

Stakeholder Involvement Group Meeting # 3 Summary April 22, 2015

The third and final Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) meeting for the Aptakistic Road Project was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Long Grove Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL 60047. The meeting was attended by 12 SIG members. The meeting consisted of a live PowerPoint presentation that included an introduction of the project study team and SIG members, project status update and schedule, overview of the stakeholder input, alternatives analysis, overview of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, an opportunity for questions, and a review of the next steps. It was noted that the PowerPoint presentation would be available on the project website subsequent to the meeting for SIG members to share with their constituents (as applicable). Attendees also took part in a breakout session in which they were able to view the Preliminary Preferred Alternative on roll plot maps, and ask questions. The Preliminary Preferred Alternative is a 5-lane roadway improvement for Aptakistic Road, between IL Route 83 and Buffalo Grove Road. The proposed improvement will address safety, existing and future capacity, mobility, and operational deficiencies associated with this section of roadway. This input from the SIG will be taken into consideration by Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) and the project study team.

To announce the April 22, 2015, SIG Meeting #3, the following email invitation was sent on March 26, 2015, and a reminder was sent out on April 8, 2015. Follow-up phone calls were made on Monday, April 13, 2015 and Wednesday, April 15, 2015.



You're Invited to Participate! Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) Meeting #3

At our last meeting in April 2013, the SIG discussed the existing project, reviewed the Goals/ Objectives Worksheet, reviewed the draft Project Statement, and took part in an Alternatives Development Workshop. Based on the input received, technical analyses, and intergovernmental coordination, a preliminary Preferred Alternative is being processed.

At this SIG Meeting #3, we will seek your input on the Preliminary Preferred Alternative. This proposed roadway design is to address existing and future capacity, mobility, safety, and operational deficiencies associated with this section of roadway.

Meeting Topics:

- Project Status Update
- Summary of SIG Meeting #2
- Project Activity since SIG Meeting #2
- Presentation of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- Discussion and Comments on the Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- Next Steps

> RSVP Today!

Please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to Amanda Leonard at amanda.leonard@laketran.org, ext. 102 or email at Amanda.LLeonard@laketran.org

We look forward to meeting with you on April 22nd. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you are welcome to appoint a designee to represent you or your organization.

For more project information please visit AptakisticRoad.org

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Project Team Attendance

- Emily Karry, Lake County Division of Transportation
- Darrell Kuntz, Lake County Division of Transportation
- Mike Burke, Lake County Division of Transportation
- Mike Matkovic, Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Marty Worman, Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Emily Anderson, Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Cathy Valente, Images, Inc.
- Amanda Leonard, Images, Inc.

Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) Attendance

In Attendance:

- Ross Brown, Resident
- Edward Feldman, Resident
- Tim Howe, Buffalo Grove Park District
- Victor Jung, Resident
- Christina Jung, Resident
- Eugene Kislenko, Resident
- David Lothspeich, Village of Long Grove
- Walt Lovelady, Long Grove Fire Protection District
- Darren Monico, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Mark Nowakowski, Long Grove Park District
- Roberta Star, B'nai Shalom Temple
- Rudolph Valentino, Valentino Vineyards

Additional Attendance

- Sidney Matias, Lake County Board

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Breakout Session

Attendees were divided into two groups for the breakout session. The purpose of the breakout session was to provide attendees with the opportunity to view the preliminary alternative and provide comments. LCDOT and the project study team were available to answer questions. The topics of discussion and group members are covered below.

Group A – Facilitators and Participants

Table Facilitator:

- Lead Facilitators: Emily Anderson, CBBEL and Marty Worman, CBBEL
- County Facilitators: Darrell Kuntz, LCDOT and Mike Burke, LCDOT
- Scribe: Amanda Leonard, Images

Table Participants:

- Ross Brown, Resident
- Edward Feldman, Resident
- Tim Howe, Buffalo Grove Park District
- David Lothspeich, Village of Long Grove
- Mark Nowakowski, Long Grove Park District
- Rudolph Valentino, Valentino Vineyards

Group B – Facilitators and Participants

Table Facilitator:

- Lead Facilitator: Mike Matkovic, CBBEL
- County Facilitator: Emily Karry, LCDOT
- Scribe: Cathy Valente, Images

