



Technical Task Force

Minutes (Final – Approved 1/27/09)

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Lake DOT

600 W. Winchester Rd.

Libertyville, IL 60048

1.0 Roll Call

Technical Task Force:

- Buehler, Marty, Chair (Lake County DOT)
- Heinz, Bill (Village of Grayslake)
- Harmet, Peter (IDOT)
- Huber, Marc (Village of Round Lake)
- Quick, Dan (Village of Wauconda)
- Richartz, Cindy (Abbott Laboratories)
- Ziegler, David (Village of Gurnee)

Related Task Forces:

- Mike Warner (Environmental Task Force Chair)
- Dennis Sandquist (Land Use Task Force Chair)
- David Motley (Public Information Task Force)

Staff:

- Patty Gayes (Lake County Partners)
- Chuck Gleason (LCDOT)
- Paula Trigg (LCDOT)
- Al Gertich (LCDOT)

Consultants:

- Jeff Hall, (TranSystems)
- Matt Smith (TranSystems)
- Chuck Stenzel (TranSystems)

2.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.0 September 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes Approval

- Motion:** To approve 9/29/2008 Minutes
- Motion By:** Dan Quick
- Seconded By:** Bill Heinz
- Discussion:** None
- Motion Passed:** Unanimous

4.0 Chairman's Remarks

4.1 Discussion of Open House Wed. 11/12/08

Jeff Hall of TranSystems gave a staff report on the 11/12/08 public open house. The open house presented four alternatives to the public:

- Alternate 3A (4-Lane Roundabout Boulevard)
- Alternate 3B (4-Lane Signalized Boulevard)
- Alternate 4 (6-Lane Signalized Arterial)
- Alternate 5 (6-Lane Expressway)

Eight decision matrix categories were developed as part of the feasibility study to compare the alternatives, including cost, right-of-way, environmental, traffic, road user, network, economic development, and enhancement opportunities.

Jeff said he had compiled the written public comments from the open house, and he distributed a complete copy of the comments to the task force members, as well as a written summary report of the comments. He also said that he would distribute a copy to each member of the Governance Board a week in advance of the upcoming 12/10/08 meeting.

Jeff said that a minimum of 320 people attended the open house. 200 comments from unique households were received (additional comments from within an individual household were received in some cases).

He noted that representatives from the Liberty Prairie Foundation distributed a pre-written letter favoring either Alternate 3A or 3B and specifically opposing Alternate 5. The pre-written letter was ready to be signed by visitors to the open house. This letter accounted for about one-half of the comments received. Nearly all of the preprinted letters came from Grayslake residents. All comments were sorted by municipality.

In terms of subject, traffic issues (including road user and network) were seen as the most important criteria in a road character decision. The land use criteria was 2nd most important, followed by environmental issues, and then cost.

The majority of comments favored either Alternate 3A or 3B, with 3B receiving slightly more favorable comments than its counterpart. However, alternate 3A had more specific opposition comments than Alternate 3B. Looking at the comments from communities outside the bypass limits, the majority of comments from residents in these communities preferred a six-lane alternate over a four-lane alternate, with a slight preference for Alternate 5. However, Alternate 5 had more specific opposition comments than Alternate 4, the other 6-lane alternative.

Looking at the comments from residents of communities within the bypass footprint (Grayslake, Hainesville, and Round Lake), the comments showed a strong preference for the four-lane alternate. Grayslake resident comments were by far the majority, and were strongly in favor of the 4-lane alternative. Of the comments only from Hainesville and Round Lake, comments were evenly split between the 4-lane and 6-lane alternatives. There were more specific opposition comments to Alternate 3A and Alternate 5 than to Alternate 3B and Alternate 4.

Dennis Sandquist asked how comments were sorted when they had multiple subject selections. All comments were sorted by municipality and household and not by comment subject.

Dan Quick said that the open house was handled very well, and that it was one of the best events of this type that he has seen. He also noted that the outcome may have been very different if the pre-printed letters were not distributed, and wondered what the outcome might have been if cards would have been available for each choice, rather than just a general comment card.

Bill Heinz made a motion to endorse the two-page summary of the open house as presented. Dan Quick seconded the motion. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

5.0 Other Business

Chuck Gleason said that the next meeting would probably be held on the 4th Tuesday in January, as usual, which would be January 27. However, he said he would confirm this and inform the task force members.

Also, a task force member asked when the results of the open house would be available on the website. Chuck said they would be on the website after the December 10, 2008 Governance Board meeting.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Adjourn

Motion:	To adjourn
Motion By:	Dan Quick
Seconded By:	Marc Huber
Discussion:	No discussion.
Motion Passed:	Unanimous.