#### Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study

Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue Kane County, Illinois 13-00127-00-WR

## **Project Development Report**

Version: Final

## Volume III of III: Appendix C Coordination

June 29, 2017

Prepared for:

Kane County Division of Transportation

Prepared by:

HDR Engineering, Inc.



#### **APPENDIX C**

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#### 1. FHWA

#### BLR/FHWA Monthly Coordination Meeting Region 1 – District 1 Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study Section 13-00127-00-WR Kane County Department of Transportation February 25, 2014 9:30 am

This is the first presentation of the Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the study, present the public involvement process, and seek concurrence on environmental processing.

- I. Introductions
  - a. See sign-in sheet (Attached)
- II. Project Limits/Background
  - a. The project limits were clarified and logical termini were discussed. The involvement of IDOT in regards to Hill Ave. (State owned) and Illinois Route 25 will need to be determined from the findings of the traffic analyses. The County will follow up with Jason Salley (IDOT) as the main point of contact for this issue.
  - b. The environmental areas along the project corridor were discussed to illustrate the range of environmental issues to be evaluated.
  - c. Drainage throughout the corridor is of major concern to residents, stakeholders, and local agencies. The consultant is performing an existing drainage study of the area to be used in the development of alternatives.
- III. Alternatives Development
  - a. The project consists of two main parts. The first being the existing roadway which travels through the town, is in close proximity to businesses and residential areas, and is located on the eastern half of the project. The alternatives for the eastern portion of the project are being developed as a three lane and four lane cross sections. The three lane cross section will consist of two travel lanes in opposite direction and a center two-way left turn lane. The four lane section will consist of two lanes in either direction. The remaining portion of the project is on the western end and will have multiple alternatives reviewed and developed in an effort to select a preferred alternative for the s-curve area.
- IV. Public/Agency/Stakeholder Coordination
  - a. The first public meeting was held at the Village Hall in Montgomery on October 2, 2013 from 4:00 pm 7:00 pm. Approximately 60 people attended. A rolling presentation of the project background and the public involvement process was provided for attendees. The project team was available to discuss the project with the public.
  - b. Kane County and their consultant (HDR) conducted a Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) meeting on January 29, 2014. The meeting was held at the Village Hall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Kane County is anticipating one to two additional SFG meetings before the selection of a preferred alternative.
  - c. IDOT and FHWA concurred with the approach to public involvement thus far and the plan for future involvement.

- d. A public hearing will be held to present the preferred alternative. FHWA has requested that the preferred alternative be presented to FHWA/IDOT before the public hearing.
- V. Complete Streets
  - a. All alternatives will incorporate the IDOT complete streets policy. A pedestrian and/or bicycle accommodations will be included in the alternatives.
- VI. Environmental Processing
  - a. Kane County is anticipating that the project be processed as a Categorical Exclusion Group 2. Given the present status and findings of the project, FHWA/IDOT preliminarily concurs with an environmental processing of CE2. The environmental processing needed for the project will be revisited upon further development of alternatives and their level of environmental impact.

#### VII. Schedule

- a. As of February 25, 2014, the second SFG meeting date is anticipated to occur in one to two months time from the date of this meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to present alternatives developed from the first meetings' findings. Also, evaluation of the alternatives will be completed in an effort to come to a consensus on a preferred alternative.
- b. Kane County will meet with FHWA/IDOT to present their findings after the second SFG meeting.
- c. The public hearing will be held in late summer. After concurrence from FHWA/IDOT, Kane County and HDR will present the preferred alternative to the public.
- d. The project schedule is approximately 18 months in total duration. NTP was given in June of 2013 and design approval is targeted for January 2015.



#### FHWA/Local Coordination Meeting Attendance Roster

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#### BLR/FHWA Monthly Coordination Meeting Region 1 – District 1 Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study Section 13-00127-00-WR Kane County Department of Transportation June 14, 2016 10:15 am

This is the second presentation of the Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the study, present the public involvement process, and seek concurrence on environmental processing.

- I. Introductions
  - a. See sign-in sheet (Attached)

#### II. Project Background

a. Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to provide a transportation infrastructure that enhances operational efficiency, provides additional capacity for the projected traffic volumes, and enhances roadway safety along the Montgomery Road corridor. The need for the project relates to meeting future capacity needs, enhancing safety, and accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians.

- III. Public/Agency/Stakeholder Coordination
  - a. Public meeting 10-02-2013

Approximately 60 people attended the public meeting that was held to provide background information on the project and collect public input on potential improvements.

- b. Two Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings
  - i. First meeting resulted in East preferred selection 01-29-2014

The Focus Group discussed widening Montgomery Road to three lanes or four lanes as the primary alternatives on the East half of the project. After reviewing traffic data and potential impacts due to widening the roadway, the three lane cross section providing a continuous left turn lane was identified as the preferred alternative.

ii. Second meeting narrowed West alternatives to three options 05-07-2014

The Focus Group reviewed alternatives that they helped develop on the West end of the project and related impacts that were calculated by the project study team. Three alternatives were identified to move forward for further consideration by the Village of Montgomery and Kane County. Two options involved roundabouts along the S-curve and one option realigned Montgomery Road through some residential properties to eliminate the S-curve.

- c. Village of Montgomery Involvement
  - i. Presentation to the Village Board on 06-22-2015

Additional refinement, analysis, and coordination took place with the Village of Montgomery. A formal presentation to the Village Board was made for their consideration of the alternatives on the West end of the project.

ii. Village approval of termini revision and preferred alternative 01-19-2016

The project schedule was shifted to accommodate the additional time needed by the Village of Montgomery to make a recommendation on the West end alternatives. Due to the level of property impacts on the West end, the Village preferred the No-Build option on that side of the project and approved changing the project limit to be at Briarcliff Road.

#### IV. Project Limits

- a. Original project limits IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue
- b. Revised project limits Briarcliff Road (FAU 2548) to Hill Avenue (FAP 360)
  - i. Dismissal of West alternatives by agencies involved

Based on coordination with the Village of Montgomery, Kane County concurred with the change in project limits. The location of the proposed multi-use path and the sidewalk were described. After a discussion on the alternatives analysis and local agency input, both IDOT and FHWA agreed with the change in project limits at this Monthly Coordination Meeting.

#### V. Environmental Processing

a. Excerpt from FHWA meeting minutes 02-22-2014: Kane County is anticipating that the project be processed as a Categorical Exclusion Group 2. Given the present status and findings of the project, FHWA/IDOT concurs with an environmental processing of CE2. The environmental processing needed for the project will be revisited upon further development of alternatives and their level of environmental impact.

The project study team presented the status of the environmental analysis for the various natural resources and community impacts. IDOT requested a copy of the noise report when it was completed for their review. It was noted that the impacts are relatively minor and there has not been a lot of public controversy on the project, especially since the West end of the project was shortened. A scroll plot was used to discuss a few anticipated residential relocations, some parking impacts, and the Section 4(f) impacts which have been coordinated with the local agencies with jurisdiction. Each of the three agencies involved with the Section 4(f) properties have agreed that the impacts are minimal and in some cases actually beneficial. Separate Section 4(f) de minimis reports are being prepared and will be provided to IDOT and FHWA.

b. Revisit environmental status

The previous decision on the appropriate level of environmental processing was revisited as requested at the first Monthly Coordination Meeting. FHWA/IDOT reaffirmed their decision that a CE2 document was still appropriate.

#### VI. Schedule

a. Immediate start of Public Hearing process. Anticipate scheduling for July/August timeframe.

The group discussed the plans for the Public Hearing and it was agreed that the project study team can continue moving forward with the arrangements for the Public Hearing. Subsequent to the Monthly Coordination Meeting the Public Hearing was scheduled for September 14, 2016 to allow for enough time to complete the Section 4(f) de minimis reports and the Project Development Report. The draft reports will all be provided to IDOT prior to the Public Hearing.

b. Anticipated FHWA/IDOT PDR submittal for review and approval: September or October, 2016.

2. IDOT



#### Illinois Department of Transportation RECEIVED

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Region 1 / District 1 201 West Center Court / Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

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HDR

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS **Design Approval Notification** County of Kane Location: Montgomery Road (CH 29): Briarcliff Road (FAU Route 2548) to Hill Avenue (FAP Route 360) Section No.: 13-00127-00-WR Kane County

August 28, 2017

Ms. Jennifer O'Connell, P.E. Senior Project Manager Kane County Division of Transportation 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175

Dear Ms. O'Connell:

On August 23, 2017, we concurred that the subject project was categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Processing. On August 24, 2017, we approved the design as presented in the Project Development Report (PDR). A copy of the approved signature page is attached for your records.

The Contract Plans should conform to the approved design as presented in the PDR. We request that the City provide us with a schedule for the Phase II Work along with the Certificate of Publication - Legal Notice for projects requiring a Public Hearing.

Additionally, right-of-way is required for the construction of this project. A meeting should be scheduled with the Bureau of Land Acquisition to initiate these actions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Marilin Solomon, Field Engineer, at (847) 705-4407 or via email at Marilin.Solomon@illinois.gov.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Quigley, P.E. Region One Engineer

By: Christopher J. Holt, P.E. Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment

John Lazzara, P.E., HDR, Inc. w/att. CC:

#### IDOT BLR Kickoff Meeting Region 1 – District 1 February 19, 2014 Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study

#### AGENDA

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Limits
- 3. Alternatives Development
  - a. 3 vs. 4 Lane
  - b. Hill Avenue Intersection
  - c. IL 25 Intersection
  - d. West End S-curve
- 4. Public/Agency/Stakeholder Coordination
  - a. Public Meeting 1
  - b. Stakeholder Focus Group
  - c. FHWA Meeting
    - i. Environmental Processing
  - d. Public Hearing
- 5. Complete Streets
- 6. Schedule



## **Telephone Record**

Project:	Montgomery Road	HDR Project No:	213835
Date:	March 7, 2014	Subject:	Hill Avenue Intersection
Call to:	Jason Salley - IDOT	Phone No:	847-705-4085
Call from:	Jennifer Mitchell	Phone No:	773-867-7225

Discussion, Agreement and/or Action:

HDR contacted IDOT to inform them of the Montgomery Road project sponsored by Kane County. HDR indicated that through their operational analysis of the project termini that the Hill Avenue DHV and the operational analyses reflect the need for a four-lane cross section on Hill Avenue. HDR inquired as to how IDOT would like to begin the discussion regarding potential improvements and participation.

IDOT indicated that the process should start with a technical memorandum explaining the analyses performed. Such as: will additional turn lanes improve the situation, will a single lane roundabout accommodate the volumes, etc. HDR indicated that some of the mentioned options have been evaluated but not all. HDR will proceed with a technical memorandum evaluating through lane improvements, turn lane only improvements, and a roundabout.

The technical memorandum will be processed through the Bureau of Local Roads. IDOT requested three copies of the technical memorandum to be submitted.

#### Montgomery Road (CH29) Phase 1 Engineering IL 25 Intersection Improvement

#### Agenda

September 30, 2015 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm IDOT D1 Local Roads

- 1. Illinois 25 Intersection
  - a. Traffic data/background

Traffic data was gathered and analyzed at the IL 25 and Montgomery Road intersection. Each approach is a single lane without turn lanes. The intersection currently operates with a northbound lead phase and an eastbound lead phase to accommodate the directional left turn movements. The 2040 data reflects the need for a northbound left turn lane and eastbound left and right turn lanes. Capacity improvements are not needed to the east leg, Montgomery Road. It is desired to avoid bridge and/or river work and impacts to sensitive properties (park in the northeast quadrant).

b. Proposed geometry (Kane County)

Since the intersection capacity needs are not influenced by the Montgomery Road approach, traffic was evaluated to determine when improvements would be needed. A design variance was requested for the year 2035, retaining the existing geometry. The AM peak hour was projected to operate at LOS C for all approaches. In the PM peak hour, the eastbound approach was projected to operate at LOS E and the northbound approach projected to operate at LOS F.

c. Proposed geometry (IDOT)

The IDOT review of the HDR analysis and variance request resulted in an alternative geometric plan. IDOT would like the addition of left turn lanes in the north and southbound legs of IL 25. The southbound leg would also include a right turn lane.

HDR analyzed the geometry as requested by IDOT and in order to avoid river impacts has shifted the alignment east. The west edge of pavement was held constant and all improvements made easterly. The result is impacts to the park in the northeast quadrant and impacts to a commercial parking lot in the southeast quadrant. This is not desired by the County. Excessive northbound left turns are concerning to IDOT. IDOT recommends, at a minimum, the addition of a left turn lanes on the northbound and the southbound legs, given the projected crash analysis proves acceptable.

Post Note: As indicated at the meeting, a crash analysis was performed for the intersection. In the five-year period, there were 25 crashes at the IL 25 intersection. Fourteen of the total crashes were rear end, followed by seven turning crashes. The remaining crashes were fixed object and angle. Of the 25 total crashes, nine were injury related. No fatalities occurred in the reporting period and there was only one type A crash, 3 type B, and 5 type C. Eight of the crashes occurred under wet weather conditions. Of the 25 total intersections crashes, nine occurred with vehicles traveling in the northbound direction.

IDOT would like a LOS C for reconstruction and acceptable safety for approval of intersection design. IDOT concurred that in an effort to limit property and 4(f) impacts that not including a southbound right turn lane and reduced lane widths could be evaluated.

d. Impacts (schedule, scope, budget)

HDR will revise the design and traffic analyses to reflect the design as discussed at the meeting today. HDR will resubmit traffic analyses with safety analysis and roadway design to IDOT for comment.

e. Documentation of Improvement

The overall Montgomery Road improvement will be stage constructed and the IL 25 intersection will be one such stage. The Phase 1 PDR will reflect the anticipation of staged construction for the project.

f. Project Schedule

Currently, Kane County has no funding in place for Phase 2 engineering services or Phase 3 construction.

g. Other Adjacent Projects

The City of Aurora has begun Phase 1 Engineering Studies of the Farnsworth Avenue intersections. HDR and Kane County will coordinate with the City of Aurora to manage the connection between the two projects.

#### 3. CMAP



#### Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

233 South Wacker Drive Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606

312 454 0400 www.cmap.illinois.gov September 26, 2013

Mr. Carl Schoedel P.E. County Engineer Kane County Division of Transportation 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60504

#### Subject: Montgomery Road from Hill Avenue to IL 25: Revised Projections Kane County DOT

Dear Mr. Schoedel:

In response to a request made on your behalf and dated September 26, 2013, we have developed year 2040 average daily traffic (ADT) projections for the subject location.

ROAD SEGMENT	Year 2040 ADT	2040 ADT, 5 <sup>th</sup> St Extd
Montgomery Rd east of Hill Avenue	13,000	13,000
Hill Avenue north of Montgomery Rd	18,000	17,000
Hill Avenue south of Montgomery Rd	18,000	17,000
Montgomery Rd from Hill Ave to Howell Dr	14,000	14,000
Howell Dr north of Montgomery Rd	450	450
Montgomery Rd from Howell Dr to 5th St	14,000	14,000
5 <sup>th</sup> St north of Montgomery Rd	1,600	4,100
5 <sup>th</sup> St south of Montgomery Rd	400	2,900
Montgomery Rd from 5 <sup>th</sup> St to Douglas Rd	16,000	13,500
Douglas Rd north of Montgomery Rd	8,000	6,500
Douglas Rd south of Montgomery Rd	26,000	24,500
Montgomery Rd from Briarcliff to Douglas Rd	7,000	7,000
Montgomery Rd from E Mill St to Briarcliff	6,000	6,000
E Mill St from IL 25 to Montgomery Rd	4,000	4,000
Montgomery Rd from IL 25 to E Mill St	2,000	2,000
IL 25 north of Montgomery Rd	12,000	12,000
IL 25 south of Mill St	12,000	12,000
W Mill St west of IL 25	6,000	6,000

Traffic projections are developed using existing ADT data provided in the request letter and the results from the April 2013 CMAP Travel Demand Analysis. The regional travel model uses CMAP 2040 socioeconomic projections and assumes the implementation of the GO TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan for the Northeastern Illinois area. If you have any questions, please call Jose Rodriguez at (312) 386-8806.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Kop

Donald P. Kopec Deputy Director for Planning and Programming

cc: Mitchell (HDR) S:\Projects\CMP\SATF\_Temp\_July2013\2013 Response\ka-09-13rvs.docx



#### Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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September 11, 2013

Mr. Carl Schoedel P.E. County Engineer Kane County Division of Transportation 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60504

#### Subject: Montgomery Road from East Mill Street to Briarcliff Road Kane County DOT

Dear Mr. Schoedel:

In response to a request made on your behalf and dated September 10, 2013, we have developed a year 2040 average daily traffic (ADT) projection of 9,000 for the subject location.

Traffic projections are developed using existing ADT data provided in the request letter and the results from the April 2013 CMAP Travel Demand Analysis. The regional travel model uses CMAP 2040 socioeconomic projections and assumes the implementation of the GO TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan for the Northeastern Illinois area.

If you have any questions, please call Jose Rodriguez at (312) 386-8806.

Sincerely,

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Donald P. Kopec Deputy Director for Planning and Programming

cc: Taylor, Mitchell (HDR) S:\Projects\CMP\SATF\_Temp\_July2013\2013 Response\ka-16-13.docx **H**R

Mr. Donald Kopec Deputy Director of Planning and Programming Attn: Traffic Projections Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

August 14, 2013

RE: Montgomery Road Improvements Study Kane County Department of Transportation

Dear Mr. Kopec:

On behalf of Kane County Department of Transportation, we are requesting Average Daily Traffic (ADT) projections for the year 2040 for Montgomery Road from Hill Avenue to IL 25 (SE River Road). The Kane County Department of Transportation is beginning a Phase I Study of Montgomery Road from Hill Avenue to IL 25 (SE River Road) in Montgomery, IL. The improvement will include the widening of existing roadway to accommodate future lanes of travel. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be included. An option to connect 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, where a gap exists along 5<sup>th</sup> street, is being considered. We would like ADTs with and without this new connection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Enclosed are a study area map and existing ADTs for the project area. The ADT is needed for Montgomery Road, IL 25, Douglas Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Howell Place, and Hill Avenue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 773-380-7900 or via email at John.Lazzara@hdrinc.com.

