



## **WOLFS CROSSING PHASE I STUDY Public Meeting #1 - October 5, 2016**

### **Overview:**

The Village of Oswego has initiated the Phase I Engineering Study for Wolfs Crossing. The study area is comprised of approximately 4.5 miles from US Route 34 to US Route 30. Wolfs Crossing is currently a two-lane, two-way rural roadway with aggregate shoulders and is primarily under the jurisdiction of the Village of Oswego, with smaller portions of the roadway under the jurisdiction of Oswego Township. The Phase I Study will take a comprehensive look at the transportation needs of the corridor and include an analysis of existing roadway conditions, safety and capacity issues, and future transportation needs. It is anticipated that the Phase I Study will be concluded by approximately December 2017, and the goal is to develop a long term improvement that will benefit motorists, residents, businesses, and economic development in the region.

### **Identification of Stakeholders:**

Per the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) procedures, a stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. Stakeholders are generally identified as all residents and property owners of the study area, and those interested parties that can help the Village of Oswego understand the needs for, and concerns about, the transportation system. The Village can take this input, along with all of its other technical work and analysis, and use it to make planning and design decisions.

The identification of stakeholders was done through a combination of desktop searches, study team knowledge and understanding of the study area, and input from local community leaders. Stakeholders were categorized by specific area of interest such as landowners, business owners, municipal, township, county, state, and federal elected officials, business/economic development groups, school, park, library and fire protection districts, public agency officials, regional planning and transportation agencies, public safety providers, and utility agencies.


New stakeholders will be added to the initial stakeholder list throughout the project. All stakeholders expressing interest in the project will continue to be added to the project mailing list and will be able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities.

### **Public Involvement Efforts**

#### **Display Ad:**

Below is the display ad notifying the public of the October 5, 2016 Public Meeting. The ad includes a brief explanation of the project, and invites the public to attend and comment on the current conditions and future needs along the study area corridor.



**WOLFS CROSSING ROAD** 

**YOUR INPUT MATTERS!**

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The Village of Oswego has scheduled a public information meeting to present the study schedule, planning process, and stakeholder involvement opportunities. The purpose of this meeting is to seek input from stakeholders on the transportation issues and concerns of the Wolfs Crossing Road study area.

**Public Information Meeting**  
**October 5, 2016**  
**4:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Oswego Village Hall**  
**100 Parkers Mill**  
**Oswego, IL 60543**

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, and interested persons may visit anytime between 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. The Village of Oswego and the study team will provide information regarding study schedule, the review process, and public involvement opportunities, including the opportunity to sign up for consideration to serve on the project's Corridor Advisory Group (CAG). Attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits, provide comments, and meet with the Village of Oswego and study team members on a one-on-one basis.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:  
Village of Oswego, Attn: Jennifer Hughes, R.E., CFM, Project Manager  
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL 60543; [jhughes@oswegoil.org](mailto:jhughes@oswegoil.org); (630) 551-2366

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The display ad ran twice in one publication, and once in another for a total of three times as follows:

- Aurora Beacon News:
  - Two column by 5 inch ad in the Main News section of the paper
  - Published on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 and Wednesday, September 28, 2016
- Oswego Ledger Sentinel:
  - ¼ page ad in the Main News section of the paper
  - Published Thursday, September 29, 2016

#### **Postcard Invitation:**

In order to provide stakeholders an advance notice of the meeting, a postcard invitation was created to announce the October 5, 2016 Public Meeting. The postcard included a brief explanation of the project and information regarding the meeting format. The postcard invitation was mailed to the entire stakeholder list, approximately 400 in number, on September 27, 2016. Copies of the postcard were also made available to the walk-in public at Village Hall and the Oswego Chamber of Commerce. The Oswego Library created a poster of the postcard and included it on the Community Events board at the library. The Village of Oswego also posted a copy of the postcard on its Facebook page on September 27, October 4, and October 5, 2016. The Chamber of Commerce posted a copy on its website and also sent it as an eblast to all of its approximately 500 members on September 30, 2016.



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**Press Release:**

The press release announcing the October 5, 2016 Public Meeting was issued by the Village of Oswego's Community Relations Department to the following media outlets on September 26, 2016:



- Ledger-Sentinel/Kendall County Record
- OnlyOswego.com
- WSPYNews.com
- Beacon News

  
100 Parkers Mill • Oswego, IL 60543 • (630) 554-3618 • Fax: (630) 554-3306  
Website: <http://www.oswegoil.org>

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*For Immediate Release – September 26, 2016  
Contact Info – Michele Brown, 630-554-4636*

**Press Release: Village of Oswego schedules first Public Meeting concerning the Wolfs Crossing Road Phase I Study through Oswego, IL**

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### Other Announcements:

In addition to the display ad, postcard invitation, press release efforts and social media efforts, the following additional outreach tools were used to solicit public interest in attending the Public Meeting:

- The Village of Oswego included a modified version of the display ad in the Fall 2016 edition of its Oswego News newsletter, mailed to all addresses contained in the 60543 zip code, constituting approximately 14,000 residences and businesses.
- Village Engineer Jennifer Hughes wrote a Letter to the Editor published in the September 29, 2016 Oswego Ledger-Sentinel, describing the project and urging the public to attend the Public Meeting.

### Public Meeting #1 Summary

The first public meeting for the Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Oswego Village Hall, 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Illinois from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The meeting was an open house format with exhibit boards for review, and a large scale aerial of the study area.



