

Illinois Route 47 Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting #5 March 21, 2012

CAG Meeting #5:

The fifth CAG meeting for the Illinois Route 47 Phase I Study was held on March 21, 2012 at Bull Valley Golf Club, 1311 Club Road, Woodstock, Illinois from 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation which recapped the results and project milestones achieved at previous CAG and Public Meetings, including a review of the alternatives development process and the previously presented range of preliminary alternatives. The study team then presented the Refined On-Alignment Alternative which had been developed as a result of stakeholder input and technical analysis compiled to date, followed by a workshop for CAG members to review and comment on the proposed improvement plan.

To announce the March 21, 2012 CAG Meeting #5, an initial “Save the Date” announcement was created.



IT'S TIME AGAIN TO SAVE THE DATE!
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IL 47 Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #5
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Bull Valley Country Club
1311 Club Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP your attendance to Carrie Hansen of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944, or via e-mail at carrie.hansen@imagesinc.net by Wednesday, March 14th.

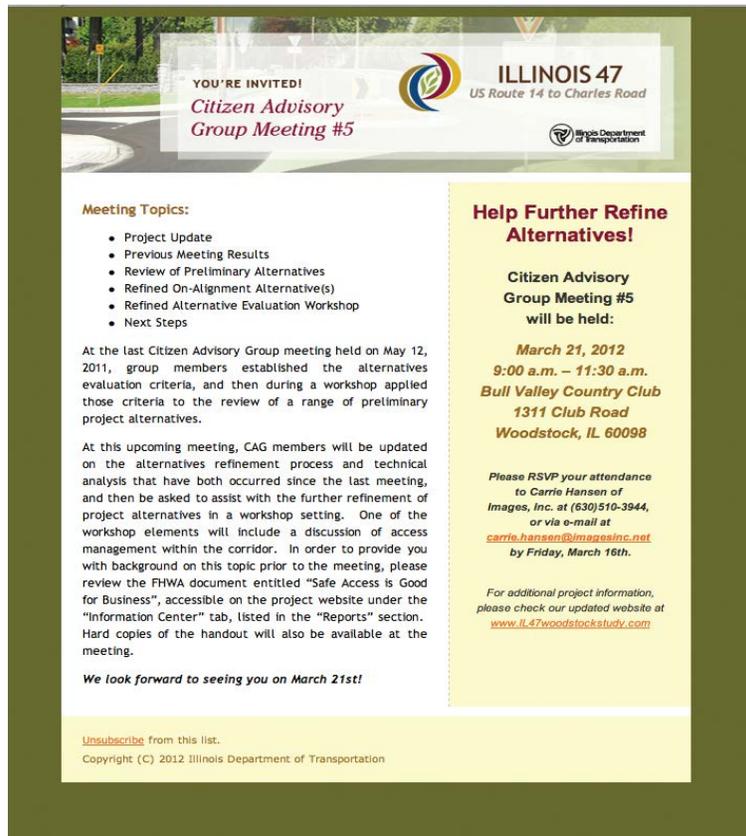
*Any meeting materials to be reviewed in advance of the meeting will be sent with the formal e-mail invitation.

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The above announcement was sent on February 24, 2012 to **52** CAG members.

As a follow-up to the “Save the Date” announcement, the following actual email invitation was then sent to the same 52 CAG members on March 9, 2012:



The meeting was attended by the following **12** CAG members:

1. Andrew Celentano, Woodstock Transportation Commission
2. Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock – Manager
3. Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors
4. Dan Dembinski, Pace
5. Terry Egan, Hearthstone Services
6. Susan Hudson, Woodstock Transportation Commission
7. Diane Lukas, Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick
8. Jason Osborn, McHenry County DOT
9. Bob Pierce, Dorr Township Supervisor
10. Dr. Brian Sager, Mayor – City of Woodstock
11. Walter Stanwood, Butler Auto Parts
12. Jeff Van Landuyt, City of Woodstock

Alternatives Workshop

CAG members were invited to participate in an alternatives workshop to evaluate and provide comment on the Refined On-Alignment Alternative(s). As a result of the input received at CAG #4 and further technical analysis, the previously presented West and East By-Passes and One-Way Couplet Alternatives had been eliminated from further consideration. The corridor was divided into two segments for review and analysis:

- Section 1: US 14 to Ware Road – Urban Design Criteria, 18-foot barrier median
- Section 2: Ware Road to Charles Road – Suburban Design Criteria, 22-foot barrier median

CAG members were asked to consider opportunities for access management and intersection alternatives including possible locations for roundabouts and new traffic signals, and also to review the proposed bicycle/pedestrian accommodations of sidewalk on the west side of the corridor from US 14 to Ware Road and a multi-use path along the east side of the entire corridor.

The FHWA handout “Safe Access Is Good for Business” was explained and provided to attendees for reference while considering options for access management, including the consolidation of access points, opportunities for cross-access between properties, and the locations for breaks in the proposed barrier medians. A brief presentation of aesthetic/design options for lighting and landscaping was also given.

CAG members identified several locations and refinements to the proposed plans for median breaks throughout the corridor, recognizing the need for safety but also balancing needs for economic development and property access considerations. Potential roundabout intersections in the corridor remain at the intersections of:

- Charles Road
- Route 120
- Irving/Judd
- McConnell/Lake/RR

Recommendations for way-finding signage were requested as well as landscaping and streetscape improvements. Both requests would involve cost-participation from the City of Woodstock.

Next Steps

The meeting concluded with a preview of the next steps for the project. In the coming months:

- Study team will evaluate the refined alternatives based on the input received from the workshop
- Refined alternatives will then be presented at the project's 3rd Public Meeting anticipated in late Summer, 2012

After reviewing comments and ratings from stakeholders:

- A preferred alternative will be developed and all environmental documentation completed
- A 6th CAG meeting will be held to obtain feedback the Preferred Alternative
- Comments will be considered, and the Preferred Alternative will be presented at a Public Hearing where all stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment

**Project Study Team members in attendance:*

- Kimberly Murphy, IDOT
- Mir Mustafa, IDOT
- Ojas Patel, IDOT
- Darcie Gabrisko, Strand Associates
- Adam Moline, Strand Associates
- Carrie Hansen, Images
- Lily Escarpita, Images