



Illinois Route 131: Russell Road to Sunset Avenue
Phase I Study
P-91-352-07
PTB 145/1
Lake County

**Combined Corridor Planning Group (CPG) and
Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting No. 2**

The second combined Corridor Planning Group (CPG) and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting for the IL Rte. 131 (Green Bay Road) project was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The meeting was held at the Zion-Benton Public Library (2400 Gabriel Avenue in Zion, Illinois), which is approximately 2 miles east of the project's IL Rte. 131 corridor.

This meeting was conducted as part of IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. The purpose of the meeting was to achieve consensus on the project problem statement, introduce the draft purpose and need, and solicit ideas for project elements from the CPG and TAG groups. Two group workshops were used to facilitate discussion of the project elements.

Members of the Corridor Planning Group (CPG) and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) were invited to the second CPG/TAG Meeting which included those that attended the first meeting along with those originally signed up for the groups that could not attend the first meeting. A total of 18 stakeholders attended the meeting (2 CPG members and 16 TAG members). The 18 attendees were municipal and county officials, representatives of public agencies, property owners, and citizens. The stakeholders were contacted by mail, e-mail, and telephone to request their participation.

The format of the meeting included a 30 minute PowerPoint presentation and 2 small-group workshops. The PowerPoint presentation provided a review of the first CPG/TAG meeting as well as presented the Project Problem Statement and the draft purpose statement and the three need points. Consensus was reconfirmed on the Project Problem Statement. Although draft, the needs presented provided an important guide for evaluating project elements in the small group workshops. Those project needs were to improve capacity, improve safety, and improve operations and mobility.

The first workshop lasted about 30 minutes and was intended to rate different project elements as to how they meet the project needs. Participants were given four worksheets, one for each of the four project elements: number of lanes, median treatment, edge treatment, and pedestrian/bicycle accommodations. They were then asked to rank each option based on how well it would address the identified needs of the project from the perspective of different users, including vehicular traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists. This workshop was more individual in nature, as each person had their own worksheet to complete. This resulted in each person being able to individually arrive at conclusions rather than being swayed by the group.

Attendees were divided between four tables by the consultant team in order to encourage discussion. The small group size (4 to 5 people) allowed everyone to voice their opinion within the small group. A member of the consultant team acted as facilitator for each small group.

The second workshop lasted about 40 minutes, and was intended to encourage discussion among group members and to relate project elements directly to specific areas of the corridor. This was accomplished by providing each table with an aerial map of the project area and post-it notes and markers to make notes directly on the map. Different color markers were provided to differentiate between roadway, signals, bike/pedestrian accommodations, and other needs. Group members were very engaged in the discussions and made many comments on the provided aerials.

After the two small-group workshops, a short summary of the workshops was presented. Each group gave a short summary of the discussions that they had during the second workshop. Key ideas from the small groups included:

- Community access for bicycles and pedestrians
- Airport concerns – maintain existing roadway alignment
- School access
- Signalization at certain intersections
- Linkage between bike path systems
- Accommodation for truck traffic, especially in northern project area
- Limiting access to local/residential areas

Next the results of the first workshop were presented, showing which project elements had received the highest rankings for each project need. Consensus was confirmed on these project elements. The overall results were:

- Number of Lanes - four lanes with a divided median
- Median Treatment - wide grass median
- Edge Treatment - paved shoulder with curb and gutter
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations – shared use path

The Next Steps of the IL Rte. 131 project were discussed to close the meeting. This includes obtaining approval on the draft purpose and need from FHWA and IDOT and then presenting the purpose and need at the second public meeting. Stakeholders at the second public meeting will have an opportunity review project elements and relate these elements directly to specific areas in the project corridor. After a review of the public's input regarding the project elements, the project team will begin to develop alternatives that will logically combine the desired project elements. The next CPG/TAG would be held in the spring of 2010 and the 3rd Public Meeting will then follow just after.

INVITATIONS



You're Invited!



IL 131
GREEN BAY ROAD PROJECT

Corridor Planning Group and Technical Advisory Group Meeting #2 will be held:

October 19, 2009
10AM-12PM

Zion-Benton Public Library
2400 Gabriel Avenue
Zion, IL 60099

At our last meeting the group identified project issues/concerns and goals and objectives. Based on the workshop comments, a problem statement was crafted and sent to each participant for review. This problem statement will be used to develop the project Purpose & Need statement.

During this upcoming meeting we will summarize the project goals and objectives and confirm consensus on the draft problem statement. There will be a presentation on the environmental process, current deficiencies and the Purpose and Need. During the workshop portion of the meeting we will identify the project elements (i.e. number of lanes, median treatment, edge treatment, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations) to be applied for future use as alternatives are identified.

