

Harlem Avenue between 63rd and 65th

CAG Meeting #4 Summary | February 18, 2020



The fourth Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for IL 43 (Harlem Avenue) between 63rd Street and 65th Street was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Bedford Park Public Library at 7816 W 65th Pl, Bedford Park, IL 60501 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To announce the fourth CAG meeting, an email invitation and postcards were sent, and phone calls were made to the members of the CAG and local, state, and federal representatives. Thirty-six CAG members attended the meeting. Congressman Dan Lipinski was also in attendance and briefly talked about the project and its importance to the area.

The meeting included:



Binder handouts

including alternatives workbook, screening matrix and alternatives evaluation comment sheet



A PowerPoint presentation

recapping public involvement to date, alternatives screening process and alternatives evaluated/dismissed.



A discussion and exercise

to review and evaluate remaining alternatives.

Facilitated Discussion and Group Exercises

The second half of the meeting focused on reviewing the developed alternatives categorized into seven groups.

The facilitator explained that each group went through a three-level screening process to narrow down alternatives based on technical criteria and public input. The screening process and evaluation criteria was presented to the CAG for review and general discussion. Based on the results of the screening process Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 were not recommended for further study while Group 5 and 6 were presented to the CAG for additional consideration.

Members were asked to review and evaluate the remaining alternatives and given time to comment on which alternative(s) from Group 5 and/or Group 6 they would like to see carried forward for further study and impact analysis.

// ALTERNATIVES GROUPS

No-Build (Baseline)

Group 1 : **Minor Build**

Group 2 : **Belt Railway Co.
Railroad Elevated/
Depressed**

Group 3 : **63rd St. Elevated**

Group 4 : **63rd St. Depressed**

Group 5 : **65th St. Elevated**

Group 6 : **65th St. Depressed**

Group 7 : **63rd St./65th St.
Combinations**

Based on the verbal and written comments received, the majority of CAG members felt that an elevated or depressed intersection would be best for this project.

- There is a preference for Group 5 alternatives (65th St. Elevated) being carried forward.
- A few members expressed support for Group 6 alternatives (65th St. Depressed)
- There was no support for the roundabout option for 65th St. Elevated

Overall, the CAG would like additional detail regarding impacts business, residential and transportation access and traffic operations (use of traffic signals, turning lane length, truck routes, etc).

Next steps

The Project Study Group (PSG) will review and consider the input from CAG members when further evaluating the remaining alternatives. The remaining alternatives will be presented at the third public meeting, anticipated to take place Spring 2020.