

IL83 & IL 137 Study

Public Meeting #2 - May 24, 2016

Summary

Overview

The second public meeting for the IL83 and IL137 preliminary engineering study in Lake County, was held on May 24, 2016 at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach, Illinois 60073.

The meeting was held in the Civic Center's banquet room and the room was divided by a wall partition. One half of the room was set up to provide a looping audio-visual presentation that included the project overview, project timeline, project purpose and need, engineering considerations, environmental considerations, alternatives development, overview of the alternatives, and next steps in the process. The second half of the room contained maps, exhibit boards, and roll plots of the alternatives throughout the corridor.

The maps included a project study area map, a bicycle accommodations map, and an environmental inventory map.

The exhibit boards provided information regarding the project study process, project timeline, project purpose and need, engineering considerations, environmental considerations, public involvement, and an overview of the alternatives.

Roll plots provided an aerial view of the geometrics for the alternatives over existing aerial imagery in each of the three sections of the corridor.

During the meeting attendees were provided a project newsletter and a comment sheet to share thoughts regarding the project. Attendees were also provided an opportunity to speak to representatives from IDOT and the project study team or leave comments directly on the roll plots for specific concerns.

The meeting was attended by **124** participants and **31** comment forms were received during the meeting.

Attendees included:

Public Officials:

Sarah Shadnia and Gennifer Geer for State Senator Melinda Bush Bonnie Thomson Carter, Lake County Board, District 5 Tom Weber, Lake County Board, District 3 Terry Wilke, Lake County Board, District 16 Jeff Werfel, Lake County Board, District 6

Municipal Representatives:

Bill Heinz, Public Works Director, Village of Grayslake Karl Warwick, Village Administrator, Village of Lake Villa Marty Neal, Highway Commissioner, Libertyville Township Frank Slazes, Fire Chief, Lake Villa Fire District Emily Karry, Lake County Department of Transportation Chuck Gleason, Lake County Department of Transportation Georgeann Dunerstein, Trustee, Village of Hainesville



Agency Representatives:

Tim Dilsauer, PACE Bus Rick Mack, METRA Randy Seeback, Lake County Forest Preserve William Soucie, Director of Operations, Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency

Media Outlets:

Daily Herald

Additional Organizations:

Liberty Prairie Homeowners Association Conserve Lake County

Comments:

31 comment forms were submitted at the meeting. The following topics were included:

- Alternatives cause too many impacts to residential properties along IL 137, south of US 45
- IL 137 south of US 45 should not be rural
- Opposition to raised curb median and support for center turn lane option in north section, for access and right of way impacts
- Noise Concerns
- Support for center turn lane option in central section, for access and business impacts
- Keep existing bike path on west side of IL 83 on section from Lake to Washington
- Concern for traffic issues and school children crossing safely at roundabout locations
- Support a combination of center turn lane and raised median alternatives in central section
- Support a combination of center turn lane and raised median alternatives in north section
- Intersection of IL 83 and IL120 should have an underpass
- Support Bike/pedestrian path throughout corridor
- Support project
- Support for keeping frontage road for businesses along IL 83, south of Lake St.
- Support improving IL137 and Peterson Road from Butterfield Road to US 45, due to congestion
- Concern for utilities that cannot be relocated
- · Question raised about who to contact for sidewalk needs, outside of project limits
- Support building roadway to handle heavy trucks