Please RSVP your attendance to Carrie Hansen of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944 or via email at carrie.hansen@imagesinc.net by October 14, 2009.

For additional project information please visit our website at www.IL131Project.com

We look forward to seeing you on October 19th!

SIGN-IN SHEETS



CPG/TAG Meeting #2 Register

Location: Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

Date: 10/19/09

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Place <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Next to Name	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Address				CPG/TAG
✓	Moses	Amidei	Village of Wadsworth	14155 Wadsworth Road	Wadsworth	IL	60083	TAG
	Leroy	Bolt	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
X	Warren	Bryce	Resident-Beach Park	12971 Peacock Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	Joseph	Clark	Kenosha County	1010 56th Street	Kenosha	WI	53140	TAG
X	Ron	Colangelo	City of Zion	3220 E. 27th Street	Zion	IL	60099	TAG
X	Pat	DiPersio	Village of Winthrop Harbor	830 Sheridan Road	Winthrop Harbor	IL	60096	TAG
✓	Scott	Drabicki	Village of Gurnee	325 N. O'Plaine Road	Gurnee	IL	60031	TAG
A	Beth	Dybala	Lake County Partners	28055 Ashley	Libertyville	IL	60048	TAG
+	Sandy	Francis	Senator Bond's Office	1156 E. Washington	Grayslake	IL	60030	TAG
	Gene	Gross	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	Lane	Harrison	City of Zion	2828 Sheridan Road	Zion	IL	60099	CPG
	Michael	Hewitt	Waukegan Township	149 S. Genessee Street	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG

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	Al	Hill	Zion Area Chamber of Commerce	2730 Sheridan Road	Zion	IL	60099	TAG
	John	Hogan	Winthrop Harbor Public Works	830 Sheridan Road	Winthrop Harbor	IL	60096	TAG
	Dwight	Houchins	Lake County Chamber of Commerce	5221 W. Grand Avenue	Gurnee	IL	60031	TAG
	John	Hucker	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
X	Bill	Hunt	Lake County	13 N County St 6th Floor	Waukegan	IL	60095	TAG
X	Barb	Jaeger	Village of Beach Park	10468 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	James	Jensen	Waukegan Township	149 S. Genessee Street	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
	Milton	Jensen	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	CPG
	Duwayne	Johnson	Wisconsin Department of Transportation	141 NW Barstow Street	Waukesha	WI	53187	CPG
X	Rodney	Johnson	Village of Wadsworth	14155 W. Wadsworth Rd.	Wadsworth	IL	60083	TAG
	William	Johnston	Waukegan Public Works	100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
	John	Jones	City of Zion Public Works	3220 W. 27th Street	Zion	IL	60099	TAG

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	Patricia	Jones	Waukegan Township	149 S. Genessee Street	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
	Rick	Karlin	Waukegan Chamber of Commerce	220 W. Norman Drive South	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
✓	Andrew	Kimmel	Lake County Forest Preserve District	2000 N. Milwaukee Ave.	Libertyville	IL	60048	TAG
	Don	Kopec	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800	Chicago	IL	60606	TAG
	Kristina	Kovarik	Village of Gurnee	325 N. O'Plaine Road	Gurnee	IL	60031	CPG
	Ron	Laubach	City of Waukegan	100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
	Ken	Lopez	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	Robert	Loy	Village of Winthrop Harbor	830 Sheridan Road	Winthrop Harbor	IL	60096	CPG
	Bruce	Mihelich	City of Zion	2828 Sheridan Road	Zion	IL	60099	TAG
	John	Moore	City of Waukegan	100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
	Gina	Nelson	Village of Beach Park	11270 W. Wadsworth Road	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	Chip	Parrott	Village of Beach Park	975 Campus Drive	Mundelein	IL	60067	TAG

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	George	Pavelich	Newport Township	P.O. Box 312	Russell	IL 60075	TAG
	Mike	Pavelich	Waukegan Park District	2000 Belvidere Road	Waukegan	IL 60087	TAG
	Greg	Petry	Waukegan Park District	2000 Belvidere Road	Waukegan	IL 60087	TAG
	Leon	Rockingham	Lake County Council of Mayors	1850 Lewis Avenue	North Chicago	IL 60064	TAG
	J. Delaine	Rogers	Zion Planning and Economic Development	2828 Sheridan Road	Zion	IL 60099	TAG
	Phil	Rovang	Lake County Planning and Development	1879 Vista Terrace	Lindenhurst	IL 60046	TAG
X	Glenn	Ryback	Village of Wadsworth	14155 Wadsworth Road	Wadsworth	IL 60083	CPG
	Robert	Sabonjian	City of Waukegan	100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue	Waukegan	IL 60085	CPG
	Lynn	Schlosser	Village of Wadsworth	14155 W. Wadsworth Rd.	Wadsworth	IL 60083	TAG
	Suzi	Schmidt	Lake County	18 N. County Street 10th Floor	Waukegan	IL 60085	CPG
	Randy	Seebach	Lake County Forest Preserve District	2000 N. Milwaukee Ave.	Libertyville	IL 60048	TAG
	Jim	Stanczak	Waukegan Airport	3850 N. McAree Road	Waukegan	IL 60087	TAG

