



Meeting Notes Community Advisory Council Meeting #8

Randall Road Improvements Study County Line Road to Ackman Road McHenry County

April 10, 2008

This meeting was the eighth presentation of the Randall Road Improvements Study to the membership of the Community Advisory Council (CAC). The purpose of the meeting was to review the alternative packages including associated conceptual geometry and environmental resources within the study area. The meeting took place at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall located at 600 Harvest Gate. The agenda for the meeting included the following:

- Introductions
- Approval of March 6, 2008 Meeting Notes
- Summary of CAC Meeting #7
- Review Alternative Packages for Level 3. Detailed Evaluation
- Review Environmental Resources in Study Area
- Focus for CAC Meeting #9

Following are highlights of the main topics discussed at the meeting.

I. Introductions

At the meeting there was representation from Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce, Baxter and Woodman, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, City of Crystal Lake, HDR, Kane County Division of Transportation, McHenry County Division of Transportation, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, and Village of Lake in the Hills. A copy of the sign-in sheet is an attachment to this document.

The membership list was mentioned as needing to be updated. Any changes in information should be forwarded to HDR. In addition, any membership changes should be brought forward as well.

II. Approval of March 6, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were sent to CAC membership via e-mail and posted on the project website. Hard copies of the notes were available at the meeting. There were no comments on the March 6, 2008 meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved as presented. The notes will remain posted on the project website.

III. Summary of CAC Meeting #7

The seventh CAC Meeting focused on 2030 Traffic Projections and the results of the Level 2. Comparative Evaluation. The meeting also reviewed two new intersections options, the Quadrant Roadway Intersection and the Continuous Green-T Intersection.

IV. Review Alternative Packages for Level 3. Detailed Evaluation

A memorandum presenting the Alternative Packages was distributed to CAC membership. Prior to explaining the alternative packages, the process used to identify the alternative packages was briefly explained. It was noted that the alternatives were developed from the best scoring options and that all alternatives will be screened through Level 3. Detailed Evaluation. Detailed traffic operations analyses will be conducted for the intersections that are considered project omissions. It was also noted that the Preferred Alternative may be a combination of options from the Alternatives evaluated and that options within a particular alternative may not be feasible from a design perspective once more detailed design is undertaken and traffic operations are complete.

Once the alternative packages were explained, CAC membership was divided into two groups. The groups were led to stations containing the conceptual geometric layouts of the alternative packages. CAC membership was asked to review the layouts, ask questions, and provide comments.

The following comments were provided on the Alternatives presented:

- Alternative 1. There will be extreme access problems for businesses at the Randall Road and Algonquin Road Intersection.
- Alternative 1. There is proposed access at Randall Road and Angela Lane Intersection (east leg) for a residential development.
- Alternative 1. A right-in/right-out at Village Road and Alexandra Blvd is preferred for residential and business access even if Angela Lane signal meets warrants.
- Alternative 1 and 1b. There is limited right-of-way on the south side of Angela Lane.
- Alternative 1b. Randall Road at Bunker Hill Road (just south of) is a good location to put multi-use overpass because of High School.
- Alternative 1b. The bike path is a good idea.
- Alternative 1b. There will be many challenges with the Woods Creek underpass because of the floodplain.
- Alternative 1b. Pedestrian/Bicycle access is very important along the corridor. It reduces some traffic and maintains access to businesses.
- Alternative 1 and 2. The lanes do not line up between the western and eastern legs of the Randall Road and Acorn Ln/Polaris Dr Intersection. For example, if you are in the northern left turn lane on the west leg, you align with a thru lane on the east leg. If this cannot be fixed, it should at least be signed better.
- Alternative 1 and 2. Regarding the SB dual left turns at Randall Road and Acorn Ln/Polaris Dr Intersection: weaving occurs in a very short distance when in the inside left lane tries to turn into the drive off of Acorn Lane that goes up to the shopping centers and movie theater.
- Alternative 2. Significant impact along Algonquin Road for Lake in the Hills residents of Big Sky South (Harvest Gate) and in the vicinity of Crystal Lake Road.

- Alternative 3. There is a business access concern for the northwest and southwest corners of the Randall Road and Algonquin Road Intersection.
- Alternative 3. The proposed signal at Stonegate will not be at 1/2-mile spacing which will affect signal coordination. In the existing condition there is only one intersection that does not have 1/2-mile spacing.

CAC membership was then reminded of the purpose of the CAC (to be a liaison between the public, their organization, and McHenry County). There was a discussion about providing comments on behalf of your organization. McHenry County does not want any organization to be surprised about what they see. They expect that CAC membership distributes information presented at the meetings to their staff and interested public and that CAC membership bring forward any comments generated by their respective organization. McHenry County also noted that they are available upon request to meet with individuals within an organization to present the study. This does not include McHenry County presenting at a Council or Village Board meeting; that is the CAC representative responsibility.

V. Review Environmental Resources in the Study Area

CAC membership was asked to review the aerial maps showing environmental features within the study area and notify McHenry County of any resources that are missing or incorrectly displayed. Environmental resources in the study area were briefly presented along with brief explanations of associated analyses. The presentation focused on the following resources:

- Agricultural lands
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Public lands and Section 4(f) resources
- Special Waste
- Traffic Noise
- Water Resources

It was noted that all environmental impacts will be identified in accordance with federal, state, and local guidance. In addition, potential mitigation measures will be identified and coordination will occur with all affected agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Natural Resources, Army Corps of Engineers, etc. The Preferred Alternative will be modified to avoid or minimize environmental impacts.

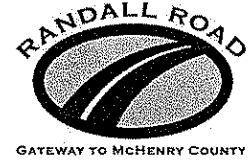
VI. Focus for CAC Meeting #9

The focus for CAC Meeting #9 is to review the results of Level 3. Detailed Evaluation. The Preferred Alternative will be presented along with potential right-of-way needs. The alternatives presented at CAC Meeting #8 may be altered slightly once the geometry is further refined and traffic operations are completed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Randall Road (FAU 0009) Improvements Study



Sign-in Sheet

Meeting Purpose: Community Advisory Council Meeting #8
Meeting Date: April 10, 2008
Meeting Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate

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