

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 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 Hearing summary

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The third public information meeting for the Fairfield Road and Monaville Road Intersection Improvement was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lake Villa Township Office. The purpose of the meeting was to present the preferred alternative for public comments. The project team has selected the roundabout as the preferred alternative for the intersection improvement over a traffic signal and the “no-build” option.

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 or oral comments to a certified court reporter. 67 people signed in. A total of 27 comments were received from the public: 15 comments dictated to the court reporter, 6 comments written at the meeting, and 6 comments submitted electronically. The comment period closed on October 31, 2017.

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

- *Comment:* Prefer a “no-build” alternative or lower cost improvements to the intersection
Response: While we do acknowledge that the current traffic volumes at this intersection usually do not cause significant backups, this improvement is concentrated around reducing accidents and looking towards the future traffic projections. Numerous crashes and near misses have been reported at this location. In recent years, low cost measures have been implemented to improve visibility and stop compliance at the intersection. As a long term measure, the roundabout provides greater safety and capacity benefit over the no-build alternative.
- *Comment:* Concerned for properties on the south, would like roundabout moved north to lessen the impact to the residences at the expense of the forest preserve
Response: Grant Woods Forest Preserve is a natural resource protected by federal law, and we work closely with Lake County Forest Preserve District to minimize impacts to this resource while also respecting adjacent property owners. In developing alternatives we evaluated several locations of roundabout placement in order to minimize impacts and balance needs of all property owners and resources. The project teams has met with the impacted property owners

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directly to discuss the project and its impacts. LCDOT will look to reduce impacts during Phase 2 while still meeting the project's purpose and need.

- *Comment:* Supportive of the roundabout

Response: Thank you for attending the Public Hearing regarding improvements to the intersection of Fairfield Road and Monaville Road. Project updates will continue to be provided on the Lake County Division of Transportation website.

Additional comments received not specific to the preferred alternative indicate the following:

- support the installation of the cul-de-sac on Old Monaville Road
- believe that roundabout education is lacking
- requested additional information regarding intersection lighting
- questioned County Board involvement and authority for the final decision

LCDOT has provided responses to all public comments which included contact information.