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John	Stinebrink	Village of Pleasant Prairie	9915 39th Avenue	Pleasant Prairie	WI	53158	CPG
	Bryan	Swank	Village of Beach Park	12910 Wakefield Drive	Beach Park	IL	60099	TAG
	Jim	Taylor	City of Zion	2800 Sheridan Road	Zion	IL	60099	CPG
	Mike	Trigg	Waukegan Park District	2000 Belvidere Road	Waukegan	IL	60085	TAG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chuck Paula	Gleason Trigg	Lake County	600 W. Winchester	Libertyville	IL	60048	CPG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Milka	Velega	Resident-Waukegan	36833 N. Green Bay Road	Waukegan	IL	60087	TAG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurt	Woolford	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission	333 Petersen Road	Libertyville	IL	60048	TAG

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Name (Please Print)	Organization	Address	E-Mail
DUNCAN Henderson	Waukegan PORT District - Air Port -	55 South Harbor Place Waukegan 60085	
Ron Hudson	Hudson Professional WPD - Agent	315 Commerce Drive Oak Brook, IL	r.hudson@hudson-ir.com

WORKSHOP #2 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS



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Group Workshop #2: Summary of Comments Placed on Aerial Exhibits

TABLE ONE

LOCATION	COMMENT
IL Rte. 131 between Russell Road and 9th Street	<i>Deadly section</i>
West side of IL Rte. 131 across from Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Narrow section, vertical deficiencies</i>
West side of IL Rte. 131 across from Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Landfill only has about 15 years life left!</i>
Northwest corner of 9th Street and IL Rte. 131	<i>Minor League Stadium</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signals and Turn Lanes needed</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Bike crossing and lanes</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Lots of traffic, need room for truck traffic, industrial park</i>
Entire project area	<i>Left turn lanes down all Greenbay Road</i>
Beach Park Middle School	<i>Talk to school about safety/car problems</i>
Kenosha Road	<i>Roadway improvements needed: realign Kenosha Road to continue south and intersect 29th Street at a right angle, existing Kenosha Road becomes frontage road</i>
Kenosha Road / 29th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Combine intersections</i>
Kenosha Road / 29th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
IL Rte. 131 between Kenosha Road at 33rd Street	<i>2 lanes each direction</i>
33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>improve turn lanes</i>

From Waukegan Sports Complex (Beach Road) to Yorkhouse Road	<i>Bicycle and Pedestrian accommodations needed: Bike/Ped connection</i>
Waukegan Sports Complex	<i>Signals and Turn lanes needed</i>
Waukegan Regional Airport (runway)	<i>Keep the existing 2 lane there, no change. But do an underpass.</i>
Waukegan Regional Airport (runway)	<i>Tunnel under runway</i>
Yorkhouse Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>1)opinion: Bike/ped connections unsafe/unneccesary. 2) opinion: do complete streets, R/W impacts</i>
Yorkhouse Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Barrier median</i>
Yorkhouse Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Complete streets, bike lanes, sidewalks, roundabouts, landscaped medians, limited cuts, pull-offs for buses, 4-lane divided</i>
Yorkhouse Road at iL Rte. 131	<i>additional signal, turn lane improvements needed</i>
IL Rte. 131 south of Yorkhouse	<i>2 lanes in both directions</i>
Blanchard Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Turn and bypass lanes</i>
Blanchard Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Absolutely no bike riders, no pedestrians down Green Bay Road</i>
IL Rte. 131 north of Sunset Avenue	<i>No 4 lanes, just turn lanes along Green Bay Road</i>
Sunset Avenue at IL Rte. 131	<i>Turning capacity for semi-truck traffic</i>
Sunset Avenue at IL Rte. 131	<i>Roadway improvements needed: turning capacity</i>

TABLE TWO

LOCATION	COMMENT
Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Add Right Turn at Golf Course</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>UPRR crossing poor condition</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Drainage issues, sub-standard road condition west of RR</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>New Signal and Roadway improvements needed for future traffic - ball park entrance off 9th Street</i>
From 9th Street to Taylor Lane	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>
Taylor Lane at IL Rte. 131	<i>Drainage concern: existing restrictor to the east, overland flow on private property to the west of IL Rte. 131</i>
Taylor Lane at IL Rte. 131	<i>Treat driveway as road?</i>