Table Participants:

- Sidney Matias, Lake County Board
- Victor Jung, Resident
- Christina Jung, Resident
- Eugene Kislenko, Resident
- Walt Lovelady, Long Grove Fire Protection District
- Darren Monico, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Roberta Star, B'nai Shalom Temple

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Summary of Breakout Session Discussions

Long Grove Park District Discussions

Impacts to the Long Grove Park District property were discussed with Park District commissioner, Mark Nowakowski. Temporary easements are shown to tie the proposed roadway and 8' multi-use path back to existing ground at a 4-ft horizontal to 1-ft vertical ratio which would be flat enough to easily mow and maintain the area. Contact information was exchanged in order to gain email agreement that the impacts would not adversely impact park district lands.

Buffalo Grove Park District Discussions

Impacts to the Buffalo Grove Park District properties were discussed with Park District representative, Tim Howe. Churchill Park and Twin Creeks Park are adjacent to both the Aptakistic Road and Buffalo Grove Road projects, and a set of exhibits were provided that include impacts from both projects. Phase II for the Buffalo Grove Road project was recently kicked off, and impacts for both projects will be included in one land acquisition process as part of the Buffalo Grove Road improvement for simplicity. To remain federally eligible, a Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination is being pursued for the Buffalo Grove Park District parcels since these parcels include active recreation uses. Section 4(f) properties include publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges. For publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges, a *de minimis* impact is one that will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes of the property. CBEL requested that the Park District provide an email response concurring to proceed with a *de minimis* determination for the two parks. The email response will be included as part of the *de minimis* documentation. After the Public Hearing, a formal letter of concurrence will be sent to the Park District for official signature based on which FHWA would issue the *de minimis* finding.

Valentino Vineyards Discussions

Valentino Vineyards expressed concern about potential impacts to the vineyard property, and the absence of a retaining wall at this section of the roadway. Specific concern was stated about the 10' of proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) because of its potential impact to the vineyard operations and future revenue. An explanation of the federal land acquisition process was given by the project consultant, and it was explained that an appraisal of Fair Market Value would be made and would include an assessment of damage to the remainder. The federal land acquisition process begins after Phase I of the study is complete, and runs concurrently with Phase II. Since the proposed 8' multi-use path is within the 10' of proposed ROW, a retaining wall along the existing ROW is not feasible. A discussion concerning a retaining wall at the proposed ROW instead of the 15' of temporary easement for grading will occur in the future. The Village of Long Grove would be included in discussions since the Village would be responsible for cost sharing and maintenance of a retaining wall. As requested by the vineyard, a field visit by LCDOT will be coordinated.

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Congregation B'nai Shalom Discussions

A concern for the staging of construction was expressed by the Congregation B'nai Shalom since there is a need to maintain pedestrian access from the east during Sabbath and holidays. The special consideration for the temple has already been included in the Maintenance of Traffic section of the Project Development Report (PDR). In addition, in section 2.d of the PDR, the Eruv is discussed as an item to be respectful of that may affect improvements. Parking is another concern as currently the Aptakistic Road shoulder is used for overflow parking. LCDOT indicated that parking will not be permitted when the curb and gutter section is installed, and the temple should use the next five years (roadway construction anticipated 2020) to implement an alternative. One suggestion given was constructing a larger parking lot in the temple's open parcel just west of the temple. Congregation B'nai Shalom indicated this parcel was being sold. The LCDOT and project consultant will coordinate arrangements for suitable pedestrian accommodations during construction. As previously indicated, the temple has approximately five years to implement an alternative parking solution to Aptakistic Road based on current funding availability.

Resident Discussions

A resident whose property backs up to Aptakistic Road within the Churchill neighborhood indicated concern that the preliminary proposed alternative did not include a noise wall behind his home. It was explained by the project consultant that noise walls were studied throughout the project corridor including his neighborhood. Noise abatement was studied for the Churchill neighborhood and did not meet feasibility and reasonability criteria per IDOT and FHWA policy for implementation.