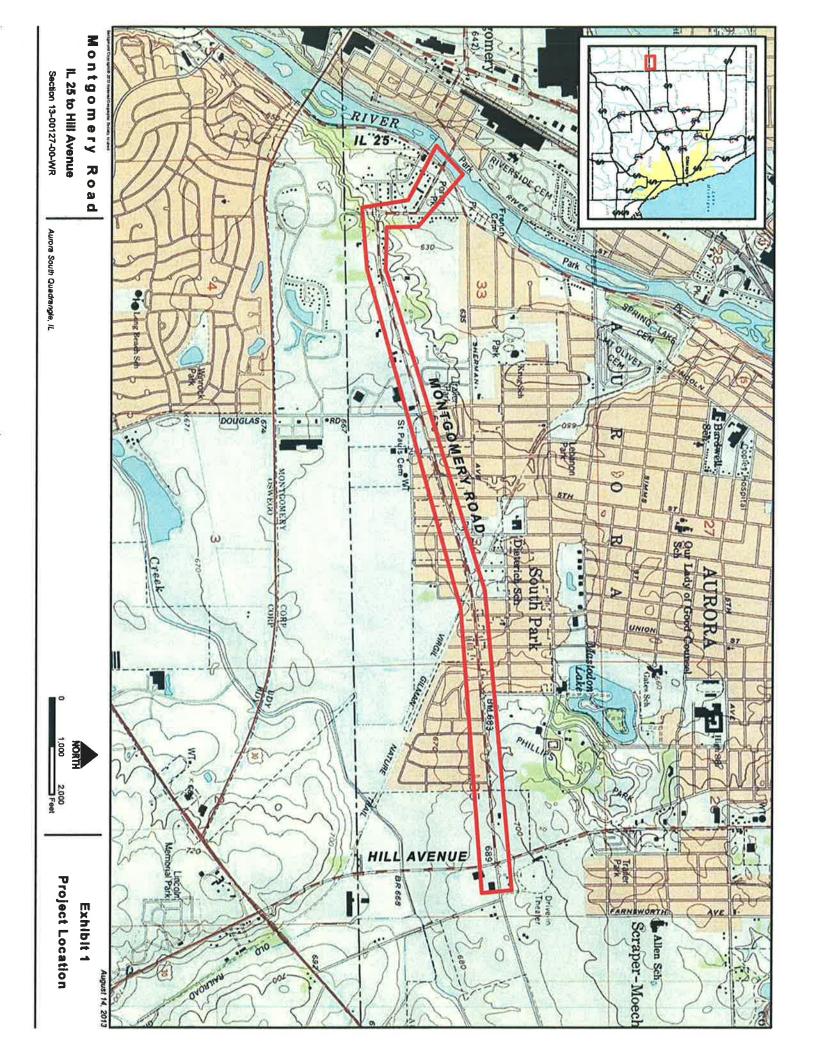
Thank you, HDR Engineering, Inc.

John Lazzara, P.E. Project Manager

Enclosure

Cc: file

Paul Holcomb, Chief of Design - Kane County Department of Transportation Marilin Solomon, Area Project Manager - IDOT



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2011	Road	Crown Street	Hill Avenue	EB	SEPT	0	0	6551				
	Montgomery											
2012	Road	Road BROADWAY BRIARCLIFF		EB	SEPT	0	0	3149				
	Montgomery											
2012	Road	DOUGLAS	5TH	EB	SEPT	0	0	7202				
	Montgomery											
2012	Road	BRIARCLIFF	DOUGLAS	EB	SEPT	0	0	3435				
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2010	Road	East Mill Street	Hill Avenue	EB								
			South Broadway						_			
2010	East Mill Street	IL25	Avenue	EB								
2010	West Mill Street	North River Street	IL 25	EB					-			
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2010	Hill Avenue	Motgomery Road	Montgomery Road	NB/SB								
		North of	South of									
2011	IL 25	Motgomery Road	Montgomery Road	NB/SB								

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Year	Road Name	From Street	To Street	Direction	Month	Total Northbound Count	Total Southbound Count	Total Eastbound Count	Total Westbound Count	Total Combined Count	Seasonally Adjusted AADT	Kane County Historical Information
2009	Montgomery Road	Farnsworth Avenue	DuPage County Line	EB	JULY	0	0	5,902	5,850	11,800	10,400	ounty H
2011	Montgomery Road	Crown Drive	Hill Avenue	EB	SEPT	0	0	6551	4932	11483	10300	istorica
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2012	Montgomery Road	BRIARCLIFF	DOUGLAS	EB	SEPT	0	0	3435	3056	6491	5800	
2010	Montgomery Road	Hill Ave	DuPage County Line	EB						9500		
2010	Montgomery Road	East Mill Street	Hill Drive	EB						11300		_
2010	East Mill Street	IL25	South Broadway Avenue	EB						3650		IDOT Tra
2010	West Mill Street	North River Street	IL 25	EB						4450		ffic Co
2010	Hill Avenue	North of Motgomery Road	South of Montgomery Road	NB/SB						13600		Traffic Count Map
<mark>2011</mark>	IL 25	North of Motgomery Road	South of Montgomery Road	NB/SB						8700		

4. US POSTAL SERVICE



August 4, 2016

Sharon N. Meyer Postmaster United States Postal Service 1899 Village Center Parkway Montgomery, IL 60538

Subject: Montgomery Road Improvements Phase I Study Kane County

Dear Sharon Meyer,

The Kane County Division of Transportation retained HDR, Inc. for the Phase I Engineering Services for the Montgomery Road Improvement Study. We are currently in the process of completing preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the improvement project. A location map is enclosed for your reference.

The scope of the recommended improvements will include roadway reconstruction and widening to provide two through lanes and a two-way center left turn lane, the roadway cross section will be changed from a shoulder section to curb and gutter with a 10 foot multi-use path on one side and a 5 foot wide sidewalk on the opposing side. The proposed improvements will affect Montgomery Road from 200 feet west of Briarcliff Road to 1000 feet east of Hill Avenue. Hill Avenue will also be improved by widening from 3 lanes to 5 lanes, extending from a point 2000 feet south of the intersection with Montgomery Road to 1300 feet north of the intersection with Montgomery Road. The project is currently in the preliminary design phase.

There are multiple mailbox locations along the project corridor. The mailboxes are currently located along the shoulder, which the mail truck uses during delivery. The project improvements will include curb and gutter, which will eliminate the use of the current shoulder. Kane County is committed to coordinating with you during the Phase 2 Design Process regarding the post-construction operations of the postal service. Options such as clustering mailboxes and mail box turnouts may be discussed.

The project team is available to discuss the project details further if you would prefer. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (773)380-7938 or John.Lazzara@hdrinc.com.

Sincerely, HDR Engineering

John Lanzara

John Lazzara Project Manager

Enclosure

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Jennifer O'Connell - Project Manager - Kane County Division of Transportation



NOISE ASSESSMENT REPORT - MONTGOMERY ROAD PHASE I - SYCAMORE LANE TO HILL AVENUE

#### 5. CITY OF AURORA

Coordination with the City of Aurora has taken place as part of this Montgomery Road project beyond data collection. The coordination is specific to the Stakeholder Focus Group and Section 4(f) resources. Please refer to the Stakeholder Focus Group section of Appendix C and individual Section 4(f) De Minimis Reports located in Appendix B of this Project Development Report for additional information.

#### 6. VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY



## Meeting Minutes

#### Village of Montgomery Coordination Meeting

Date:Thursday, May 21, 2015Location:Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N River StTime:10:00 am

- 1) Welcome
  - a) Introductions See sign-in sheet (attached)
- 2) Project History/Timeline
  - i. A PowerPoint presentation was given to describe the history of the project.
  - ii. The timeline for the project was revised and is now anticipated for completion by December 2015.
  - iii. Project status: selection of a preferred alternative for the west end is needed.
- 3) Public Involvement
  - i. A Public Meeting was held in October 2013.
  - ii. A Stakeholder Focus Group was form and the first meeting was held in January 2014. The meeting consisted of an informational meeting and a group workshop to develop possible alternatives.
  - iii. SFG meeting #2 was held in May 2014. The purpose of meeting was to eliminate alternatives in preparation for selection of a preferred alternative.
- 4) Environmental Items
  - i. Several environmental items affect the project corridor. These environmental items will influence cost and schedule of the project.
  - ii. Some items are alternative dependent, in that they will only be initiated if their associated alternative is selected over another alternative.
  - iii. Drainage is of major concern within the project corridor especially at the mid point of the east end alternative.
  - iv. Possibility of coordinating with a drainage project to the north being designed by Kane County Water Resources.
  - v. Possibility of capacity issues if a connection is made to the Ashland Avenue connector pipe system requiring inline detention.
  - vi. Pete Wallers will provide drainage model for area north of Montgomery Road for study of drainage area and system in effort of determining if connection to proposed Montgomery Road closed drainage system is feasible. In addition, Zone A Floodplain Study will be provided.



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- ii) Due to residential and emergency vehicle access, a replacement or relocation to the west of the temporary signal located at Howell Place intersection is anticipated for inclusion in the proposed design. None of the intersection locations within the area satisfy the required signal warrants and will merit further discussion with no guarantee of approval. Upon approval by FHWA, IDOT, and all relevant agencies, a permanent signal will be included in scope of project during Phase 2.
- 5) Alternatives Development
  - a) 3 lane vs. 4 lane
    - i. Development of a 3 lane section and 4 lane section was done using existing data, data collected in the field and from governing agencies, and information provided by the public and SFG meetings.
    - ii. The 3 lane section was the overall preferred alternative in that it meets the projected capacity and limits the impacts to the surrounding community.
  - iii. Some concerns with the operation of the Montgomery and Douglas Road intersection. HDR will review the intersection based on the updated ADTs provided by IDOT. Can not reduce current lane widths and would like defined sidewalks in proximity. Pete Wallers and HDR to discuss further.
  - iv. Phased construction should be reviewed. Some sections of roadway can be built and operated without the entire proposed roadway construction.
  - v. High visibility crossing at the Virgil Gilman Trail will be included. A similar crossing at waterpark or a signalized crossing should be considered.
  - vi. BMPs at Hill Ave. and Montgomery Rd. intersection should be inside roadway right of way. Minimize impacts and maintain the developable property at intersection.
  - b) West End Alternatives
    - i. Currently the roadway does not overtop on the west end providing opportunity to lower roadway.
    - ii. Previous project with KDOT to upgrade safety included lighting additions and non-skid pavement.
  - iii. 5 alternatives for the west end were compared at the same level of analysis.
  - iv. 3 alternatives (Alt 2, 4, and 5) were eliminated during the SFG meeting #2 and 2 alternatives (Alt 1 and 3) were carried forward.
  - v. Alternative 1 will provide traffic calming.
  - vi. Alternative 1 may have some profile and diameter adjustments that can be designed to minimize impacts to the surrounding properties.
  - vii. Alternative 3 will bisect a floodplain in the area resulting in a need for a CLOMAR/LOMAR. There will also be a need for comp. storage and borrow material for embankment, which will involve added property acquisition.
  - viii. General consensus for Alternative 1. Some preference of Alternative 3, but there is agreement that Alternative 3 is not feasible.



## **Meeting Minutes**

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- 6) Looking Forward
  - i. HDR will anticipate presenting this information to the Village Board on Monday, June  $22^{nd}$ , time TBD. Kane County will schedule with Jeff Zeophel.
  - ii. Village presentation will include the public involvement process to date and stakeholders involved.
  - iii. HDR to provide temporary signal report to Pete Wallers.
  - iv. Pete Wallers to provide northern drainage are modeling to HDR along with Zone A Floodplain Study.
  - *v.* Further discussion of Douglas Road intersection will be conducted with Pete Wallers. HDR to investigate IDOT ADTs and adjust design accordingly before discussion.

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Meeting Purpose: Village Coordination Meeting

Meeting Date: May 21, 2015

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Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Location: Village of Montgomery Town Hall

# List of Attendees

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## Montgomery Road Phase 1 Engineering Study Coordination Meeting May 21, 2015



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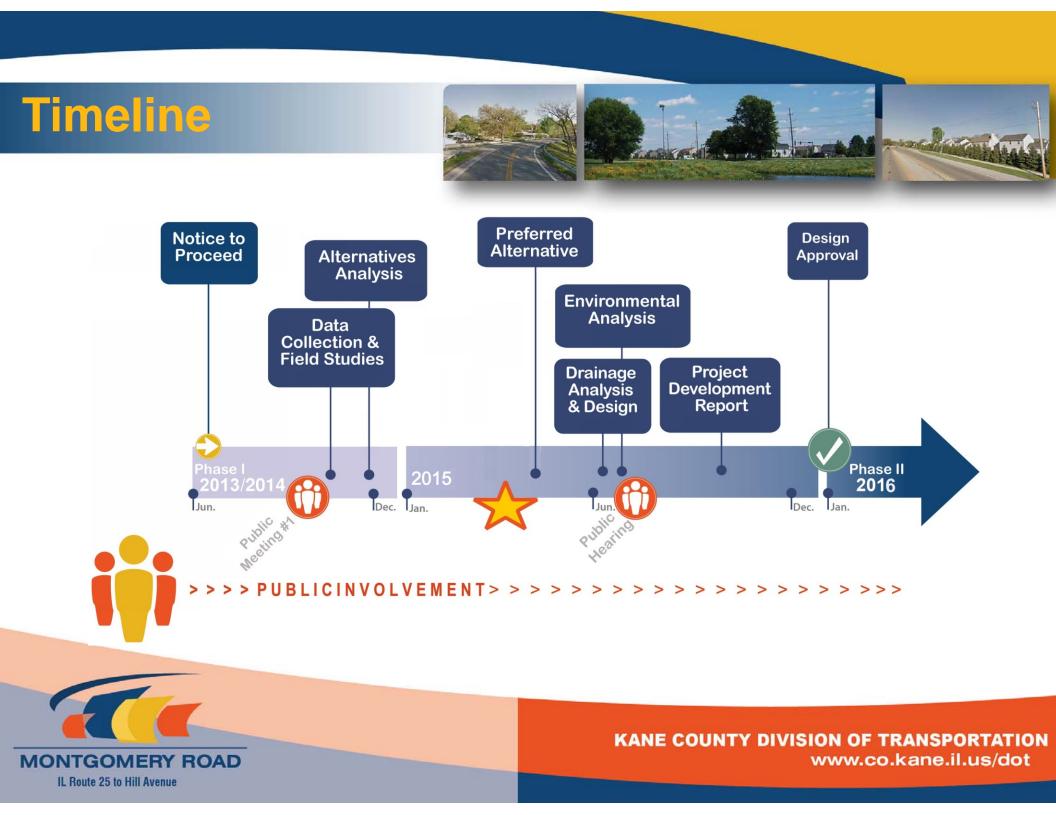
## WELCOME

## **Purpose of Today's Meeting**

- Review Project Findings
- Discuss Alternatives
- Continue Phase 1 Study



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## **Existing Conditions**



# **Deficiencies on Montgomery Road**

- Insufficient Infrastructure
- High Traffic Volumes
- Substandard Geometric Designs
- Restricted Turning Movements
- Limited Pedestrian and Bicycle Americaes
- Lack of Drainage Systems



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## **Public Involvement**



## Public Meeting Comments (October 2013)

- Drainage issues
- Noise consideration
- Dedicated turn lanes
- Land acquisition
- Roadway widening impacts
- Traffic speed
- Traffic volume

- Traffic control/signalization
- Crosswalks
- Access to/from residential and commercial properties
- Sidewalk and bike path issues and connections
- Expansion of study area

MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

### SFG Meeting #1 (January 2014)



### Issues and Concerns - Major Themes

- Environmental Impacts
- Flooding and Drainage
- Land Use Redevelopment/Access
- Mobility and Traffic Management
- Safety Aspects

MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

Multi-modal Facilities

### **Goals and Objectives - Major Actions**

- Minimize environmental impacts
- Establish controlled drainage system
- Provide development opportunities
- Reduce congestion & traffic delays
- Provide safe multi-modal interaction
- Establish consistent landscape theme

<u>Takeaways:</u> Two New Alternatives

**Focal Points** 

### SFG Meeting #2 (May 2014)



## **Alternatives Evaluation**

### **Attendees**

Village of Montgomery Montgomery Economic Development Corporation Forest Preserve District of Kane County City of Aurora Pace Suburban Bus Fox Valley Park District

Phoenix Home Enterprises Aurora Township Highway

Department

C21 Commercial

Montgomery-Countryside Fire Protection District

Kane County Division of Transportation

<u>Takeaways:</u> East End Alternative Selection Three Alternatives Eliminated Two Carried Forward



## Environmental



- Section 4(f)
- Drainage
- Bike Trail
- Special Waste

- Cemetery
- Clomar/Lomar



## Alternatives



Existing Alignment – East End
 4 Lane Cross-section
 3 Lane Cross-section

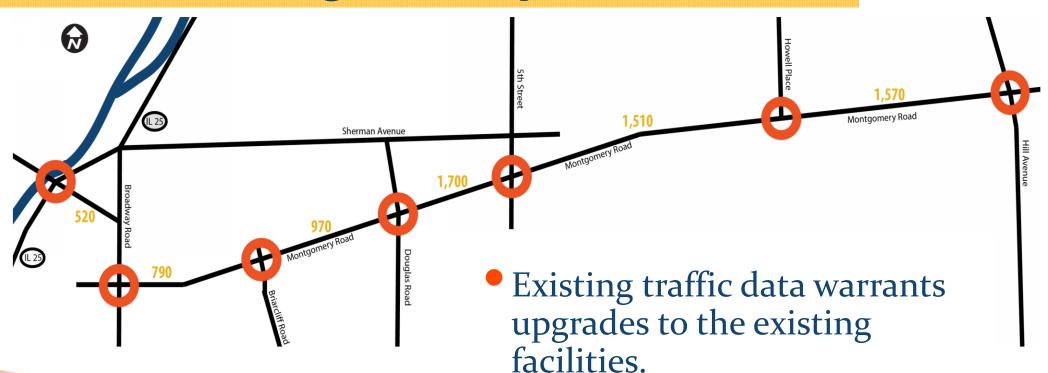
S-Curve – West End
 5 Alternatives





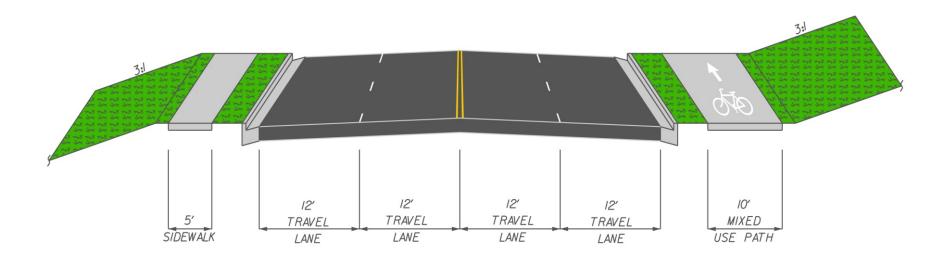
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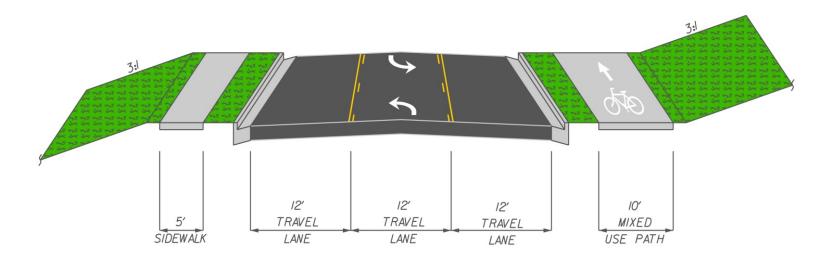
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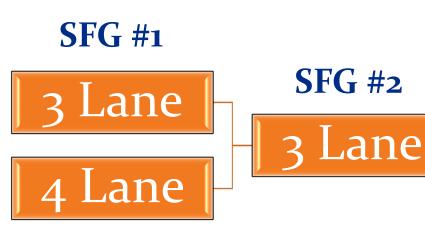
### 3 Lane Typical Section





