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IL Route 47 from US 14 to Charles Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study Public Hearing Summary

Public Hearing Summary

The public hearing for the IL Route 47 from US 14 to Charles Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study was held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Challenger Learning Center, 222 East Church Street, Woodstock, IL from 4 – 7 PM. The public hearing was conducted in an open house format.

The general scope of work for this improvement is anticipated to consist of roadway widening and reconstruction to provide two lanes in each direction separated by a median, improvements to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and intersection and drainage improvements.

The purpose of the hearing was to obtain public input on the preferred alternative and the Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA describes the purpose and need of the proposed project, alternatives considered, the preferred alternative, anticipated environmental impacts, project benefits, and potential mitigation measures.

The EA was made available for public review and comment on the project website at www.IL47WoodstockStudy.com, Woodstock Public Library, Woodstock City Hall, and the Department's District One office in Schaumburg.

There were two rooms available for the public to view project materials. One room displayed a continuous audiovisual presentation that included information regarding the project overview, Purpose and Need, environmental analysis, preferred alternative, land acquisition process, environmental impacts, instructions for how to submit comments, and the next steps of the project.

The second room contained exhibit boards, roll plot map, roundabout traffic simulation video, Environmental Assessment, and a comment area. A court reporter was also available in the room to take comments and attendees had the opportunity to speak with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Project Study team. Brochures and an FAQ document were also available for attendees. A public forum was held at 6 PM, where participants could provide a two-minute statement recorded by a court reporter. Outreach included a mailed



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postcard, mailed letter to full-take property owners, e-blast invitation and reminder, advertisements in local newspapers, press release, and an announcement on the project website.

At the public forum, three people participated, two people who submitted a participation card declined to comment, and one person who submitted a participation card did not attend the forum. The meeting was attended by **131 people and 12 comment forms** were received.

The following officials were in attendance:

- City of Woodstock: Garret Anderson, Economic Development Director; Paul Christensen, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; Krista Coltrin, Economic Development Coordinator; Mark Indyke, Transportation Commission Member; Mayor Brian Sager; Councilman Mark Saladin; Roscoe C. Stelford III, City Manager; Councilman Gordie Tebo
- City of McHenry: Joe Doherty, Planning and Zoning Commission Member
- McHenry County: Kevin Craver, representing County Board Chairman Jack Franks; Joseph Gottemoller, County Board Member; Michael Rein, County Board Member; Dennis Sandquist, Director of Planning & Development; Michael Skala, County Board Member
- Dorr Township: Sue Brokaw, Supervisor

Additional agencies/organizations represented:

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: Arthur Nicholas
- McHenry County Division of Transportation: Susan Borucki, Rebecca Brazas, Scott Hennings, Cha Lee
- McHenry County Conservation District: James Kremer
- McHenry County Council of Mayors: Cody Sherriff
- Pace: Mary L. Donner
- Woodstock Community Unit School District 200: Diane Carter

Businesses represented:

- Alliance Contractors Inc.
- Auto Tech Centers
- Butler Auto Parts
- Botts Welding
- Brown and Company CPAs
- Bull Valley Ford
- Circle K
- Copy Express



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- Culture, Arts & Music
- Cycle Craft Yamaha
- Dwight's Auto Body
- Graham Enterprise
- Kingston Lanes
- Lake Marine & RV
- Murphy's Flooring
- Stan's LPS Midwest
- Williet LLC
- Woodstock BP
- Woodstock Celebrates Inc.

Media outlets represented:

- The Woodstock Independent

Comments Received:

12 comment forms were submitted at the meeting and the topics include the following:

- Concern regarding relocating driveway
- Concern regarding access and accommodating semi-trucks
- Concerns regarding wildlife
- General support
- Suggestion for pedestrian crosswalks additional locations
- Support for bicycle amenities/access
- Support for keeping Three Brother's Restaurant
- Support for complete property acquisition
- Support for roundabouts
- Suggestion to include flashing beacons at roundabout crosswalks
- Question regarding property impacts
- Question regarding right-of-way