

I-57 Access Study

South of Wilmington-Peotone Rd. to north of Manhattan-Monee Rd.

CAG #2 Summary

Thursday, July 17, 2025, Peotone Public Library District, Peotone, IL

The second Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the I-57 Access Study was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the Peotone Public Library District, 515 N 1st St, Peotone, IL 60468 from 10AM-12PM. The meeting included the following:

- A PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the study, review of items from the first CAG meeting as well as the study's problem statement
- An interactive activity to provide feedback on the purpose and need and identify transportation problems within the study area

Invitations to the second CAG meeting were sent via email to those who were approved and invited to the first CAG meeting. Invitations were sent to a total of 17 CAG members. The meeting was attended by 7 CAG members, four guests or proxies/representatives, IDOT, and consultant team members. The study team noted that interested additional CAG members can fill out the application posted on the website and emphasized the need for approval to attend.

PowerPoint Presentation

The meeting started with a welcome and introduction of the study team and the CAG members, followed by a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation focused on the following topics:

- Project Process Review and Study Update
- CAG Meeting #1 Summary
- Review of Problem Statement & Purpose and Need
- Interactive Activity
- Next Steps

Feedback

CAG members asked questions and provided feedback during the following sections of the presentation.

Review of Problem Statement

- Land use should be discussed more as growth has led to traffic congestion.
- How does this project relate to projects like the South Suburban Airport?
- Too much freight runs through the area and there is not enough truck infrastructure.
- Existing interchanges need to be fixed at a minimum.
- The problem statement should include quality of life and something about development and growth in the area.
- CAG membership needs to be prioritized, especially for residents instead of elected officials.

Review of Purpose and Need

- The identified needs need to be adjusted to emphasize the growth of the region.

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Interactive Activity

An interactive activity separated attendees into three (3) small group discussions guided by key focus questions, where they used large sticky notes to summarize their thoughts. The focus questions were:

- Does the Purpose and Need capture the transportation problems within the study area?
- What solutions should be considered to resolve the transportation problems and identified needs?

Groups reported out their responses at the end of the activity and those responses were collected by the study team to use as additional input on the Purpose and Need.

The following feedback was collected during the discussion:

Purpose & Need

- The purpose statement does capture the problem well, but it should include quality of life and the growth of warehouses in the region.
- The identified needs should emphasize improving existing interchanges, weigh station, and truck rest areas.
- Regarding safety, additional information was requested such as:
 - Number of crashes at each hot spot
 - Vehicle types at the crash location
 - The number of crashes at the existing interchange ramps
 - Identification of crashes at the weigh stations and rest areas

Potential Solutions

- Potential solutions identified included:
 - Add lanes to alleviate current traffic, but not attract more traffic
 - Resurface I-57
 - Add a lane to accommodate worker shift changes at warehouses
 - Additional parking for trucks along the corridor

Next Steps

The study team will consider the input from the CAG members and incorporate the results of the interactive activity that identified transportation issues and concerns. From the information and feedback received, the study team will finalize the problem statement and update the Purpose and Need if required. The second Public Meeting is anticipated in August 2025, where the study team will present a study update and the Purpose and Need.

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First Name	Last Name	Representing	Attended
CAG Members			
Ronald	Adamski	community member/interested party	Y
Odette	Alaniz	d'Escoto, Inc	Y
Ruben	Bautista	Village of Monee	Y
Michael	Bialko	None	
Jeff	Bonick	community member/interested party	Y
Rick	Bryant	U.S. Representative Kelly's office – Illinois 2nd District	Y
Lauren	Collins	Community interest, Land Use	
Kristi	Delaurentiis	South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association	
Raymond	Frederici	community member/interested party	
Christina	Holston	None	
Daniel A.	Injerd	community member/interested party	
Adam	Jones	Peotone Resident	
John W.	Kieken	Stop Northpoint	Y
Jon	Panozzo	community member/interested party	
Michael	Pasteris	community member/interested party	
Shauen	Pearce	community member/interested party	
Chris	Vieaux	Village of Peotone	Y
Guests / Proxies			
Therese	Bogs	Mayor, Village of Monee	Y
Joseph	Simmons	community member/interested party	Y
Aaron	Craig	community member/interested party	Y
Nick	Palmer	Village Administrator, Village of Peotone	Y