## **3 Lane Section**



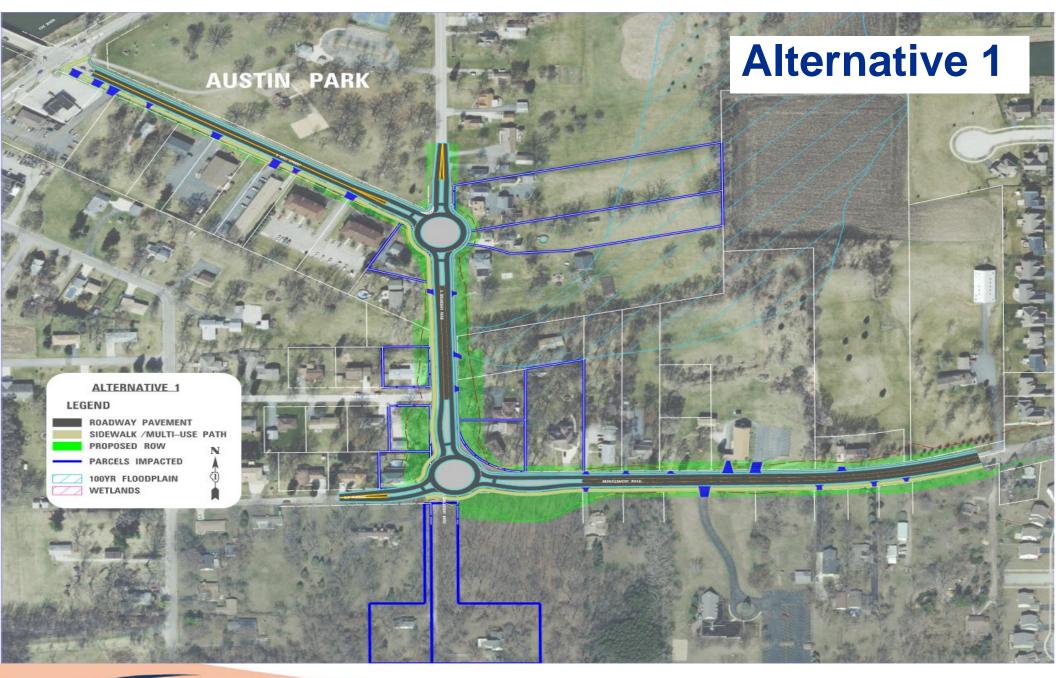


MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

- 3 Lane Section Selected as preferred for East End
- Reduced overall roadway width
- Sufficient capacity
- Lower crash projections



Width restriction provides added room for individual property features and aesthetics. i.e. parking, entrances, planters, etc.



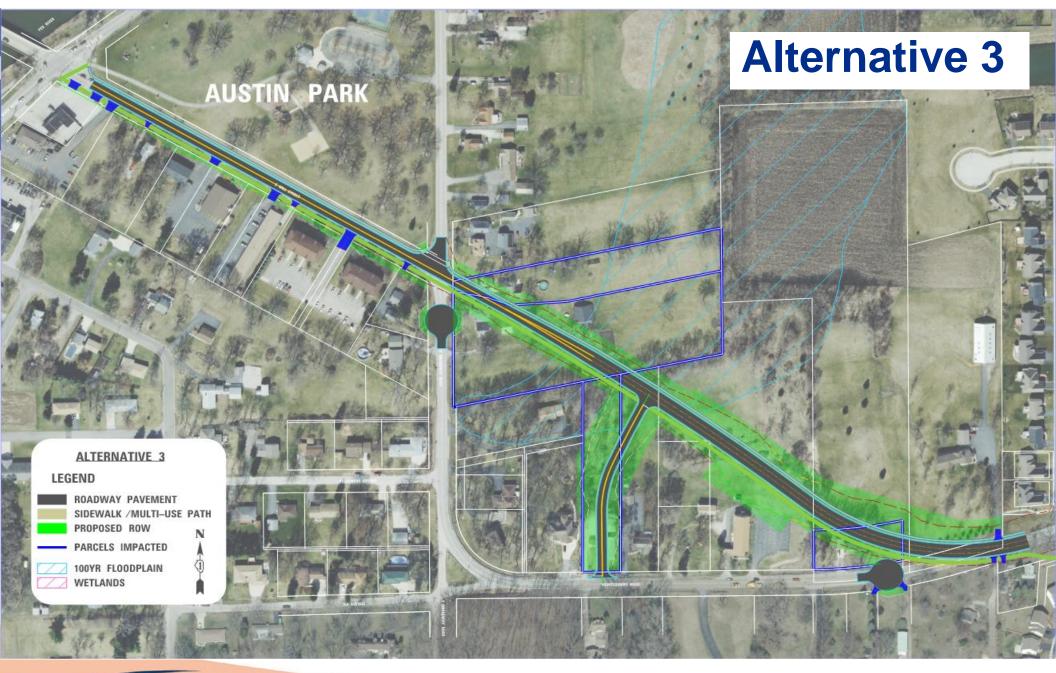
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## **Alternative 2**



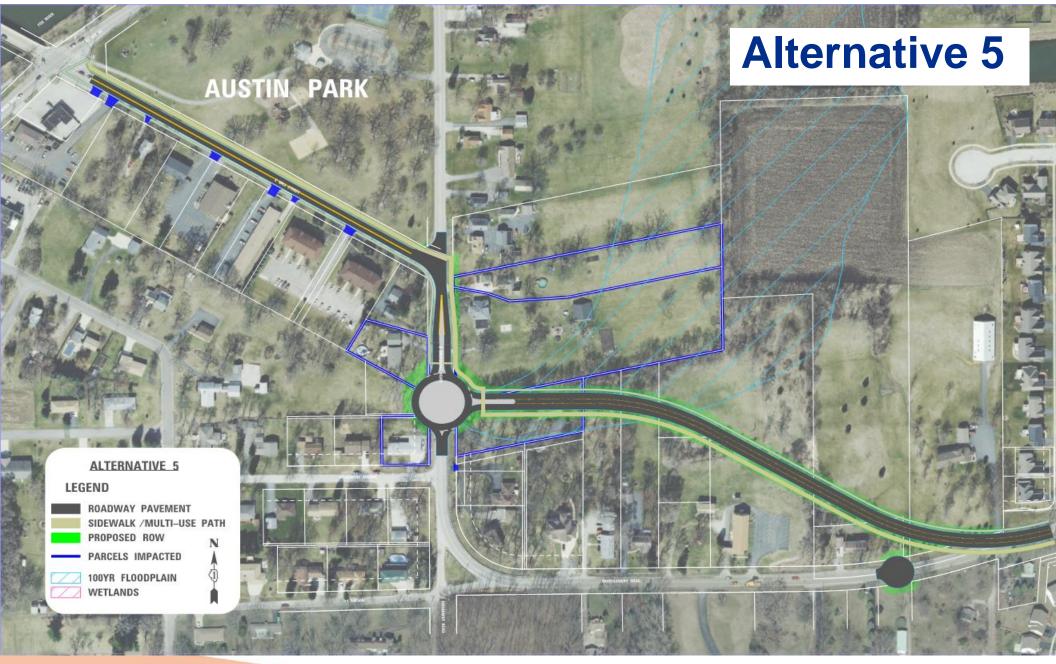








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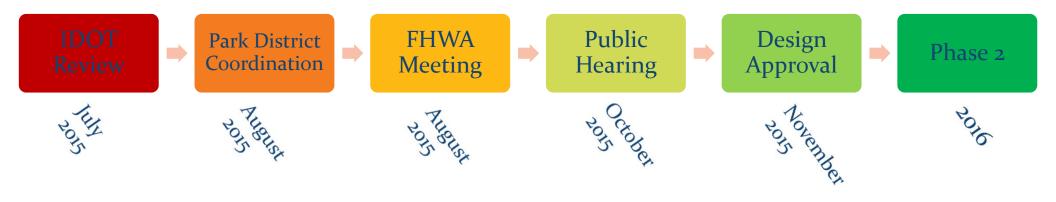
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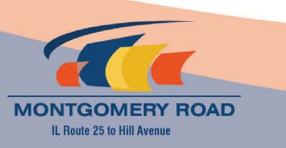


**Looking Forward** 



# **Potential Process:**







# We want to hear from you!

- Via email at <u>montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com</u>
- Email Project Managers
  - Jennifer O'Connell at <u>OConnellJennifer@co.kane.il.us</u>
  - Jordan Taylor at
    - jordan.taylor@hdrinc.com
  - Visit <u>www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx</u>

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January 19, 2016

#### Village Board

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Tiffany Francis Village Clerk

Trustees: Stan Bond Peter Heinz Steve Jungermann Denny Lee Doug Marecek Theresa Sperling Ms. Jennifer O'Connell Senior Project Manager Kane County Division of Transportation 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175

#### Re: Montgomery Road Phase I Study Montgomery, Illinois

Ms. O'Connell:

Staff

Jeff Zoephel Village Administrator

Daniel Meyers Chief of Police

Todd Hoppenstedt Dir. of Public Works

Justin VanVooren Director of Finance

Richard Young Dir. of Community Development Again on behalf of the Village I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to KDOT, your staff and consultants on a very collaborative planning process.

At the December 14, 2015 Village Board meeting the Board directed staff to request that the Montgomery Road Phase I Study be terminated at Briarcliff Road. While the Village

Board is interested in improving the condition and performance of Montgomery Road west

of Briarcliff, the Board was concerned with the impact to the existing residents. The

Village is interested at looking at other options for improvements for the area west of

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me.

Briarcliff but understands that the Phase I will not include those improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Village of Montgomery

Jeff Zoephel Village Administrator

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### Montgomery Road (CH29) Phase 1 Engineering – IL 25 to Hill Avenue Agency Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2013 10:00am – 11:00 am Montgomery Village Hall

- 1. Project Description/Purpose
- 2. Design Intentions
  - a. Possible Alternatives
  - b. Typical Section
  - c. Design Deficiencies
  - d. Traffic Data
  - e. Village of Montgomery Concerns
- 3. Public Involvement
  - a. Topics covered
  - b. Newsletter
- 4. Agency Coordination
- 5. Schedule
- 6. Contacts
- 7. Action Items



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## **Meeting Minutes**

Subject:	Montgomery Road – Village of Montgomery Meeting			
Client:	Kane County Department of Transportation			
Project:	Montgomery Road (CH29) Phase 1 Engineering	Project No:		
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2013	Meeting Location:	Montgomery Village Hall	
Notes by:	Jordan Taylor			

#### Attendees:

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### **Topics Discussed:**

### A) Drainage

- 1) Village of Montgomery to provide recent drainage analysis for the area.
- 2) City of Aurora may have drainage study for golf course.
- 3) Wabansia Creek elevations will need scrutiny. Village does not agree with the FEMA elevations.
- 4) Large outfall at east end has a maintenance contract with DNR. HDR will need to contact and review.
- 5) Local water at outfall is pumped over levy just south of project area.
- 6) Flood waters do not use the levy and the bypass is very active.
- 7) Village to provide HLR 60" closed drainage system study.
- B) Traffic

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- 1) HDR will follow up with CMAP on numbers used for their projections. Village does not agree with project ADTs.
- 2) Kane county will check their growth number as a comparison to CMAP's.
- C) Village of Montgomery Concerns
  - 1) Signal warrants will need reviewed for signal at Howell Place. (subdivision to the south has no other ingress/egress)
  - 2) Pedestrian accessibility throughout project could warrant a signal at Howell Place.
  - 3) Village to provide trail map in area. HDR will need to create connectivity along corridor.
  - 4) Village will provide study of South Park subdivision for HDR data collection.
  - 5) Village would like HDR to review possible grade separated pedestrian bridge at Virgil Gilman Trail crossing.
  - 6) HDR to review Village's LRTP for the corridor (Village website).
  - 7) Drainage is of major concern to the Village. Village is concerned with where the drainage will go once it is collected.

### Action Items:

- 1) Village Drainage analysis for the area
- 2) Drainage study of the golf course area
- 3) Village trail map
- 4) Contact CMAP
- 5) Village study of South Park subdivision
- 6) HLR's 60" closed drainage system
- 7) Village's corridor plan from village website

### 7. AURORA TOWNSHIP

Coordination with the Aurora Township has taken place as part of this Montgomery Road project beyond data collection. The coordination is specific to the Stakeholder Focus Group and Section 4(f) resources. Please refer to the Stakeholder Focus Group section of Appendix C and individual Section 4(f) De Minimis Reports located in Appendix B of this Project Development Report for additional information.

### 8. UTILITIES

# FJS

August 25, 2016

Janet Ahern AT&T Civil Project Engineering 1000 Commerce Drive Oakbrook, IL 60532

Subject: Kane County - Montgomery Road Improvements: Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue; Phase I Study Request for Information Village of Montgomery, City of Aurora

Dear Janet Ahern,

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August 4, 2016

Ms. Martha Gieras Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. 688 Industrial Drive Elmhurst, IL 60126

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August 25, 2016

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Danett Kennedy Level 3 Communications 1025 Eldorado Boulevard Broomfield, CO 80021

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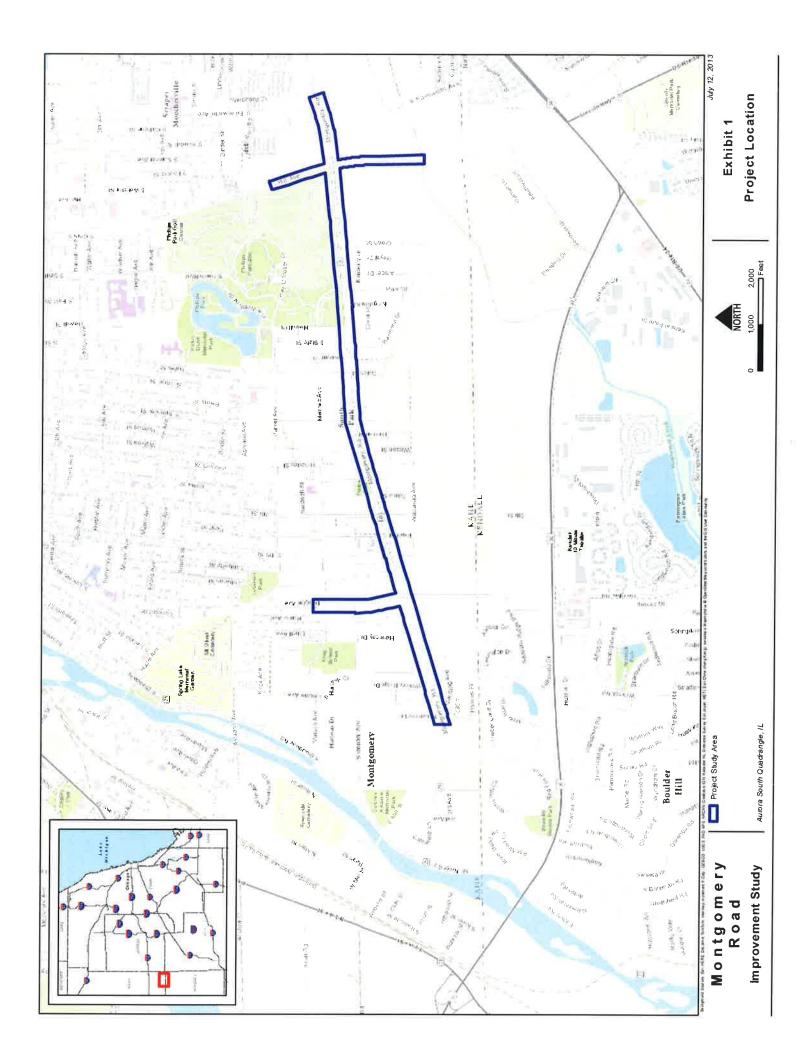
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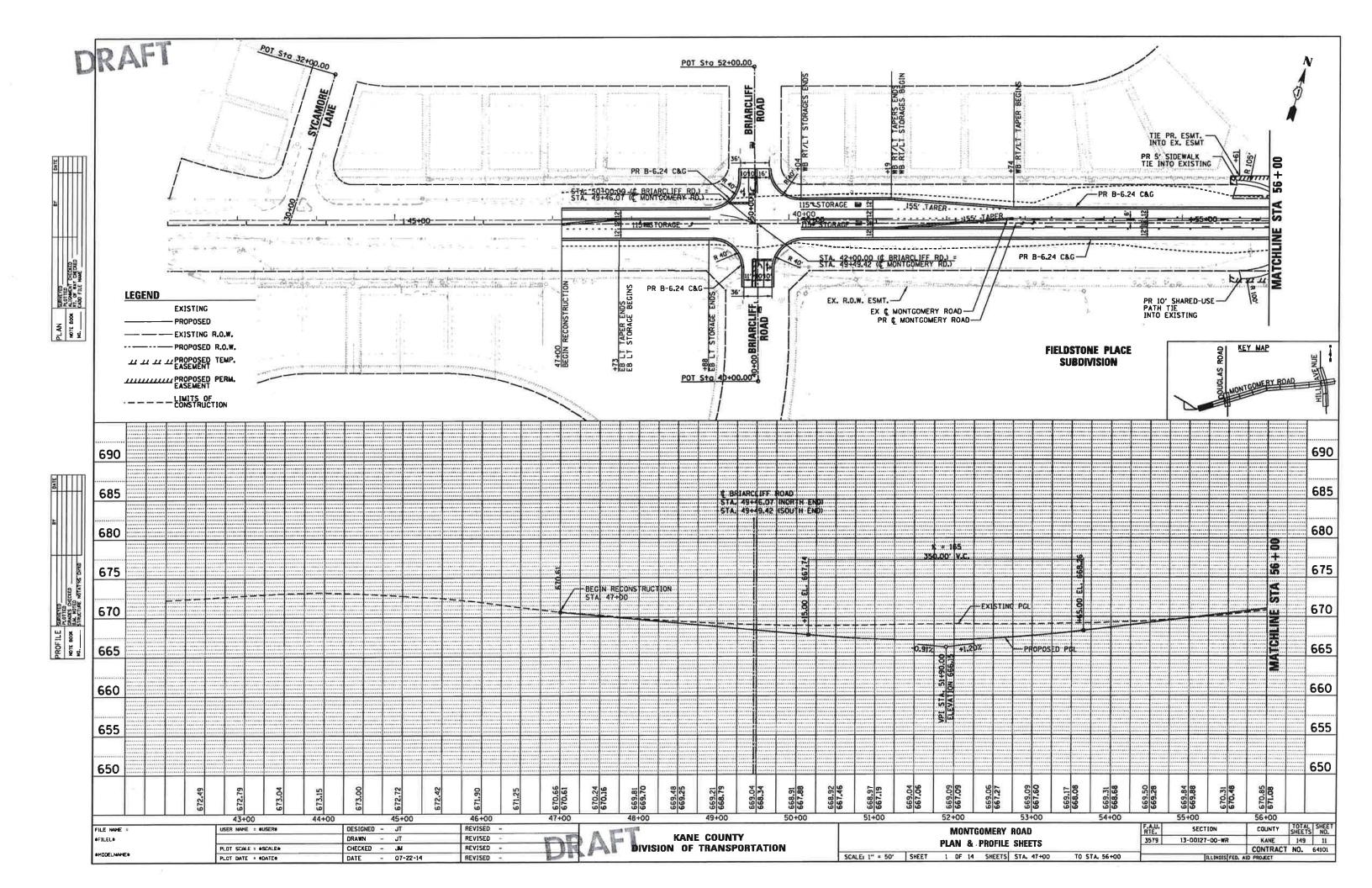
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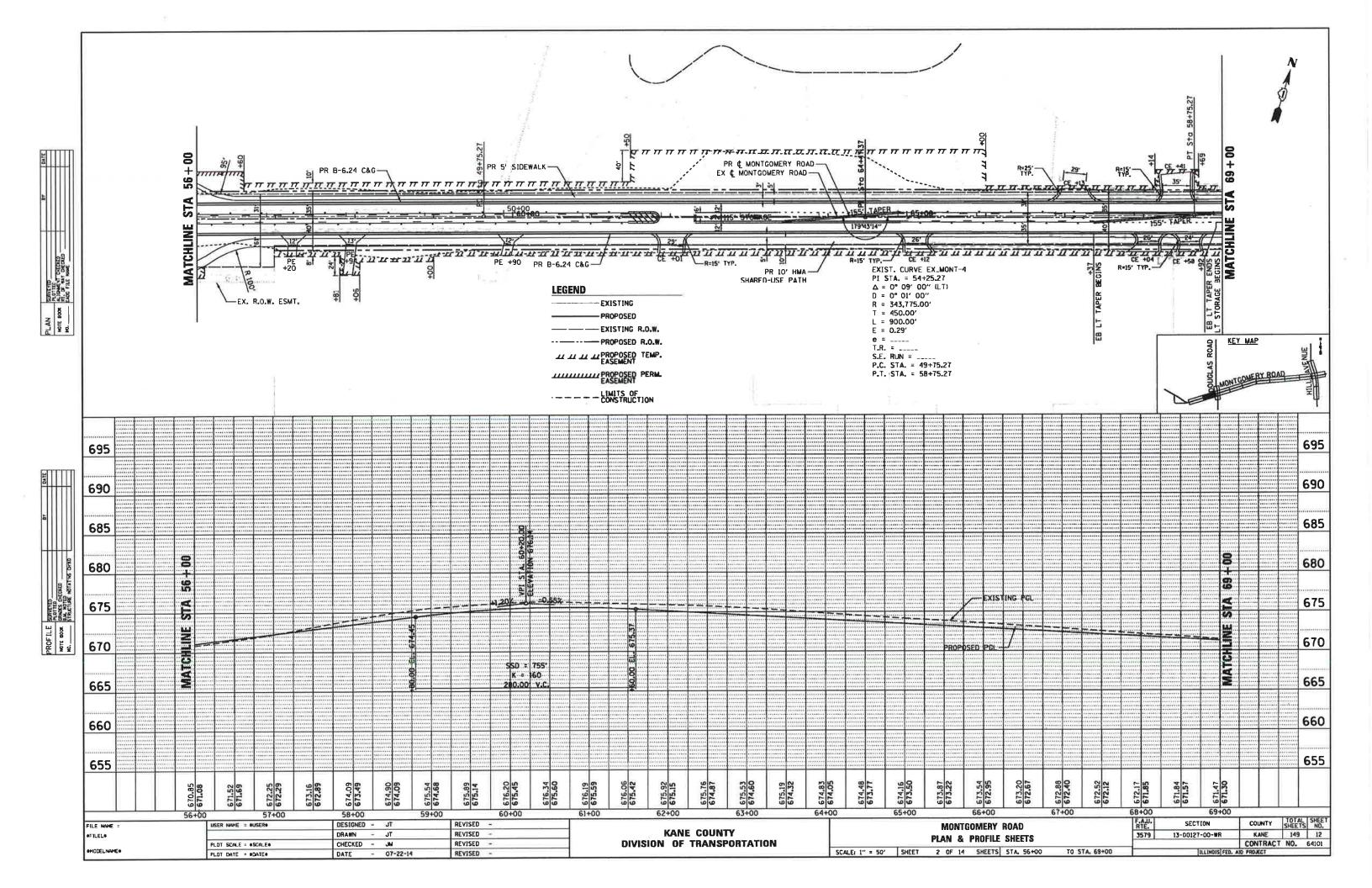
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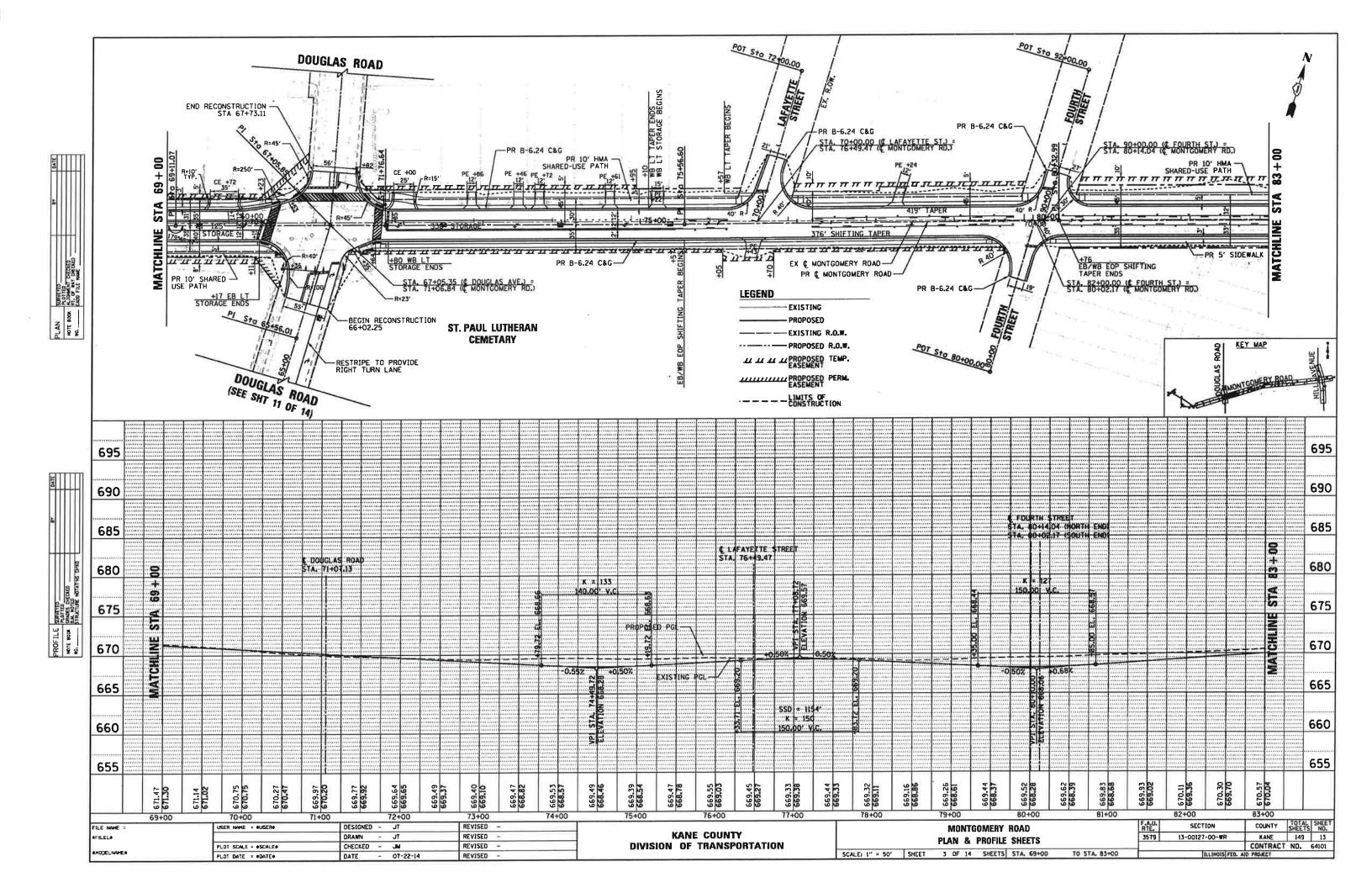
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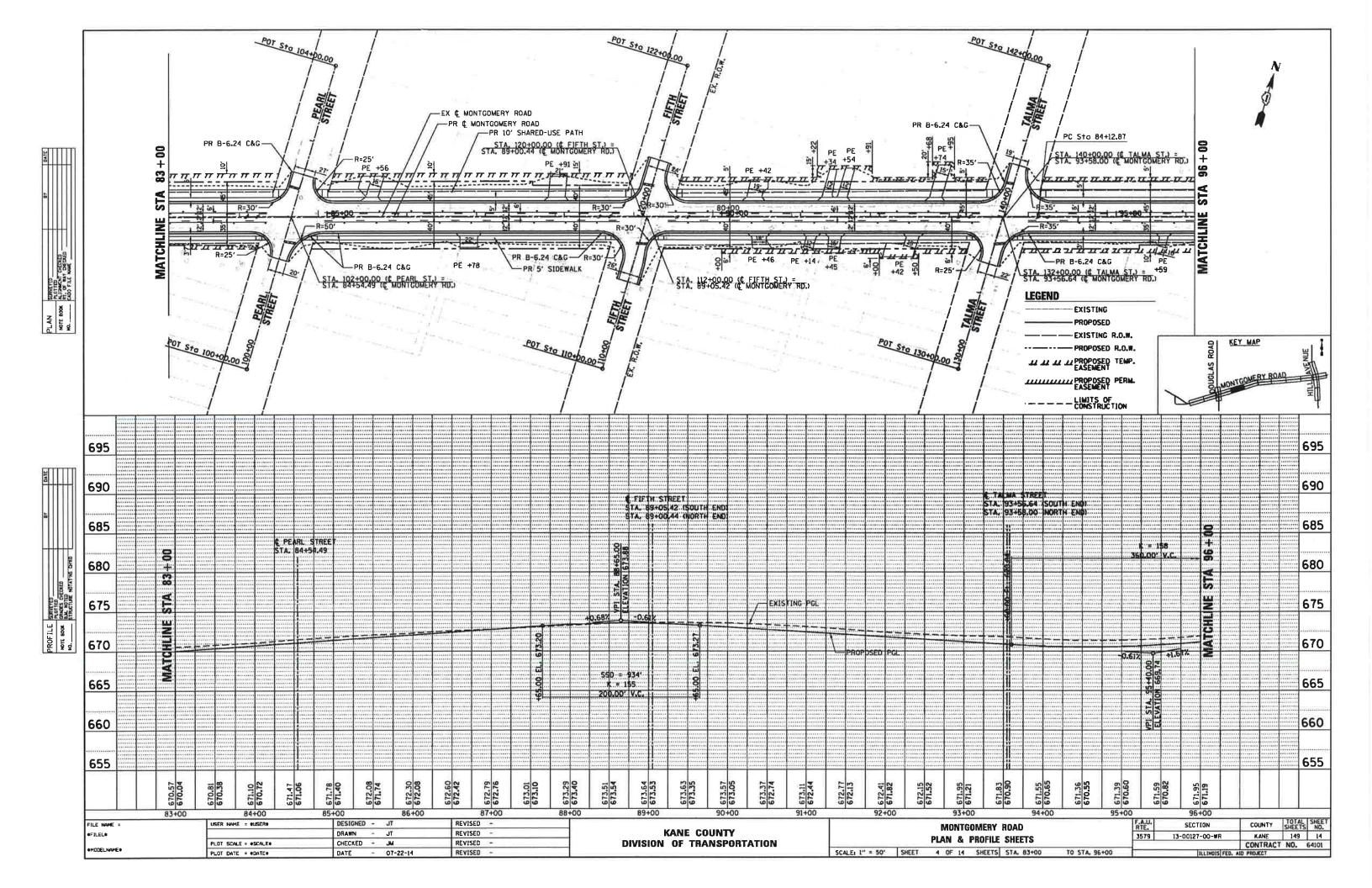
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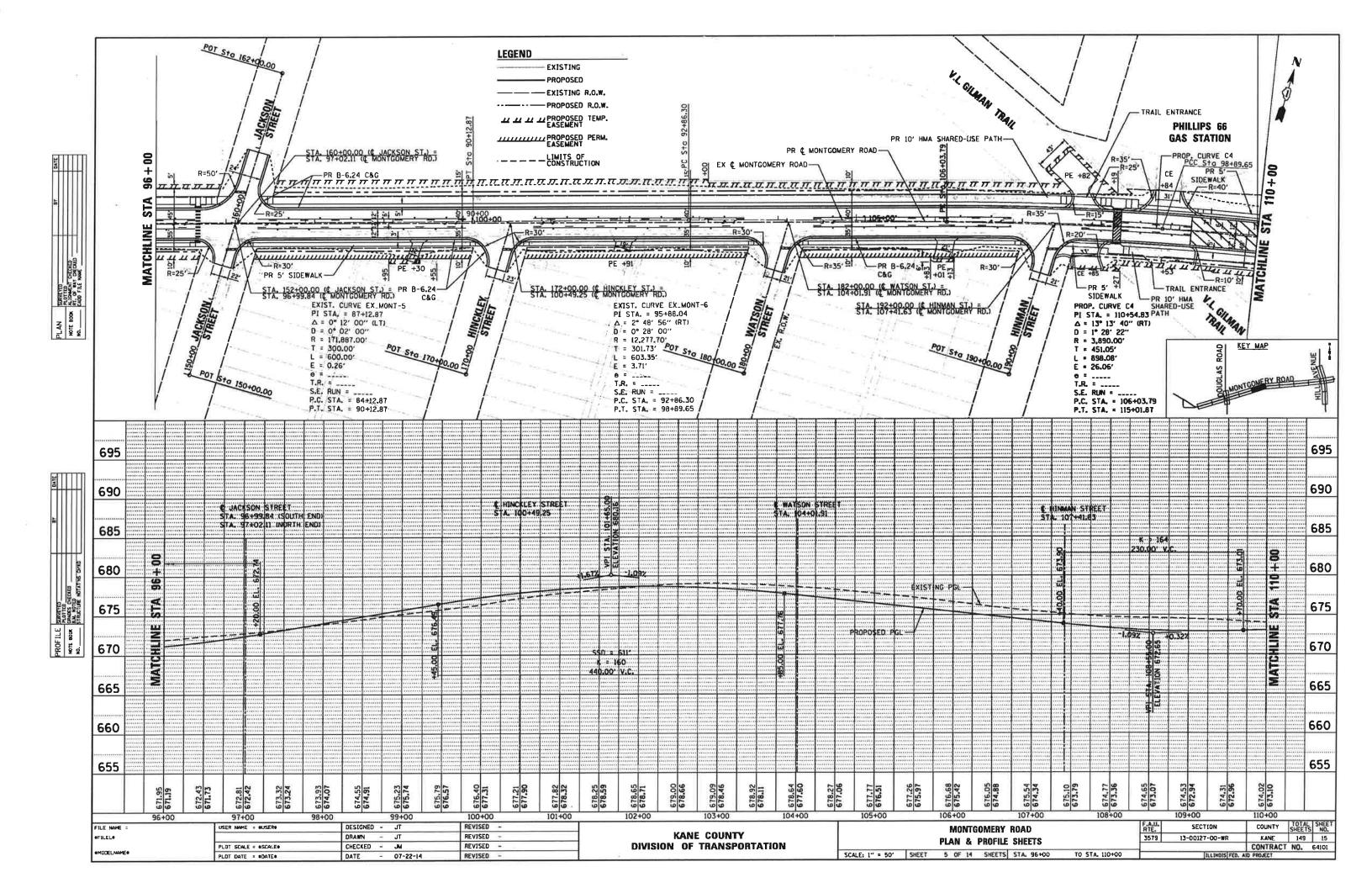


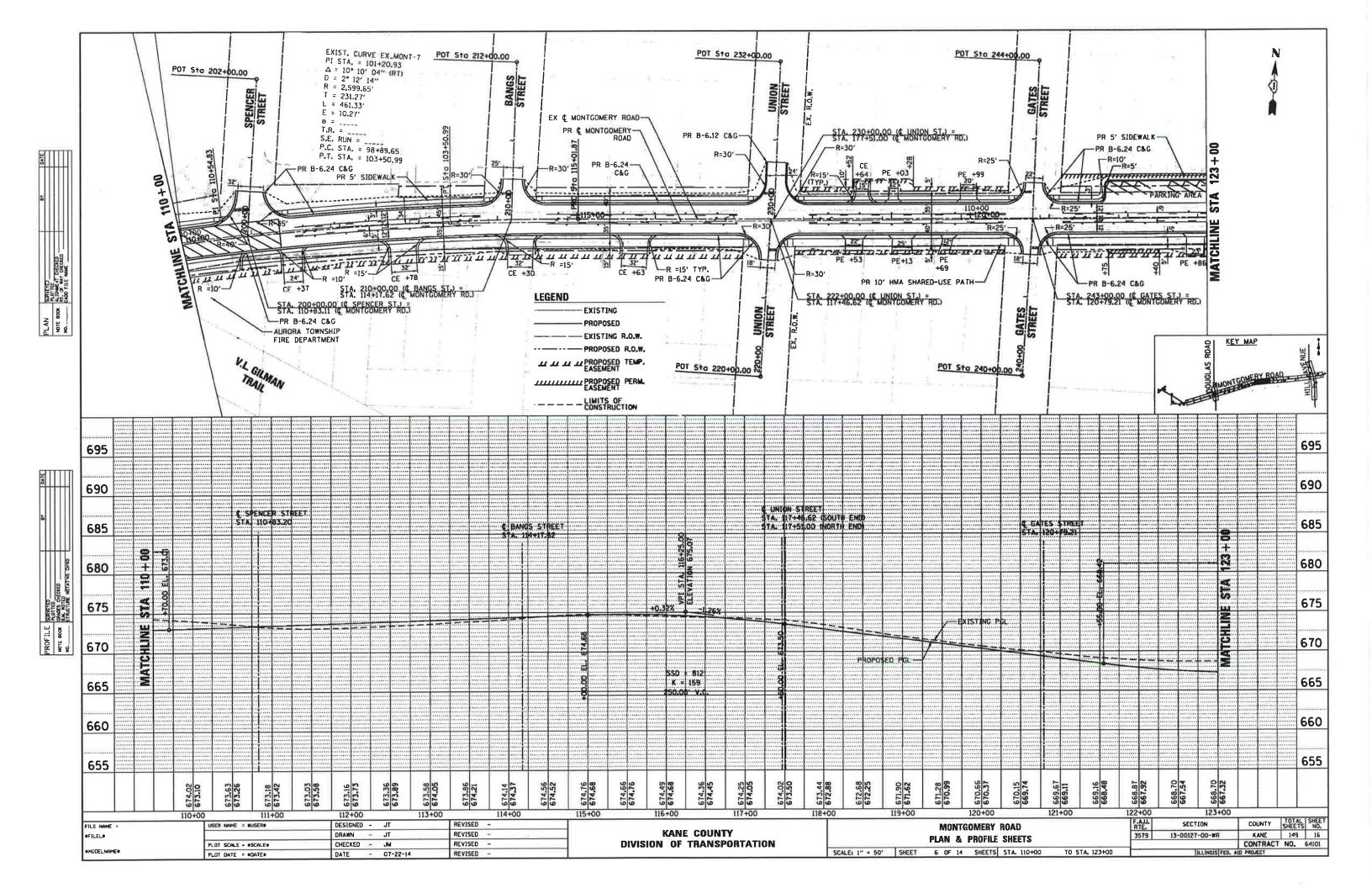


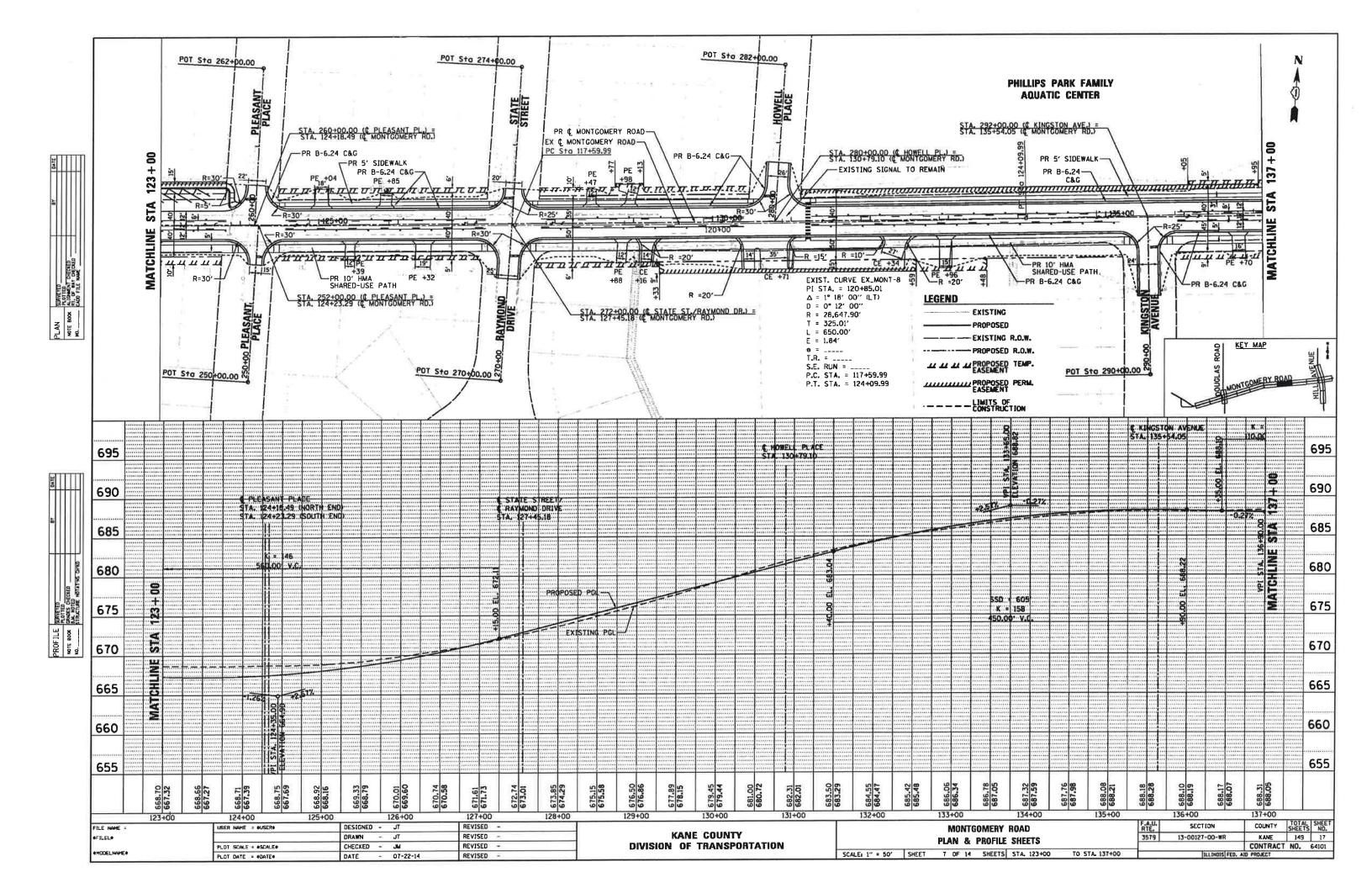


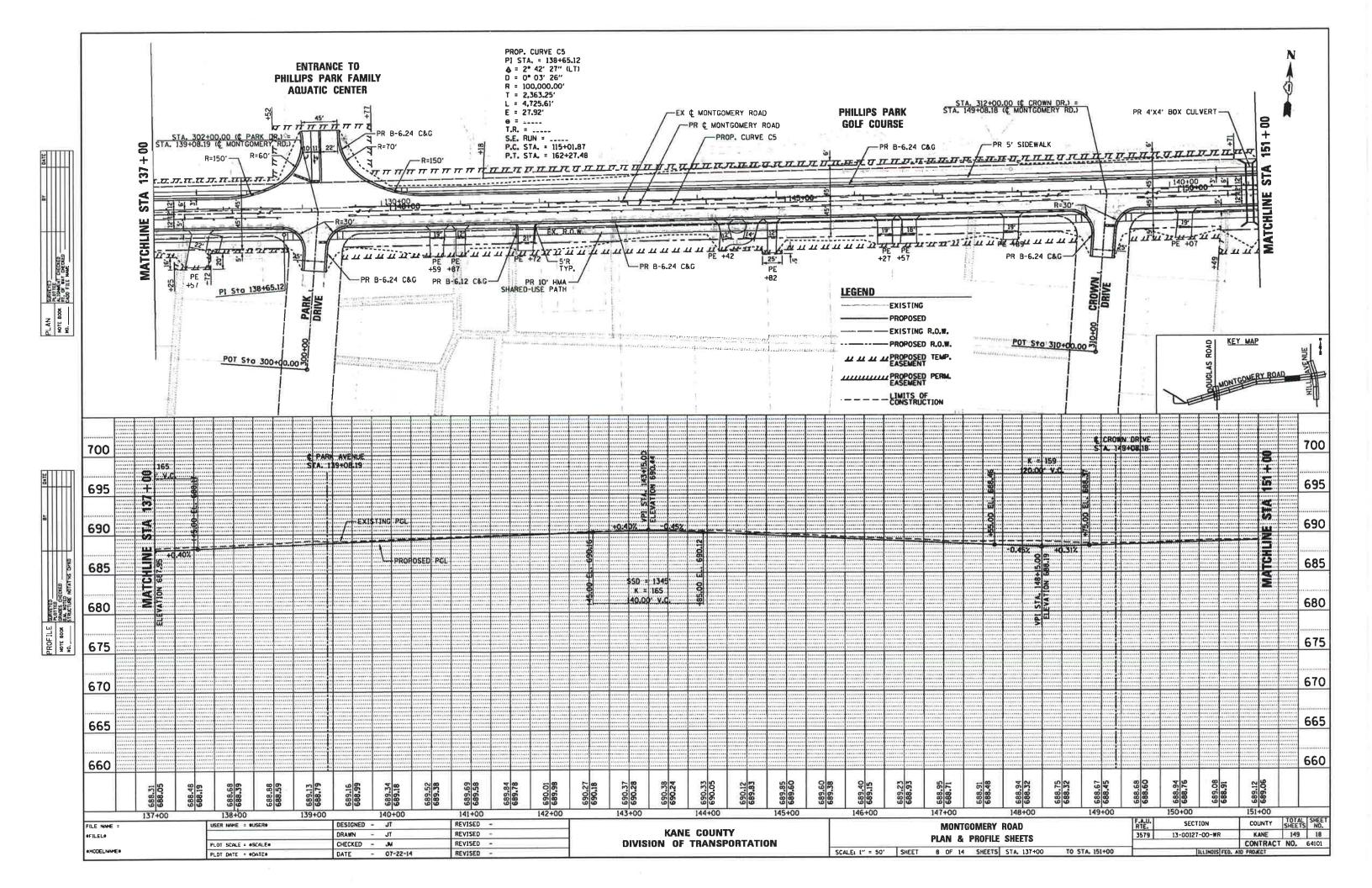


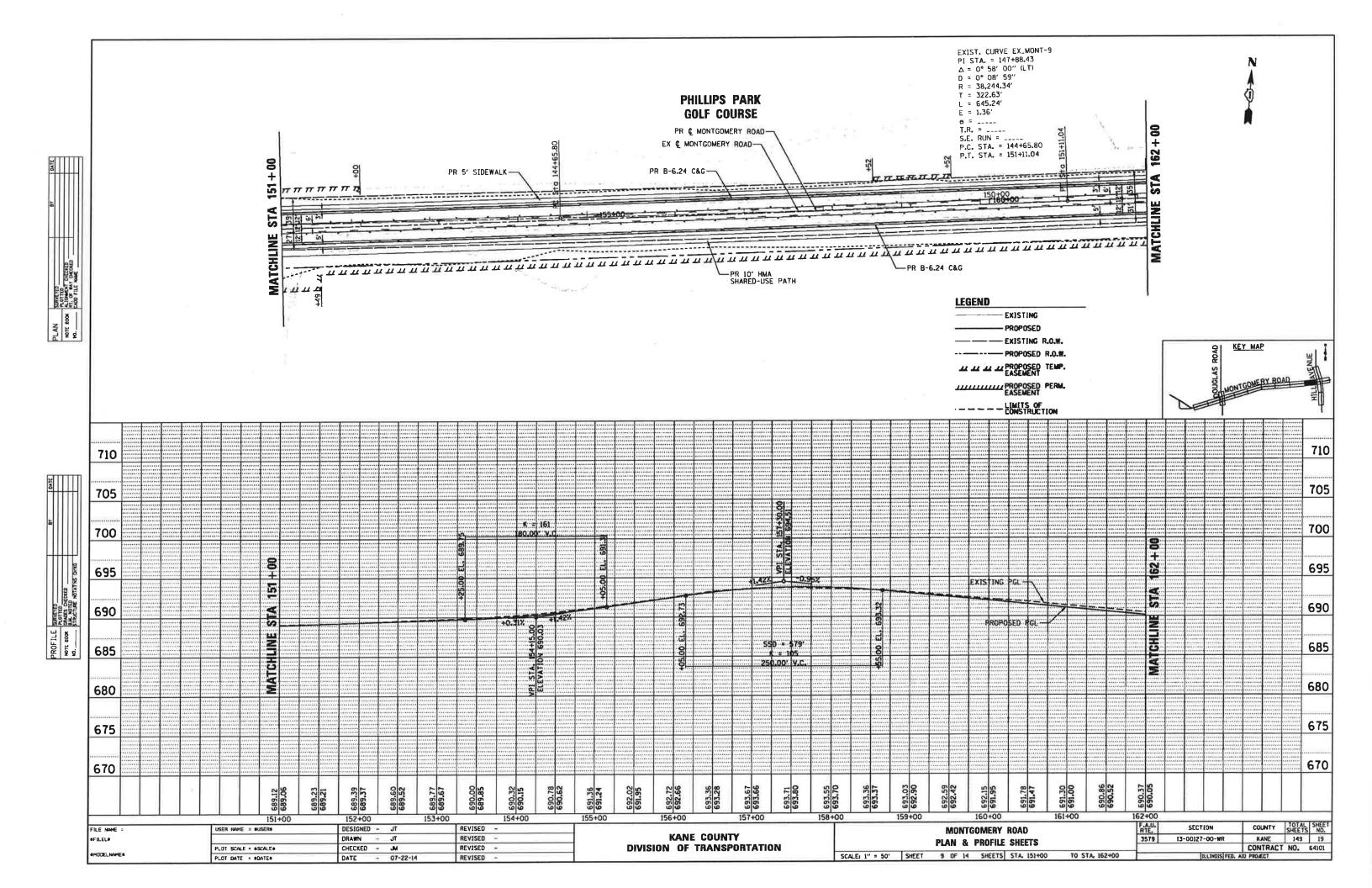


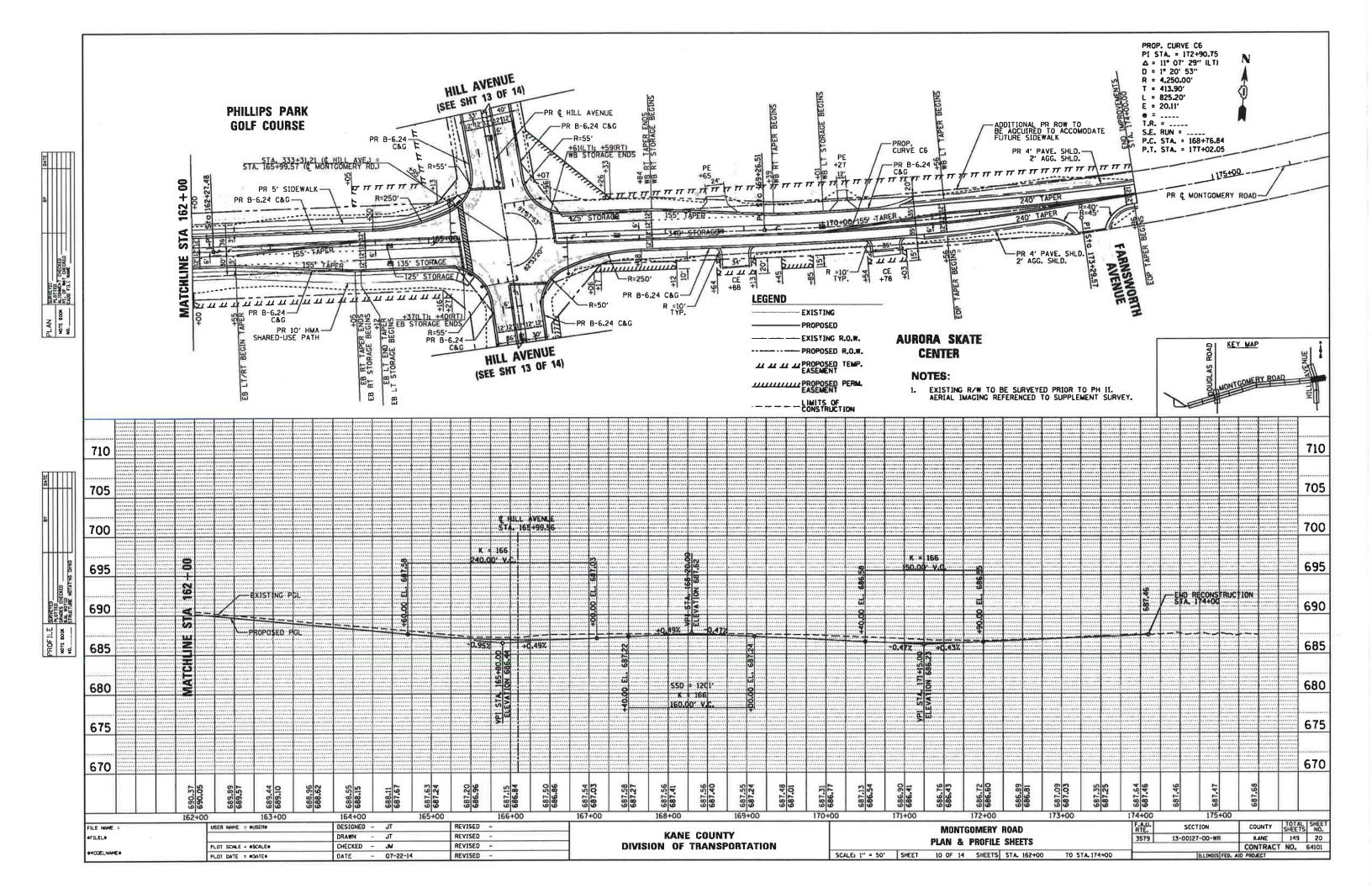


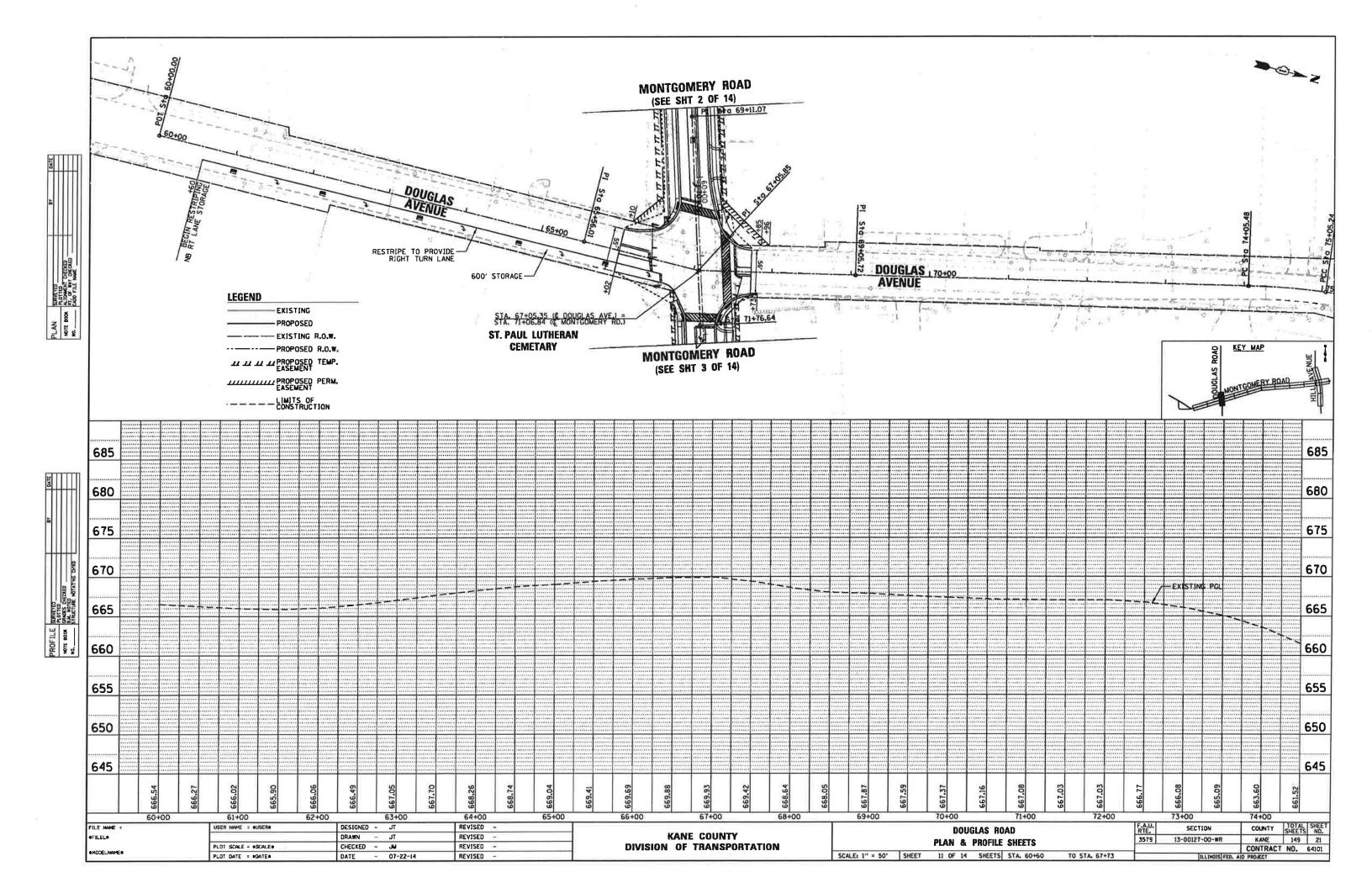


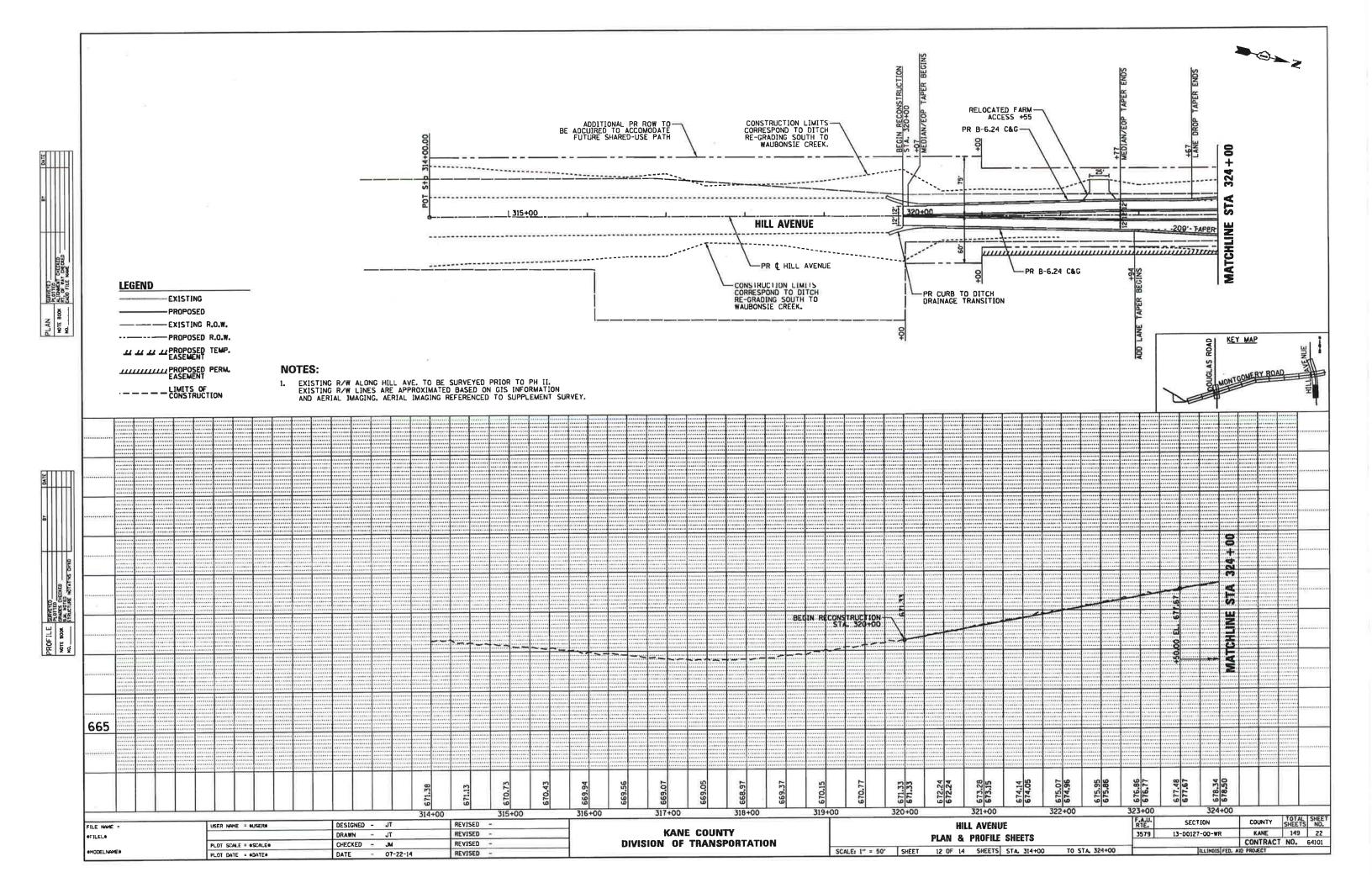


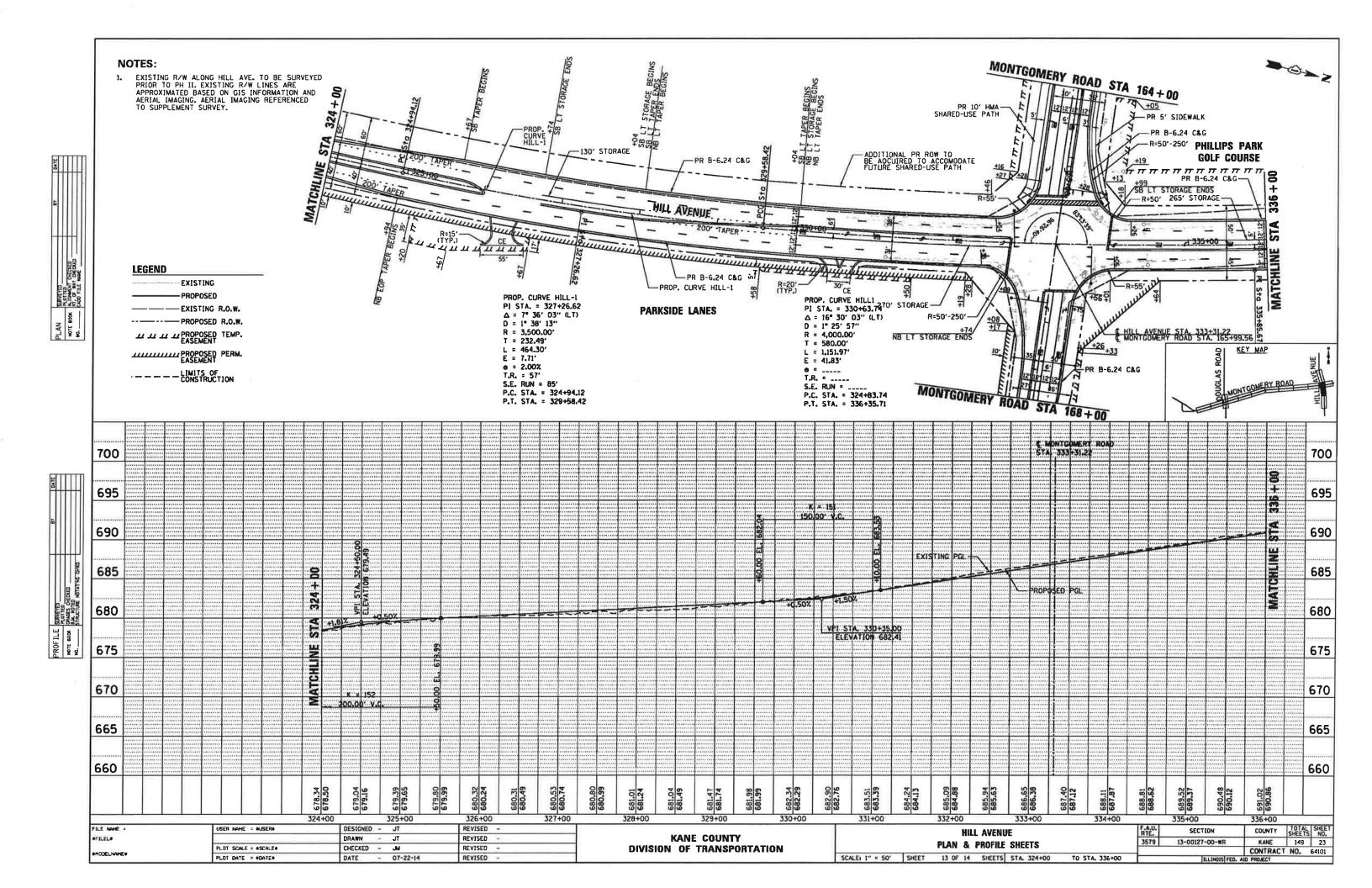


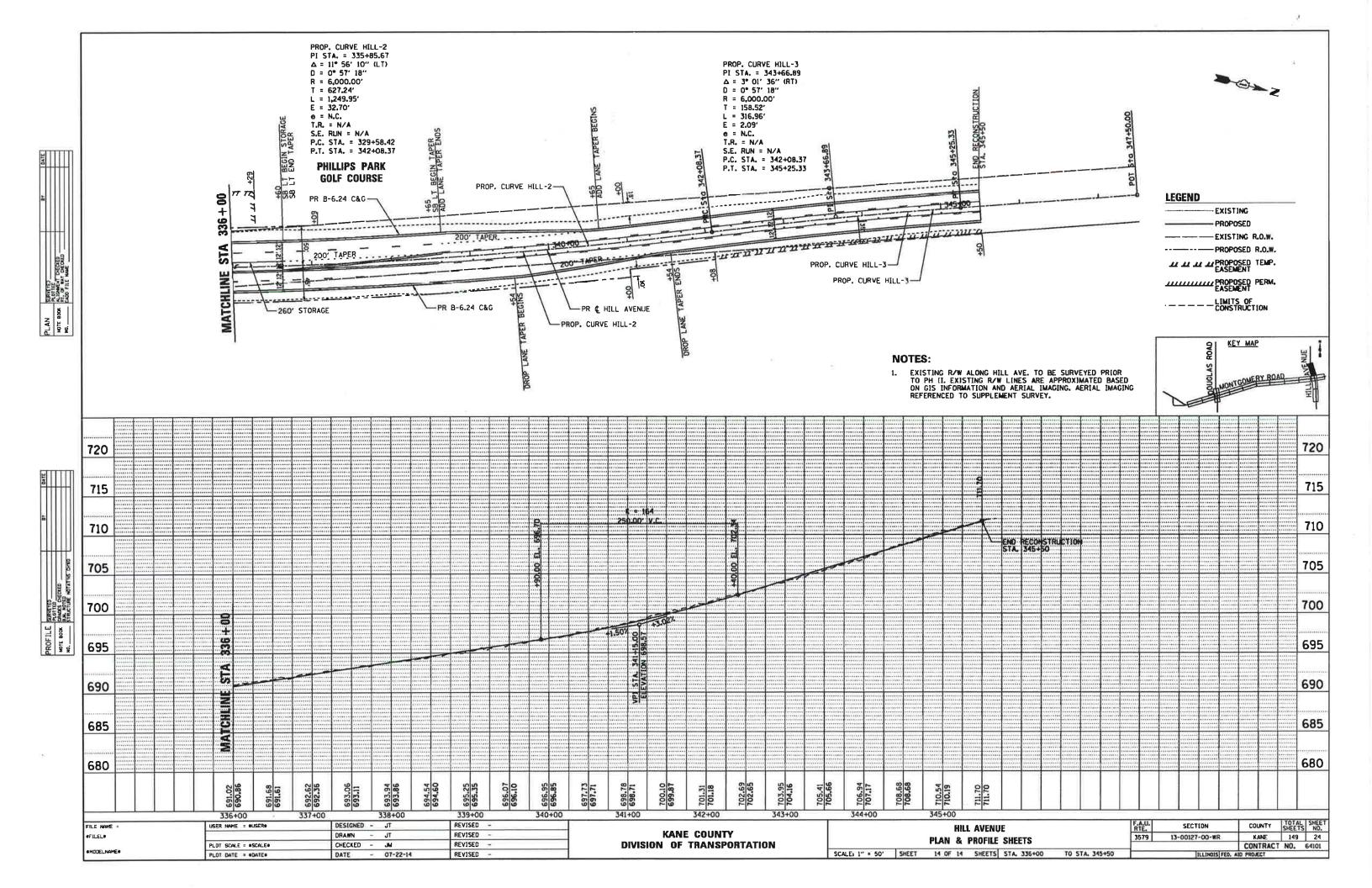












### Hoberg, Julie

From:	Lazzara, John
Sent:	Thursday, November 10, 2016 12:11 PM
То:	Hoberg, Julie
Subject:	FW: Montgomery Road Improvements from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue, Kane
	County, IL./ VzB ID # 10037-2016
Attachments:	HDR Ltr 08-26-16.pdf; Location Map -Montgomery Rd.pdf

From: Jim Todd [mailto:jimtodd@ameritech.net]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 4:25 PM
To: Lazzara, John
Cc: Tom Buher
Subject: Montgomery Road Improvements from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue, Kane County, IL./ VzB ID # 10037-2016

John,

This refers to your letter of August 25, 2016 concerning Montgomery Road improvements from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue, Kane County, IL.

This is to confirm that Verizon/MCI does not have any facilities in the project limits.

Should you have any question or require any additional information, please feel free to contact us via phone or e-mail.

Thanks, Jim Todd MCI 708-458-6410 All other utility responses noted within this Project Development Report are located within the project files.

9. OTHER COORDINATION



Carl Schoedel, P.E. Director of Transportation County Engineer



41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175 Phone: (630) 584-1170 Fax: (630) 584-5265

January 15, 2014

Mr. Edward Barsotti Executive Director League of Illinois Bicyclists 2550 Cheshire Dr. Aurora, IL 60504

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Bicycle/Ped Facilities

Dear Mr. Barsotti,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study. Your comment regarding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations has been received and included as part of the public record. At this time, all public comments have been reviewed and a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) were developed. The FAQ document can be found on the Kane County Division of Transportation website under "Highway Projects" / "Montgomery Road Study". Attached is a copy of the current FAQ document, but please revisit the official FAQ document on the website to stay up to date.

As part of our public outreach program, a Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) is being established. The group composition is intended to consist of local government officials, property owners, key stakeholders, business community representatives, and individuals with expertise in the areas of transportation, land use, environment and economic development in the study area. The SFG will serve an important advisory role and will discuss issues related to the present transportation system and potential alternatives. SFG members will meet throughout the duration of the project, providing input and consensus at key project milestones. Up to four (4) SFG meetings are anticipated. Please let this serve as a formal invitation to participate as a member of the SFG for the Montgomery Road project and attend the first SFG meeting. You are welcome to appoint a designee with decision-making authority to represent your organization and interests.

The first Stakeholder Focus Group meeting will be held:

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Montgomery Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room (First Floor) 200 N River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

Please RSVP your attendance to Lily Escarpita of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944 ext. 112, or via e-mail at <u>lily.escarpita@imagesinc.net</u> by January 27th. If you have any project related questions, please feel free to contact me at (630) 406-7355.

Your input is important, so thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Paul LaFleur, P.E. Kane County DOT Project Manager

### **10. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

- a. **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**
- **b. STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP**
- c. PUBLIC HEARING

a. **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING** 



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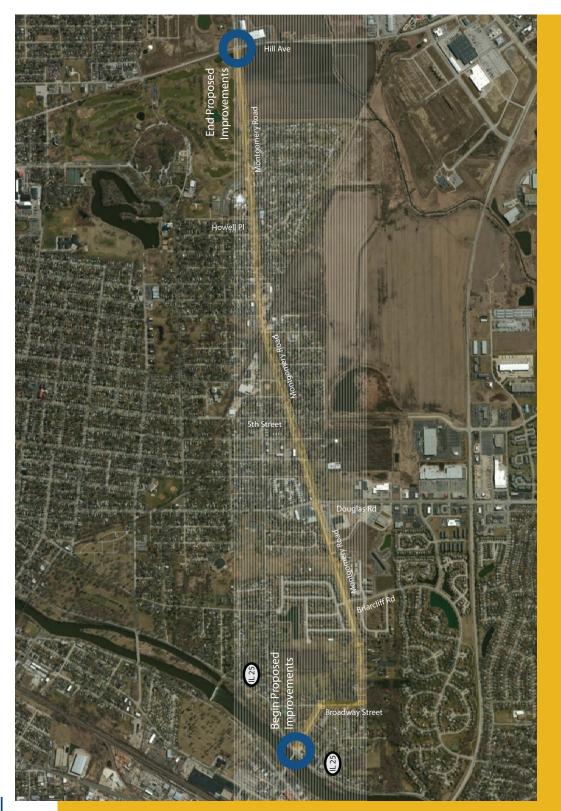
## WELCOME

- The purpose of this Public Meeting is to: Inform the public about the Study.
- Explain the Phase I Study process.
- Seek input on the transportation issues within the Study Area.



## The Study Area

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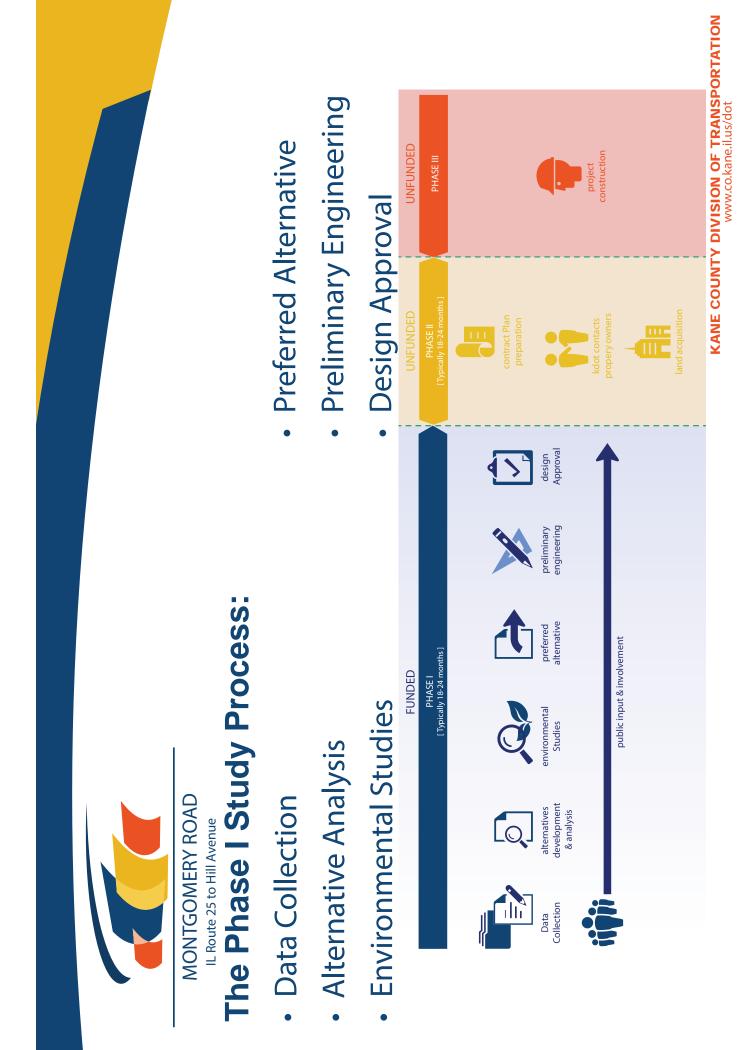




### IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue The Study Area...

MONTGOMERY ROAD

- Surrounding Communities: Village of Montgomery and City of Aurora
- Study Limits: The Study extends from IL 25 on the west and Hill Avenue on the east
- Study Area Roadways: Montgomery Rd, Hill Ave, Broadway Rd, Douglas Rd
- Intersecting Trails: Virgil Gilman Nature Trail
- Adjacent Land Use: Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, Recreational, Institutional





MONTGOMERY ROAD

IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

# The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA):

- Full disclosure of impacts
- Includes public and agency input
- Avoid, minimize, and mitigate

## **NEPA Requirements:**

- Integrate environmental values into decision making processes.
- Consider environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives.
- Assess natural, built, and human environment.
- Determine extent of impacts that may arise from construction.

**NEPA COMPLIANCE** UMBRELLA

Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964 Americans with Disabilities Act

Relocation Requirements (49 USC 5324)

Native American Grave Protection Act

Historic Bridges (23 USC 144)

Wildflowers (23 USC 530)

- Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice)
  - Section 4(f) of USDOT Act (49 USC 303)
    - Clean Air Act
- Farmland Protection Policy Act Safe Water Drinking Act
  - National Flood Insurance Act
- Solid Waste Disposal Act
- Resource Conservation & Recovery Act of 1976
  - Comprehensive Environmental Response,
- Compensation and Liability Act
- Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986

Executive Order 11988 and 12148 (floodplains)

Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries

 Endangered Species Act of 1973 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

Act of 1972

Wilderness Act

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972

Coastal Barrier Resources Act

National Trails System Act

Executive Order 13112

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 USC 1801)

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986

Executive Order 11990 (wetlands)

Water Bank Act

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

Highway Beautification (23 USC 131)

 Federal Water Pollution Act Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

- National Historic Preservation Act
- Economic, Social and Environmental Effects of
- Economic, Social and Environmental Effects of Highways Transit
  - Highway Noise Standards
- Public Hearing Requirements
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities
  - American Indian Religious Freedom Nondiscrimination (49 USC 5332)
- AND MORE..







MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

# **Montgomery Road Existing Deficiencies:**

- Two-lane roadway with intermittent left turn lanes is insufficient
- Limited accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit
- Lack of gaps in traffic flow
- Limited area for turning maneuvers
- Accessibility issues
- Sub-standard geometric designs contributing to vehicle accidents
- Flooding due to lack of drainage systems



MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

## **Environmental Aspects Reviewed**

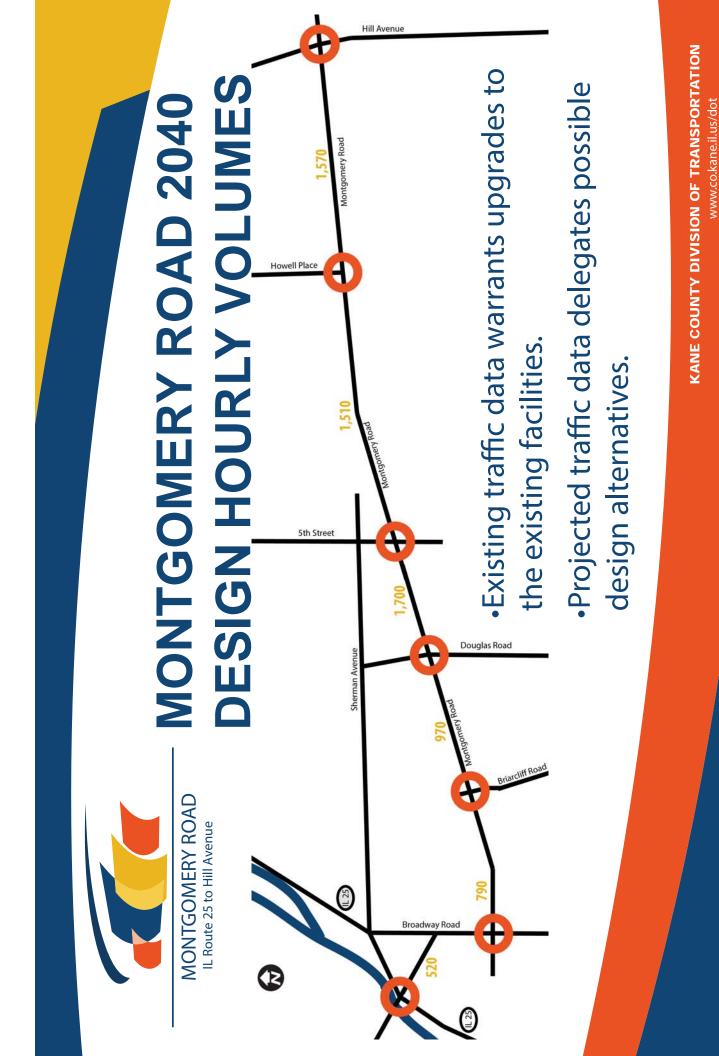
- Social/Economic
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
  - Traffic Noise

- Special Waste
- Special Lands
- Agriculture
- Floodplains
  - Wetlands











### MONTGOMERY ROAD

IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

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## **CRASH HISTORY**

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### LEGEND

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Inclusions: severe lacerations, broken/distorted continuing the activities he/she was capable TYPE A | Incapacitating Injury - Any injury, other than fatal, that prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally of performing before the injury occurred. limbs, skull injuries, chest injuries and abdominal injuries.



TYPE B | Non-incapacitating Injury – Any injury,

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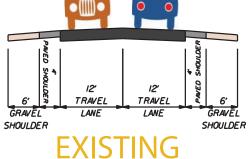
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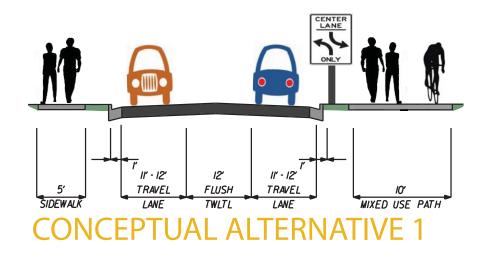
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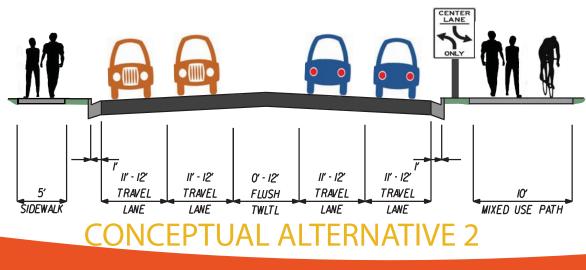
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**EXISTING/FUTURE** 

**CONDITIONS** 



MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

## **GET INVOLVED**

We have a variety of tools to keep you informed about the Study and ways to contact the Study Team:

- Learn more by visiting the Kane County Website: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx
- Mail written comments to:
- Kane County Division of Transportation Attention: Paul Holcomb 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175
- E-mail the Project Managers:

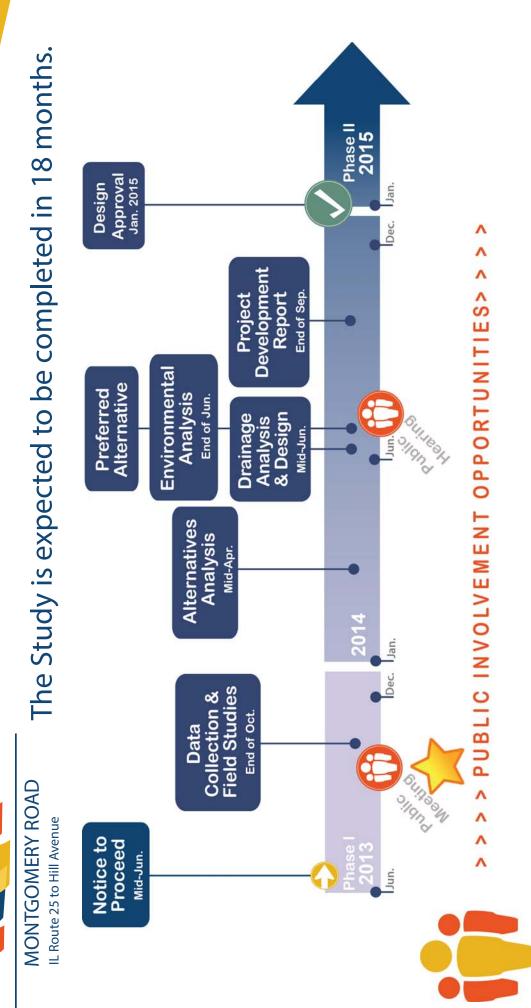
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John Lazzara at john.lazzara@hdrinc.com



# Comments are welcome throughout the Study process!







MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue Thank you for attending! Your input and comments are important to us!

Public Meeting Comment Form

 Don't forget to submit a comment form and leave it with the study team tonight.  Comment forms can also be mailed to Kane County Division of 41W011 Burlington Road, St. Charles, IL 60175. Transportation, Attention: Paul Holcomb,

Comments will be accepted through October 23<sup>rd</sup> for this phase.



IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

# Fact Sheet

## Your Fact Source For The Montgomery Road Study

## Study Begins... Community Input Encouraged

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has initiated the Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic operations along a three-mile segment of Montgomery Road from Illinois Route 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east, including intersections at Hill Avenue, Broadway Road, and Douglas Road. The study area is located primarily within the village limits of Montgomery with a portion on the east end in the city of Aurora.





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www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx

## Public Involvement

The Montgomery Road Study includes a collaborative public involvement process that engages all project stakeholders. A stakeholder is defined as anyone who could be affected by the project and has an interest in its outcome. The purpose of this collaboration is to gather and consider project input from all interested parties and provide a communication mechanism for stakeholders to stay informed, ask questions, and provide comments.

The public is encouraged to become involved in the development of transportation solutions and have a voice in the decision-making process. The information collected through the public involvement process aids in the identification of issues, impacts, and alternatives. Combined with detailed technical analyses, public input forms the basis for ultimate project decisions.





# What Matters to YOU?

estimates for the 2040 Design Hourly Volumes (DHV) demonstrate that a significant portion of the

study corridor will exceed design standards for the

primarily two-lane roadway that exists today.

occurred within the study area

**139 Crashes** between 2008 and 2011 **83 crashes** 

Under current conditions, this roadway has been classified as being over capacity and warrants upgrades to the existing facilities. In addition

Road as it continues northwest towards IL 47.

Road.

KDOT is providing the following opportunities to inform the public and encourage participation:

- **Newsletters** ٨
- Seeking views on the issues and solutions Focus Group Meetings ۸

Montgomery Road and Douglas Road

occurred at the intersection of

**32 crashes** 

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Broadway Road to Briarcliff Road

occurred on the S-curve on

6 crashes

- Gaining insight into the study area and long range plans from communities ^
- **Public Meetings** ٨

- Providing up-to-date project information
- Website: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx Offering project information and updates.
- from key groups affected by the project
- Local Coordination Meetings

# employment statistics as well as future travel demand. The performance of the Montgomery Road transportation system under future conditions will then be evaluated. KDOT and stakeholders will determine transportation deficiencies and begin developing solutions to address the needs.

Data collected during this step includes, but is not limited to, current and projected population and

future conditions, and defining the Purpose and Need for the roadway and intersection improvements

# Identifying Alternatives

Purpose and Need. This step concludes with the selection of the alternative(s) that will be evaluated in THE NEXT STEP in the Phase I process is to continue performing detailed technical analysis and working with the public and stakeholders to identify possible improvement alternatives that meet the project further detail.

THE FINAL STEP in the process includes the detailed evaluation of the technical factors associated a preferred alternative will be recommended for implementation. KDOT will consider all input, including with the alternatives and their impacts on the community and environment. At the end of this process **Evaluating Alternatives and Selecting the Preferred Alternative** 

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public and stakeholder comments and technical analyses, as they make final decisions on a preferred alternative. The results of the evaluation process, along with all of the findings from previous steps, will

be documented in a project report.





The Montgomery Road study begins with a focus on the public involvement process. KDOT's website has been designed to keep the public informed and regularly communicate information about the project as it becomes available.

Montgomery Road serves as a minor arterial roadway under the jurisdiction of Kane County

**Current Conditions** 

is a two-lane

Currently Montgomery Road

facility with designated left turn lanes at various

intersections.

The land along the corridor includes a mixture of residential, commercial, recreational, agricultural and institutional uses. Sidewalks are intermittent along the north and south sides of Montgomerv The Virgil L. Gilman Trail, with a termini to the south at Hill Avenue, bisects Montgomery

As the website is updated, project information, frequently asked questions with answers (FAQ's), meeting dates, and project reports will be available. Please visit throughout the study process to stay informed and provide feedback.

Visit our website at: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx

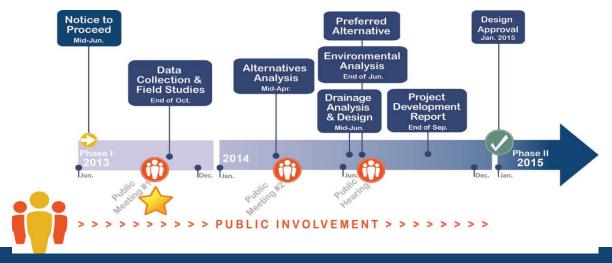


## **NEXT STEPS**

Over the upcoming months, the study team will meet with community representatives, agencies, and interested parties to obtain input. Work will continue with the existing conditions analysis, identification of study area deficiencies, and the collection of technical and environmental data. Through the identification of current and future roadway deficiencies and needs, design alternatives will be developed and evaluated. A preferred alternative will be identified for Phase 2 Engineering and the development of construction plans.



While the Phase I Engineering study is funded locally by Kane County, Phase 2 Engineering, Construction, and Construction Engineering are not currently funded. Future funding will be pursued for these remaining project phases.



