



WOLFS CROSSING PHASE I STUDY Public Meeting #2 – June 29, 2017

Overview:

The Village of Oswego is continuing its work on the Phase I Engineering Study for Wolfs Crossing Road. The study area is comprised of approximately 4.5 miles between US Route 34 and Eola Road. 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 and the City of Aurora. The project study team is taking a comprehensive look at the transportation needs of the corridor, including 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 early 2018, 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:

The Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study is following the principles of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) procedures. Per CSS, 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 initial identification of stakeholders for the study 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 have continually been added to the initial stakeholder list throughout the project. All stakeholders expressing interest in the project have been added to the project mailing list and are able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities. There are currently approximately 500 stakeholders on the project mailing list.

Public Involvement Efforts

Display Ad:


Below is the display ad notifying the public of the June 29, 2017 Public Meeting. The ad includes a brief explanation of the project, and invites the public to attend and comment on the development and further refinement of proposed project alternatives.

WOLFS CROSSING ROAD 

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

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A public information meeting has been scheduled to provide an update on project status and activities to date since the first public meeting held on October 5, 2016. The team will present recommendations from our Corridor Advisory Team (WolfCAT) as well as preliminary proposed corridor design alternatives. The purpose of the meeting at this stage of the study process is to seek input from stakeholders on the further refinement and development of the proposed project alternatives.



Public Information Meeting
June 29, 2017
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. 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, P.E., CFM, Project Manager
 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL 60543; (630) 551-2366;
 WolfsCrossing@Oswegoil.org

Project information can be viewed on the Village of Oswego’s website, www.oswegoil.org, by clicking on the “Wolfs Crossing” tab on the home page.

*This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Michele Brown, Village of Oswego Community Relations Manager at (630) 554-4636. Persons who attend who need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 771; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

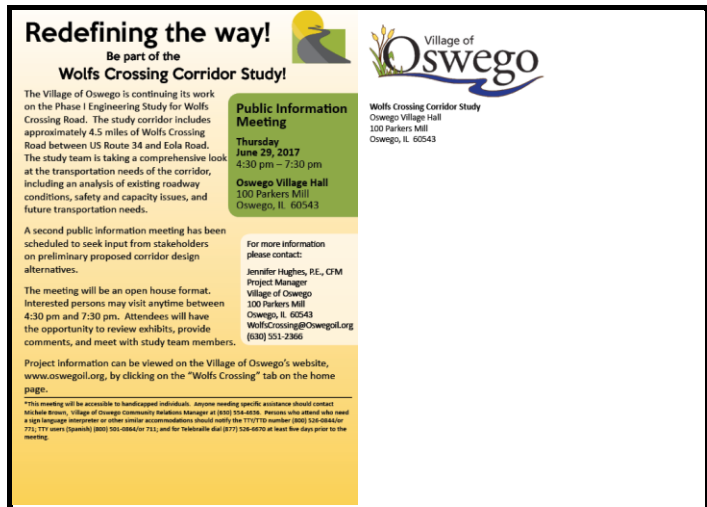
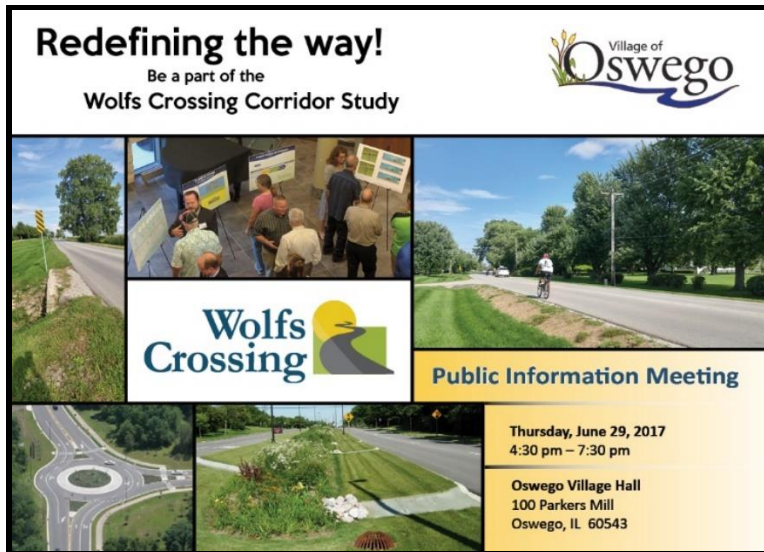
The display ad ran twice in one publication, and once in another two publications for a total of four times as follows:

- Daily Herald:
 - Two column by 6 inch ad in the Main News section of the paper
 - Published on Wednesday, June 14, 2017
- Aurora Beacon News:
 - Two column by 5 inch ad in the Main News section of the paper
 - Published on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 and Wednesday, June 21, 2017
- Oswego Ledger Sentinel:
 - ¼ page ad in the Main News section of the paper
 - Published Thursday, June 22, 2017



Postcard Invitation:

In order to provide stakeholders advance notice of the meeting, a postcard invitation was created to announce the June 29, 2017 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 on June 13, 2017. Copies of the postcard were also made available to the walk-in public at Village Hall, the Oswego Chamber of Commerce, and the Oswego Library. The Oswego Library also created a poster of the postcard and included it on the Community Events board at the library. 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 June 29, 2017.



Press Release:



The press release announcing the June 29, 2017 Public Meeting was issued by the Village of Oswego's Community Relations Department to the following media outlets on June 19, 2017:

- Ledger-Sentinel/Kendall County Record
- OnlyOswego
- WSPYNews
- Tribune Publications
- The Voice

***Village of Oswego continues with the Wolfs Crossing Road Phase I Study,
schedules second Public Meeting***

For Immediate Release – 6/19/17

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As a result of the Village's dissemination of the press release, two follow-up articles were written regarding the upcoming meeting. One article appeared in the Oswego Ledger on June 22, 2017, and the other in the Beacon News on June 27, 2017.

Additional Outreach

In addition to the display ad, postcard invitation, and press release efforts, on June 20, 2017 the Village of Oswego included notice of the meeting on its website under the Wolfs Crossing information tab, and additionally on June 29, 2017 posted social media reminders of the meeting.



Public Meeting #2 Summary

The second public meeting for the Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 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 illustrating various project alternatives developed from input received from the Corridor Advisory Team (WolfCAT), the public, and technical analysis of the study area. Three project alternatives were presented for comment and consideration:

1. Alternative 1 – Corridor of Signals
2. Alternative 2 – Corridor of Roundabouts
3. Alternative 3 – Hybrid Roundabout/Signal Corridor

Attendees had the opportunity to speak to study team representatives on a one-on-one basis, and provide written comments and input regarding the three alternatives. **The meeting was attended by 50 people, 10 written comment forms were received at the meeting, and two additional comments were emailed to the project website by the July 13, 2017 public meeting comment period deadline.**

The following elected officials were in attendance:

- Oswego Township: Trustee Diane Selmer
- Oswego Township: Trustee Bill Small
- City of Aurora: Alderman Edward Bugg

The following public officials were in attendance:

- Fox Valley Park District: Jeff Palmquist, Senior Director of Planning, Research & Grants

The following Wolfs Crossing Corridor Advisory Team (WolfCAT) members were in attendance:

- David Dickinson
- Jerry and Patricia Galligar
- Jerry Kurtti
- Martin Leibrock

The following Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study Team members were also in attendance:

- Jennifer Hughes, Oswego Village Engineer
- Laura McGovern, Benesch
- Reid Moreland, Benesch
- Ryan Thady, Benesch
- Ashley Fowler, Benesch
- Ryan Parks, Benesch
- Mike Schoppe, Schoppe Design Associates
- Carrie Hansen, Schoppe Design Associates

Comment Categories:

- Congestion, Capacity & Mobility:
 - Roundabouts – both for and against, but predominantly in favor



- Install sidewalks and bike paths
- Reduce speed limit in corridor now
- Consider use of corridor by students/school users
- Discourage use of corridor by semi-trucks
- If staged improvements:
 - Wolf/Harvey intersection first
 - Wolf/Douglas intersection second, and design as true intersection
- Support for 4-lane cross section

- Environmental:
 - Concerns about drainage
 - Concern about increased noise level
 - Incorporate use of native vegetation
 - Design to create curb appeal
 - No trees in median or within 35' of roadway

- Land Acquisition:
 - Concern for how much land will be required

- Other:
 - Will lighting be included?
 - Need to educate users – bike/ped and roundabouts

 - Project urgency – needed now

For those attendees who chose to weigh in, the Comment Form included a section asking which of the three noted alternatives was preferred by the respondent. Alternative 2 – Corridor of Roundabouts and Alternative 3 – Hybrid Roundabout/Signal Corridor each received five (5) votes. Alternative 1 – Corridor of Signals received zero (0) votes.





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