21st Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Re-time existing signal for Pedestrian and Bicycle crossing, signal coordination, signal improvement</i>
Entrance to Beach Park Middle School at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed?</i>
From 21st Street to Kenosha Road	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>
Kenosha Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Roadway improvements needed. Possibly cut Kenosha Road at IL Rte. 131 and extend south to new intersection with 29th Street</i>
29th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
Major Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed because Major is a heavily used connector to Delaney</i>
Thunderhawk Golf Club, northeast side of 33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Thunderhawk access: public = 29th Street and Lewis, service = 33rd Street</i>
Thunderhawk Golf Club, northeast side of 33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>ROW concern at Thunderhawk</i>
33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
From 33rd Street to Beach Road/ Waukegan Sports Complex	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle accommodations needed</i>
Wadsworth Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Re-time existing signal for Pedestrian and Bicycle crossing, signal coordination, signal improvement</i>
Beach Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
From Beach Road/ Waukegan Sports Complex to Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>potential bike trail shown to west of project area, linking parks and connecting to bike accommodations within project area</i>
From Beach Road/ Waukegan Sports Complex to Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>bike/ped path should diverge from the roadway west near Yorkhouse (don't use tunnel under runway)</i>
From Waukegan Sports Complex to Yorkhouse Road	<i>4-lane, no median, curb & gutter</i>
Yorkhouse Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Re-time existing signal for Pedestrian and Bicycle crossing, signal coordination, signal improvement</i>
Along Yorkhouse Road, to east and west of IL Rte. 131	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>
Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>Ped crossings at Waukegan Savanna (north and/or south of Yorkhouse)</i>
Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>Ped/bike access Sunset to Waukegan Sports Complex (on west side?)</i>
Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>Lake County Forest Preserve District currently working on a Master Plan for preserve</i>

Blanchard Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed (half way between Sunset Avenue and Beach Road)</i>
From Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve to Sunset Avenue	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>

TABLE THREE

LOCATION	COMMENT
Near Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Pedestrian and Bike Paths nice to have</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>By 2010 Ball field to be at 9th and Green Bay, West side</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
IL Rte. 173 at IL Rte. 131, southwest side	<i>Future Retail</i>
Kenosha Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Realign Kenosha Road to match road</i>
Thunderhawk Golf Club, northeast side of 33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Pedestrian and Bike Path nice to have</i>
Northwest side of 33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Potential Beach Park fire dept. fire station on Major Ave, W of Green Bay</i>
Beach Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
Southwest corner of Beach Road and IL Rte. 131	<i>Waukegan Soccer Field to come</i>
Southwest corner of Yorkhouse Road at IL Rte. 131, near Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve	<i>Pedestrian and Bike Path nice to have</i>

TABLE FOUR

LOCATION	COMMENT
IL Rte. 131 south of Russell Road	<i>Roadway improvements needed: widening</i>
Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Roadway improvements needed: SB left turn lane and NB right turn lane</i>
Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	<i>Generator of truck traffic</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
9th Street	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed on 9th Street to east and west of IL Rte. 131</i>
9th Street	<i>Roadway improvements needed: widen 9th Street</i>
9th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Roadway improvements needed: NB dual left turn lanes</i>
Southwest corner of 9th Street and IL Rte. 131	<i>Significant truck traffic</i>
Southeast corner of 9th Street and IL Rte. 131	<i>Gateway signage</i>

IL Rte. 131 south of 9th Street	<i>Roadway improvements needed: widening</i>
Private drive south of 9th Street	<i>Roadway improvements needed: NB left turn lane</i>
Beach Park Middle School	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>
West side of IL Rte. 131 north of Kenosha Road, near Beach Park Middle School	<i>Limit access?</i>
Kenosha Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Roadway improvements needed</i>
29th Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
IL Rte. 131 between 29th Street and 33rd Street	<i>Roadway improvements needed: widening</i>
33rd Street at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
Roadway between 33rd Street and Wadsworth Road	<i>Roadway improvements needed: NB right turn lane and WB right turn lane</i>
Beach Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>
Waukegan Sports Complex (southwest corner of Beach Road and IL Rte. 131)	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed (perimeter)</i>
South end of Waukegan Sports Complex	<i>Ped/Bike bridge over roadway</i>
From Beach Road to Yorkhouse Road	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed</i>
Waukegan Regional Airport	<i>Runway to extend south west over IL Rte. 131</i>
Yorkhouse Road	<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations needed to east and west of IL Rte. 131</i>
IL Rte. 131 south of Yorkhouse Road	<i>Roadway improvements needed: widen</i>
Blanchard Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Limit Access</i>
Blanchard Road at IL Rte. 131	<i>Signal needed</i>