

Public Information Meeting #2

Meeting Summary

The second public information meeting for the Fremont Center Road Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Fremont Intermediate School at 28754 N. Fremont Center Road, Mundelein, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the conceptual improvement alternatives, discuss evaluation criteria for the alternatives, identify alternatives for further study, and gather public input.

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. The meeting was attended by 108 people. Twenty-two written comments were received at the meeting and two comments were received after the meeting during the official comment period ending June 1, 2016.

The following public officials were in attendance:

- Lake County Board
 - Jeff Werfel
 - Chuck Bartels
- Village of Mundelein
 - Bill Emmerich
- Village of Grayslake
 - Bill Heinz
- Lake County Forest Preserve District
 - Randy Seebach
- Fremont Township
 - Diana O'Kelly
 - Bill Grinnell

Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- St. Mary of the Annunciation
 - Howard Fischer
 - Fr. Jerry Jacob
- One Long Grove
 - Marcia Marshall
- Sierra Club
 - Evan Craig
- Daily Herald
 - Mick Zawislak

- Catholic Cemeteries
 - Steve Jankowski

The following Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) members were in attendance:

- Bill Emmerich, Village of Mundelein
- Randy Seebach, Lake County Forest Preserve District
- Kurt Wandrey, Winchester Development, LLC
- Diana O'Kelly, Fremont Township
- Steve Jankowski, Catholic Cemeteries
- Bill Heinz, Village of Grayslake
- Christine Nordmark, Resident
- Betsy Tekampe, Resident
- Pete Tekampe, Resident – Saddlebrook Farms

The majority of public comments received addressed the following topics:

- Intersection safety
- Intersection treatments
- Preference for particular alternative(s)
- Locations for other improvement projects

A list of common questions received during or after the meeting are listed below, with responses following.

1. The alternative exhibits show potential signals, roundabouts, or channelization improvements. When will the intersection treatments be decided?

The next step in the project is to decide which alternatives will be studied in greater detail. The Project Study Group (represented by the Lake County Division of Transportation and Consultant) will ultimately make the final decision, taking into account the project purpose and need, travel patterns, impacts, and stakeholder and public input.

Once it has been decided which alternatives will be studied in greater detail, the consultant team will develop year 2040 projected traffic volumes and analyze the intersection treatments, including roundabouts, traffic signals, or stop control on the minor street only. More detailed geometrics will be developed including roadway alignments, number of through lanes, and number of turn lanes.

Ultimately, the intersection treatments at each intersection will be decided once actual development plans have been approved for a section of property within the study area.

2. Other roadways within the corridor, such as Erhart Road, IL Route 60 and IL Route 83, need improvements similar to what is shown in the Concept Alternatives. Are other roadways included in the study?

Erhart Road is under the jurisdiction of Fremont Township while IL Route 83 and IL Route 60 are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

LCDOT is leading this project to provide improvements to the Fremont Center Road and IL Route 60 intersection while also establishing a future roadway network that can be constructed as needed. Improvements to roadways beyond the limits of their intersection with a LCDOT roadway are out of LCDOT's jurisdiction and are not included as part of this project. However, as the project moves forward, discussions with Fremont Township and IDOT will occur regarding their level of participation in the project.

3. When will this project be constructed?

At this time, it is anticipated that a proposed improvement at the IL Route 60 and Fremont Center Road intersection will be constructed in 2019, depending on the availability of funding and project readiness. Other improvements and roadway extensions will occur as development dictates.

4. Now that Concept Alternatives have been presented, what is the next step for the project?

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At a minimum, the intersection of IL Route 60 and Fremont Center Road will be constructed. Construction is scheduled for 2019, depending on the availability of funding and project readiness. Other improvements will be constructed as development occurs.

5. How will traffic be maintained during construction?

The maintenance of traffic varies significantly depending on the potential roadway alignment and intersection treatment selected for the proposed improvement. Once a Preferred Alternative is selected, a concept maintenance of traffic plan will be developed.