

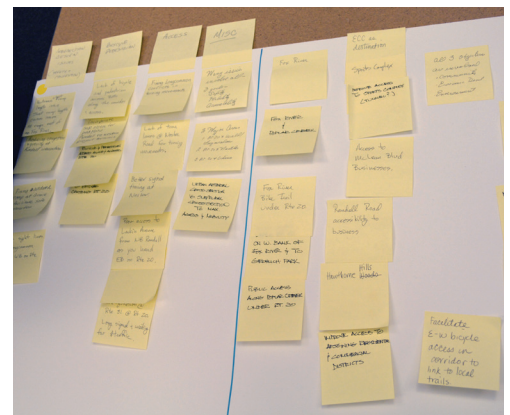
## CAG Meeting Summary

The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the Phase I US 20 Study in Elgin was held on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave, Elgin, IL 60120.

Via a PowerPoint presentation plus binders with printed materials, the meeting provided attendees:

- an introduction of the project team and CAG members
- an overview of the project
- a description of the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process
- an overview of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP)
- the CSS ground rules

Meeting attendees asked questions related to these topics, and were given the opportunity to work in small groups to document issues and concerns pertaining to potential transportation needs and community context features. Based on the results of these exercises, CAG members began crafting a draft Problem Statement through a facilitated discussion.



## Project Team Attendance

- Thomas Ives–Jacobs Engineering
- Gretchen Wahl–Jacobs Engineering
- Brandon Pacyna–Blue Daring
- Dave Palia–Blue Daring
- Lori Brown–IDOT
- Aren Kriks–IDOT
- Kimberly Murphy–IDOT
- Helene Maldonado–Galaviz–IDOT
- Michael Matkovic–Christopher B. Burke Engineering



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### CAG Member Attendance

The meeting was attended by 12 of the 16 CAG members.

- Tom Armstrong—Elgin Resident
- Jennifer Becker—KDOT
- Lorenz Burkert—Elgin Police Department
- Joe Karkusiewicz—Elgin Resident
- Patrick Knapp—KDOT
- Eileen Leisses—Elgin Resident
- Alfonso Nava—Elgin Resident
- John Reitz—Elgin Resident
- Jim Reuter—Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
- Ron Rudd—City of Elgin
- Robert Siljestrom—City of Elgin Planning & Zoning
- Dave Waden—City of Elgin

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### Comments

During the facilitated exercise portion of the meeting, CAG members provided input on the most prominent issues and concerns related to the project. The following is a list of those issues and concerns by topic area:

#### SAFETY

- Improve access along US 20 corridor for commercial, school, business and recreational facilities
- Fixing Longcommon Parkway conflicts in turning movements
- Better signal timing and lack of turn lanes for turning movements at Nesler Road
- Poor intersection configuration at Route 31 and US 20 – long signal and waiting for traffic
- Several residential road connections have been cut off north of US 20
- Residents at Randall Ridge and Providence exit onto US 20 at the same time in the morning
- Why not have small exits like McLean to Randall into a hospital (St. Joseph's)?
- Update Randall Road and US 20 intersection to 2040 traffic projections
- Improvement of all intersections and bridges to current safety standards
- Better signage along US 20 corridor for traveling directions
- Safety at exits—new houses developments between Randall Road and Nesler Road
- Longer off ramps and on ramps along US 20 corridor
- Full intersection at US 20 and Longcommon Parkway



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**Comments (continued)**

**SAFETY**

- Traffic flow pertaining to speed
- Reducing congestion and queuing at Randall Road intersection
- Poor sight lines at Longcommon Parkway going westbound on US 20
- Lack of areas for accident review along US 20
- Traffic lane markings/visibility
- Baseball field lights shining onto US 20

**BIKE/PEDESTRIAN**

- Improve bicycle access along and across US 20 corridor
- Find ways to incorporate safe access for pedestrian/bike—Randall Road to western project terminus
- Need a sidewalk and/or bike path on Randall Road bridge
- Pedestrian/bike access to downtown
- Facilitate east/west bicycle access in corridor to link to local trails
- Fox River crossing should be enhanced to allow bike/pedestrian access under both sides of river

**ENVIRONMENTAL/COMMUNITY AREAS TO PRESERVE**

- The Elgin Country Club, Hawthorne Hills, Huff School, Drake Field Park, Elgin Sports Complex
- Preserve runoffs and water retention areas
- Preserve natural landscape along US 20 corridor
- Fox River bike trail under US 20
- Fox River
- Elgin Community College
- Poplar Creek
- Preserve all green areas along US 20
- Build sound walls to reduce noise



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**ENVIRONMENTAL/COMMUNITY AREAS TO PRESERVE**

- Avoid more light pollution (no need for street lights)
- Bridges should be enhanced/beautified

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Improve access to adjoining residential and commercial districts
- Improve access to McLean and Randall Road businesses
- Retail businesses should suffer minimally from construction
- Signage: Access to downtown

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- Bus routes not using Elgin bus terminal
- What routes does PACE use along the US 20 corridor

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- High medians or elimination of lane restrictions
- Better lighting under bridges



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### Draft Problem Statement

CAG members were given a sample Problem Statement and asked to openly discuss what elements were most important to address in the US 20 Phase I Study in Elgin. Their input was documented and will be used to prepare a draft Problem Statement which will be finalized at the next CAG meeting.

### Next Steps

After discussing the Problem Statement, the concept of developing a Purpose and Need Statement was discussed. It was explained that the Purpose and Need Statement for the study will be determined by a combination of the Problem Statement and the technical analysis being undertaken by the Project Study Group.

The date for the second CAG meeting is targeted for summer 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.