



Community Advisory Group Meeting #3 Summary

September 11, 2018 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.



CAG Meeting Summary

The third Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the US 20 Phase I Study was held at the Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120.

The project team’s presentation to meeting attendees included a review of past public involvement activities, a review of the problem statement and purpose and need statement, and the recommended design for the US 20 project. Meeting attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss more details in smaller groups.



Attendance

The meeting was attended by 26 people, including representatives from:

- City of Elgin
- Kane County Division of Transportation
- Fox River Water Reclamation District
- Southwest Area Neighbors (SWAN)
- Private residents

AGENDA

The meeting consisted of:

Introductions

Project Overview

IL 31 Update

Roadway Improvements

- Nesler Road to Old Barn Road
 - Longcommon Parkway
 - Grace St. Interchange
 - Fox River Bridge
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Other Project Components

- Noise Analysis
 - Drainage Improvements
 - Multi-use Trail
 - Right-of-way Acquisition
 - Cost Estimate
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Next Steps

Small Group Discussion



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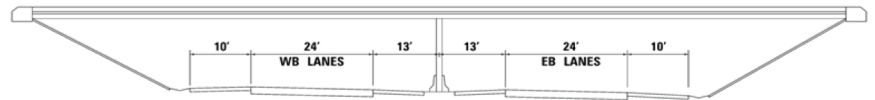
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IL Route 31 Update

The IL 31 bridge replacement is included in IDOT's 2019-2024 Proposed Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program.

The new bridge will include new left and right turn lanes from IL 31 to the US 20 ramps, as well as a new shared use path on the west side of the bridge.



0.81 total acres

of land acquisition is required south of the interchange.

0.43 total acres

of temporary construction easements are required from ten parcels, including seven residential parcels north of the interchange.

\$10.6 million

estimated construction cost

Roadway Improvements

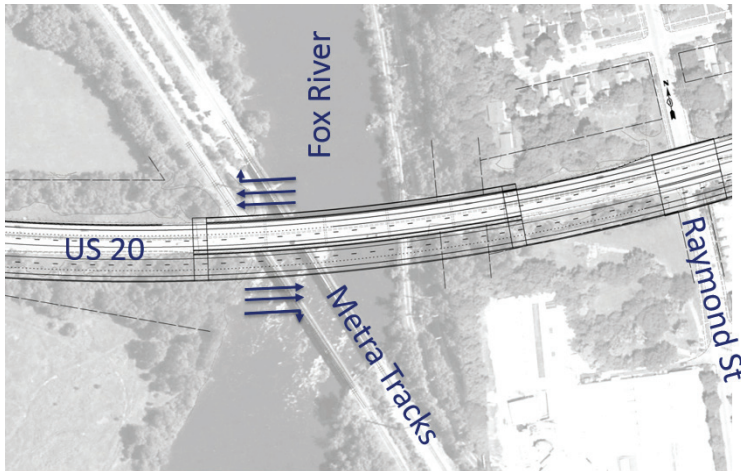


A new left turn lane is proposed from eastbound US 20 to Nesler Road.

A Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection is proposed at Weld Road/Longcommon Parkway that is expected to improve safety and maintain traffic flow on US 20

How drivers would use the RCUT intersection at Weld Road/Longcommon Parkway.

Roadway Improvements (continued)



The Fox River Bridge will be reconstructed. The new bridge will have two through lanes, one auxiliary lane, and shoulders in each direction, as well as a barrier-separated shared use path on the north side of the bridge.

The US 20 bridge over Raymond Street will be widened.

The length of acceleration and deceleration lanes at Grace Street, Illinois Avenue, and Lavoie Avenue will be increased to improve safety.

Other Project Components



Noise analysis found that **11 potential noise walls in the corridor are reasonable and feasible**, meaning they are constructible and cost effectively reduce traffic noise.



The project will help to **implement the City of Elgin's Bicycle Master Plan**.



Minor ROW acquisition and/or easements are needed east of Nesler Road, west of Longcommon Parkway along IL 31, in Marie Grolich Park, and east of the Fox River.



The cost estimate for the project is **approximately \$80 M**, including the replacement of the Fox River Bridge and rehabilitation of other bridges.



The project **does not yet have funds** programmed for Phase II and III.



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Next Steps

IDOT will:

1

Finalize

the recommended alternative.

2

Inform

the community of upcoming public meetings.

3

Present

the recommended alternative at the next public meeting.

The third Public Meeting is expected to take place Summer 2019.

Comments and Questions

City of Elgin staff and residents noted existing traffic problems at US 20 & Weld Road/Longcommon Parkway with traffic and requested that a traffic signal be reconsidered.

Truck volumes have increased on IL 31 in the past year due to changes in the roadway network and land development.

Some people expressed concern about noise walls reflecting noise back to residents.

People were interested in the bike path connections to the new path on the US 20 bridge over the Fox River.

The Islamic Center of Illinois noted a desire for noise walls near their facilities.