

Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study Public Meeting #1 February 3, 2010

Overview:

The Illinois Route 47 study area is located in the City of Woodstock and McHenry County, extending approximately 5 miles from US Route 14 on the south to Charles Road on the north. The Phase I Study will take a detailed look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor. The project will include an analysis of the existing roadways, drainage, intersection deficiencies, and an examination of the impacts that any proposed improvements will have on the community and environment. It is anticipated that Phase I will take approximately 36 months to complete, and will strive to develop a long term improvement that will benefit motorists, residents, businesses, and economic development in the region.

Identification of Stakeholders:

Per IDOT's 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 those 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. The initial list contained approximately 604 stakeholders.

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/e-mailing list and will be able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities.

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Display Ad:

Below is the display ad notifying the public of the February 3, 2010 Public Meeting. The ad includes the project tag line and logo, a brief explanation of what the project is about, and the opportunity to comment on the current and future needs and conditions along the study area.

Illinois Department of Transportation
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Partnering for Progress


The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking public input on the current and future transportation issues and needs for the Illinois Route 47 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study. The Illinois Route 47 study area is located in the City of Woodstock and McHenry County, extending approximately 5 miles from US Route 14 on the south to Charles Road on the north.

The Public Meeting will be held:
 Wednesday, February 3, 2010
 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Challenger Learning Center
 222 Church Street, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. IDOT will provide information regarding the study schedule, the federal review process, and public involvement activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a video presentation, review project exhibits, comment on the current and future needs and conditions along the corridor, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives to discuss the project.

*This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Mary Rose Donahue of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944. 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.

For more information, contact:
 Mr. Mir Mustafa, Project Manager
 Illinois Department of Transportation
 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196
 (847) 705-4477



ILLINOIS ROUTE 47
US Route 14 to Charles Road
www.il47woodstockstudy.com

The display ad ran twice in two different publications running a total of four times. The size of the display ad was two columns by five inches and was placed in the Main News section of the publication.

February 4, 2010 Public Meeting Ad Placements

Publication	Type	Run Date	Run Date
The Northwest Herald	Daily	T, Jan. 19	S, Jan. 31
The Woodstock Independent	Weekly	W, Jan. 20	W, Jan. 27

PERSPECTIVES Newsletter:

The PERSPECTIVES Newsletter is a publication that provides a format to keep the stakeholders informed about new project developments. The initial project newsletter focused on the study kick-off, explanation of the IDOT and federal process, the public involvement program, formulation of the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG), and next steps. The Issue No. 1 January 2010 Newsletter was mailed to all 604 stakeholders on January 15, 2010. The Newsletter also acted as the formal invitation to Public Meeting #1 on February 3, 2010.



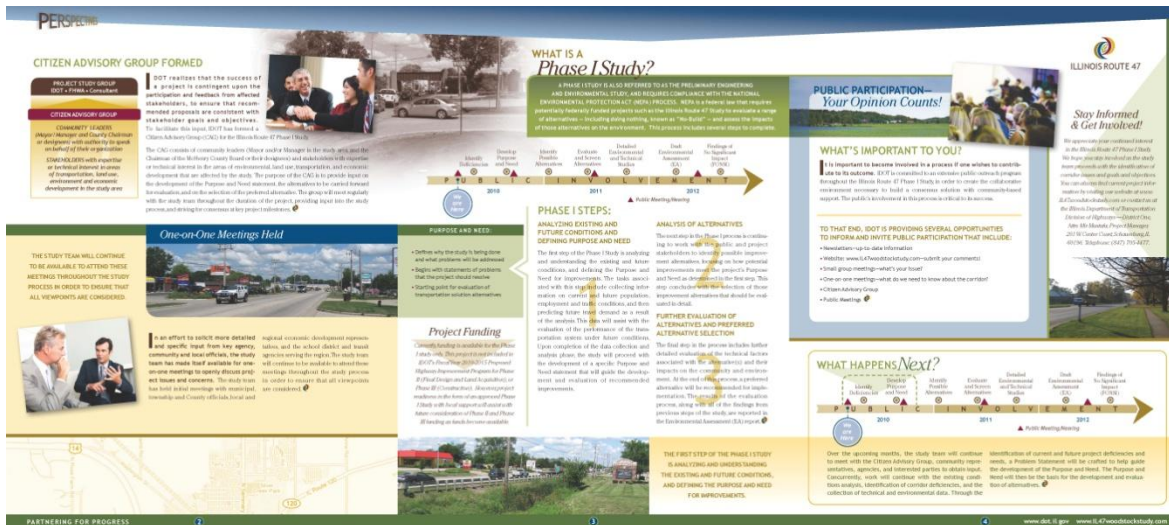
A GUIDE FOR Stakeholder Involvement
A STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN (SIP) HAS BEEN CREATED FOR THE PROJECT AND WILL BE USED AS A GUIDE FOR ENCOURAGING STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION DURING THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 47 STUDY. THE SIP IS INTENDED TO BE A ROADMAP FOR THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY. THE SIP PROVIDES INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY AND HOW TO CONTACT THE STUDY TEAM.

