



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 30, 2011

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PROJECT: Interstate 80; Ridge Road to U.S. Route 30
Kendall, Grundy, and Will Counties
Project Introduction and Joliet Junction Trail Discussion
Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC)

PARTICIPANTS: See attached Attendance Roster

Attendees introduced themselves to begin the meeting. IDOT provided a brief overview of the project. The project limits are Ridge Road to the west to U.S. Route 30 to the east. A near-term and long-term project is being completed concurrently. In order to address the immediate pavement riding surface needs, a patching and resurfacing project started this summer. HBP Illinois Partners was selected for this project and is a Joint Venture of HNTB Corporation, Bowman Barrett and Associates, and Patrick Engineering Inc.

The project will follow IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions/CSS guidelines. This involves increasing the level of effort in reaching out to the public to get their input early in the process. A Project Working Group (PWG) was created. It is comprised of elected officials, engineers, planners, and other interested parties.

The duration of the project is planned to be three years for the long-term Phase I Study. The near-term Phase I Study is expected to be completed in the next few months. A project website has been developed. The website address is www.I-80Will.com. The first Public Meeting was held on August 18, 2010 and was an open house format. Newsletters will be created and will be distributed to all stakeholders prior to the next Public Meetings/Hearing. The Project Manager for IDOT is Jessica Feliciano who was not in attendance at this meeting. The point of contact for the FPDWC will be Deb Specht and Andrew Hawkins.

A discussion of the different phases of the I-80 project occurred. The project includes a Phase I Study for both the near-term and long-term improvements, and Phase II design plans for the Interim work. It was noted that the long-term improvements for this project could include reconstruction and additional through travel lanes along the corridor. Neither study is funded for construction. The Phase I process includes developing the Purpose and Need, Range of Alternatives, and then the Preferred Alternative.

FPDWC suggested that IDOT should try to get approval with the current Board since there may be a possibility that future Boards may impose different requirements.

Joliet Junction Trail Bridge

Inspections were done for the bridge last summer. IDOT would like to remove the three span structures and replace with a simpler one span structure. Two alternatives were developed and a technical memorandum was written describing the alternatives –Three Sided Structure and a Single Span Structure. The two bridges would become one bridge in the proposed scenario. The FPDWC was concerned with the lack of light under the bridge in this situation and asked if lighting would be included. IDOT responded that a Lighting Study and warrants analysis can be completed in the Phase I Study. An agreement would be needed between IDOT and FPDWC to do the lighting. FPDWC will look further into the existence of any agreements or into obtaining a new agreement. It was asked if there was a way to get natural light under the bridge. It was suggested that opening the entrances may provide enough natural light to alleviate the need for lighting. Drainage through the path opening and the paved ditches shown in the exhibit was discussed. It is not known at this time what materials and dimensions will be used for the ditches. FPDWC asked that the new Joliet Junction Trail bridge would be completed in the near term project.

The original easement for the roadway was done in 1964 and this will need to be updated. Staging of the trail will need to be determined as this is a heavily utilized area. There is also one big event along the trail each year. The three sided precast structure option would be precast on the top with concrete footing. The final opening dimensions will depend on site constraints and approval from IDOT. A comparison of the two alternatives needs to be done in order to determine the amount of natural light that would exist in either scenario. Graffiti issues were discussed specifically concerning the new structure that is closer to the trail. IDOT has used a rustication (ribbed pattern) to help reduce graffiti in the past. This was suggested as a possible anti-graffiti measure. Additionally it was expressed that access control fencing would be needed on both sides.

The FPDWC requires a 12 foot pavement and 3 feet of turf before any sloping. There are no known flooding issues but there is concern with leaking through a culvert or three sided culvert. The project team is looking into providing animal crossings at the DuPage River, Rock Run Creek, and one of the tributaries. The FPDWC would like some type of barrier to keep out all-terrain vehicles. FPDWC is proposing a future path on the east side of Rock Run Creek. FPDWC requested the exhibit with the bike trails shown.

IDOT and the FPDWC need to keep communicating throughout the project. It will take some time to get things approved with the FPDWC.

The foregoing is the writer's understanding of the matters discussed and the conclusions reached in summary form. This will become part of the project record and is the basis upon which we will proceed. Concurrence is presumed unless the writer receives notice of additions or corrections.

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