Attendees had the opportunity to speak to study team representatives on a one-on-one basis, provide written comments, and sign up for consideration to join the Corridor Advisory Group (CAG). **The meeting was attended by 76 people, 28 comments were received by the October 19, 2016 comment period deadline via submitted forms and email in addition to written comments posted onto the study aerial at the meeting, and 13 CAG sign-up forms were submitted.**

**The following elected officials were in attendance:**

- Village of Oswego: Village President Gail Johnson
- Village Of Oswego: Trustee Pam Parr
- Village of Oswego: Trustee Karen McCarthy-Lange
- Oswego Township: Town Clerk George Hettrich
- Kendall County Board: Elizabeth Flowers, District 2
- Kendall County Board: Jeff Wehrli, District 2
- SD 308: Board President Matt Bauman

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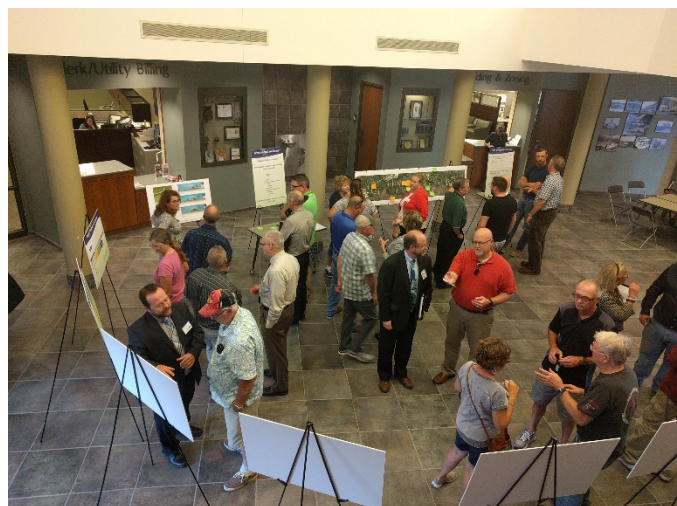
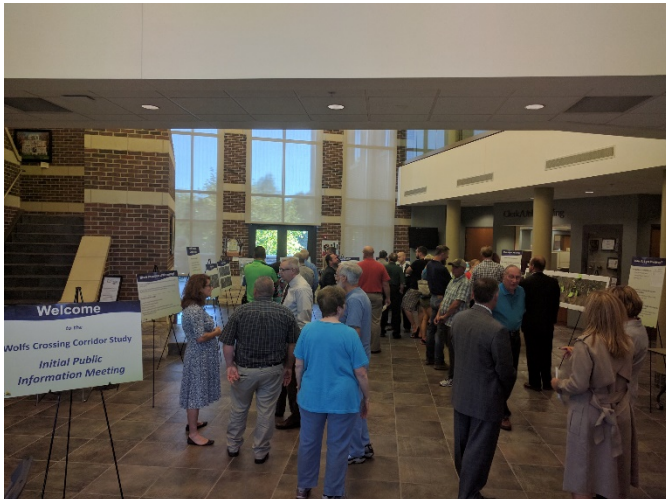
- Oswegoland Park District: Grant Casleton, Director of Planning & Development
- Oswegoland Park District: Chad Feldotto, Senior Park Planner
- SD 308: Mike Barr, Director of Operations
- SD 308: Derrick Berlin, Director of the Transportation Team
- Oswego Planning and Zoning Commission: Rick Kuhn
- Oswego Planning and Zoning Commission: Ken Holmstrom
- IDOT District 3: Dave Broviak

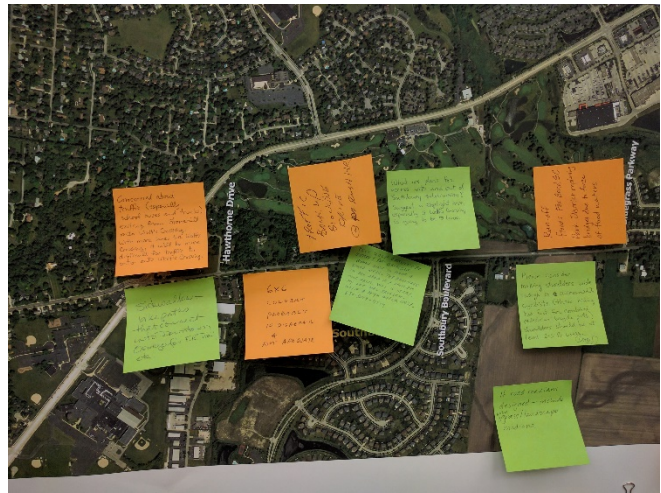
**Common Comment Categories:**

- Congestion, Capacity & Mobility:
  - Support for 5-lane cross section
  - Support for 3-lane cross section
  - Support for 4-lane cross section with 5-lanes at intersections
  - Inclusion of traffic signals at Southbury, Harvey, 5<sup>th</sup>, OEHS, Douglas, Secretariat, and US 30/Treasure
  - Need a 3-way stop at 5<sup>th</sup> and Wolf
  - Address the Douglas Road intersection/offset, request for stop signs
  - Concerns regarding all Wolfs Crossing intersections within the study area
  - Properly channelize intersections
  - Roundabouts – both for and against
  - Improve multi-modal opportunities by including sidewalks and bike paths
- Environmental:
  - Concerns about drainage
  - Concern about increased noise level
  - Incorporate trees, berms into design
  - Where possible, curve the roadway to preserve trees
  - Maintain appropriate landscaping so it does not block sight lines



- Land Acquisition:
    - How much land will be required?
    - For those with driveway access, offer to double the width to compensate for the loss of length due to acquisition
  
  - Add Street Lights
  
  - Other:
    - No barrier median – will limit access
    - Don't wait to do the project
    - What studies have already been done to document safety factors, i.e. crashes, congestion, load capacities?
    - How will future growth affect the corridor needs?
    - Widen US 30 before widen Wolfs Crossing
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