



## **WOLFS CROSSING PHASE I STUDY Public Meeting #3 – February 15, 2018**

### **Overview:**

The Village of Oswego is nearing completion of 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 mid-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 February 15, 2018 Public Meeting. The ad includes a brief explanation of the project, and invites the public to attend and provide comments and input on the draft Recommended Alternative.



## WOLFS CROSSING ROAD



### *Your Opinion Matters!*

The Village of Oswego is completing its work on the Phase I Engineering Study for Wolfs Crossing Road, and is conducting the third and final public information meeting on the project. For the past year and a half, the study team has been taking a comprehensive look at the transportation needs of the corridor, including analyses of existing roadway conditions, safety and capacity issues, and future transportation needs.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a project update and seek public input on the Preferred Alternative for the approximately 4.5 mile study area between US Route 34 and Eola Road.



**Public Information Meeting**  
**February 15, 2018**  
**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 listen to a narrated powerpoint presentation, view 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](mailto:WolfsCrossing@Oswegoil.org)

Project information can be viewed on the Village of Oswego's website, [www.oswegoil.org](http://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 Jenette Sturges, Village of Oswego Community Engagement Coordinator at (630) 551-2392 or [jsturges@oswegoil.org](mailto:jsturges@oswegoil.org). 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 three times in the print and on-line versions of the local newspaper, the Oswego Ledger, as follows:

- ¼ page ad in the Main News section of the paper
- Published Thursday, January 25, 2018, Thursday, February 1, 2018 and Thursday, February 8, 2018



- Two articles written by Oswego Ledger/Shaw Media staff were published on Thursday, February 15, 2018, the day of Public Meeting #3

**Postcard Invitation:**

In order to provide stakeholders advance notice of the meeting, a postcard invitation was created to announce the February 15, 2018 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 January 30, 2018. 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 social media pages, and also sent it as an eblast to all of its approximately 500 members on February 8, 2018.



### **Additional Outreach**

In addition to the display ad, postcard invitation, and partnership with local agencies, the Village of Oswego included notice of the meeting on its website under the Wolfs Crossing information tab, and additionally on February 8, 2018 posted social media reminders of the meeting.

### **Public Meeting #3 Summary**

The third and final public meeting for the Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 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 depicting the Recommended Alternative. Attendees were also encouraged to first view a narrated power point presentation that included the following elements:

- An overview of the project
- Data collection and analysis of existing conditions process
- Description and membership of the WolfCAT corridor advisory group, and its role throughout the project process
- Development of the project Purpose and Need
- Process involved in the preparation of the Recommended Alternative
- Presentation of the Recommended Alternative
- Anticipated project timeline
- Property acquisition process and identified parcels

Attendees had the opportunity to speak to study team representatives on a one-on-one basis, and provide written comments and input regarding the Recommended Alternative and any other concerns.

**The meeting was attended by 80 people, five (5) written comment forms were received at the meeting, and seven (7) additional comments were emailed to the project website by the March 1, 2018 public meeting comment period deadline.**

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

- Gail Johnson, Oswego Village President
- Pam Parr, Oswego Village Trustee
- Karin McCarthy-Lange, Oswego Village Trustee
- Diane Selmer, Oswego Township Trustee

#### **The following public officials were in attendance:**

- Chad Feldotto, Oswegoland Park District
- Grant Casleton, Oswegoland Park District
- Fran Klaas, Kendall County Engineer
- Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP
- Rick Kuhn, Oswego Planning and Zoning Commission
- Mike Barr, SD 308
- Don Ernat, IDOT District 3
- Christine Kupkowski, Will County Division of Transportation
- Jackie Forbes, Kane Kendall Council of Mayors



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

- David Dickinson
- Martin Leibrock
- Gary Eagleton
- Pat & Jerry Galligar
- Marsha Zaranti
- Dale Konicek
- Jerry Kurtti
- Jim Feeley
- Chad Feldotto (also listed in Public Officials)
- Fran Klaas (also listed in Public Officials)
- Mike Barr (also listed in Public Officials)
- Don Ernat (also listed in Public Officials)

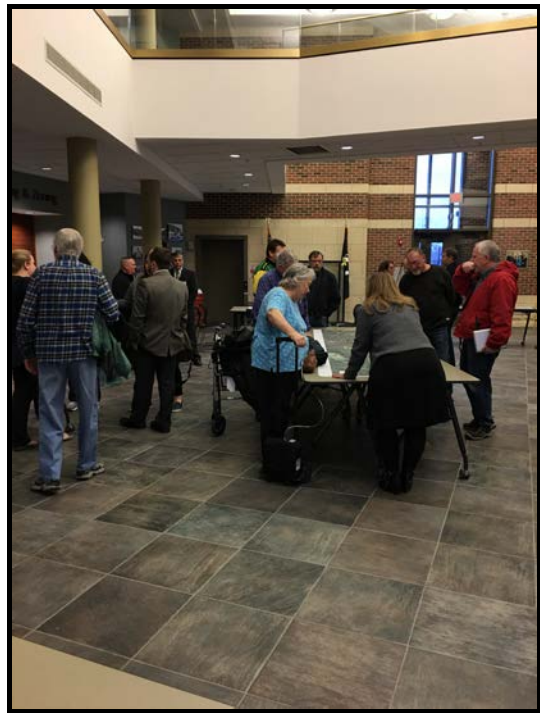
**The following Wolfs Crossing Phase I Study Team members were also in attendance:**

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

**Comment Categories:**

- Drainage:
  - How will current drainage improve with this project?
  - Waubensee Creek can't handle current drainage problems; how can it handle this?
  - Drainage should be a top priority of the project
- Access:
  - Proposed medians will limit access for residents and businesses
  - Left turns into Stonehill Drive should be maintained as they are important to the business function and tax base of the industrial park
- Design:
  - Including a grassed median will require taking too much property from adjacent owners
  - Combine sidewalk/bike path into one facility and include on only one side of the roadway to reduce amount of ROW necessary from adjacent owners
  - Will there be a noise barrier?
  - Want improvement to assist with pedestrian/bike connectivity to downtown, Oswego High School and other schools, and Route 34 shopping areas
- Land Acquisition:
  - Compensate residents fairly for ROW acquisitions

- Concerns from “full-acquisition parcels”:
    - What is the anticipated timing of acquisition?
    - Why are the full acquisitions necessary?
    - A meeting should be organized with the “full take” parcel owners
  - Who will replace fences and trees currently used to buffer the road?
  - How much property will be required?
  - Why are the properties on the south side of the road impacted with full acquisitions while the north side is not (between Harvey and Route 30)?
- Other:
    - Appreciate police monitoring speed on Wolfs Crossing





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