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U.S. Route 45 – IL 132 to IL 173 and Millburn Bypass

Community Advisory Group Meeting #1
June 16, 2009





Welcome and Introductions

- Lake County Division of Transportation staff:
 - Chuck Gleason
 - Paula Trigg
- Illinois Department of Transportation staff:
 - John Baczek
 - Marie Glynn
- Consultant Engineering staff:
 - Mike Matkovic – Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
 - Marty Worman – Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
 - Jarrod Cebulski – Patrick Engineering Inc.
 - Ryan Westrom – Patrick Engineering Inc.
- CAG members



CAG participants

o Groups Represented

- Cross Creek Homeowners Association
- Forest Trail subdivision
- Heritage Trails Homeowners Association
- Historic Millburn Community Association
- Lake County Forest Preserves
- Lake County Planning, Building and Development
- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
- Lake Villa Township
- Lindenhurst Park District
- Lindenhurst Police Department
- Lindenhurst, Village of
- Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce
- Millburn C.C. School District
- Millburn Tree Farm
- Old Mill Creek, Village of
- Old Mill Creek Historic Preservation Commission
- Providence Ridge subdivision
- Providence Woods Homeowners Association
- Tempel Farms

• Please review the list of CAG members within your binder to familiarize yourself with your fellow participants.



Agenda and Housekeeping

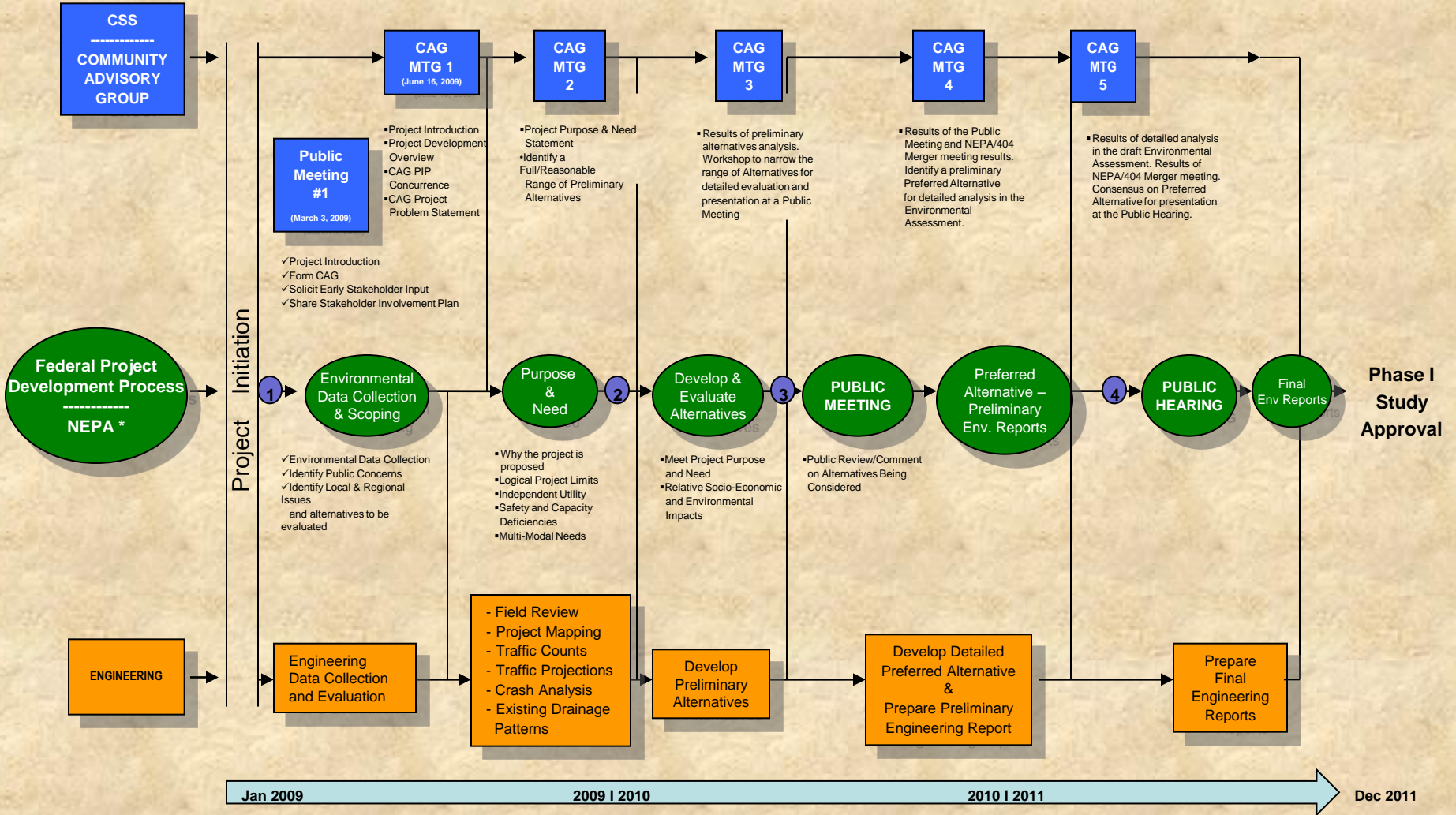
- Meeting Agenda Overview
 - Project Overview & NEPA Process
 - CSS/Public Involvement/CAG Procedures
 - Summary of Public Meeting Results
 - Tonight's Workshop: CAG Project Problem Statement
 - Next Steps: CAG #2 - Alternatives
- CAG procedures
 - Meeting Day
 - Meeting Time
 - Meeting Notification/Preparation/Duration
 - CAG Project Binders



