

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Time of Meeting: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Meeting Location: Lake Villa Township Office

Regarding: Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT)
Fairfield Road and Monaville Road Intersection Improvement
LCDOT Section #15-00120-06-CH
Public Information Meeting #2 summary

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The second public information meeting for the Fairfield Road and Monaville Road Intersection Improvement was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lake Villa Township Office. The purpose of the meeting was to present two preliminary design concepts for public comment.

The meeting was conducted in an open house format with exhibits on display for review. Attendees had the opportunity to speak with study team representatives and provide written comments. 85 people signed in. We received 27 written comments from the public. The comment period closed on February 14, 2017.

The most common written public comments received addressed the following topics:

- *Comment:* Supportive of a roundabout, a signalized intersection, or the “no build” option
Response: The LCDOT is evaluating the roundabout, signalized intersection and “no build” alternatives for this intersection. The final decision will consider public comments, stakeholder group comments, engineering analysis, and the costs, benefits and impacts associated with each alternative.
- *Comment:* In favor of constructing the potential cul-de-sac at the east end of Old Monaville Road
Response: The cul-de-sac will be analyzed for potential inclusion as part of the intersection improvement. Old Monaville Road is under the jurisdiction of Lake Villa Township, so any proposed change to the roadway needs Township support and approval.
- *Comment:* Concerned about light pollution associated with the roundabout
Response: If a roundabout is selected, the illumination will be designed to meet federal recommendations. The final design will take this concern into account by investigating shielding of the lights to reduce the light pollution.

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- *Comment:* Curious about statistics from similar intersections, such as the Cedar Lake/Monaville roundabout

Response: The estimated crash reduction percentages presented at the public meeting came from federally published statistics. The roundabout at Cedar Lake and Monaville is relatively new, and any crash data from the intersection may not yet be statistically significant to provide a fair representation of the estimated reduction in crashes. LCDOT has reviewed crash data from 3 other roundabouts in the County and found that overall crashes were reduced by 46% and injury and fatal crashes were reduced by 85%

Additional comments received indicate the following: requests a shift of the roundabout design to the north; concern about improper use of the roundabout; in favor of a cul-de-sac on Old Monaville Road; curious about the project cost; and thinks nearby intersections have a more urgent need.