

Harlem Avenue between 63rd and 65th

CAG Meeting #1 Summary | January 24, 2017



The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for IL 43 between 63rd Street and 65th Street was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Bedford Park Public Library, 7816 W 65th Place in Summit, IL from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The CAG is comprised of applicants who expressed interest in the study at the public information meeting and agencies that would be affected by the potential improvements. CAG members were notified of the first meeting through a save-the-date, an email invitation, and a letter notification. The website was also updated to reflect the first CAG meeting date, and confirmation phone calls were conducted. The meeting was attended by 32 CAG members.

The meeting included:



A binder

of handouts and organizational materials.



A PowerPoint presentation

highlighting the project schedule, technical data, CSS process and problem statement.



A discussion and exercise

for identifying issues and concerns to assist in developing a problem statement.

Facilitated Discussion and Group Exercises

The meeting began with introductions, followed by a PowerPoint presentation which discussed the study process and the CAG's role and responsibilities. The second half of the meeting focused on the community context and preparing a problem statement.

The first exercise ensured all CAG members completed a community context audit. Then, all CAG members were asked to identify transportation issues within the study area, individually on a notecard. Once they spent a few minutes listing their individual transportation issues, they collaborated as a small group to record the most prominent issues on a large easel pad. Each group was then asked to read aloud their top concerns to the entire CAG and each issue was summarized on the facilitator's easel pad.



Top Issues and Concerns of the CAG

- Infrastructure (Pedestrian, ADA)
- Displacement / Relocations
- BRC Safety
- Traffic Near CPS Schools
- Safety / Emergency Vehicle Blockage
- Traffic / Congestion
- Construction Timeline / Limited Business Access
- Regional Impacts
- Economic / Freight
- Drainage / Flooding
- Turning Lanes

Next steps

The PSG will consider the input from the CAG members and results from the community context audits to draft a problem statement that addresses the overall issues and concerns. The draft Problem Statement and initial Purpose and Need will be presented at the next CAG meeting.

The second CAG meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2017.