Project Overview / NEPA Process

- Discussion of NEPA project limits vs. Millburn Bypass
- Project History of Millburn Bypass
 - 1995 IDOT Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) study
 - Recorded west bypass alignment
 - SAFETEA-LU and Federal funding eligibility
 - NEPA compliance / ‘Fresh Look’
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - 1969 Law
 - Compliance required for Federal funding eligibility
 - Full range of reasonable alternatives, including “no build” must be considered
 - Comprehensive environmental review (avoid, minimize, mitigate)
 - Public involvement
 - Formal documentation/disclosure
- Public Involvement – Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)
- Overall Project Development Schedule

Phase I Engineering and Environmental Studies Project Development Flowchart US Route 45 IL Route 132 to IL Route 173 and Millburn Bypass



● = NEPA /404 Merger Meetings

* NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; 42 U.S.C. 4321-43



Public Involvement – CSS

- What CSS is:
 - CSS is an **interdisciplinary** project development approach that seeks effective, **multi-modal** transportation **solutions** by working with **stakeholders** to develop **cost-effective** transportation facilities that fit into and reflect the project's surroundings - its "**context.**"
 - CSS is building Stakeholder Consensus
 - Consensus = Majority agree, while the dissenting remainder agrees its input has been considered and the process was fair



Public Involvement – CSS

- What CSS is not:
 - While we strive for consensus, this may not mean 100% agreement
 - While we seek input on issues, there are no decisions by voting
 - No guarantee that everyone will agree, but everyone's voice will be heard



Public Involvement Plan

- Prior to the meeting, a copy of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was mailed to you
- PIP components
 - Establishes overall framework for Public Involvement during project development
 - Project Study Group (PSG) provides overall project oversight and decision making authority
 - Community Advisory Group (CAG) formed for Millburn Bypass area



CAG process overview

- The CAG is one of the methods that will be used to facilitate stakeholder involvement. The role of the CAG will be to advise the Project Study Group (LCDOT, IDOT, FHWA, and consultants) throughout the course of the project development process in regard to the alternatives at the potential Millburn Bypass location.



CAG Participation Ground Rules

- All meetings will be conducted based on a set of ground rules that form the basis for the respectful interaction of all parties involved in this process.
- These ground rules, as listed in draft format in the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), must be agreed upon by the CAG membership.



Participation Ground Rule Highlights

- Input on the project from all stakeholders is duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- The list of stakeholders is subject to revision at any time as events warrant.
- All participants must keep an open mind and participate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.



Participation Ground Rules Highlights (continued)

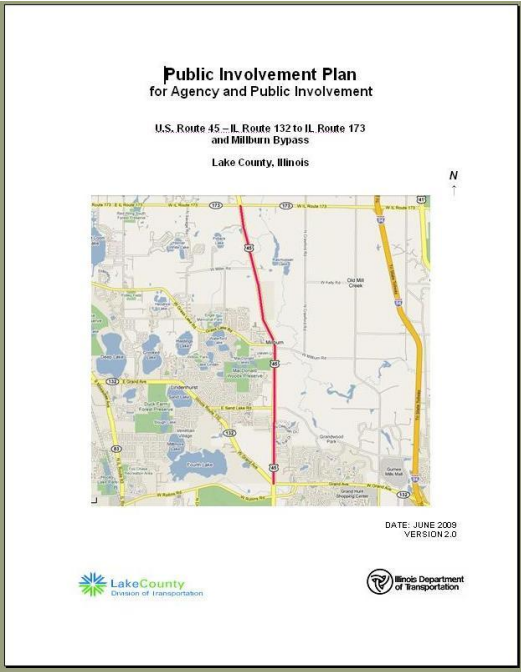
- All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a consensus solution.
- Project progress is important and must occur at a reasonable pace, per the established project schedule. Members should commit to CAG attendance as prior meetings will not be revisited subsequently.
- Members of the media and public are welcome at all meetings, but must remain in the role of observers, not participants in the process.
- Final project decisions will be made by the PSG (LCDOT, IDOT, and FHWA).