A concern about the plans to widen the roadway was also expressed. The difference between Local roads, Collector roads, and Arterial roads was explained by the project consultant, as well as how these classifications are considered when planning improvements for Aptakistic Road. The Churchill subdivision was built with a 65' half ROW at the time of its construction which accommodates future roadway improvements. The existing roadway is one through lane in each direction with a center left turn lane and exclusive right turn lanes. The exclusive right turn lane will become a second combined through/right turn lane shifted 5 feet north to minimize impacts to properties along the south side of Aptakistic Road. There are no proposed property impacts to residences within the Churchill neighborhood.

A resident whose property is located on Aptakistic Road within the Village of Long Grove expressed concern about adding stormwater runoff to his property due to the wider roadway. It was explained by the project consultant that currently half the existing roadway drains to their property. Proposed curb and gutter will be installed which will drain roadway stormwater to positive outlets such as Aptakistic Creek and no longer drain onto their property. In addition, sidewalks will be pitched toward the roadway as feasible which will further reduce the amount of stormwater that will drain toward adjacent properties.



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Several residents expressed concern about turning left onto Aptakistic Road across 5 lanes of traffic. It was explained that the 5 lane section provides longer gaps than the 3 lane section which allows more time to safely turn left onto Aptakistic Road.

Summary of Breakout Session:

A number of common themes emerged as part of the breakout session including the following: how the proposed preliminary alternative will affect Buffalo Grove and Long Grove Park District property, the impacts and benefits of the proposed noise wall, how the addition of a 5th lane will help mitigate congestion now and in the future, and pedestrian access to the temple during construction.

Next Steps

- Address comments received at SIG #3
- Public Hearing scheduled for Spring 2015
- Complete Phase I Engineering anticipated Summer 2015
- 2015 Start Phase II Engineering
 - Final Design and Construction Plans
 - Land Acquisition
 - Local agency agreements
- Construction currently programmed in 2020 with an earlier construction start date if funds are available

Post Meeting Note:

On April 30, 2015, Rudolph Valentino Ditommaso emailed the project group for clarification on the remaining meetings. These meeting minutes indicated this was the last SIG meeting. However, at the SIG meeting, there was discussions of another meeting. A response was sent back to Mr. Ditommaso clarifying the future meeting discussed at the SIG was the upcoming Public Hearing. See Attachment 1.

On May 12, 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jung emailed a letter to the project group to share their recommendation to add only 1 lane in each direction, and to make any required non-motorized facilities mulch or gravel to minimize the hardscaping to the absolute minimum necessary for vehicular needs. LCDOT responded via email to this letter explaining that many alternatives were considered and analyzed with respect safety, mobility, impacts, and costs and that the lack of a center turn lane median would greatly reduce the safety of the roadway. Also, the proposed sidewalk and multi-use path are consistent with Lake County Division of Transportation non-motorized travel policy and were coordinated with the Long Grove Village Board. See Attachment 2.

Attachments

Cathy Valente

From: Martin Worman <mworman@cbbel.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 11:23 AM
To: rudy1628@gmail.com
Cc: Cathy Valente; Amanda Leonard; Michael Matkovic; Emily Anderson; Kuntz, Darrell W.
Subject: RE: Aptakisic Road - SIG #3 Draft Meeting Summary

Dear Mr. Valentino,

This was the last Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) meeting but not the last project meeting. SIG meetings are meetings set up to get focused input from identified project stakeholders. While we have engaged you and other stakeholders through the SIG meetings, all people will get an opportunity to learn about the project and offer comments at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is the meeting mentioned at SIG #3 that was not been scheduled at that time. Invite letters, ads in the local newspaper, and construction message boards will be used to advertise the Public Hearing in the near future. You will get a mailing notifying you of the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will happen later this month.

Also, Darrell Kuntz from LCDOT is coordinating a time when he, Emily Anderson, and I can come out to you property as you requested at SIG #3 to discuss the proposed easement and ROW that currently is being shown at you property.

Thanks,

Marty

Martin C. Worman, PE

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From: Amanda Leonard [<mailto:amanda.leonard@imagesinc.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Emily Anderson; Martin Worman; Michael Matkovic
Cc: Cathy Valente
Subject: FW: Aptakisic Road - SIG #3 Draft Meeting Summary

Hello,

After transmitting the SIG #3 meeting summary, I received the following response from Rudolph Valentino.