You're Invited! IDOT Schedules First Public Meeting
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking public input on the current and future transportation issues and needs for the Illinois Route 47 study area. The study will take a detailed look at transportation needs of the corridor and include an extensive public involvement program. The project will include an analysis of the existing roadway, bridge, and transit facilities and an evaluation of the extent to which any proposed improvements will have to be consistently and equitably implemented.

ILLINOIS ROUTE 47
The Public Meeting will be held on **February 3, 2010** at **11:00 AM** at the **Charles Road Center**, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196. Call (847) 700-4477 or visit the project website at www.il47roadstudy.com.

STUDY Begins Stakeholder Involvement Encouraged
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has recently initiated the Illinois Route 47 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Phase I Study. The Illinois Route 47 Study area is located in the City of Woodstock and Ashley County, extending approximately 8 miles from US Route 14 to the south to Charles Road on the north. The Phase I study will take a detailed look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor and include an extensive public involvement program. The project will include an analysis of the existing roadway, bridge, and transit facilities and an evaluation of the extent to which any proposed improvements will have to be consistently and equitably implemented. It is anticipated that the Phase I study will take approximately 18 months to complete and will allow to develop a long-term program that will benefit residents, business, industries and recreational development in the area.

Message from IDOT
I am pleased to announce that the Illinois Department of Transportation has selected the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study. The study team will receive, analyze and take transportation needs of the corridor and transportation alternatives. A central component of the study is an extensive public involvement program that provides opportunities for stakeholder participation. The study team will take a detailed look at the public issues, the local community, and the local transportation system. The study team will take a detailed look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor and include an extensive public involvement program. The project will include an analysis of the existing roadway, bridge, and transit facilities and an evaluation of the extent to which any proposed improvements will have to be consistently and equitably implemented. It is anticipated that the Phase I study will take approximately 18 months to complete and will allow to develop a long-term program that will benefit residents, business, industries and recreational development in the area.



CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP FORMED
IDOT realizes that the success of a project is contingent upon the participation and feedback from affected stakeholders. To ensure that recommended proposals are consistent with stakeholder goals and objectives, the Illinois Route 47 Study team has formed a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study.

WHAT IS A Phase I Study?
A PHASE I STUDY IS A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NEPA) PROCESS. NEPA IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT REQUIRES FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS. THE PHASE I STUDY IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE NEPA PROCESS. IT IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING AND FUTURE CONDITIONS AND DEFINING PURPOSE AND NEED. THE PHASE I STUDY IS A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NEPA) PROCESS. NEPA IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT REQUIRES FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS. THE PHASE I STUDY IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE NEPA PROCESS. IT IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING AND FUTURE CONDITIONS AND DEFINING PURPOSE AND NEED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Your Opinion Counts!
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Stay Informed & Get Involved!
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On-one Meetings Held
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Project Funding
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WHAT HAPPENS Next?
The study team will take a detailed look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor and include an extensive public involvement program. The project will include an analysis of the existing roadway, bridge, and transit facilities and an evaluation of the extent to which any proposed improvements will have to be consistently and equitably implemented.

Press Release:

The press release announcing the February 3, 2010 Public Meeting was written and approved based on IDOT's communications guidelines. The press release was issued to the following media outlets and posted to the project website, www.il47woodstockstudy.com, on January 22, 2010.

