

Public Meeting Summary

The first public meeting for the US Route 20 Phase I Study was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at The Centre in Elgin, 100 Symphony Way Elgin IL 60120, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous audio/video presentation, exhibit boards, scale aerial images of the project area and a brochure. Meeting attendees provided comments directly on the aerial exhibits and on open comment forms. A Community Advisory Group (CAG) sign-up sheet was also available to the attendees.



48

people attended the meeting

2

emails were received prior to the meeting

10

comment forms were submitted

20

people signed up to join the CAG

Public Official & Agency/Organization Attendance

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Tom Rickert	Kane County
Brett Hanlon	Kane County
Jennifer Becker	Kane County
Patrick Knapp	Kane County
Dave Waden	City of Elgin
Ron Rudd	City of Elgin
Chris Kichka	Office of Senator Karen McConnaughay



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Comment Forms

Ten (10) comments were gathered via comment forms. They are categorized by nature and provided below.

CATEGORY	COMMENT FREQUENCY (out of 10 comments)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ramps	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sound/Noise	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
Congestion	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Safety	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Bicycle/Pedestrian	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

I like the idea of this since there was no input taken for the construction of the new interchange of US20 & McLean Blvd. I have also given my input since I make deliveries for Advanced Auto in the Elgin area. There really needs to be acceleration and deceleration lanes at IL25 you need to have 2 entrance & exit ramps at IL25. Also westbound traffic exiting at IL31 causes the traffic jam with the vehicles entering from IL25 entrances (westbound).

- RAMPS

Would like to see a round-about at odd intersection of Larkin, Foothill, Arlite appear in the study area. Better flow, less dangerous, better hospital access. Would also like to see noise study on western half of project with consideration of sound walls.

- NOISE, CONGESTION

Salt trucks throw salt and snow at home and yard at 801 S. Liberty.

- SAFETY

There needs to be noise barriers along all of the residential sections. Barriers are also necessary for safety. I do see people crossing occasionally in non-pedestrian areas. Safety concerns at Randall, eastbound with cars crossing to Larkin Ave. Short ramps on the east side of the river are problematic. There is not much space to accelerate. Possibly adding a pedestrian walkway to the Fox River bridge.

- NOISE, RAMPS, BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN, SAFETY

Just west of project limit at Shannon Parkway, I gave IDOT 80ft x 200ft space for free and they never solved the problem at my driveway (38W 491 Rt. 20 Elgin, IL).

-SAFETY

Dangerous ramps—too short. Noise and vibration issues due to speed. Truck has come over barrier onto Illinois Ave.

-RAMPS, NOISE, SAFETY



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Illinois Department
of Transportation

Comment Forms (continued)

We support fixing the roads regardless to what it may do to our property. Traffic is ridiculous on US20 with all of the narrow roads and exit/entrance ramps. There are a lot of safety accidents through the Elgin stretch. Also the street to get into the property is very narrow and close to US20 which can be potentially dangerous. There is constant noise from the cars and you can feel their vibration.

-CONGESTION, NOISE, RAMPS, SAFETY

As we are thinking about the future of US20 (especially west of Randall Rd.), please give consideration to bike and pedestrian access along US20 between Weld Rd. and Shannon Parkway as well as access across US20 at Weld/Longcommon, Nessler and Shannon Parkway.

-BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

The area that should be focused on is the in-and-out at Longcommon Parkway. We have lived in Providence for eight years. If we knew what it would take to exit our subdivision on a daily basis we would never have moved there. The morning is a huge concern when I am bringing my children to school. It can sometimes take up to 10 minutes to exit. When turning right you need to watch the traffic coming nonstop from the left along with cars turning out of Randall Ridge. Over the years we have seen several accidents both day and night. Every morning I have to gage whether or not I will have enough space to pull out in between the cars driving eastbound on US20. There has to be a solution to this.

-CONGESTION, SAFETY

I own property between Bluff City Blvd and US20 bypass between Kirk Ave. and Wright Ave. I would like you to consider noise issues from the heavy traffic, speed limits are not enforced (850 Bluff City Blvd, Elgin, IL).

