUTE 131 BRIEFING

Date: OCTOBER 6, 2009

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: DISTRICT #1 - BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE ROOM

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# Waukegan Regional Airport / Illinois Route 131 Briefing

Federal Aviation Administration / Illinois Department of Transportation

October 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM (Central Time)

IDOT District 1 Offices - 201 West Center Court - Schaumburg, Illinois

Bureau of Construction Conference Room – Second Floor

## Agenda

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### 1. Welcome

*This meeting is an introductory discussion between primary stakeholders in the future widening of Illinois Route 131 / Green Bay Road and the extension of Runway 05-23 at the Waukegan Regional Airport.*

### 2. Illinois Route 131 / North Green Bay Road Improvements

- Planning and Environmental Status

### 3. Waukegan Regional Airport Improvements

- Airport Master Plan and Environmental Assessment Discussion
- Airport Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee Discussion

### 4. Shared Partnership Projects Timing/Scheduling

### 5. Future Meetings/Coordination

#### Anticipated Participants

- Richard Cantalupo, Deputy Director, IDOT Division of Aeronautics
- Amy Hanson, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration
- Ben Mello, Community Planner, Federal Aviation Administration
- Ken Doll, IDOT District 1, Bureau of Programming Consultant Studies Unit
- Marty Morse, IDOT District 1, Project Manager, Bureau of Programming
- Don Wittmer, HNTB
- Duncan Henderson, Executive Director, Waukegan Port District
- Jim Stanczak, Manager, Waukegan Regional Airport
- Ron Hudson, Hanson Professional Services
- Steve McLaughlin, Hanson Professional Services
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