

Appendix C

Public Involvement and Agency Coordination

Introduction

Appendix C contains the key documents used to support and record the public involvement and agency coordination activities performed thus far for the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th St. CIP). These activities are detailed in the text of Chapter 4 – Comments and Coordination of this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Documents in this appendix are presented in the order in which they are discussed in Chapter 4.

C1 Stakeholder Involvement Plan

This section contains the Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) that was developed to guide public involvement and agency coordination activities throughout the study. The SIP was a dynamic document that was updated four times, with the latest being June 8, 2012. Updates included participant, schedule, and contact information for the project, as well as a summary of stakeholder activities. The SIP is available for review on the project website.

C2 Public Meetings

Summaries of the public meetings, including promotional and presentation materials, and comments received, are provided in subsection C2.

- ◆ Public Meetings Part 1 - June 7 and 9, 2011 *Purpose and Need* public meetings - Summary report (including comments received, promotional materials, scripted PowerPoint presentation, and exhibits)
- ◆ Public Meetings Part 2 - October 27, 2011 *Range of Alternatives* public meeting - Summary report
- ◆ Public Meetings Part 3 - October 27, 2011 *Range of Alternatives* public meeting – Promotional materials and scripted PowerPoint presentation
- ◆ Public Meetings Part 4 - October 27, 2011 *Range of Alternatives* public meeting – Exhibits
- ◆ Public Meetings Part 5 - October 27, 2011 *Range of Alternatives* public meeting – Exhibits
- ◆ Public Meetings Part 6 - October 27, 2011 *Range of Alternatives* public meeting- Comments received

C3 Other PI Activities

At each Public Meeting and Community Advisory Group meeting, the project team offered to speak at the meetings of neighborhood organizations to discuss the 75th St. CIP. Subsection C3 provides meeting summaries of all community meetings the Project Team has been invited to attend to date, as follows:

- ◆ May 5, 2011 - 17th Ward Ministerial Alliance and Pastors of Englewood
- ◆ February 16, 2012 - Wrightwood Improvement Association

- ◆ February 27, 2012 - 76th, 77th, & 78th Hamilton Block Club

C4 Project Brochures

Subsection C4 presents the project brochures used during the study to date:

- ◆ June 2010 – Initial project brochure introduced the project, explained the existing conditions in the study area, and discussed IDOT’s Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process for stakeholder outreach.
- ◆ March 2011 – Revised brochure included input received from initial meetings with elected officials, new graphics, and enhanced content explaining the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and IDOT’s CSS process
- ◆ June 2011 – Brochure insert supplemented the March 2011 brochure and discussed the formation and purpose of the Community Advisory Groups (CAGs) supplemented the March 2011 brochure. The insert also explained the project’s Problem Statement and draft Purpose and Need Statement that were developed with input from the initial CAG meetings.
- ◆ October 2011 – New brochure developed for the October 27, 2011 public meeting provided an overview of the project’s Range of Alternatives, including new graphics and content related to the proposed alternatives.

C5 Fact Sheets

Four different fact sheets have been developed and distributed at meetings and posted on the project website. Subsection C5 presents these fact sheets:

- ◆ EIS Fact Sheet – explains the EIS process.
- ◆ CSS Fact Sheet – describes IDOT’s CSS process.
- ◆ CREATE Employment Opportunities Fact Sheet – provides employment contact information for the railroads, explains basic requirements for employment on CREATE projects and with the railroad industry.
- ◆ Railroad and City of Chicago Contacts Fact Sheet – provides information on which entities to contact to report issues related to railroad properties.

C6 Project Emails and Comments from Website

Subsection C6 presents the project emails and website comments received throughout the study to date, along with responses from the Project Team. Requests for addition to the project email list are omitted from this chart.

C7 Notice of Intent

Subsection C7 presents the Federal Highway Administration’s Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, as printed in the Federal Register on May 7, 2010.

C8 Cooperating and Participating Agencies

Subsection C8 presents copies of correspondence to date with Cooperating and Participating Agencies:

- ◆ May 17, 2010 – Cooperating/Participating Agency invitation letters.
- ◆ June 23, 2010 – United States Environmental Protection Agency acceptance of invitation to be a cooperating agency.
- ◆ June 29, 2010 – US Department of Interior – National Park Service coordination letter.
- ◆ July 1, 2010 – Illinois Department of Natural Resources acceptance of invitation to be a participating agency.
- ◆ July 8, 2010 – Federal Transit Administration acceptance of invitation to be a cooperating agency.
- ◆ July 16, 2010 – Illinois Historic Preservation Agency acceptance of invitation to be a participating agency.
- ◆ July 29, 2010 – Federal Railroad Administration acceptance of invitation to be a cooperating agency.
- ◆ March 3, 2011 – Tribe invitation letter.
- ◆ June 29, 2011 – US Army Corps of Engineers closure of coordination email.

C9 NEPA/404 Meeting Minutes –

Subsection C9 presents summaries of the three meetings held with the NEPA/404 Merger agencies.

- ◆ June 11, 2010 – First (Scoping) meeting with NEPA/404 Merger agencies
- ◆ June 27, 2011 – Second meeting to present the project’s Purpose and Need Statement
- ◆ January 13, 2012 – Third meeting to present the Range of Alternatives considered and the Preferred Alternative

C10 Other Agency Coordination

Subsection C10 presents meeting summaries and correspondence with other agencies.

- ◆ June 29, 2011 – Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) viaduct meeting summary
- ◆ June 30, 2011 – Chicago Park District Hamilton Park meeting summary
- ◆ July 18, 2011 – CDOT viaduct meeting summary
- ◆ August 5, 2011 – Chicago Park District email confirming approach to Hamilton Park
- ◆ August 16, 2011 – CDOT 71st Street Grade Separation meeting summary
- ◆ August 31, 2011 – IHPA Hamilton Park meeting summary
- ◆ October 6, 2011 – Memo to CDOT regarding the Union Avenue Concept
- ◆ October 10, 2011 – Email from CDOT regarding the Union Avenue Concept, with response
- ◆ November 10, 2011 – Letter from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) concurring with traffic projections
- ◆ December 12, 2011 – Chicago Park District Hamilton Park meeting summary

- ◆ February 9, 2012 – CMAP meeting summary that includes update on CREATE air quality
- ◆ February 14, 2012 – IHPA Hamilton Park meeting summary

C11 Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting Minutes –

Six CAG meetings have been held during study to date. Subsection C11 presents summaries of those meetings.

- ◆ Two initial CAG meetings
 - April 19, 2011 – West CAG initial meeting to discuss project problem statement (Purpose and Need)
 - April 20, 2011 – East CAG initial meeting to discuss project problem statement (Purpose and Need)
- ◆ August 26, 2011 – Joint CAG meeting to discuss improvement area alternates.
- ◆ September 16, 2011 – Joint CAG meeting to discuss potential viaduct improvements to address local mobility issues and improvement area alternates.
- ◆ January 12, 2012 – Joint CAG meeting to discuss Preferred Alternative.
- ◆ December 12, 2013 – Joint CAG meeting to discuss the Preferred Alternative’s benefits, impacts, and mitigation measures.