-NOISE, CONGESTION, SAFETY



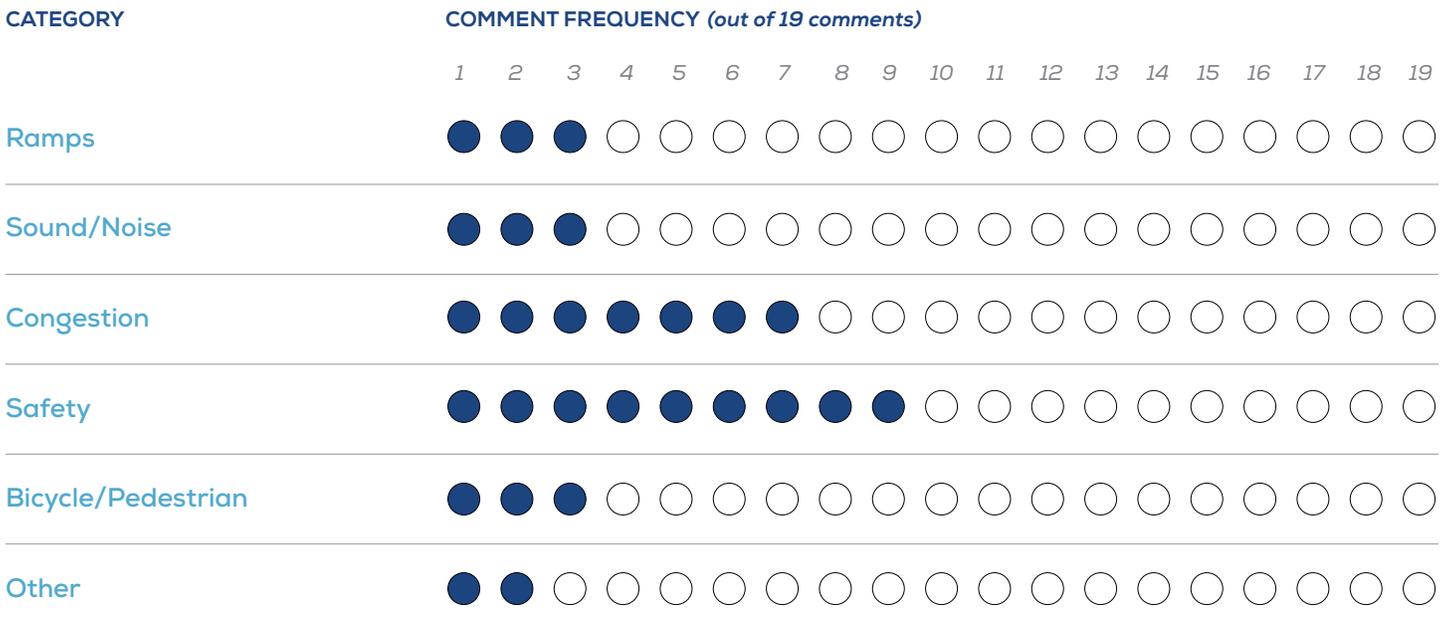
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Aerial Exhibits

Nineteen (19) comments were posted on aerial exhibits. They are categorized by nature and provided below.



Congestion because access to Villa is prohibited.

-CONGESTION

Kids dash across US20

-SAFETY, BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

Pedestrian access across Fox River? (suggestion)

-BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

Noise-safety concerns in residential areas. Both sides of river need sound barrier.

-SOUND, SAFETY

Even if it hurts our property US20 should be widened.

-CONGESTION

Bartlett has sound barriers. Snow/ice comes into yards when plowed.

-SOUND, SAFETY

Ramps too tight

-RAMPS

Fleetwood needs dual left turns for backups due to the college.

-CONGESTION

US20 is very narrow. Exits are sharp. Houses are too close.

-CONGESTION, RAMPS, SAFETY

55MPH-lower speed limit.

-SAFETY

House is hit by traffic

-SAFETY



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Aerial Exhibits (continued)

Fewer access points from Weld Rd. Speeding students use it as a cut through.

-SAFETY

South to 2nd, everyone goes right instead of continuing south

-CONGESTION

Roundabout requested– Larkin & Foothill

-OTHER, CONGESTION

Randall Rd. onto 20–people consistently access Larkin even though it's prohibited.

-SAFETY, CONGESTION

Well septic–Maple St.

-OTHER

Incorporate multimodal facilities for the entire length of project. Bicycle facilities are needed along the entire corridor.

- BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

Noise issues and vibration. Fumes in house. 2 families.

-NOISE, SAFETY

Access road is too narrow.

-RAMPS

Online Submissions

Three (3) emails were submitted through www.us20elginstudy.com. They are provided below.

I would like to know what improvements this project will have on the intersection of Weld and Rt. 20 just west of Randall Rd. I live in the Randall Ridge subdivision and ever since the state decided to put the light at Nesler instead of at Weld this has become a very dangerous intersection to cross or turn eastbound from our subdivision. Waiting 10 -15 minutes to turn left is a common occurrence and the 50 mile an hour speed limit, 4 lanes plus to 2 turn lanes merging into 2 lanes, coupled with the Providence subdivision drivers not looking when they turn right/ eastbound doesn't help the matter. How is this project going to help us!

Will there be any discussion regarding exiting Providence onto US 20? What if you cannot be at the meeting the whole three hours?

Our firm manages property on Bluff City Boulevard which is adjacent to US 20. The owners are out of state. Do you have any maps showing the proposed changes?