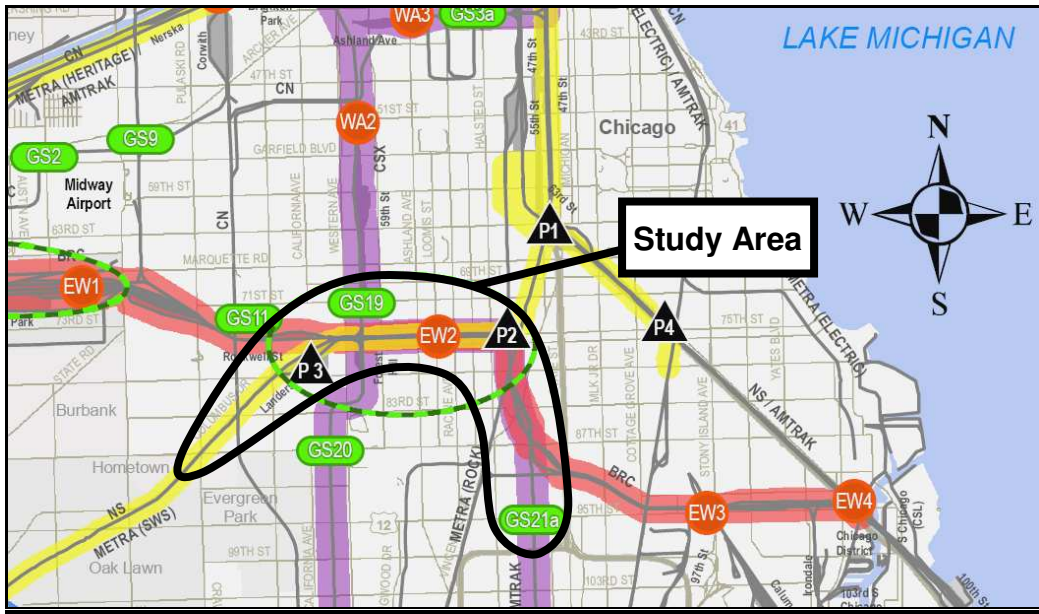


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# STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

## for Agency and Public Involvement



## 75<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvement Project (75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP)

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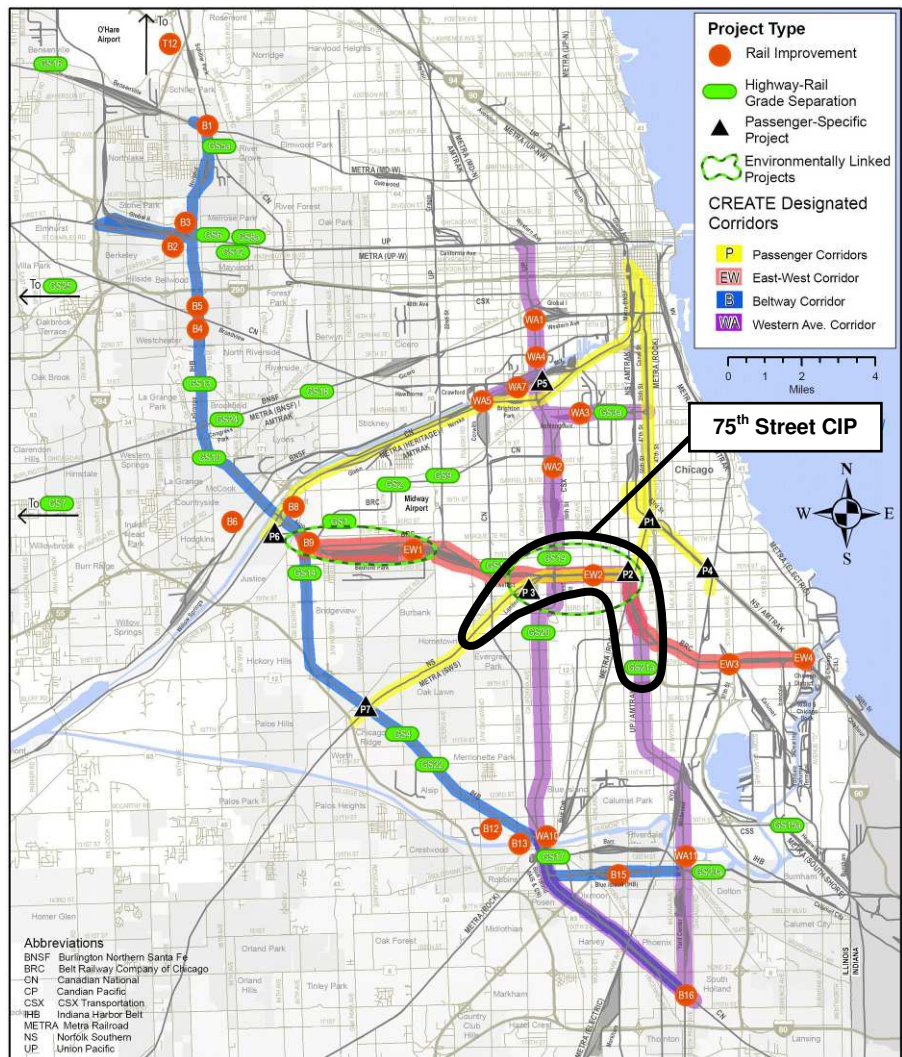
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) is a joint effort of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) to restructure, modernize and expand freight and passenger rail facilities and highway grade separations in the Chicago metropolitan area while reducing the environmental and social impacts on the general public. Information about the CREATE program can be obtained from [www.createprogram.org](http://www.createprogram.org).

The AAR acts on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), CSX Transportation (CSX), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (Metra), BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), CN Railway Company (CN), and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP).

The CREATE Program includes the development of four freight and passenger rail corridors in the Chicago metropolitan area to relieve congestion and reduce delays for both rail traffic and the roadway motorists that must traverse the at-grade railroad intersections.

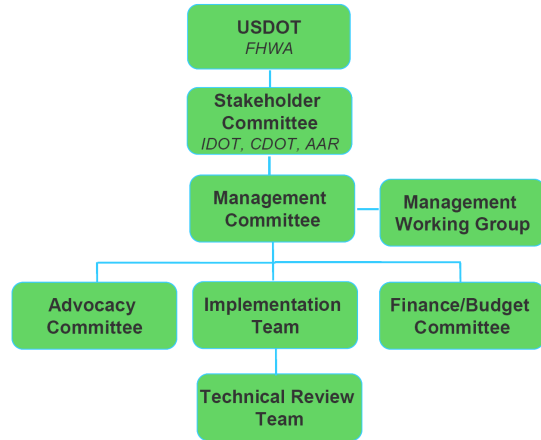


The portion of the CREATE Program covered by this 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (CIP) includes parts of three of the four rail corridors. The overall CREATE Program study area and the 75th Street CIP are shown on the adjacent map.

**1.1 OVERALL CREATE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS AND MANAGEMENT**

The overall CREATE Program involves 14 agencies in a first-of-its kind rail public-private partnership. Given the size and complexity of the program and the number of entities involved, a clear management structure was developed to guide operations and ensure efficient use of funds.

Given the number of partners involved, CREATE established a committee structure to manage day-to-day operations, which is shown in the adjacent figure. The committees are comprised of the agencies and railroad companies listed on page 1 among others.



**FHWA CREATE Program Manager**

The FHWA Program Manager for CREATE is responsible for the management of all Federal interests associated with the program. The manager serves as the primary local contact for the FHWA, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), IDOT, CDOT, railroad companies, and other local agencies.

**Stakeholder Committee**

The Stakeholder Committee has three members: President and CEO of AAR, CDOT Commissioner, and IDOT Secretary. This committee sets policy for the overall CREATE Program and approves any changes in scope or budget.

**Management Committee**

Reviews and approves project designs, project cost estimates, and construction assumptions. It makes decisions regarding scope, schedule, and budget based on recommendations from the Implementation Team. The Management Committee is comprised of one member each from CTCO<sup>1</sup>, Metra, BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, NS, UP, AAR, CDOT, and IDOT, as well as nonvoting members from Amtrak, BRC, IHB<sup>2</sup>, and FHWA.

**Implementation Team**

Tracks budget and construction progress and recommends project changes. Members are mainly from the Engineering/Operations divisions of their agencies. The Implementation

<sup>1</sup> Chicago Transportation Coordination Office. Established in 1999 to develop solutions to railroad operating problems in Chicago, to work with public agencies on the public impacts of rail service, and to assist in continuing the capital planning process.

<sup>2</sup> Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company



Team is comprised of one member each from CTCO, Amtrak, Metra, BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, NS, UP, BRC, IHB, AAR, CDOT, and IDOT.

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

Monitors project cost estimates versus actual expenditures and assists project managers with financial management issues. It reports to the Management Committee and works with the Advocacy Committee to identify sources of public funds. The Finance and Budget Committee is comprised of one member each from CTCO, Amtrak, Metra, BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, NS, UP, AAR, CDOT, and IDOT.

### **Advocacy Committee**

Responsible for all CREATE communications, addressing community concerns, and advocating for CREATE. The committee monitors the federal and state legislation process and conducts public outreach. It also advocates for engineering and construction companies to hire more aggressively in the communities where projects will be constructed to benefit the local economy. The Advocacy Committee is comprised of one member each from CTCO, Amtrak, Metra, BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, NS, UP, AAR, CDOT, and IDOT and reports to the Management Committee.

### **Tech Review Team**

This team is comprised of one member each from the railroads, IDOT, and CDOT and reports to the Implementation Team. The team works with project managers on detailed scope, schedule, and budget issues.

## **1.2 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET CIP BACKGROUND**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP is generally located in a rail corridor that follows 75<sup>th</sup> Street near the southwest limits of the City of Chicago. The 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP is comprised of several sections of the overall CREATE Program including the East-West Corridor (EW2), Passenger Express Corridor (P2 and P3), and a railroad grade separation on the Western Avenue Corridor (GS19). The grade separations at Columbus Avenue (GS11) and 95<sup>th</sup> Street (GS21A) are located within the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP study limits, however they are stand-alone projects in the CREATE Program. More detailed exhibits of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP study area and surrounding neighborhoods are included in Appendix A.

Six major railroads—two passenger and four freight—pass through the project area. The high volume of train traffic creates substantial conflicts and delays. The two passenger lines are operated by Metra and include the SouthWest Service line and the Rock Island District line. The four freight railroads include the NS, CSX, UP, and the Belt Railway Company (BRC). The BRC is a ‘terminal’ railroad that is an integral part of railroad operations in the Chicago metro area. The BRC is owned by the six major railroads listed on page 1. Other freight railroads, including the CP and CN, operate trains through the study area and are impacted by delays and congestion as much as the four carriers that are direct owners of the rail lines.

The area surrounding the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP includes a mixture of residential and commercial land uses, public parks and schools, churches, hospitals, light industrial uses, and vacant properties. The railroads act as borders for the neighborhoods and community areas. The neighborhoods adjacent to the railroad corridors are shown in Appendix A.

The purpose of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP is to reduce rail congestion and delays by eliminating conflicts between Metra and the CSX, and the NS and BRC Mainline (Belt Junction). Existing rail configurations and train movements are shown in Appendix A.

The issues and concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods will be identified as part of the public involvement process for this project.

The current project will identify the project's purpose and need, identify a reasonable range of alternatives to address the project's purpose and need, and evaluate the transportation, environmental, and socioeconomic issues associated with the alternatives. Stakeholder issues and objectives identified as part of earlier planning efforts will be acknowledged and considered as part of the process.

### **1.3 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The process for this project will meet state and federal requirements meant to integrate environmental values and public interaction into transportation improvements. The requirements include the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS).

The FHWA and IDOT, acting as joint lead agencies for the 75th Street CIP, developed this Stakeholder Involvement Plan to meet the requirements of CSS and to address the Coordination Plan requirements of 23 USC 139(g) within the context of the NEPA process.

### **1.4 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

The FHWA and IDOT will complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 75th Street CIP in order to satisfy NEPA requirements. This environmental study will begin with an evaluation of transportation problems in the study area based on stakeholder input that will be obtained from scoping meetings and engineering analysis. This evaluation will form the basis for the project Purpose and Need and for identifying improvement alternatives. Ultimately, a preferred alternative for the study area will be identified. The NEPA process requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to these actions. NEPA also encourages early and frequent coordination with the public and resource agencies throughout the project development process.



## 1.5 SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SAFETEA-LU reauthorization established additional requirements for the environmental review process for FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects. The environmental review process is defined as the project development process followed when preparing a document required under NEPA, and any other applicable federal law for environmental permit, approval, review, or study required for the transportation project.

The SAFETEA-LU requirements apply to all FHWA and FTA transportation projects processed as an EIS, therefore the 75th Street CIP is subject to these requirements. 23 USC §139(g) requires the lead agencies for these projects to develop a Coordination Plan to structure public and agency participation during the environmental review process.

## 1.6 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings. The Section 106 process seeks to accommodate historic preservation concerns with the needs of Federal undertakings through consultation among the agency official and other parties with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties, commencing at the early stages of project planning. The goal of consultation is to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. This project is considered a Federal undertaking by FHWA. This document describes coordination activities that are involved with the Section 106 process.

## 1.7 CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

This project is being developed using the principles of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) per IDOT Policy and Procedures. The CSS approach is based on working with stakeholders to develop, build, and maintain cost-effective transportation improvements that reflect the project's surroundings. The CSS approach provides stakeholders with the tools and information required to effectively participate in planning for the improvements. This Stakeholder Involvement Plan outlines the tools that will be used by stakeholders to share comments about the project alternatives and improve the ability of the project team to understand and address concerns raised. The CSS process strives to achieve the following:

- Understand stakeholders' key issues and concerns.
- Involve stakeholders in the decision-making process early and frequently.
- Establish an understanding of the stakeholders' project role.
- Address all modes of transportation.
- Apply flexibility in design to address stakeholders' concerns whenever possible.

## 2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) is to provide an outline for implementing stakeholder involvement in this project. The SIP serves to define the methods and tools that will be used to engage and educate stakeholders in the decision making process for this project.

Stakeholder involvement plays a crucial role in confirming that the intended project addresses the community's needs and considers its concerns. This SIP details multiple forums for the open exchange of information and ideas between the public and the transportation agencies involved.

The SIP includes proactive agency involvement aimed at resolving issues, streamlining document review and agency consultation and achieving informed consent. Involving the public in the project development process will help address community concerns and help the project proceed smoothly.

The goals of the SIP include:

- Identify stakeholders and ensure their opportunity for meaningful input into the project's development from beginning to end.
- Identify Joint Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, and Project Study Group.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the joint lead agencies.
- Identify reasonable alternative solutions to solve identified problems, with stakeholder input and concurrence.
- Establish the timing and type of involvement activities with all stakeholders.
- Establish stakeholder requirements for providing timely input to the project development process.

### 3 JOINT LEAD, COOPERATING, AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Per SAFETEA-LU, FHWA and IDOT will act as the joint lead agencies for preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP. As such, FHWA (Division Administrator) and IDOT (Secretary of Transportation) are the ultimate decision-makers for this project. Other FHWA and IDOT responsibilities are generally described in Table 3-1 in Appendix B.

FHWA will be responsible for sending invitations to Federal agencies identified as potential cooperating or participating agencies, and any non-federal agency that is identified as a potential cooperating agency. IDOT will be responsible for sending invitation letters to all state and local agencies identified as potential participating agencies.

#### 3.1 COOPERATING AGENCIES

Per NEPA, a cooperating agency is any federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project. A state or local agency of similar qualifications may by agreement with FHWA and IDOT, be a cooperating agency. Cooperating agencies are permitted, by request of the lead agency, to assume responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses for topics about which they have special expertise. Furthermore, they may adopt, without re-circulating, a lead agencies' NEPA document when, after an independent review of the document, they conclude that their comments and suggestions have been satisfied.

Agencies invited to serve as cooperating agencies for this project are listed in Table 3-2 in Appendix B. The responsibilities shown in the table are in addition to those that are typical of cooperating agencies, such as the following:

- Identify as early as possible any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental and socioeconomic impact.
- Communicate issues of concern formally in the EIS scoping process.
- Provide input and comment on the project's purpose and need.
- Provide input and comment on the procedures used to develop alternatives or analyze impacts.
- Provide input on the range of alternatives to be considered.
- Provide input and comment on the sufficiency of environmental impact analyses.

#### 3.2 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Per SAFETEA-LU, a participating agency is any federal, state, tribal or local government agency that may have an interest in the project. By definition, all cooperating agencies will

also be considered participating agencies. However, not all participating agencies will serve as cooperating agencies. Agencies serving as participating agencies are listed in Table 3-3 in Appendix B.

The responsibilities shown in the table are in addition to those for providing comments on purpose and need, study methodologies, range of alternatives, environmental impact analyses, and the preferred alternative.

It is the responsibility of participating agencies to provide timely input throughout the environmental review process. Failure of participating agencies to raise issues in a timely manner may result in these comments not receiving the same consideration as those received at the appropriate time. FHWA and IDOT will address late comments only when doing so will not substantially disrupt the process and established timelines. If a participating agency disagrees with the methodologies FHWA and IDOT propose, they must describe a preferred alternative methodology and explain why they prefer the alternative methodology.

### **3.2.1 Agencies Declining Invitation to Participate**

Pursuant to SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, a federal agency that chooses to decline to be a participating agency must specifically state in its response that it:

- Has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project.
- Has no expertise or information relevant to the project.
- Does not intend to submit comments on the project.

Non-federal agencies must respond to the invitation in writing by hardcopy or email within the specified timeframe (no more than 30 days) in order to be recognized as a participating agency. If an agency declines to be a participating agency, their response should state the reason for declining the invitation. Non-federal agencies that do not respond to the invitation will not be considered a participating agency.

If FHWA and IDOT disagree with an invited agency declining to participate, FHWA and IDOT will attempt to resolve the disagreement through established dispute resolution procedures (see Section 9).

Agencies not initially invited to participate or that have declined an invitation to participate may become involved for several reasons listed below:

- An invited agency declines to participate, but the lead agencies think the invited agency has jurisdiction or authority over the project which will affect decision making.
- An agency declines invitation, but new information indicates that the agency indeed has authority, jurisdiction, special expertise, or relevant project information.
- An agency declines invitation and later wants to participate, then the agency should be invited to participate, but previous decisions will not be revisited.

- An agency was unintentionally left out and now wants to participate, the agency should be invited and it should be determined whether previous decisions need to be revisited.

FHWA and IDOT will determine if the new information and input warrants revisiting previous decisions. Any agency that declines to be a participating agency may still comment on a project through established public involvement opportunities.

Table 3-4 in Appendix B lists the agencies that were invited to participate in the project and declined.

### 3.2.2 Agencies Not Responding to Invitation

Table 3-5 lists the agencies invited to participate in the project that have not responded or have declined to participate.

## 3.3 SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES

The FHWA is responsible for involving consulting parties in findings and determinations made during the Section 106 process. The Section 106 regulations identify the following parties as having a consultative role in the Section 106 process:

- State Historic Preservation Officer
- Indian Tribes
- Representatives of local governments
- Applicants for Federal assistance, permits, licenses and other approvals
- Individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking

The FHWA has worked with IDOT and the State Historic Preservation Office to identify potential Section 106 consulting parties, which are listed in Table 3-6. Individuals or organizations may request to become a consulting party for this project by contacting Larry Wilson by e-mail ([Lawrence.B.Wilson@illinois.gov](mailto:Lawrence.B.Wilson@illinois.gov))

Consulting parties may provide input on key decision points in the Section 106 process, including the project's Area of Potential Effect, determinations of eligibility and finding of effect, and if applicable, consulting to avoid adverse effects to historic properties. The FHWA and IDOT will utilize IDOT's public involvement procedures under NEPA to fulfill the Section 106 public involvement requirements.

## 4 PROJECT WORKING GROUPS

IDOT will invite stakeholders to participate in the project working groups. The two working groups established for this project are the Project Study Group and the Community Advisory Group.

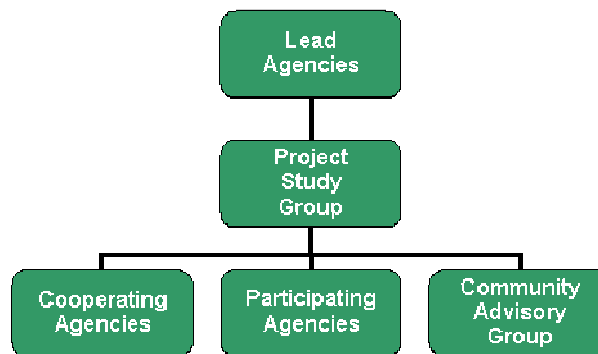
Project working group members represent a cross-section of diverse stakeholders. As such, the working groups are an important mechanism for obtaining project input. The objective of the project working groups is to provide multidisciplinary advisory input to project decisions, and ultimately, to help develop a consensus solution for the project.

Group membership may be altered during the project to allow for optimal stakeholder involvement. If recommended by stakeholders and determined necessary by the Project Study Group, additional project working groups may be formed in the future.

### 4.1 PROJECT STUDY GROUP

Per IDOT’s CSS procedures, IDOT has formed a Project Study Group (PSG), an interdisciplinary team for developing the 75th Street CIP. The PSG will make the ultimate project recommendations to the leadership of FHWA and IDOT. This group consists of a team of representatives from FHWA, IDOT, CDOT, AAR and member railroads, and the project consultants. The PSG has primary responsibility for the project development process. This group will meet throughout the study process to provide technical oversight and expertise in key areas including study process, agency procedures and standards, and technical approaches.

The structure of the PSG in relation to other groups associated with the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP is shown below.



The PSG has primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with the SIP. Other responsibilities of the PSG include the following:

- Expediting the project development process.
- Identifying and resolving project development issues.



- Promoting partnership with stakeholders to address identified project needs.
- Working to develop consensus among stakeholders.
- Providing project recommendations to the joint lead agencies.

The individuals listed in Table 4-1 of Appendix C will form the PSG for this project. The railroad companies have a prominent role in the PSG because they meet the requirements of a project sponsor per 23 USC §139. Along with IDOT, the railroad companies are seeking Federal approval for the project.

## 4.2 COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Community Advisory Groups (CAG) are often beneficial to a project, especially when they are established to focus on specific areas of concern. They generally consist of community leaders and organizations that represent the views of all of the communities and counties within and adjacent to the project study area. The responsibilities of this group include providing input to the study process, and consensus at key project milestones (e.g., project purpose and need, range of system alternatives to be advanced for detailed study, and the recommended system alternatives).

Membership of the CAG for this project is presented in Table 4-2 in Appendix C. Additional members will be added as the study progresses.

The CAG will be a working committee comprised of stakeholder members. The CAG meetings will have a workshop format designed to encourage timely and meaningful opportunities for information exchange between the CAG and the PSG. The intended result is to garner consensus from the CAG members when managing community issues, addressing design, environmental, and technical issues, as well as developing and refining proposed improvement alternatives. Details regarding the meeting program are contained in Section 6.

Any community outside the study area that shows interest in the project, that is not a part of the CAG, will be added to the stakeholder list, ensuring they will receive newsletters, meeting invitations, and project updates. The project team will also be available to meet with any community on a one-on-one basis throughout the project.

## 5 STAKEHOLDERS

Per IDOT's CSS procedures, a stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. This includes elected officials, property owners, business owners, special interest groups, and motorists traveling through the study area.

The role of the stakeholders is to advise the Project Study Group and the joint lead agencies. A consensus from stakeholders is sought, but ultimately the project decisions remain the responsibility of the joint lead agencies. Consensus is defined as a majority of the stakeholders in agreement, with the minority agreeing that their input was duly considered.

### 5.1 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

The stakeholders are identified through a combination of database searches and input from local community leaders. It is anticipated that new stakeholders will be added to the initial stakeholder list throughout the project. Stakeholders for this project may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Elected officials
- Community representatives
- Residents
- Business owners adjacent to the study area
- Churches and schools within the project limits
- Advocates for community and historic interests
- Special interest groups (environmental, etc.)
- Government and planning agencies
- Transportation system users
- Chambers of commerce
- Neighborhood organizations
- Utilities
- Civic groups
- Others outside the study area with an interest in the project

The initial list of project stakeholders is included in Appendix C. Table 5-1 includes the list of federal and state elected officials, Table 5-2 includes the list of local elected officials, and Table 5-3 includes list of the remaining project stakeholders.

### 5.2 TENTATIVE GROUND RULES FOR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

The SIP will be conducted based on a set of ground rules that form the basis for the respectful interaction of all parties involved in this process. These ground rules will be

established tentatively with the initiation of the SIP, but must be agreed upon by the stakeholders and, therefore, may be modified based on stakeholder input.

These rules include the following:

- Stakeholder input will be duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- Participant input in the process is valued and will be considered.
- All participants must keep an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a consensus solution. Consensus is defined as “when a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the process as a whole was fair.”
- All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the project schedule.
- The role of the Stakeholders is to advise the Project Study Group. A consensus of stakeholder concurrence on project choices is sought, but the final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA.
- IDOT and FHWA decisions must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner and stakeholders should agree their input has been duly considered.
- Members of the media are welcome at all stakeholder meetings, however they must remain in the role of observers, not participants in the process.

## 6 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

This section describes the general project development process and tentative schedule, project activities, and associated stakeholder involvement activities.

### 6.1 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

This project will be advanced in conformance with NEPA and associated federal and state requirements. Major steps in the process include project initiation, identification of transportation problems and needs, and development and evaluation of a range of potential improvement alternatives. Ultimately, the process will lead to the identification of a preferred build alternative that will be described in the EIS.

The following sections provide a brief overview of the project development activities.

#### 6.1.1 Project Initiation

This stage of the project development process includes various agency notifications, project organizational activities, and EIS scoping activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Project Initiation Letter (PIL) submitted to FHWA requesting the environmental review process be initiated.
- Develop the project Notice of Intent (NOI), which notifies all interested parties of FHWA and IDOT intent to prepare an EIS.
- Assemble and organize the PSG and CAG.
- Identify project cooperating and participating agencies.
- Identify Section 106 consulting parties.
- Develop and publicly circulate the SIP.
- Conduct regulatory/resource agency EIS scoping activities; these activities will provide an opportunity for the agencies to review and provide input to environmental impact assessment methodologies to be utilized in the project environmental analyses.
- Prepare a community context audit (PSG and project stakeholders). The context audit will identify unique community characteristics that contribute to the project's context and which will need to be considered in the project development process.

#### 6.1.2 Purpose and Need Development

This stage of the project consists of the identification of transportation problems in the study area. This information will be used as the basis for the development of the project Purpose and Need statement. Activities in this stage include:

- Analysis of existing and future rail transportation performance; opportunities for stakeholder input will be provided to ensure that findings represent both technical analysis findings as well as stakeholder perspectives.
- Develop Section 106 Area of Potential Effect and coordinate with Section 106 consulting parties.
- Development of the project Purpose and Need statement. Opportunities for stakeholder and public review will be provided prior to FHWA approval of the Purpose and Need statement through the NEPA process.

### 6.1.3 Alternatives Development

A reasonable range of alternatives will be considered to address the project Purpose and Need. The alternatives development process will be iterative in nature providing progressively greater detail in terms of the type and location of potential improvement alternatives. Numerous opportunities will be provided for stakeholder and public input to the development and evaluation of alternatives. Steps in the development of improvement alternatives include the following:

- Identification of planning and design guidelines, alternative development procedures, and evaluation and refinement processes.
- Development and evaluation of a reasonable range of alternatives.
- Identification of potential right of way needs.
- Identify historic properties within the project's Area of Potential Effect and coordinate with Section 106 consulting parties.
- Prepare and complete public involvement on the Draft EIS, including a public hearing.
- Make Section 106 effect finding and coordinate with the Section 106 consulting parties. If applicable, work with Section 106 consulting parties to resolve adverse effect.
- If a Preferred Build Alternative is identified prior to the Draft EIS, then the Draft EIS will identify the Preferred Build Alternative.

### 6.1.4 Preferred Build Alternative Identification

If the Preferred Build Alternative has not been identified prior to the Draft EIS, then following circulation and public review of the Draft EIS and associated Public Hearing, the process will continue with the identification of the Preferred Build Alternative and completion of the Final EIS. Activities at this stage of the project development process include:

- Tentative identification of the Preferred Build Alternative based on resource agency review and stakeholder input.
- Preferred Build Alternative refinements to address resource agency and stakeholder comments.

**6.1.5 Final EIS**

A Final EIS will be prepared that addresses substantive comments received during the Draft EIS public comment opportunity and it will identify the Preferred Alternative. The Final EIS will be made available to the public and provided to all substantive commenters for a period of 30-days.

**6.1.6 Record of Decision (ROD)**

Following the 30-day waiting period after the Final EIS is published, IDOT and FHWA will prepare a Record of Decision identifying the alternative that is selected for implementation (Selected Alternative). Substantive comments received during the 30-day waiting period will be addressed in the ROD. FHWA's approval of the ROD completes the NEPA process.

**6.2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The tentative schedule for project development activities and associated stakeholder involvement is summarized in the Timeframe Agreement schedule shown as Table 6-1 in Appendix D. The tentative schedule for stakeholder, advisory group, and public information meetings is provided in Table 6-2 in Appendix D.



## 7 ADDITIONAL METHODS OF INVOLVEMENT

This section summarizes the methods and venues for stakeholders to be involved in the 75th Street CIP development process. These outreach methods will be used by the project team to keep the public informed of project development and to invite valuable input from stakeholders.

### 7.1 PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS

Stakeholder involvement will be an ongoing process from project initiation through completion. In addition to the Community Advisory Group meetings, various other meetings will be held throughout the project development process to provide outreach opportunities to all stakeholders.

#### **Speakers' Bureau**

A speakers' bureau will be assembled to present project-related information to interested local civic or service organizations, such as Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, etc. Relevant project information will be assembled in presentation format and updated on a regular basis with available and current project information. These meetings will occur as requested.

#### **Small Group Meetings**

Small group meetings are useful in providing project information to the surrounding community and aiding the general public in better understanding project goals and objectives. These meetings also provide each group with the opportunity to obtain the undivided attention of the project staff so they know that their concerns have been heard. Small group meetings will be ongoing throughout the project. Attendees may include the project team, local agencies and organizations, members of the business community, and neighborhood groups and individuals. The meetings will address specific project issues and allow for more specialized discussions and input.

#### **Elected Officials Meetings**

Briefings will be conducted with local and regional elected officials, including legislators, regarding project updates and progress. These meetings may be held at major milestones in the project or as requested.

#### **Public Meetings**

Public involvement for the project also will include opportunities for broader public meetings in the form of public information meetings, stakeholder workshops, and a public hearing. These large-scale meetings will encourage public attendance and foster public awareness of project developments and alternatives that are being evaluated. These meetings also will provide a forum for general public input, including concerns and

comments regarding project alternatives. Public meetings will be held to coincide with major project milestones during the Draft EIS process.

- The first meeting will serve as a project kickoff providing information regarding the study process and objectives, and an opportunity for the public to share its perspectives regarding transportation issues and project concerns. It could also be formatted to serve as a public scoping meeting.
- The second meeting will focus on sharing initial ideas, based in part on input received from the first meeting, regarding transportation system alternatives and eliciting public feedback.
- The meetings will utilize various public informational techniques such as project boards, handouts, and PowerPoint or multimedia presentations summarizing the project work and findings to date. The meetings will be advertised by flyers as well as public notices placed in area newspapers. Opportunities for the public to provide written (comment forms) and verbal comments (through a court reporter) will be available at the meetings.

### **Public Hearing**

The public hearing for this project will be held in coordination with circulation of the Draft EIS as required by NEPA. The Draft EIS may identify a preferred alternative to the public at this time, if one has been identified, to demonstrate how public input shaped the recommendations and demonstrate acceptance from stakeholders throughout the corridor.

### **Stakeholder Workshops**

Stakeholder workshops are a way to obtain stakeholder input regarding various project issues and potential system solutions. Renderings and visualizations will be developed to illustrate concepts and issues that have been raised, developed, and evaluated. The renderings and visualizations will be dependant on the topic of discussion and format of the particular workshop.

## **7.2 OTHER MECHANISMS FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

In addition to the meeting opportunities described in the preceding section, there will be several other methods for the public to obtain information about the project. These methods (noted below) will provide information and opportunity for feedback regarding upcoming public meeting events, project schedule, and general project status updates within the study area.

### **Media Briefings**

A proactive approach to media coordination will be used to ensure that the media has current, relevant, and accurate information to share with the public. This approach includes participation in media briefings, preparation of media kits, preparation of press

releases, and availability of project staff to support the IDOT media spokesperson in ongoing coordination with members of the media.

### **Mailing List**

A mailing list will be developed that will include such recipients as property owners; federal, state, and local officials; special interest groups; resource agencies; businesses; emergency responders, schools, churches, civic organizations, law enforcement, railroad organizations and members of the public. The mailing list will be developed using existing resources (names and addresses of officials from other recent projects in the area), as well as desktop reviews and Internet searches. This list will be updated throughout the project.

### **Public Web site: [www.75thCIP.org](http://www.75thCIP.org)**

The project website will consist of a homepage and various topic-specific pages. The site will be reviewed to ensure it reflects the most current and relevant project information. Project documentation and materials will be posted to the Web site, as information is available, for public review. A section will be available for posting comments. The site will post all public-related events, such as public information meeting dates.

The project website will be in addition to the CREATE Program website, [www.createprogram.org](http://www.createprogram.org). There will be a link between the CREATE Program website and the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP website. The CREATE Program website will include highlights of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP, such as public information meeting dates and other project milestones.

### **Newsletters and Written Materials**

Project newsletters will be prepared approximately quarterly to coincide with key project milestones. These newsletters will provide current project information and include announcements for upcoming public meetings and the public hearing.

## 8 PLAN AVAILABILITY AND UPDATES

The Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) is a dynamic document that will be available to stakeholders and updated as appropriate through the duration of the project. This section describes SIP stakeholder review opportunities and plan update procedures.

### 8.1 AVAILABILITY OF THE STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The PSG will make the SIP available to stakeholders for review at Public Meetings and on the project Web site ([www.75thCIP.org](http://www.75thCIP.org)). The stakeholder review period for the SIP will be 30 days from date of release. As the project proceeds forward the SIP will be updated to reflect appropriate changes or additions. SIP updates will be posted on the project Web site.

### 8.2 MODIFICATION OF THE STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The plan will be reviewed regularly for continued effectiveness and updated as appropriate. Plan administration includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Maintaining a current list of project stakeholders.
- Maintaining a detailed public involvement record (log) that includes records of all stakeholder contacts, meetings, and comments.
- Ensuring two-way communication and timely responses to stakeholders through formal and informal channels.

Revisions to this SIP may be necessary through the duration of the project. The PSG will provide updated versions of the SIP to all agencies involved, as necessary. Cooperating and participating agencies should notify FHWA and IDOT of staffing and contact information changes in a timely manner.

The record of SIP revisions is provided in Table 8-1 in Appendix E.

## 9 RESOURCE AGENCY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This section describes the overall project dispute resolution process that will be used by FHWA and IDOT as part of the Project Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

FHWA and IDOT are committed to building stakeholder consensus for project decisions. However, if an impasse has been reached after making good-faith efforts to address unresolved concerns, FHWA and IDOT may proceed to the next stage of project development without achieving consensus. FHWA and IDOT will notify agencies of their decision and a proposed course of action. FHWA and IDOT may propose using an informal or a formal dispute resolution process as described below.

### 9.1 INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

In the case of an unresolved dispute between the agencies, FHWA and IDOT will notify agencies of their decision and proposed course of action.

### 9.2 FORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The 23 USC §139(h) established a formal dispute resolution procedure for the environmental review process. This process is only intended for use on a dispute that may delay a project or result in the denial of a required approval or permit for a project. Only the project sponsors (IDOT and the railroad companies) or the Illinois State Governor may initiate this formal process; they are encouraged to exhaust all other measures to achieve resolution prior to initiating this process.

Appendix F contains a copy of a diagram illustrating the formal dispute resolution process included in the FHWA/FTA *SAFETEA-LU Environmental Review Process Final Guidance* (November 2006).

**APPENDIX A**  
**STUDY AREA EXHIBITS**

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EXHIBIT 1—75<sup>TH</sup> STREET CIP EXISTING TRAIN MOVEMENTS

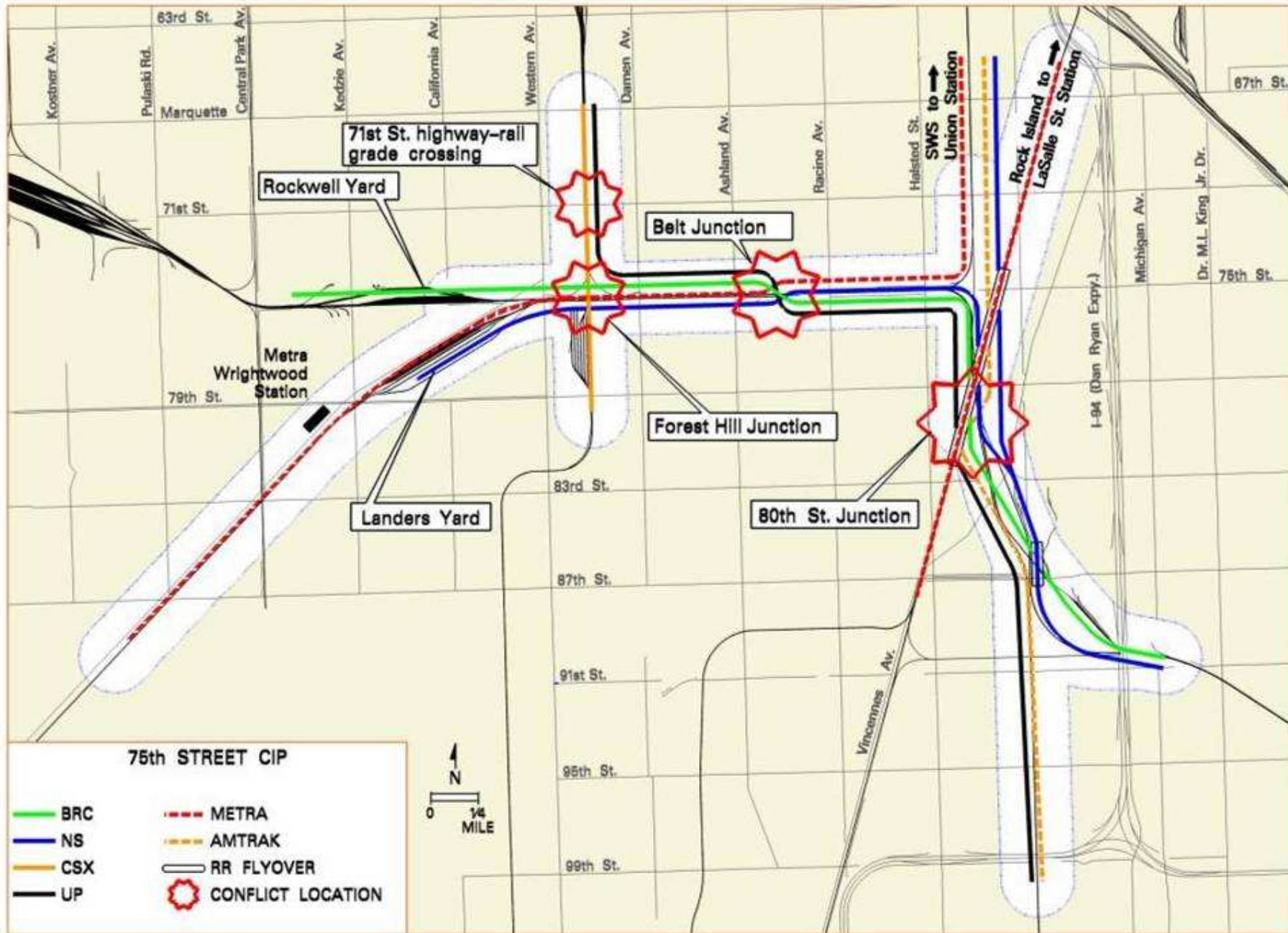


Exhibit 1—75<sup>th</sup> Street CIP Existing Train Movements



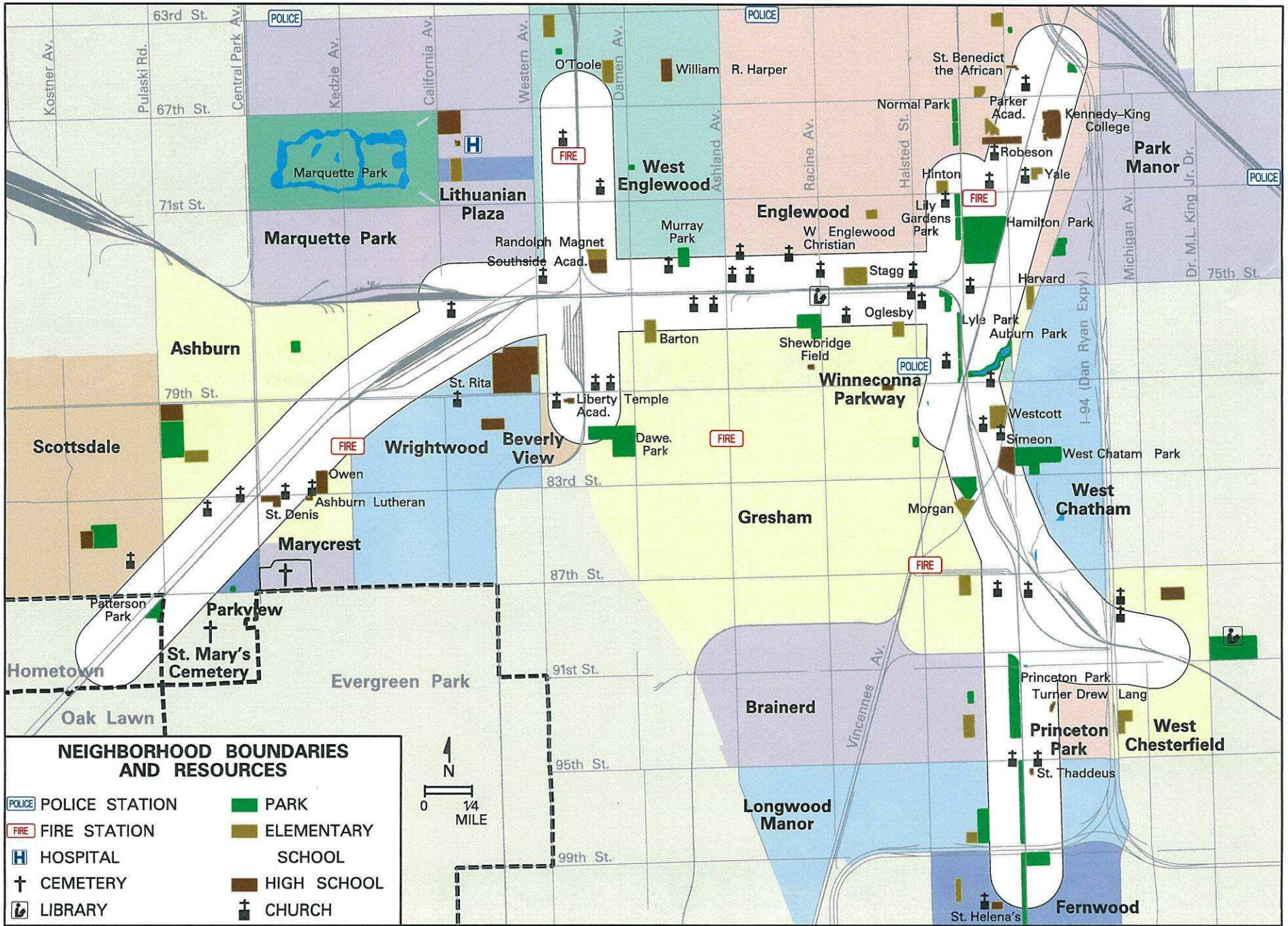


Exhibit 2—Neighborhood Boundaries and Resources



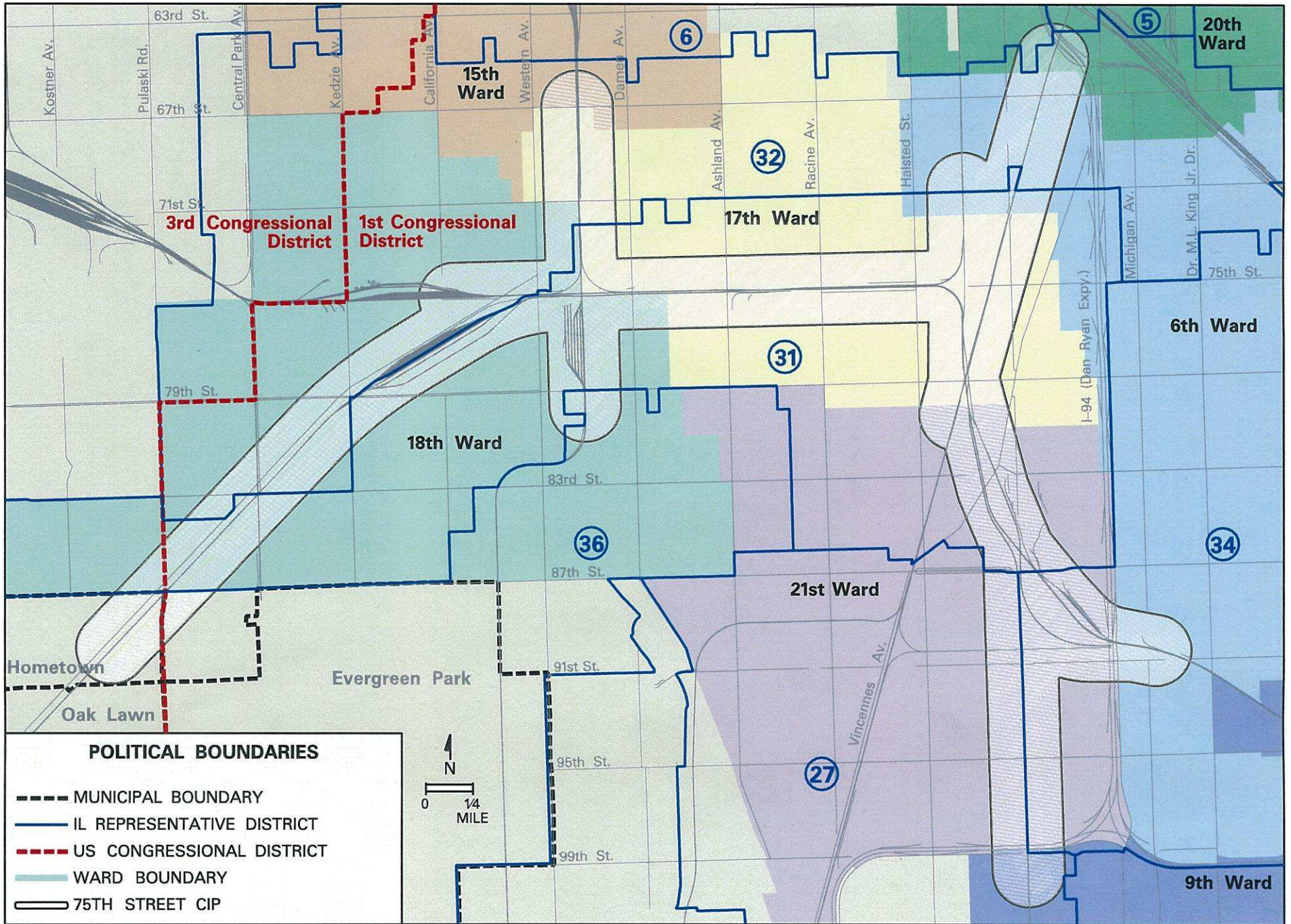


Exhibit 3—Political Boundaries

**APPENDIX B**

**JOINT LEAD, COOPERATING, AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**





**TABLE 3-1—LEAD AGENCIES**

Lead Agency Members			
Agency Name	Role	Other Roles	Responsibilities
Federal Highway Administration	Lead Federal Agency	NEPA, PSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage environmental review process</li> <li>• Prepare EIS</li> <li>• Provide opportunity for public &amp; participating / cooperating agency involvement</li> </ul>
Illinois Department of Transportation	Joint Lead Agency	NEPA, PSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage environmental review process</li> <li>• Prepare EIS</li> <li>• Provide opportunity for public &amp; participating / cooperating agency involvement</li> <li>• Collect and prepare transportation and environmental data</li> <li>• Manage CSS process</li> </ul>

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**TABLE 3-2—COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Cooperating Agency Members			
Agency Name	Other Roles	Responsibilities	Date Accepted
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental reviews; wetlands</li> <li>• Provide comments on purpose and need, methodologies, range of alternatives, and preferred alternative</li> </ul>	June 23, 2010
Federal Railroad Administration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide input for passenger and rail transit orientation solutions</li> </ul>	July 29, 2010
Federal Transit Administration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide input for passenger and rail transit orientation solutions</li> </ul>	July 8, 2010

**TABLE 3-3—PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

<b>Participating Agency Members</b>			
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Date Accepted</b>
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide input on historic and archeological resources</li> <li>• Provide coordination and review of the Section 106 process</li> </ul>	July 16, 2010
Illinois Department of Natural Resources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide comment on natural areas and nature preserves; wetlands; threatened and endangered species</li> <li>• Provide input to USACE on Section 404 jurisdiction</li> </ul>	July 1, 2010

CAG-Community Advisory Group

**TABLE 3-4—AGENCIES DECLINING COOPERATING / PARTICIPATING STATUS**

Declining Agencies	
Agency Name	Comments
U.S. Department of Interior	Recommended consultation with Land and Water Conservation Fund (June 29, 2010)

**TABLE 3-5—AGENCIES NOT RESPONDING TO PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

Non-Responding Agencies	
Agency Name	Comments
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District	No Response regarding invitation as Cooperating Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No Response regarding invitation as Cooperating Agency
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	No Response regarding invitation as Participating Agency

**TABLE 3-6—SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES**

Section 106 Consulting Parties		
Agency Name	Other Roles	Responsibilities
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide coordination and review of the Section 106 process</li> <li>• Provide input on historic and archeological resources</li> </ul>
City of Chicago		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide coordination and review of the Section 106 process</li> <li>• Provide input on historic and archeological resources</li> </ul>
City of Hometown		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide coordination and review of the Section 106 process</li> <li>• Provide input on historic and archeological resources</li> </ul>
Cook County		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide coordination and review of the Section 106 process</li> <li>• Provide input on historic and archeological resources</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX C**

**STUDY GROUPS, STAKEHOLDER LISTS**



**TABLE 4-1—PROJECT STUDY GROUP**

<b>Project Study Group Members</b>			
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact / Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email and Mailing Address</b>
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IDOT	Walter Zyznieuski / Bureau of Design and Environment	217.785.4181	<a href="mailto:Walter.Zyznieuski@illinois.gov">Walter.Zyznieuski@illinois.gov</a> IDOT Bureau of Design & Environment Environmental Unit 2300 South Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62764
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FHWA	Bernardo Bustamante / Engineering Project Manager, CREATE	312.391.8765	<a href="mailto:Bernardo.Bustamante@fhwa.dot.gov">Bernardo.Bustamante@fhwa.dot.gov</a> FHWA Chicago Metro Office 200 W Adams Street, Suite 320 Chicago, IL 60606
FHWA-IL	JD Stevenson / Planning, Environment and ROW Team Leader	217.492.4638	<a href="mailto:Jerry.Stevenson@dot.gov">Jerry.Stevenson@dot.gov</a> FHWA 3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, IL 62703

<b>Project Study Group Members</b>			
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact / Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email and Mailing Address</b>
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Union Pacific & CTCO	Dave Grewe / Superintendent Chicago Transportation Coordination Office (UP)	312.542.8358 312.542.8350	<a href="mailto:drgrewe@up.com">drgrewe@up.com</a> UP / Chicago Transportation Coordination Office 1501 S Canal Chicago, IL 60607
CSX & CTCO	Scott Kuhner / Superintendent Chicago Transportation Coordination Office (CSX)	312.542.8354	<a href="mailto:scott_kuhner@csx.com">scott_kuhner@csx.com</a> CSX / Chicago Transportation Coordination Office 1501 S. Canal St. Chicago, Illinois 60607-5204
Belt Railway Company	Royal Gelder / Director Process Improvement	708.496.4041	<a href="mailto:rgelder@beltrailway.com">rgelder@beltrailway.com</a> Belt Railway Company of Chicago 6900 South Central Avenue Bedford Park, IL 60638
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<b>Project Study Group Members</b>			
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact / Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email and Mailing Address</b>
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**TABLE 4-2—COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**

Community Advisory Group			
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IDOT	Danielle E. Stewart / Project Manager, Bureau of Railroads	847.705.4126	<a href="mailto:Danielle.Stewart@illinois.gov">Danielle.Stewart@illinois.gov</a>
IDOT	Jakita Trotter/ Community Relations Manager		<a href="mailto:Jakita.Trotter@illinois.gov">Jakita.Trotter@illinois.gov</a>
Jacobs	Douglas Knuth / Project Manager	312.424.5402	<a href="mailto:Doug.Knuth@jacobs.com">Doug.Knuth@jacobs.com</a>
Jacobs	Tim Barry / Project Engineer	312.384.6333	<a href="mailto:Tim.Barry@jacobs.com">Tim.Barry@jacobs.com</a>

***Note:***

*Members of the Community Advisory Group will be assembled from the list of elected officials (Table 5-1 and Table 5-2) and community representatives on the Stakeholder list (Table 5-3).*

*Those currently listed in Table 4-2 will serve as contacts for the CAG.*

*The full list of CAG members will be assembled at the start of the project.*

**TABLE 5-1—PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS: FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Stakeholders: Federal and State Elected Officials			
Stakeholder	Representing	Address	Telephone
U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin	Illinois	Washington Office: 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510  District Office: 230 South Dearborn St. Suite 3892 Chicago, IL 60604	(202) 224-2152   (312) 353-4952
U.S. Senator Roland Burris	Illinois	Washington Office: 523 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510  District Office: 230 South Dearborn St. Suite 3900 Chicago, IL 60604	(202) 224-2854   (312) 886-3506
U.S. Representative Bobby Rush	1st Congressional District	Washington Office: 2416 Rayburn HOB Washington, D.C. 20515-1301  District Office: 700 E. 79 <sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60619	(202) 225-4372   (773) 224-6500
U.S. Representative Dan Lipinski	3rd Congressional District	Washington Office: 1717 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515  District Office: 6245 South Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60638	(202) 225-5701   (312) 886-0481
State Senator Emil Jones, III	14 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	<a href="mailto:ejones@senatedem.ilga.gov">ejones@senatedem.ilga.gov</a> 507 W. 111th St. Chicago, IL 60628	(773) 995-7748
State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins	16 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	<a href="mailto:jcollins@senatedem.ilga.gov">jcollins@senatedem.ilga.gov</a> 1155 W. 79th St. Chicago, IL 60620	(773) 224-2830
State Senator Donne E. Trotter	17 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	<a href="mailto:senatortrotter@yahoo.com">senatortrotter@yahoo.com</a> 8704 S. Constance, Ste. 324 Chicago, IL 60617	(773) 933-7715
State Senator Edward D. Maloney	18 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	<a href="mailto:ed@edmaloney.com">ed@edmaloney.com</a> 10400 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60643	(773) 881-4180

<b>Stakeholders: Federal and State Elected Officials</b>			
<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
State Representative Monique D. Davis	27 <sup>th</sup> State Representative District	1234 W. 95th St. Chicago, IL 60643	(773) 445-9700
State Representative Mary E. Flowers	IL 31 <sup>st</sup> State Representative District	<a href="mailto:state.repflowers@comcast.net">state.repflowers@comcast.net</a> 2525 W. 79th St. Chicago, IL 60652	(773) 471-5200
State Representative Andre M. Thapedi	IL 32 <sup>nd</sup> State Representative District	<a href="mailto:rep32district@gmail.com">rep32district@gmail.com</a> 371 E. 75th St. Chicago, IL 60619	(773) 873-4444
State Representative Constance A. Howard	IL 34 <sup>th</sup> State Representative District	<a href="mailto:staterrep-constance-ahoward@comcast.net">staterrep-constance-ahoward@comcast.net</a> 8729 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60619	(773) 783-8800
State Representative Michael J. Carberry	IL 36 <sup>th</sup> State Representative District	3759 W. 95th St., Suite 1 Evergreen Park, IL 60805	(708) 907-5157

**TABLE 5-2—PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS: LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Stakeholders: Local Elected Officials			
Stakeholder (Last Name, First Name)	Representing (Title)	Phone	Email and Mailing Address
Beale Anthony A.	Alderman—9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.785.1100	<a href="mailto:ward09@cityofchicago.org">ward09@cityofchicago.org</a> 34 East 112th Place Chicago, IL 60628
Brookins Howard B. Jr.	Alderman—21 <sup>st</sup> Ward	773.881.9300	<a href="mailto:ward21@cityofchicago.org">ward21@cityofchicago.org</a> 9612 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60628
Cochran Willie	Alderman—20 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.955.5610	<a href="mailto:Willie.Cochran@cityofchicago.org">Willie.Cochran@cityofchicago.org</a> 6357 S. Cottage Grove Chicago, IL 60637
Foulkes Toni	Alderman—15 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.863.0220	<a href="mailto:Toni.Foulkes@cityofchicago.org">Toni.Foulkes@cityofchicago.org</a> 3045 W. 63rd St. Chicago, IL 60629
Hairston Leslie	Alderman—5 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.324.5555	<a href="mailto:lhairston@cityofchicago.org">lhairston@cityofchicago.org</a> 2325 E. 71st Street Chicago, IL 60649
Lane Lona	Alderman—18 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.471.1991	<a href="mailto:ward18@cityofchicago.org">ward18@cityofchicago.org</a> 8146 S. Kedzie Ave. Chicago, IL 60652
Lyle Freddrenna	Alderman—6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.846.7006	<a href="mailto:flyle@cityofchicago.org">flyle@cityofchicago.org</a> 406 E. 75th Street Chicago, IL 60619
Thomas LaTasha	Alderman—17 <sup>th</sup> Ward	773.723.0908	<a href="mailto:ward17@cityofchicago.org">ward17@cityofchicago.org</a> 7811 S. Racine Ave. Chicago, IL 60620
Casey Kevin	City of Hometown (Mayor)	708.424.7500	<a href="mailto:kmcasey54@hotmail.com">kmcasey54@hotmail.com</a> 4331 Southwest Highway Hometown, IL 60456

**TABLE 5-3—PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS**

Project Stakeholders					
Stakeholder (Last Name, First Name)	Representing (Title)	Type	Other Roles	Phone	Email and Mailing Address
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Calahan Edward	Calahan Funeral Home	B		773.723.4400	7030 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621
Pastor	I Care Christian Center Ministries (Pastor)	C		773.994.4673	7500 South Parnell Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
Brown Patrick	Faith United Methodist Church (Pastor)	C			335 W. 75 <sup>th</sup> St. Chicago, IL 60620
Cook Lee	True Believers Baptist Church (Pastor)	C		773.994.6770	7801 South Wolcott Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
Drake James	Ambassadors for Christ (Target)	C		773.846.3198	7730 S. Hermitage Ave. Chicago, IL 60620
Hall Lucius	First Church of Love and Faith (Pastor)	C		773.224.6800	2140 West 79th Street Chicago, IL 60620
Henton Richard	Monument of Faith Church (Pastor)	C		773.918.0180	<a href="mailto:apostlehenton@rdhentonbreakthrough.com">apostlehenton@rdhentonbreakthrough.com</a> 2750 W Columbus Ave Chicago, IL 60652
Park Yang Ja	Ashburn United Methodist Church (Pastor)	C		773.735.5260	3801 W. 83rd Pl. Chicago, IL 60652
Payton Willard	New Birth Church of God In Christ (Pastor)	C		773.776.3134	<a href="mailto:WLP1500@sbcglobal.net">WLP1500@sbcglobal.net</a> 1500 W. 69 <sup>th</sup> St. Chicago, IL 60636
Richardson W.J.	Way Of The Cross Pentecostal Church (Pastor)	C		773.783.5050	7435 S Ashland Ave Chicago, IL 60636

**Type:** B-Business; C-Church; O-Official; R-Resident; S-School; Sp-Special Interest

**Other Roles:** CAG-Community Advisory Group



Project Stakeholders						
Stakeholder (Last Name, First Name)		Representing (Title)	Type	Other Roles	Phone	Email and Mailing Address
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Principal	Southside Occupational Academy High School (Principal)	S		773.535.9100	7342 S Hoyne Ave Chicago, IL 60636
Principal	St. Rita of Cascia High School	S		773.925.6600	7740 South Western Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
Principal	William Bishop Owen School (Principal)	S		773.535.9330	8247 South Christiana Avenue Chicago, IL 60652
Principal	Luke O'Toole School (Principal)	S		773.535.9040	6550 South Seeley Avenue Chicago, IL 60636
Principal	Randolph Elementary School (Principal)	S		773.535.9015	7316 South Hoyne Avenue Chicago, IL 60636
Principal	Southside Learning Academy (Principal)	S		773.535.9100	7342 South Hoyne Avenue Chicago, IL 60636
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Principal	Harvard Elementary School (Principal)	S		773.535.3045	7525 South Harvard Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
Principal	Westcott Elementary School (Principal)	S		773.535.3090	409 West 80th Street Chicago, IL 60620
Principal	Morgan Elementary School (Principal)	S		773.535.3366	8407 South Kerfoot Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
Principal	Turner Drew Language Academy (Principal)	S		773.535.5720	9300 South Princeton Avenue Chicago, IL 60620
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**APPENDIX D**

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULES**



**TABLE 6-1—TIMEFRAME AGREEMENT**

Activity #	Activity Description	Goal		Actual		Remarks
		No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	
1	BoR sends FHWA Project Initiation letter	N/A	1/29/2010	N/A	1/29/2010	
2	CSS Project Study Group formed	5	2/3/10	5	2/3/10	Rev 5/10/10
3	FHWA and IDOT develop and agree to Timeframe	6	2/9/10	6	2/9/10	
4	CSS Project Study Group develops draft Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) and sends it to FHWA, BoR and BDE for review and comment (repeat as necessary)	22	3/3/10	9	2/18/10	
5	FHWA and BDE reviews and sends comments on draft SIP to BoR (repeat as necessary)	47	4/19/2010	60	4/19/10	
6	FHWA publishes Notice of Intent in Federal Register	--	5/7/2010	--	5/7/10	
7	Provide opportunity for participating and cooperating agencies (NEPA/404 Resource Agencies thru scoping meeting conducted at NEPA/404 meeting) to give input on methodologies, level of detail, and identification of potential environmental resource issues	30	6/11/2010	13	5/17/10	NEPA/ 404 Meeting held in June 2010
8	BoR prepares and sends participating and cooperating agencies invitation letter and draft SIP (revisit as needed)	4	6/15/2010	22	6/11/10	
9	FHWA and BoR address agency comments by revising SIP and responding to comments, as necessary, and finalize SIP	21	7/2/2010	5	6/16/10	
10	Provide opportunity for participating and cooperating agencies, as well as stakeholders and general public to provide input on SIP	14	7/16/2010	49	8/3/10	Coincides with IDOT announcement of project website
11	Conduct stakeholder involvement to present SIP and complete Context Audit	30	8/15/2010			
12	Conduct stakeholder involvement on developing Purpose and Need (P&N)	14	8/29/2010			
13	Prepare & submit preliminary P&N packet to FHWA, BoR and BDE for review (repeat as needed)	20	9/18/2010			

Activity #	Activity Description	Goal		Actual		Remarks
		No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	
14	FHWA, BoR and BDE review and issue comments on preliminary P&N packet (repeat as needed)	29	10/17/2010			
15	Conduct stakeholder involvement to receive consensus on P&N	14	10/31/2010			
16	Initial Public Meeting-- obtain public input on P&N. Also send P&N to participating and cooperating agencies for opportunity to provide input.	12	11/12/2010			
17	Conduct stakeholder involvement on developing alternatives to be considered	12	11/24/2010			
18	Prepare and submit range of alternatives packet to FHWA, BoR and BDE for review (repeat as needed)	32	12/26/2010			
19	FHWA, BoR and BDE review and issue comments on range of alternatives packet (repeat as needed)	31	1/26/2011			
20	Present P&N and alternatives to be considered at NEPA 404 merger meeting for information only	21	2/16/2011			Meeting to be held in February, date tbd
21	Conduct stakeholder involvement to receive consensus on alternatives to be considered	1	2/17/2011			
22	Public Meeting-- obtain public input on alternatives. Also send alternatives packet to participating and cooperating agencies for opportunity to provide input.	21	3/10/2011			
23	Conduct stakeholder involvement on developing preferred alternative	9	3/19/2011			
24	Prepare and submit preliminary Preferred Alternative packet to FHWA, BoR and BDE for review (repeat as needed)	28	4/16/2011			
25	FHWA, BoR and BDE review and issue comments on preliminary Preferred Alternative packet (repeat as needed)	28	5/14/2011			
26	Conduct stakeholder involvement to receive consensus on Preferred Alt.	21	6/4/2011			



Activity #	Activity Description	Goal		Actual		Remarks
		No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	
27	Present Preferred Alternative at NEPA/404 merger meeting for information only	5	6/9/2011			Meeting to be held in June, date TBD
28	Prepare and send Draft EIS to BoR and BDE for review (repeat as necessary)	20	6/29/2011			
29	BoR and BDE reviews and issues comments on the draft EIS (repeat as necessary)	60	8/28/2011			
30	Prepare and send Draft EIS to BoR/BDE/FHWA for review (repeat as necessary)	31	9/28/2011			
31	BDE/BoR/FHWA reviews and issues comments on Draft EIS (repeat as necessary)	32	10/30/2011			
32	Prepare and send revised Draft EIS to BoR/BDE/FHWA (repeat step as necessary)	19	11/18/2011			
33	BoR/BDE/FHWA provide comments on revised DEIS	30	12/18/2011			
34	Signature-ready Draft EIS is sent to BoR/BDE/FHWA	31	1/18/2012			
35	FHWA and BoR sign Draft EIS	10	1/28/2012			
36	IDOT distributes Draft EIS	11	2/8/2012			
37	FHWA publishes Notice of Availability in Federal Register and begins Public Comment period	11	2/19/2012			USEPA must receive a request to publish a NOA in the Federal Register by Thursday to get it in the Friday FR in the next week.
38	Conduct Public Hearing on Draft EIS	19	3/9/2012			The DEIS must be available a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing.
39	Comment period ends	26	4/4/2012			Comment period ends 45 days after NOA
40	Review and Respond to Comments	30	5/4/2012			
41	Prepare and send draft Final EIS to BoR/BDE for review (repeat as necessary)	21	5/25/2012			
42	BoR/BDE reviews and issues comments on the draft Final EIS (repeat as necessary)	45	7/9/2012			
43	Prepare and send revised draft Final EIS to FHWA, BoR and BDE for review (repeat step as necessary)	14	7/23/2012			
44	FHWA, BoR and BDE review and issue comments on the	31	8/23/2012			

Activity #	Activity Description	Goal		Actual		Remarks
		No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	No. of Days to Complete Activity	Completion Date	
	draft Final EIS to BoR (repeat step as necessary)					
45	Prepare and send FHWA, BoR and BDE signature-ready Final EIS	14	9/6/2012			
46	FHWA provides FEIS to FHWA Legal Counsel to complete legal sufficiency review	30	10/6/2012			
47	Receive FHWA legal sufficiency finding	30	11/5/2012			
48	Signature-ready Final EIS is sent to FHWA/BoR/BDE	7	11/12/2012			
49	FHWA and BoR sign Final EIS	7	11/19/2012			
50	IDOT distributes FEIS	6	11/25/2012			
51	FHWA publishes Notice of Availability in the Federal Register	8	12/3/2012			USEPA must receive a request to publish a NOA in the Federal Register by Thursday to get it in the Friday FR in the next week.
52	Final EIS waiting period ends	31	1/3/2013			
53	Draft ROD and Statute of Limitations notice is prepared and sent to BoR/FHWA/BDE	21	1/24/2013			
54	Review and revisions to draft ROD	40	3/5/2013			
55	FHWA signs ROD	14	3/19/2013			
56	FHWA publishes Statute of Limitations notice in the Federal Register	11	3/30/2013			

**TABLE 6-2—SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER, ADVISORY GROUP, AND PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Tentative Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>Stakeholder / CAG Meetings</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
First Round- Stakeholder Briefings		Present project update, CSS process, and address any outstanding issues.	Update elected officials.
First Public Information Meeting (Open House)		Present project update and CSS process. Address any outstanding issues. Seek volunteers for CAGs.	Regenerate interest, educate and inform the public, obtain input on project purpose and need, garner project support.
First Round – Community Advisory Group Meeting (CAG)		Present problem statement and CSS process, determine key issues, discuss purpose and need.	Garner consensus on SIP and ground rules, conduct Community Context Audit, obtain input on purpose and need.
Second Round – Stakeholder Briefings		Project update and address key issues.	Keep stakeholders informed, garner consensus from all groups on identified issues.
Second Round – Community Advisory Group Meeting (CAG)		Review project context through engineering and environmental criteria, further define purpose and need, identify fatal flaws, present potential alternatives.	Development of problem statement. Consensus on draft purpose and need outline. Development of potential alternatives.
Third Round – Community Advisory Group Meeting (CAG)		Review evaluation process, matrix, and alternatives to be carried forward for further study.	Garner support for alternatives to be carried forward for further study.
Third Round – Stakeholder Briefings		Project update on alternatives.	Keep stakeholders informed and garner consensus to keep the project moving forward with the potential alternatives.
Public Hearing (Open House)		Present preferred alternatives.	Garner community support for preferred alternative.

**APPENDIX E**

**SIP REVISION HISTORY**

**TABLE 8-1—SIP REVISION HISTORY**

SIP Revisions			
Version	Date	Document Name	Revision Description
1.0	April 14, 2010	CREATE_SIP_2010-04-14.doc	Draft SIP
1.1	June 2, 2010	CREATE_SIP_2010-06-02.doc	Revised Timeframe Agreement
1.2	August 3, 2010	CREATE_SIP_2010-07-27.doc	Updated Cooperating and Participating Agency Responses, and Timeframe Agreement
1.3	September 20, 2010	CREATE_SIP_2010-09-20.doc	Updated Cooperating and Participating Agency Responses, Elected Officials list, Timeframe Agreement

**APPENDIX F**

**FORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

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Formal Dispute Resolution Process, FHWA/FTA SAFETEA-LU  
Environmental Review Process Final Guidance (November 2006, page 40)

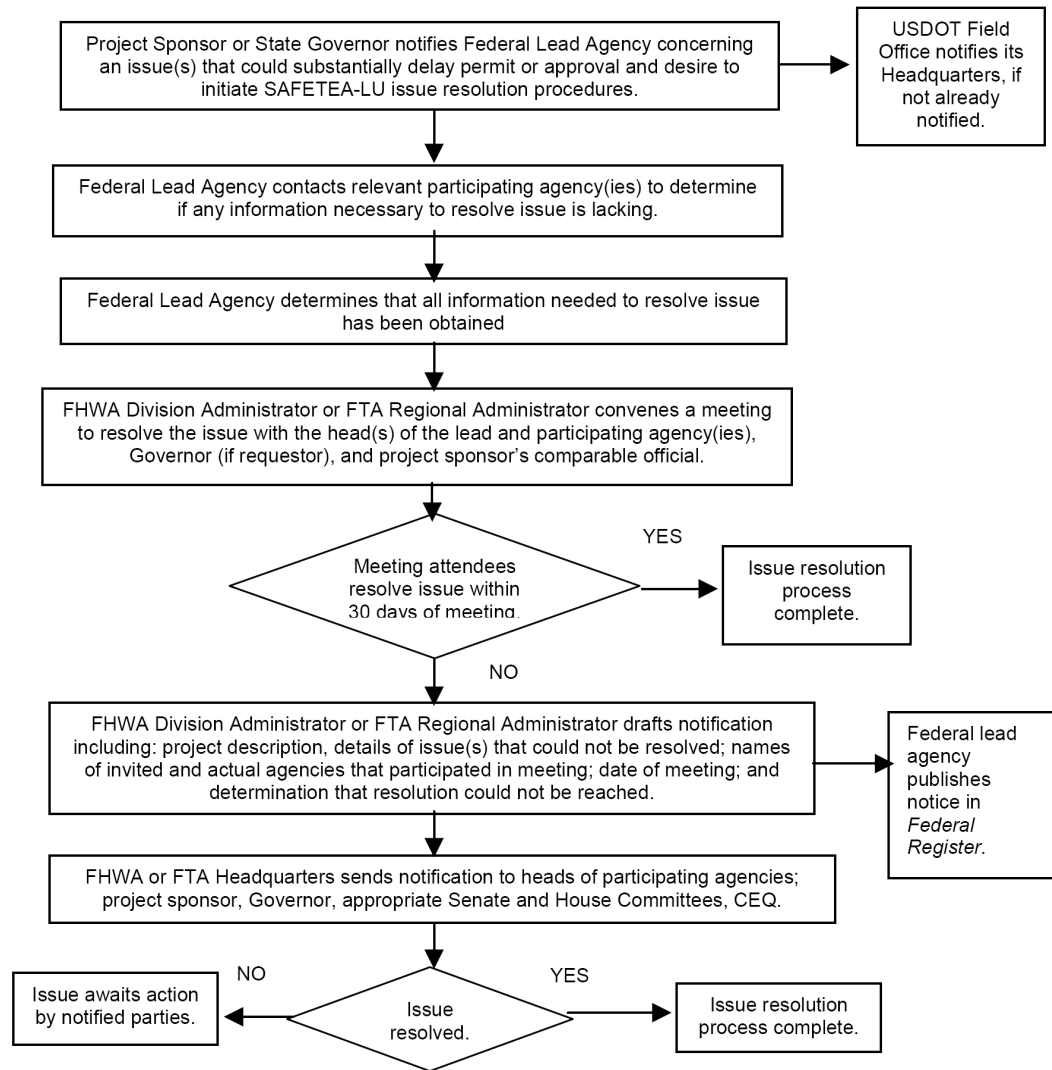


Figure 1. The SAFETEA-LU issue resolution process. Note that where two steps are not separated by a “yes” or “no” decision diamond, both steps must be taken.