



US ROUTE 40

Formosa Road to Bethany Drive
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY

Community Advisory Group - Membership Application Form

Name: _____
Organization _____
Represented: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Best Way to Reach You: _____

CAG Overview

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) program is designed to encourage timely and meaningful opportunities for input and to encourage information sharing and collaboration between the CAG and the Project Study Group (PSG).

CAG Responsibilities

To assist in the development of the environmental and engineering studies for the U.S. Route 40 – Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Phase I Study, IDOT has proposed the establishment of a Community Advisory Group (CAG). The CAG will meet on an as-needed basis, which may include joint workshops with the PSG.

CAG Membership

The CAG group consists of voluntary community members, including study area residents, businesses, property owners, and local government representatives, that represent a cross-section of the stakeholders in the project. The CAG will represent the views of the communities within the Study Area. The responsibilities of the CAG include, but are not limited to, providing input to the Study process, providing feedback on improvement options, and assisting IDOT in evaluating the potential effects of those options on community resources.

Please describe your main reason for wanting to be a member of the CAG:





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CAG Acknowledgement

I am submitting this request to be considered to be a member of the U.S. Route 40 – Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Phase I Study Community Advisory Group (CAG) to provide community input to IDOT in the Phase I process in accordance with the Study's Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP). I understand that submitting this request does not guarantee that I will be selected as a CAG member, as the CAG size will be limited and will represent a variety of stakeholders. Please read and check to confirm your understanding of the following responsibilities required of all CAG members.

If selected to be a member of the CAG, I understand that it is my responsibility:

- ☐ To attend **all** CAG meetings (or have an assigned representative attend in my place). I understand that this commitment extends until completion of the current Phase I Study, which is anticipated to occur in 2024.
- ☐ To stay well informed of study issues. This may include reviewing information materials between CAG meetings as requested by PSG members.
- ☐ To provide IDOT with input and feedback on the community's perspective on alternatives related to proposed improvements along U.S. Route 40 between Formosa Road and Bethany Drive in Troy.
- ☐ To create awareness of the Study and to promote open communication within the group and the community.
- ☐ To provide two-way communication between IDOT and stakeholders by communicating stakeholder interests and concerns to IDOT and sharing IDOT concerns and perspectives with stakeholders.
- ☐ To be willing to step down from the CAG if unable to fulfill my commitments to allow the CAG to proceed in a timely manner.

CAG Ground Rules

The following ground rules will be used during the U.S. Route 40 – Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Phase I Study to form the basis for respectful interaction between all parties involved in the stakeholder process. CAG members will have the opportunity to modify the ground rules at the first CAG meeting as needed, however the PSG is the final decision maker. The ground rules will be included in the Study's Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

- ◆ Stakeholder input is duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- ◆ Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- ◆ All participants must keep an open mind and participate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- ◆ All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a general understanding of agreement.
- ◆ A general understanding of agreement is "when a majority of the stakeholders agrees on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the process as a whole was fair."
- ◆ All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- ◆ The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the project schedule.
- ◆ IDOT and FHWA will serve as the lead agencies and make final project decisions.
- ◆ Meetings will be documented, and meeting summaries will be made available to the public.
- ◆ Participants should express their ideas, feelings, and concerns so that the group can consider them during the study.
- ◆ Participants should support the guidance provided by the CAG facilitator.

Signature: _____ Date: _____





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CAG Membership Application Deadline

In order to be considered for membership on the CAG, this application must be received by IDOT by March 30, 2024.

Please scan and email your completed application to Sarah.Wiszkon@illinois.gov or mail to:

Illinois Department of Transportation, District 8
ATTN: Sarah Wiszkon
1102 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234

You may also contact Sarah Wiszkon, Project Manager, if you have any questions or would like additional information at (618) 346-3309 or visit the project website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/us40-phase1-study> to learn more about the Study.

Our goal is to have a balanced CAG membership with a broad range of stakeholder interests represented by members who have the ability to fully participate. Depending on the number of CAG membership applications received, IDOT may limit CAG membership to one or two members from similar interests/entities to ensure effective representation. The IDOT Study Team will make the final selection of CAG members in the next several weeks. We will notify you of the CAG membership selection at that time.

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Route 40 – Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Study's Community Advisory Group.