- ABC 7 News
- CBS 2 News
- Fox 32 News
- NBC 5 News
- WGN 9 News
- CLTV
- Chicago Public Radio
- Chicago Sun-Times
- Crain's Business Chicago
- Chicago Tribune
- Daily Herald
- Northwest Herald
- The Woodstock Independent
- Tribune Broadcasting
- WBBM AM/FM Radio
- WFXW Radio
- WLS Radio
- WXRT The Score 670
- WGN 9 Radio 720

Transportation News

Contact: Marisa Kollias (312) 814-4693

For Immediate Release: *January 19, 2010*

IDOT schedules the first Public Meeting concerning the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study through the City of Woodstock in McHenry County

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The public meeting (open house format) will be held at the following time and location:

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4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Challenger Learning Center
222 Church Street
Woodstock, IL 60098

The purpose of the meeting is to seek input on the transportation issues and needs of the project. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. IDOT will provide information regarding the study schedule, the federal review process, and public involvement activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a PowerPoint presentation, review project exhibits, comment on the current and future needs and conditions along the corridor, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis.

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3rd Party Announcements:

In addition to the newsletter and display ad, an effective way to reach stakeholders is to announce the public meeting on various local websites. The display ad and the press release was emailed to the below locations for inclusion on their website home page, board meeting agendas, local newsletters, or to forward onto co-workers.

- **City of Woodstock**
 - Posted to website
 - Announced at 1/19/10 City Council Meeting
 - Announced in City Manager Newsletter; Sent every Friday to all city employees, council members, and any residents who have signed up to receive the newsletter

- **Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
 - Posted to website

- **Woodstock Downtown Business Association**
 - Posted to website

- **McHenry County**
 - Posted to website

- **McHenry County DOT**
 - Posted to website
 - Announced at all DOT meetings before 2/3/10

- **McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau**
 - Posted to website

- **McHenry County Economic Development Corporation**
 - Posted to website

Public Meeting #1 Summary

The first public meeting for the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Challenger Learning Center, 222 Church Street, Woodstock, Illinois from 4 – 7 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous PowerPoint presentation, exhibit boards for review, and a large scale aerial of the study area to which meeting attendees provided comments, suggestions, issues and concerns. The meeting was attended by **59 people**, and the following public officials were in attendance:

- Mayor Brian Sager, City of Woodstock
- John Isbell, Director of Public Works, City of Woodstock
- Jeff Van Landuyt, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Woodstock

The following organizations/agencies were represented:

- Dorr Township, Robert Pierce
- McHenry County Bicycle Advocates
- McHenry County, Board Member Mary McCann
- McHenry County Historical Society
- Woodstock Christian Life Services, Terry Egan
- Woodstock Jewel Center
- Woodstock Transportation Commission- Joan Mansfield & Andrew Celentano

The following local businesses were represented:

- Bull Valley Ford
- Cycle Craft

The following Media were represented:

- The Northwest Herald, Brian Slupski
- The Woodstock Independent, Mike Neumann

The Project Study Group Attendees included:

IDOT

- John Baczek
- Mike Cullian
- Ken Doll
- Cary Lewis



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- Ojas Patel
- Patrick Rinosa
- Agar Shirani

Strand Associates:

- Darcie Gabrisko
- Adam Moline

Images, Inc.

- Jennifer Diomar
- Mary Rose Donahue
- Carrie Hansen
- Tracy Morse



Public Comment:

The public was invited to submit comments about the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study via comment form, website (www.il47woodstockstudy.com), or mail. Comments received by February 18, 2010 will become part of the official public meeting record. **10 Comment Forms** were received at the Public Meeting on February 3, 2010. The issues and concerns expressed either verbally to the Project Study Team or through formal Comment Forms included:

- Property acquisition
- Congestion on Illinois Route 47
- Safety on Illinois Route 47
- Pro/Con opinions on a bypass alternative
- Pro opinions on widening Illinois Route 47
- Drainage and flooding
- Addition of traffic signals and or crosswalks
- Move project along quickly
- Involve more property owners in the CAG

Note: Six property owners/residents expressed interest in joining the Citizen Advisory Group and will be invited to the next round of meetings.