



## IL Route 47 from US 14 to Charles Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study Public Meeting #3 Summary

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The third public meeting for the IL Route 47 from US 14 to Charles Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the Challenger Learning Center, 222 Church Street, Woodstock, IL from 4 – 7 PM. The public meeting was conducted in an open house format.

There were two rooms available for the public to view project materials, one room displayed a continuous audio-visual presentation that included information regarding the project overview, a review of the Purpose and Need, alternatives being considered, request for feedback on intersection alternatives and access management, and the next steps of the project. The second room contained exhibit boards and roll plot maps, and attendees had the opportunity to speak with representatives from IDOT and the Project Study team. The meeting was attended by **75 people and 27 comments** were received within the comment period, which ended on July 23, 2014.

### **Identification of Stakeholders**

Per IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) procedures, a stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. Stakeholders are identified as all residents of the study area and interested parties that help IDOT understand the needs for, and concerns about, the transportation system. IDOT can take this input, along with all of its other work and analysis, and use it to make planning and design decisions.

The identification of stakeholders was done through a combination of desktop searches and input from local community leaders. Stakeholders were categorized by specific area of interest such as regional planning, transit and transportation agencies, Chambers of Commerce, business/economic development, civic and activist groups, county, municipal and elected officials, legislators, libraries, media, school and park districts, property owners, public safety and utility agencies providers.

New stakeholders will be added to the initial stakeholder list throughout the project. All stakeholders expressing interest in the project will continue to be added to the project mailing list and will be able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities.



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### Public Involvement Efforts

#### Display Ad:

Below is the display ad notifying the public of the Wednesday, July 9, 2014 Public Meeting. The ad included the purpose of the meeting, a description of the meeting layout, and contact information.



**ILLINOIS ROUTE 47**  
US Route 14 to Charles Road  
[www.IL47woodstockstudy.com](http://www.IL47woodstockstudy.com)

**You're Invited!**  
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The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to seek public input on the current and future transportation issues and needs for the Illinois Route 47 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study, and has scheduled a third Public Meeting. The Illinois Route 47 study area is located in the City of Woodstock and McHenry County, extending approximately 5 miles from US Route 14 to Charles Road.

The Public Meeting will be held:  
Wednesday, July 9, 2014  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Challenger Learning Center  
222 Church Street, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

The purpose of this meeting is to present intersection and roadway alternatives, potential impacts, and benefits. Your input will assist in further developing a Preferred Alternative.

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to view an audio-visual presentation, review exhibits, provide comments, aid in the development of project alternatives, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis.

For more information, contact:  
**John Baldauf, P.E., Project Manager**  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196  
(847) 705-4103

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact John Baldauf at (847) 705 - 4103. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

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The display ad ran in the following newspapers.

Publication		Type	Run Date(s)
Daily Herald		Daily	Wednesday, June 25, 2014 Wednesday, July 2, 2014
The Northwest Herald		Daily	Wednesday, June 25, 2014 Wednesday, July 2, 2014
The Woodstock Independent		Daily	Wednesday, June 25, 2014 Wednesday, July 2, 2014

### **Newsletter:**


A four-page newsletter which also served as the public meeting invitation was produced and mailed to **650** stakeholders two (2) weeks prior to the public meeting. The newsletter provided an update on the project as well as provided information on the date, time, location and format of the third public meeting. Copies of the newsletter were also made available at the meeting and on the project website for anyone who did not receive a copy beforehand. The following article topics were included:

- Issues and Concerns
- Preferred On-Alignment Alternatives
- Information about the CAG
- Project Benefits
- Alternative Evaluation Criteria
- Benefits of a Barrier Curb Median
- What is a modern roundabout?
- Next Steps
- Public Meeting information



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**PERSPECTIVES**  
The Future of Illinois Route 47

Recognizing that the City of Woodstock and surrounding area have experienced significant growth in recent years, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) initiated a Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. Through various public meetings and surveys, it was determined that the existing Illinois 47 provides existing roadway and intersection with the capacity to accommodate the growth and development of anticipated future of the corridor. IDOT is committed to providing a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system for the future.

**TWO ON-ALIGNMENT Alternatives Advanced**

Two on-alignment alternatives were advanced for the project. The first alternative is a four-lane divided highway with a median and shoulders. The second alternative is a four-lane divided highway with a median and shoulders, including a barrier curb median. The project team is currently evaluating these alternatives and will be conducting a public meeting on July 9, 2014, to present the project purpose and need, proposed alternatives, and obtain public input.



**CAG MEMBERS - ROUNDABOUTS MAKE SENSE**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is currently conducting a study to evaluate the feasibility of roundabouts at the intersection of Illinois 47 and Charles Road. Roundabouts are a type of intersection that allows traffic to flow more smoothly and safely than a traditional four-way intersection. They are also more aesthetically pleasing and can reduce the need for traffic signals and stop signs. Roundabouts are also more cost-effective than other types of intersections and can provide a safer environment for all road users.

**PROJECT BENEFITS**  
Time Savings, Reduced Congestion, Safety...

The alternatives provide for the potential creation of a multi-modal transportation facility by generating a safe environment for bicyclists and pedestrians on separate facilities.

**Potential Pedestrian Accommodations Include:**

- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Bicyclist lanes
- Pedestrian crossings
- Pedestrian bridges
- Pedestrian tunnels
- Pedestrian overpasses
- Pedestrian walkways
- Pedestrian ramps
- Pedestrian stairs
- Pedestrian elevators
- Pedestrian lifts
- Pedestrian escalators
- Pedestrian conveyors
- Pedestrian cranes
- Pedestrian hoists
- Pedestrian winches
- Pedestrian pulleys
- Pedestrian cables
- Pedestrian tracks
- Pedestrian wheels
- Pedestrian rollers
- Pedestrian bearings
- Pedestrian gears
- Pedestrian shafts
- Pedestrian couplings
- Pedestrian flanges
- Pedestrian bolts
- Pedestrian nuts
- Pedestrian washers
- Pedestrian spacers
- Pedestrian sleeves
- Pedestrian collars
- Pedestrian caps
- Pedestrian covers
- Pedestrian end caps
- Pedestrian seals
- Pedestrian gaskets
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**Alternative Evaluation Criteria**

- Environmental impacts
- Accessibility
- Identified project needs
- Property impacts
- Construction costs




**Benefits of a Barrier Curb Median**

A barrier curb median is a raised curb that separates the two directions of traffic on a roadway. It is designed to prevent vehicles from crossing the median and causing a head-on collision. Barrier curb medians are also used to separate a roadway from a shoulder or a parking area. They are made of concrete or steel and are typically 18 inches high. Barrier curb medians are a safe and effective way to improve roadway safety and reduce the risk of accidents.

**Next Steps: Preferred Alternative to be Determined**

The project team is currently evaluating the proposed alternatives and will be conducting a public meeting on July 9, 2014, to present the project purpose and need, proposed alternatives, and obtain public input. The project team will be evaluating the alternatives based on a number of criteria, including environmental impacts, accessibility, identified project needs, property impacts, and construction costs. The preferred alternative will be determined based on these criteria and will be presented to the public for comment.



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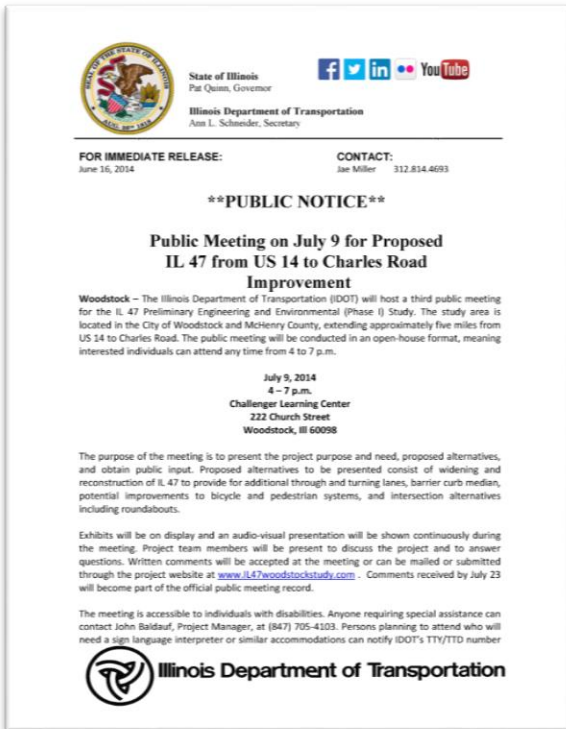
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### Press Release:

A press release announcing the public meeting was distributed through IDOT's Office of Communication, the press release was also posted on the project website.



State of Illinois  
Pat Quinn, Governor

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Ann L. Schneider, Secretary

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
June 16, 2014

**CONTACT:**  
Jae Miller 312.814.4693

**\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\***

**Public Meeting on July 9 for Proposed IL 47 from US 14 to Charles Road Improvement**

Woodstock - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will host a third public meeting for the IL 47 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study. The study area is located in the City of Woodstock and McHenry County, extending approximately five miles from US 14 to Charles Road. The public meeting will be conducted in an open-house format, meaning interested individuals can attend any time from 4 to 7 p.m.

**July 9, 2014**  
4 - 7 p.m.  
Challenger Learning Center  
222 Church Street  
Woodstock, IL 60098

The purpose of the meeting is to present the project purpose and need, proposed alternatives, and obtain public input. Proposed alternatives to be presented consist of widening and reconstruction of IL 47 to provide for additional through and turning lanes, barrier curb median, potential improvements to bicycle and pedestrian systems, and intersection alternatives including roundabouts.

Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the meeting. Project team members will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting or can be mailed or submitted through the project website at [www.il47woodstockstudy.com](http://www.il47woodstockstudy.com). Comments received by July 23 will become part of the official public meeting record.

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance can contact John Baldauf, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or similar accommodations can notify IDOT's TTY/TTD number

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### E-blast Invitation:

In addition to the advertisements, press release, and newsletter mailing, the third public meeting was announced to stakeholders on June 25, 2014 via electronic invitations to those stakeholders that provided email addresses. Reminder invitations were also sent before the meeting was held.

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### **3rd Party Outreach:**

Third party outreach included the following efforts by the city of Woodstock; the newsletter was displayed on the city's website, the public meeting was announced on social media pages, and a mention of the meeting was included in the weekly e-news article.

### **Attendance**

#### **The following officials were in attendance:**

- City of Woodstock: Dr. Brian Sager, Roscoe Stelford, Cort Carlson, Paul Rusko, Alan Wilson, Joseph Napolitano, RB Thompson
- McHenry County: Tina Hill, Anna May Miller, Joseph Gottemoller, Mary McCann, Paula Yensen
- Dorr Township: Bob Pierce, Christian Cantwell

#### **Additional agencies/organizations represented:**

- US Environmental Protection Agency: Bob O'Brien
- McHenry County Department of Transportation: Wally Dittrich, Jeff Young
- McHenry County Conservation District: Amy Peters
- Metra: Rick Mack

#### **Businesses represented:**

- Lane Construction
- Blue Ribbon Millwork
- A Hartlett & Son
- Goodyear Auto Tech Centers
- First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock
- Auto Tech
- Plote Construction
- Zachari Enterprises

#### **Media outlets represented:**

- The Woodstock Independent



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### **Comments**

The project comment period was open from July 9, 2014 to July 23, 2014. Within this period the project received **27 comments** as well as **21 roll plot comments**. The topics include the following:

Common Comment themes include:

- Pedestrian accommodations
- Support of Roundabouts
- Access management
- Expansion of roadway
- Delivery/truck management
- Drainage
- PACE coordination
- Effect on business
- Alternative route simulation
- Roundabout safety
- Funding
- Need for different/additional roundabout locations
- Barrier curb median
- Signalized intersection design concepts
- Directional change of Greenwood Ave.
- Land acquisition
- Right-of-way
- Road closures
- CAG Interest