Participation Ground Rules (continued)

- Conflict Resolution

The PSG is committed to building stakeholder consensus for project decisions. However, if an impasse has been reached after making good-faith efforts to address unresolved concerns, the PSG, as the ultimate decision-making authority for the project, may proceed to the next stage of project development.



- CAG discussion and consensus on PIP

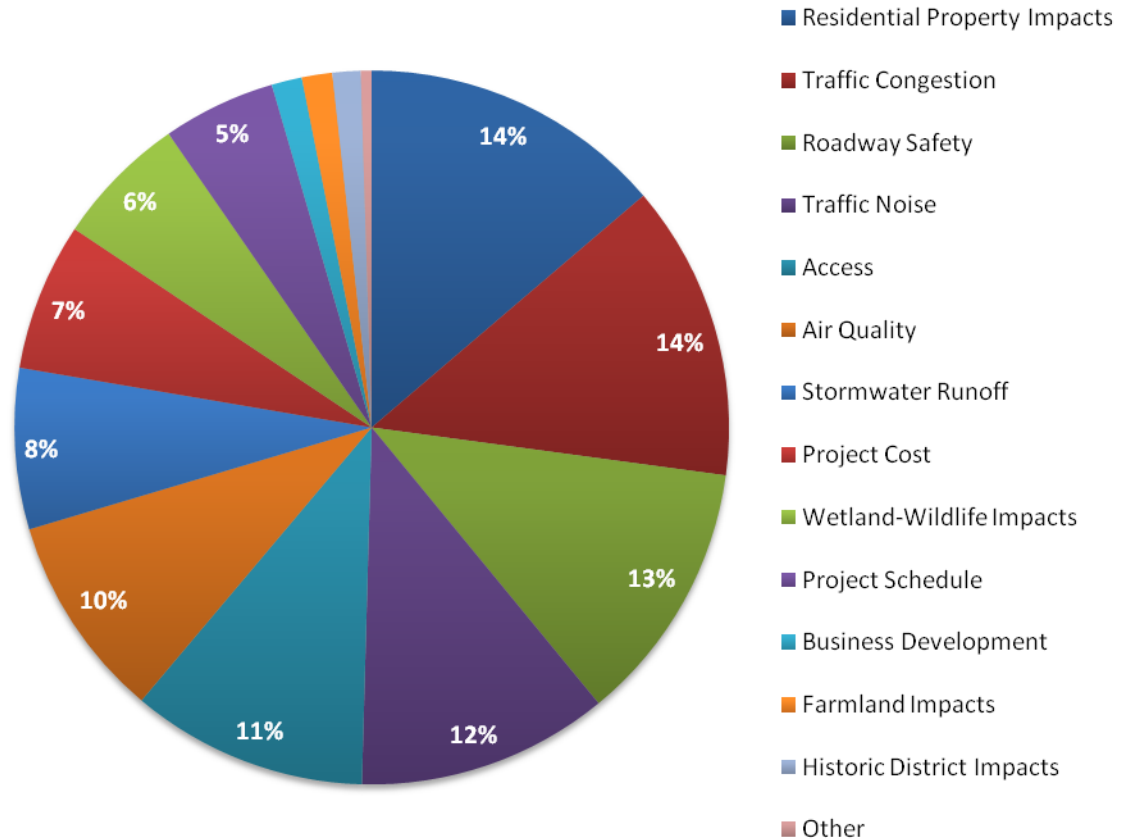


Summary of Questionnaire Results

- Please refer to the Public Meeting summary for a documentation of the first Public Meeting
- Included in your binder are graphs depicting the results of the questionnaire questions and a summary
- Conclusions



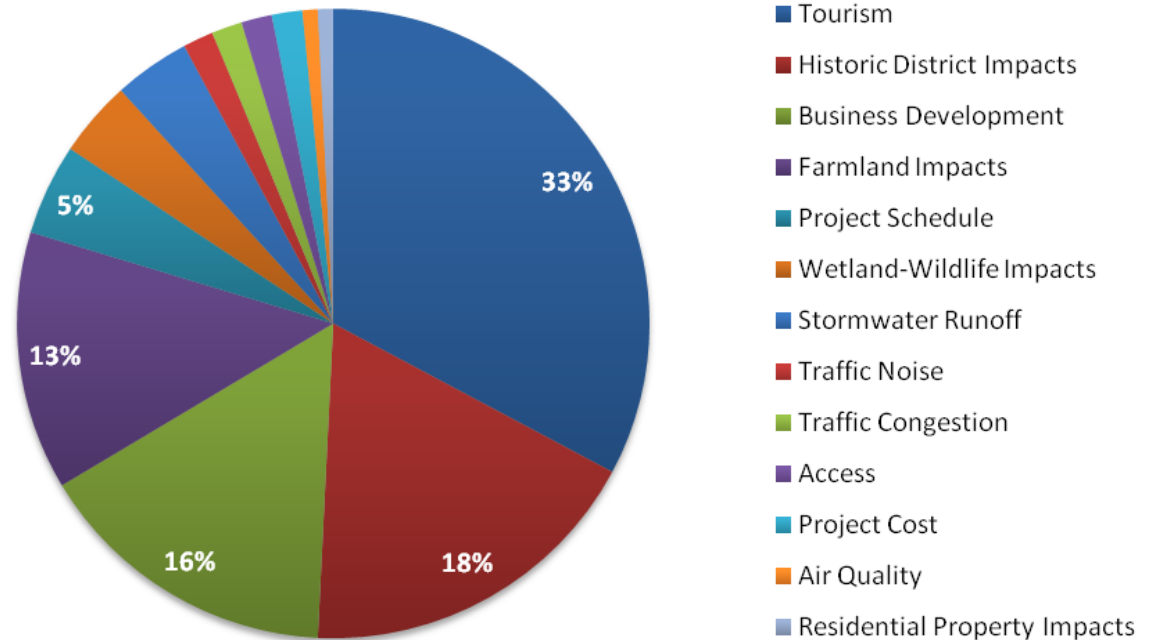
Importance of Issues by Weighted Average of those living within 1 mile of Millburn Hist. District (87 Respondents)



Question 7



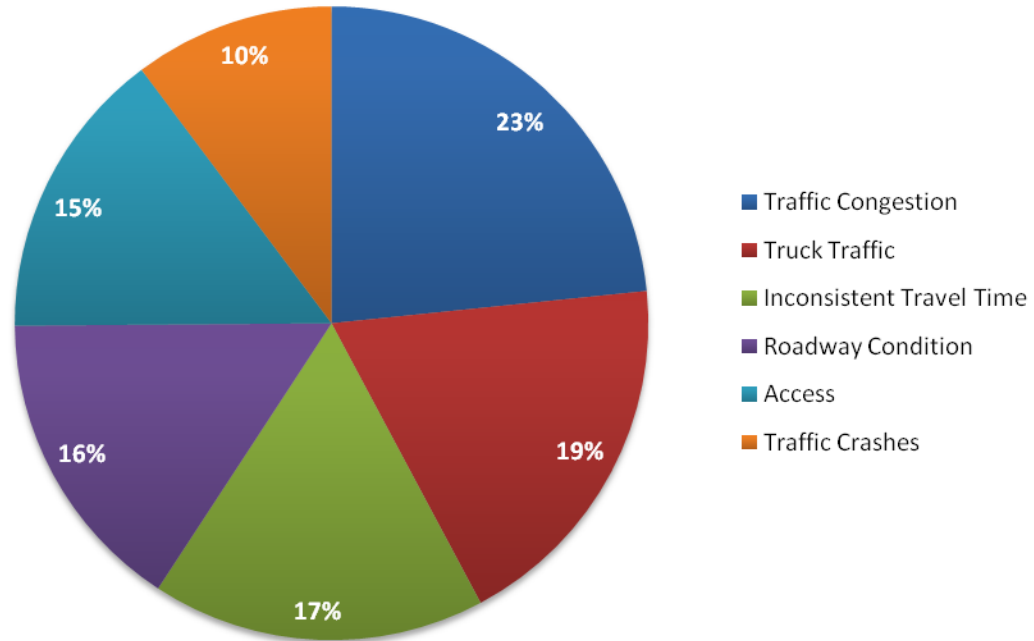
Issues rated Not Important



Question 7



Weighted Prevalence of Traffic Problems Experienced



Question 8



Project Problem Statement

- What is this?

This statement records the reasons why a project is necessary. What is the problem this transportation project is intended to solve?

- Project Problem Statement development activity



Next Steps / Schedule

- Ongoing project development activities
 - Traffic analysis / projections
 - Crash analysis
 - Environmental surveys
- The next CAG meeting is anticipated in October 2009.
- Topics at that meeting will include review of draft purpose and need statement, and identifying a full range of build alternatives to be developed and evaluated.



Thanks for your participation!

See you next time.

If you have any project questions in the interim, please contact Chuck Gleason at LCDOT.

If those questions are in regard to the CAG, please contact Jarrod Cebulski at Patrick Engineering.

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