



Public Hearing- December 14, 2010 Summary

Overview

The Lake County Department of Transportation initiated a Phase I Preliminary Environmental and Design Study for the Rollins Road Gateway project. The project is processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE). This is an environmental analysis required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This project includes a study to reduce delays at the IL 83 and Rollins Road intersection and improve safety and capacity. The project study team has reached out to affected stakeholders, including city leaders, businesses, residents and organizations. Through the public involvement process the project team created opportunities for public participation as the preliminary design and environmental process developed.

During the Phase I study, multiple alternatives were developed and evaluated to satisfy the identified purpose and need of the project. The project study team evaluated each alternative based on environmental and ecological impacts, efficiency of design and cost effectiveness. The alternatives were presented for stakeholder input at a public information meeting held on October 22, 2009. Input received from the public involvement process assisted with the further refinement and evaluation of alternatives, ultimately resulting in the preparation of a preferred alternative.

The preferred alternative was formally presented at the final Public Hearing held on December 10, 2010, when the public had additional opportunity to give feedback on the proposed plan.

Public Involvement Efforts

Post Card Invitation

In order to provide advance notice to stakeholders, a postcard invitation was created to announce the December 14, 2010 Public Hearing. Details of the meeting were included along with information for those persons interested in using transit to attend the meeting. The postcard information was mailed to all _____ stakeholders on _____.



ROLLINS ROAD GATEWAY PUBLIC HEARING

you're invited!

THE LAKE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION IS HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO COLLECT INPUT ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF ROLLINS ROAD AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 83 (IL 83) AND THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD. The Rollins Road Gateway study area is located primarily in the Village of Round Lake Beach in Lake County and extends on Rollins Road from Hook Drive on the east to Mallard Creek Drive on the west, and on IL 83 from Hook Drive on the north to approximately the Avon Center School Drive on the south.

During the past 1-1/2 years, LCDOT has sought public input through a series of outreach efforts including two public meetings and four Area Business Task Force meetings. Using feedback obtained from these meetings along with technical analysis, conceptual alternatives were developed, ultimately resulting in the selection of the Preferred Alternative.


The Preferred Alternative will be presented at the upcoming Public Hearing to be held:

December 14, 2010
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Cultural and Civic Center
of Round Lake Beach
 2007 Civic Center Way
 Round Lake Beach, Illinois 60073

The meeting will be an open house format, so you can visit the event at any time between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There will be a continuous PowerPoint presentation that provides a history of the project, and the Preferred Alternative will be on display; and study team representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the project.

For more information, contact:
 Mr. Chuck Gleason, Project Manager,
 Lake County Division of Transportation,
 600 West Winchester Road,
 Libertyville, IL 60048,
 call (847) 377-7447 or visit the project
 website at www.RollinsRoadGateway.com

*This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Carrie Hansen 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.



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Media Outreach

Advertisement

The display ad found below and online static ad notified the public of the December 14, 2010 Public Hearing. The ad was created to spark reader's interest or create an opinion. The display ad includes the project logo, a brief description of the project, detailed information concerning the Public Hearing and the opportunity to comment on the preferred alternative. The display ad in the size of two columns by five inches was placed in

the main news section of two different local and regional publications running a total of four times.

COME SEE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO REDUCE CONGESTION AT ROLLINS ROAD AND IL 83!



ROLLINS ROAD GATEWAY
Enhancing our Community

The Lake County Division of Transportation is hosting a Public Hearing to collect input on the Preferred Alternative to improve the intersection of Rollins Road at Illinois Route 83 (IL 83) and the Canadian National Railroad. The Rollins Road Gateway study area is located primarily in the Village of Round Lake Beach in Lake County and extends on Rollins Road from Hook Drive on the east to Mallard Creek Drive on the west, and on IL 83 from Hook Drive on the north to approximately the Avon Center School Drive on the south.

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The color display ad in a cube size ran a total of one week on a regional online publication. The ad was created in color to catch the reader's attention, and ad includes the project logo and detailed information concerning the Public Hearing.

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Ad Placements

Publication	Type	Run Date 1	Run Date 2
Daily Herald (Print)	Daily	M 11/29	T 12/7
Daily Herald (Online)	Weekly	W 12/8-T 12/14	NA
News Sun (Print)	Daily	M 11/29	T 12/7

3rd Party announcements

In addition to the project postcard and display ad an effective way to reach stakeholders is to announce the public hearing on various local and regional websites. The color display ad was emailed to the below locations for inclusion on their website home page, board meeting agendas, local newsletters and bulletin boards.

- Lake County Chamber of Commerce
- Lake County
- Village of Round Lake Beach
- Cultural & Civic Center

Public Hearing Summary

The public hearing for the Rollins Road Phase I Study was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 North Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach, Illinois from 5 – 7 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous PowerPoint presentation and exhibit boards for review. Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide final comments on the presented preferred alternative and project plan. The meeting was attended by **129 people**, and **33 comment forms** were received.

The following public officials were in attendance:

-City of Round Lake Beach:

Sue Butler, Trustee

Tom Smith, Trustee

David Kilbane, Village Administrator

Margie Cleveland, Village Clerk

Jon Wildenberg, Village Planner

Steve Vaughn, Planning and Zoning Commission

Patrick Vargo, Planning and Zoning Commission

Kevin Stateler, Public Works

-State Representative Sandy Cole

-Jean Smuda, legislative aide for State Representative Ed Sullivan

Local Businesses represented included:

-Arbys: Earl Grindol

-DRG Molding: Dave Geborek

-GoodWill: Dave Flenix

-H&R Block: Sue Kies

-Mr. V's Restaurant: Afroditi Staum

-New Century Real Estate: Tom Yingling

-New Commons Currency Exchange: Miko Kravotz, Steve Kravotz

-Rollins Plaza LLC: A. Samotny

The following organizations were represented:

-Highland Lake Property Owners Association: Harry Kirchhardt

-Lake County Municipal Conference: Christine Gentes

Comment Forms and Formal Dictated Comments

Comment forms were provided for stakeholders to fill out or take with them. A court reporter was also present for those who wished to interpret their comments verbally. Comments received by Friday, December 31, 2010 were included as a part of the official public hearing record. A total of **33 comment forms** were submitted during the course of the public hearing and **7 formal comments** were dictated to the court reporter. The comments covered a variety of topics, with the most predominant themes including:

-Support for the Preferred Alternative (in 28 comments)

-Concerns about construction and increasing traffic (in 7 comments)

-Inclusion of turn lanes (in 3 comments)

-Impacts on local businesses (in 9 comments)

Additional comment topics included signal timing, school routes and accessibility, clarifying the affected businesses on the presentation, stop lights on northbound IL Route 83 and Shorewood Rd., displacement of PNC Bank, widening of Washington and Hainsville roads, safety concerns on Hook Dr. due to speeding and poor visibility, urgency to begin Phase 2 construction, project benefits and long term convenience for the entire community.