Thank you,
Amanda

Amanda Leonard, Project Coordinator

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From: RUDOLPH VALENTINO [<mailto:rudy1628@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 5:40 PM

To: Amanda Leonard

Subject: Re: Aptakistic Road - SIG #3 Draft Meeting Summary

DEAR AMANDA,

I WAS TOLD AT THE THIRD MEETING BY ONE OF YOUR PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING BUT THAT THE DATE HADEN'T BEEN SCHEDULED YET. WHY IS THIS LETTER STATING THAT THIS IS THE THIRD AND FINAL MEETING. THERE ARE STILL ISSUES THAT HAVENOT BEEN RESOLVED YET.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS LETTER TO THE NECESSARY PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS AND RESPOND BACK TO ME.

SINCERELY,
RUDOLPH VALENTINO DITOMMASO 847-634-2831

On Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 4:29 PM, Amanda Leonard <amanda.leonard@imagesinc.net> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for attending the third Stakeholder Involvement Group Meeting for the Aptakistic Road Project. Attached you will find the draft meeting summary for your review. If you have any comments, please provide them to me by May 15th.

Thank you,

Amanda, on behalf of the Aptakistic Project Study Team

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Regarding Proposed Widening of Aptakistic Road

May 12, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

According to our notes the original proposal for the widening of Aptakistic Road between Buffalo Grove Road and Route 83 was an additional two lanes.

We recommended adding only one additional lane.

By the following open meeting the proposal was five lanes plus additionally five foot sidewalks on both sides of the road.

We are unnerved by the expanse of hardscaping that is being proposed!

Where is Long Grove's commitment to keeping our Village's rural nature intact?

We understand the County's projected needs as to traffic concerns but feel they could be met with less impact to our's; i.e. by redressing the original four lane proposal.

If foot traffic is essential for whatever reason, perhaps a soft walkway (mulched or gravel) would be more in keeping with the rural nature of our Village. This alternative would preserve our Village's integrity while somewhat saving our greenspaces, monies, and upkeep costs. This area is not part of a city in need of access! Nor do we want to promote ingress to our land!

All we are asking is that as little hardscaping be poured as is absolutely necessary for the vehicular needs of those passing through our Village on this quarter mile feeder road.

Yours truly,

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Jung
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Cathy Valente

From: Kuntz, Darrell W. <DKuntz@lakecountyil.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:36 PM
To: 'victorjung@sbcglobal.net'; 'cbjung@me.com'
Cc: Martin Worman
Subject: RE: Aptakistic Letter

Good Afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jung,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us with your input on the Aptakistic Road improvement.

During a Phase I study, we analyze many different alternatives with respect to safety, mobility, impacts, and costs. Simply adding two additional lanes would result in a four lane road with 2 through lanes in each direction but no center turn lane. According to the Highway Safety Manual, the addition of a center turn lane median greatly increases the safety of a multi-lane highway by providing motorists a place to wait to make a turn. For this reason, a four-lane roadway without a center turn lane was not considered for further evaluation.

The 5' sidewalk on the south side and the 8' multi-use path on the north side are in line with Lake County's non-motorized travel policy which requires minor cost sharing and maintenance agreements with the local municipality. This has been presented to the Long Grove Village Board and they agreed to include the sidewalk and multi-use path associated with this project within their corporate limits. A hard surface on the sidewalk and multi-use path reduces the amount of maintenance required and is necessary to maintain American Disabilities Act compliance.

The above discussion outlines significant factors that went into the development of the Preliminary Preferred Improvement which will be presented to the general public at the Public Hearing scheduled for May 20, 2015. Your comments will be included as an attachment to the Stakeholder Involvement Group Meeting #3 and will be considered with other comments from the Public Hearing.

Thank you and have a great afternoon.



Darrell W. Kuntz, P.E.

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From: VICTOR JUNG [<mailto:victorjung@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 3:18 PM

To: Amanda Leonard

Subject: Fw: Aptakistic Letter

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015 2:05 PM, Christina B. Jung <cbjung@me.com> wrote: