

Project Schedule

A typical highway improvement project is developed in three (3) distinct phases as follows:

Phase I - Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies

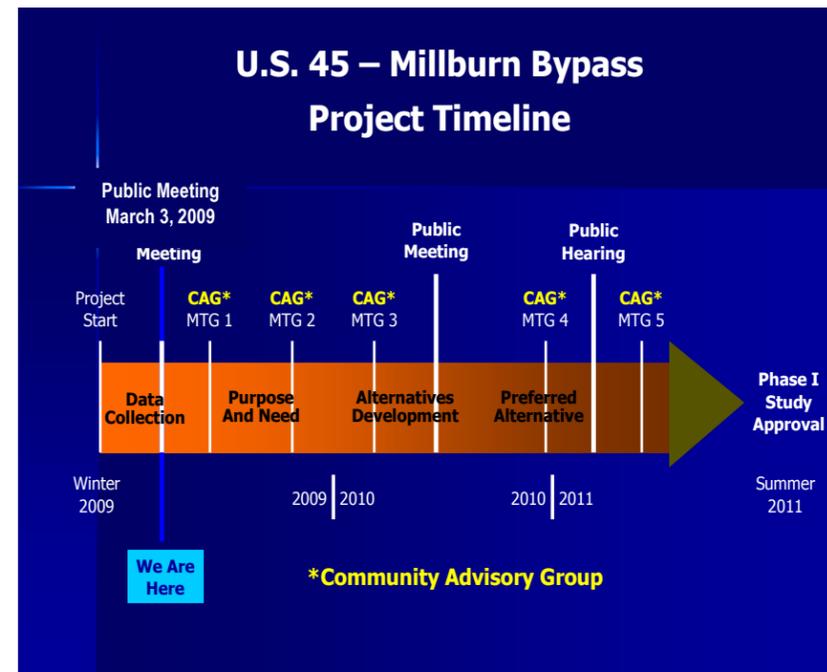
Phase II - Design Engineering and Land Acquisition

Phase III - Construction

Phase I for this project was initiated in December 2008. The anticipated timeline for Phase I engineering is shown at the right.

Five (5) Community Advisory Group meetings are anticipated to be held during the Phase I portion of this project. Completion of Phase I is anticipated to occur during the Summer of 2011.

Phase II engineering would be initiated upon completion of Phase I.



Project Brochure

Public Information Meeting

For

U.S. Route 45

Millburn Bypass Phase I Study

Villages of Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek Lake County



Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Time: 4:00-8:00 PM

**Place: Millburn West School
640 Freedom Way
Lindenhurst, IL 60046**

Project Questions and Comments

Your comments and input are an important part of this meeting. Written questions and comments, or requests for materials, may be submitted during this Public Information Meeting by placing them in the comment box or they may be sent to LCDOT at the address or email indicated below:

Mr. Chuck Gleason, Project Manager
Re: Millburn Bypass
 Lake County Division of Transportation
 600 West Winchester Road
 Libertyville, Illinois 60048-1381



For ongoing updates and additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.MillburnBypassStudy.com>



Welcome to this Public Information Meeting

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) welcomes you to this Public Information Meeting concerning the initiation of Phase I engineering and environmental studies for the U.S. Route 45 – Millburn Bypass project within the Villages of Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek in Lake County, Illinois.

This open house will last from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. You are invited to view the project exhibits displayed around the room. Staff members from LCDOT and the project engineering consultants will be hosting information stations, as indicated below, to discuss various aspects of the project and answer questions you may have.

Purpose of this Public Information Meeting

The purpose of this Public Information Meeting is to provide you with information on the recently initiated study, solicit your input, and establish a Community Advisory Group to assist LCDOT in the project development process.

The project information stations at this Public Information Meeting include:

1. Study Overview and Stakeholder Involvement Plan
2. Project Development Process
3. Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Summary and Community Advisory Group (CAG) Formation
4. Environmental and Community Context
5. Transportation Assessment
6. Alternatives

* An exhibit showing the locations of each station is included with this brochure.



Project Background

U.S. Route 45 in this area serves as a vital north-south link from the Wisconsin border south to Chicago's northern suburbs. The section of U.S. 45 under study extends from near Sand Lake Road on the south to approximately 1/2 mile north of Grass Lake Road and traverses the Millburn Historic District.

One of the first steps of the project will be to identify various issues and concerns associated with this project. Please assist with this by filling out and submitting the **PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE** provided with this brochure.

IDOT has previously studied a US Route 45 bypass of the Millburn Historic District as part of a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) study in the mid-1990s, which included recording a western bypass alignment and right-of-way protection map, and purchasing one parcel of property within this corridor. In accordance with Federal project development procedures and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this Phase I study will essentially start from a "clean slate" with respect to evaluating a full range of reasonable alternatives including the No-Build alternative, and a detailed evaluation of potential environmental impacts. The IDOT recorded west bypass alignment remains a valid alternative for full consideration as part of this Phase I study.



Context Sensitive Solutions

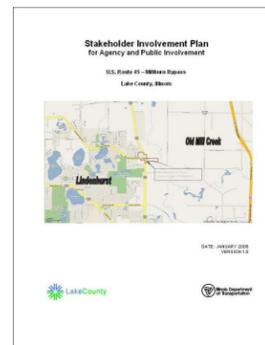
This project will be developed using the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) approach. CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all **Stakeholders** to develop a facility that fits into its surroundings and preserves cultural, scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources while maintaining roadway safety and mobility. Information concerning CSS will be available at the Public Information Meeting or can be downloaded from: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/css/home.html>.



Stakeholder Involvement Plan

A Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) is the foundation to successful utilization of CSS principles. The SIP is both comprehensive and flexible based on project needs, and thus subject to revision as project development warrants. Copies of the SIP will be available at the Public Information Meeting or can be requested from LCDOT as noted on the back page of this brochure.

Project **Stakeholders** can be anyone potentially affected by, concerned with, or interested in the outcome of the proposed improvements being contemplated by the Illinois Division of Transportation. Please refer to the Stakeholder Involvement plan for more information.



A **Project Study Group (PSG)** has been formed for this project, which includes the Lake County Division of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. The Project Study Group has primary responsibility for the project development process and ultimate decision making authority for this project. The Project Study Group will serve as a project oversight team that is responsible for ensuring that all applicable Federal, State and Local requirements are being met, and to ensure full implementation of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan. The Project Study Group members are noted in the Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

Stakeholder Involvement Methods

The opportunity for communication with all project Stakeholders is vital to the project's success. The Stakeholder Involvement Plan includes a variety of potential methods for Stakeholder involvement including newsletters, media briefings, Public Meeting, Public Hearing, and meetings with individuals as appropriate.

A **Community Advisory Group (CAG)** is being formed as a key component of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan. The structure of the Community Advisory Group is discussed in more detail in the Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

Community Advisory Group members must be able to fully commit to attend all Community Advisory Group meetings, and perform material reviews as requested, in order to ensure the project schedule is maintained. Only Stakeholders that can make this commitment should request to be on the Community Advisory Group. The **Community Advisory Group Membership Request Form** is available at this Public Information Meeting or can be requested from LCDOT as noted on the back page of this brochure. CAG Membership Request Forms must be returned to LCDOT by March 13, 2009.