## **Stay Informed and Get Involved!**

We hope you stay involved as the team proceeds with the identification of issues, concerns, and alternatives. You can always find current project information by visiting our website at: **www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx** and you can email project comments to **montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com**.

Or contact us at: **Kane County Division of Transportation Attn: Paul LaFleur** 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175 Telephone: (630) 406-7355 Email: lafleurpaul@co.kane.il.us

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# Montgomery Road Study Public Meeting

## October 2, 2013

# WELCOME

# **Purpose of Today's Public Meeting**

- Introduce the Montgomery Road Study
- Describe the Phase I Study Process
- Gain YOUR Input on Transportation F

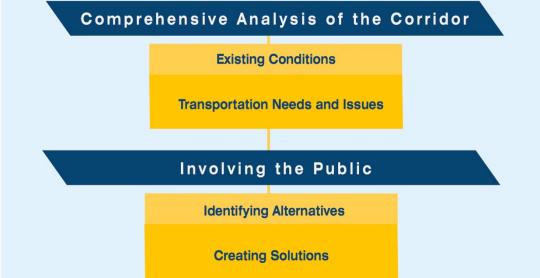


## What is the Study?

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# **Study Area**

• **Communities:** Village of Montgomery and City of Aurora



- Roadways: Montgomery Rd, Hill Ave, Broadway Rd, Douglas Rd
- **Trails:** Virgil Gilman Nature Trail
- Land Uses: Residential, Commercial, Institutional, Agricultural, Recreational









## **Issues and Needs**



## Identification of Transportation Issues and Needs

Continued Data Collection
 Public Input
 Technical Analyses
 Potential Alternatives



## **Existing Conditions**

# **Deficiencies on Montgomery Road**

- Insufficient Infrastructure
- High Traffic Volumes
- Substandard Geometric Designs
- Restricted Turning Movements
- Limited Pedestrian and Bicycle Americaes
- Lack of Drainage Systems



## **Existing Conditions**

# **Environmental Aspects Reviewed**

- Social/Economic
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Traffic Noise

- Special Waste
- Special Lands
- Agriculture
- Floodplains
- Wetlands









## Growth



# **Future Growth Projections**

• Kane County 2040 Population:

802,231\*

51% increase from 2010

 Kane County 2040 Employment: 368,494 \*
 64% increase from 2010



## \*Kane County 2040 Transportation Plan

## **Traffic Volumes**



2040 DHV (Design Hourly Volume) (PM peak hour) in vehicles/hour	
From IL 25 to S Broadway Rd	750
From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave to Briarcliff Rd	1,170
From Briarcliff Rd to Douglas Rd	1,235
From Douglas Rd to 5 <sup>th</sup> St	1,905
From 5 <sup>th</sup> St to Howell Pl	1,790
From Howell Pl to Hill Ave	1,870

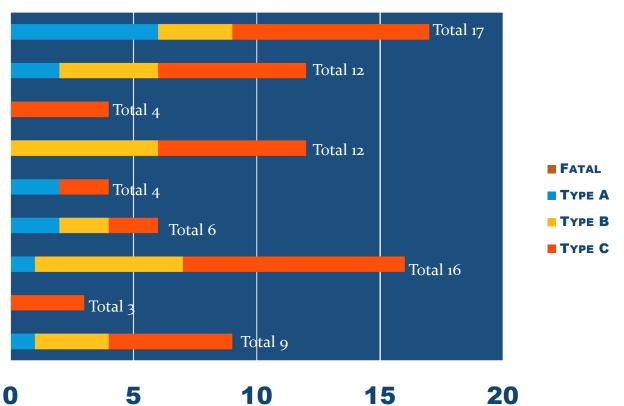


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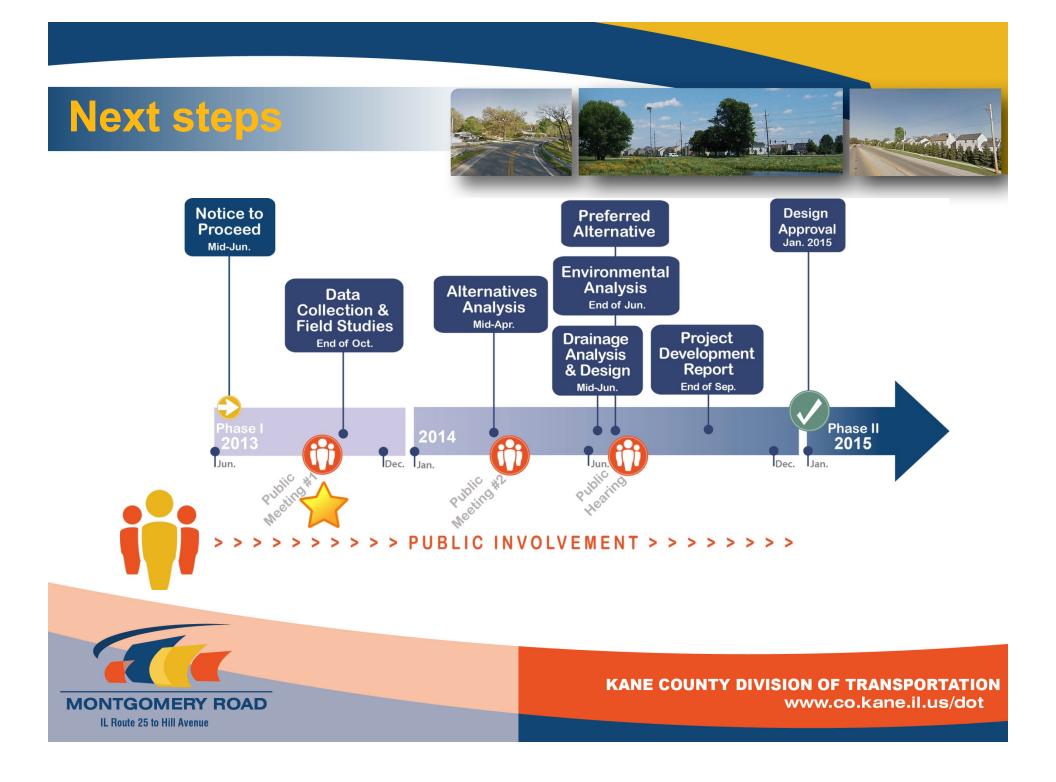
## **Public Involvement**

# **Public Participation Opportunities**

- Today's Public Meeting
- Study Webpage
- Newsletters/Fact Sheets
- Local Coordination Meetings and Focus Groups
- Additional Public Meetings









# We want to hear from you!

- Proceed to the Exhibit Area
- Meet the Study Team
- Fill out Comment Form <u>Today</u> or
- Submit Comments by October 23, 2013
  - Via standard mail at 41W011 Burlington Road, St. Charles, IL 60175
  - Via email at montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com
- Email Project Managers
  - Paul LaFleur at <u>lafleurpaul@co.kane.il.us</u>
  - John Lazzara at john.lazzara@hdrinc.com
- Visit <u>www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx</u>
  - Study Updates Available

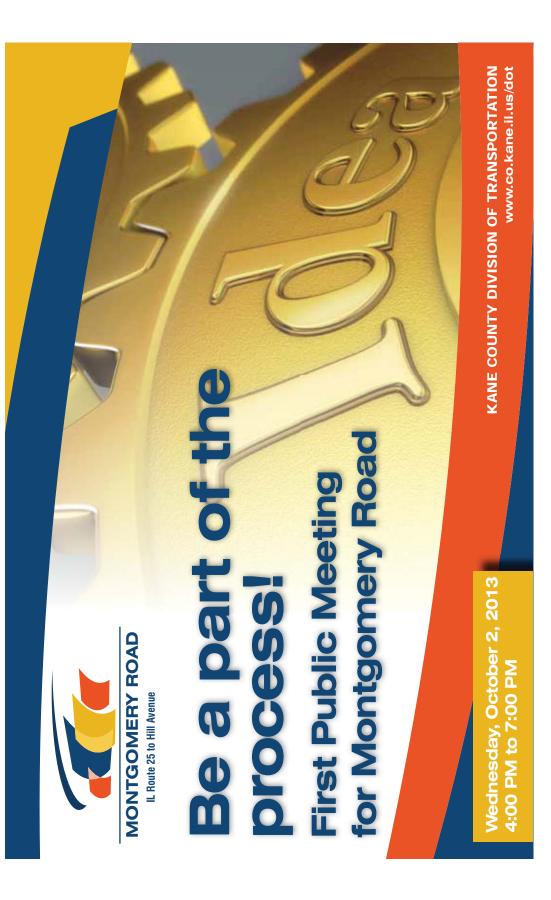




# **Thank You for Attending**

# Please proceed to the exhibit area







# You're invited!

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a public meeting to initiate the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study for Montgomery Road. A majority of the study corridor is located in the Village of Montgomery, with a portion in the city of Aurora. The corridor is approximately 3 miles long, from IL Route 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east. The study will take a comprehensive view of the corridor's transportation needs and include a public involvement process to identify atternatives, impacts, and issues. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the project and to seek input on the transportation issues within the study area. The meeting will be conducted as an open house, and attendees may visit at any time between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. A continuous PowerPoint presentation will provide an overview of the study. Attendees will have an opportunity to review exhibits, provide comments, and meet with KDOT and study team representatives. \*This meeting will be accessible to handicappedindividuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Jan Ward of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the ITYTTID number (800) 526-084/ior 711; TTV users (5panish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least The days prior to the meeting.

# <u>WHEN:</u> Wednesday,

weuresuay, October 2, 2013 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM WHERE: Village of Montgomery Upper level, Community Room 200 N. River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

For more information, contact:

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October 3, 2013



# Public Open House Outreach Efforts & Response Summary

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## **Public Meeting Fast Facts**

- 61 People attended the Public Meeting
- 13 Comment Forms were submitted

## **Overview**

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) initiated the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study for Montgomery Road. The study process includes the following steps:

- Data collection
- Alternatives analysis
- Environmental studies
- Preferred alternative
- Design approval

The project was initiated in June 2013 and is expected to take eighteen (1) months to complete. This Phase I Study is expected to be completed in early 2015.

## **Identification of Stakeholders**

A stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. Stakeholders are identified as all residents, businesses, local governments, and other interested parties in the project area. Input from these parties will help KDOT understand the existing conditions and transportation issues along Montgomery Road, between IL Route 25 and Hill Avenue. KDOT uses this input to help make decisions about roadway design alternatives and traffic control measures.

## **Public Involvement Efforts**

## **Post Card:**

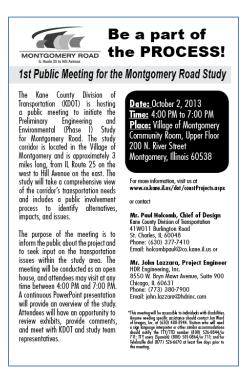
In order to announce the October 2, 2013 Public Meeting, a post card invitation was created. The post card included a brief description of the Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering Project, along with details concerning the purpose, location and format of the Public Meeting. The post card invitation was mailed to approximately 360 stakeholders on September 17, 2013.





## **Display Ad:**

A display ad was created to notify the public of the October 2nd Public Meeting. The ad included a brief description of the Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering project and highlighted the purpose, location and format of the Public Meeting. The Kane County website that provides project information, www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx, and the contact information for the project manager and engineer were provided.





The display ad was placed in the main news section of the following papers on the identified dates:

- Daily Herald: September 25, 2013
- Ledger Sentinel: September 26, 2013
- Kane County Chronicle: September 26, 2013
- Beacon News: September 18, 2013

The size of the display ad was approximately two columns by five inches.

## **Fact Sheet:**

A four-page Fact Sheet was made available at the meeting and posted on the project web page two days prior to the Public Meeting. The following article topics were included in the Fact Sheet:

- Study Begins
- Public Involvement
- Current Conditions
- KDOT to Provide Project Information
- What Matters to You?
- What is a Phase I Engineering Study?
- Next Steps
- Stay Informed and Get Involved



## **3rd Party Announcements:**

KDOT displayed an electronic message board, just west of the intersection of Montgomery Road and Douglas Road from September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 2nd, to announce the Public Meeting. The display board posted the date, time, and location of the Public Meeting.



## **Public Meeting**

The Public Meeting for the Montgomery Road Project was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at the Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N. River Street, Montgomery, Illinois from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The meeting was conducted in an open house format and offered a continuous power point presentation and exhibit board displays to provide an overview of the project, information about the Phase I study process, current conditions, and conceptual roadway cross-sections. Representatives from KDOT and HDR Engineering, Inc. were available to discuss the project focus and engineering process with attendees. Comment Forms also were available for attendees to submit comments, suggestions, issues and concerns. The meeting was attended by **61 people** and **13 comment forms** were submitted.

### The following public officials were in attendance:

-Village of Montgomery Trustee: Steve Jungermann
-Village of Montgomery Trustee: Theresa Sperling
-Kane County Board: Jennifer Laesch

### Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- -Village of Montgomery Policy Department: Chief Dan Meyers, Robert Kaleta
- -Village of Montgomery Director of Public Works: Mike Pubentz
- -Village of Montgomery Engineering Consultant: Pete Wallers
- -Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors: Patrick Knapp

#### The following media were represented:

-Ledger-Sentinel: John Etheredge -The Voice Publications: Carter Crane

## **Comment Summary**

During the public open house, **13 comment forms** were submitted. The summary below describes the most predominant categories and their frequency.



Comment Forms	
Comment Category	# of Comments
Drainage Issues	2
Traffic Control and Signalization	4
Traffic Noise	1
Dedicated Turn Lanes	5
Land/Property Acquisition	1
Roadway Widening Impacts	1
Traffic Speed	5
Traffic Volume/Backups	3
Sidewalk, Crosswalk, and Bike Path Issues and Connections	4
Access to/from Residential and Commercial Properties	3
Expansion of Study Area	1
Total:	30

#### Drainage Issues

Comments were received concerning drainage issues on selected properties along Montgomery Road.

#### **Traffic Control and Signalization**

Comments were received regarding the need for:

- stop lights at 5<sup>th</sup> Street or Jackson Street, and at Briarcliff Road
- the elimination of semi-truck traffic along Montgomery Road

#### **Traffic Noise**

Comment was received requesting a noise barrier wall.

#### **Dedicated Turn Lanes**

Comments were received regarding support for:

- a 3-lane road, providing a center turn lane
- a 4-lane road with turn lanes
- turn lanes at intermittent intersections
- an eastbound turn lane from Douglas Road
- no turn lane from Hill Street to Howell Place



### Land/Property Acquisition

Comments were received requesting the protection of:

- the business sign and parking at 815 Montgomery Road
- the corner entrance to the cemetery

#### **Roadway Widening Impacts**

Comment was received stating that roadway expansion will bring more through traffic to the area.

#### **Traffic Speed**

Comments were received requesting that the speed limit be maintained at 30 mph on Montgomery Road and a request to decrease the Hill Street speed from 50 mph.

#### **Traffic Volume/Backups**

Comments were received regarding traffic and backups mainly due to turning movements and insufficient infrastructure.

#### Sidewalk, Crosswalk, and Bike Path Issues and Connections

Comments were received regarding the need for:

- sidewalks along Montgomery Road, especially for school children and at the S-curve
- a buffer between the sidewalk and roadway, along Montgomery Road
- sidewalk and crosswalk connections at Briarcliff and Montgomery Road
- bike path connections to Fox River Trail, Montgomery Park, Phillips Park, and the Virgil Gilman Trail

#### Access to/from Residential and Commercial Properties

Comments were received requesting consideration of a new road between Douglas Road and Hill Street, an alternate access to homes across from the soccer field, and access from Crown Drive.

#### **Expansion of Study Area**

Comment was received requesting the inclusion of Farnsworth Road in the study.



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# Hemzacek, Adriana

From: Sent: To: Subject: James McKenzie <mckenzie.james@att.net> Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:17 PM Montgomeryroad Safety Issue

I spoke briefly with John Lazzara at the Village of Montgomery meeting on 10/2 for the Montgomery Road study. He suggested that I address the concerns of my neighbors and myself from Arbor Ridge subdivision to this website. We feel that crossing Montgomery Road at Briarcliff Road on foot, with a stroller or a bike is a safety issue. Not only can there be an excessive wait but the drivers seem to have no regard for the pedestrians. I myself have almost been run over numerous times. Even when waived across I was not given enough time to complete the crossing. There is also only one sidewalk ramp at the four corners which forces children in strollers to be in the roadway of turning vehicles. It is our hope that some kind of a safer pedestrian crosswalk could be added to this intersection to assist us in safe passage for crossing Montgomery Road. Many residents of our subdivision like to walk to the local shopping areas and to utilize the path around the lake in Seasons Ridge. Thank you for any consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Charlene McKenzie

#### Hemzacek, Adriana

From:	Holcomb, Paul <holcombpaul@co.kane.il.us></holcombpaul@co.kane.il.us>	
Sent:	Monday, October 07, 2013 2:00 PM	
То:	Lazzara, John; Taylor, Jordan	
Subject:	FW: Montgomery Road Project - Pace Bus Routes	

#### John: You'll add these to the other public comments?

Also can you or staff get the PP presentation from last Wed over to Mike Sullivan of this office? Mike will add it to our web site.

#### Thanks

From: Michael Groh [mailto:Michael.Groh@Pacebus.com] Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 1:24 PM To: Holcomb, Paul; John.lazzara@hdrinc.com Subject: Montgomery Road Project - Pace Bus Routes

Hello Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Lazzara,

I wanted to thank you for your work on the Montgomery Road Project and apologize that I was unable to attend the open house last week.

I work at Pace Bus, where I am the planner for two routes that operate on Montgomery within your study area. <u>Route 529</u> runs from Briarcliff Rd to 5th St, and <u>Route 528</u> runs from Howell PI to Waterford Dr. If you would like any information about our operations in the corridor, I would be happy to provide it.

At this point, the main comment I would offer for the study is that the corridor's pedestrian infrastructure is lacking. Bus services rely on people being able to walk to and from their bus stop, but where sidewalks and crosswalks are absent this becomes much less attractive (especially in the winter!) I hope your project takes steps to improve pedestrian accommodations on Montgomery Rd.

You can find more details about Pace's design needs in the following report we recently published: <u>Transit Supportive</u> <u>Guidelines for the Chicagoland Region</u>

I hope you got some good feedback at the open house, and I look forward to seeing how this project develops.

Best,

Michael Groh Associate Planner Pace Suburban Bus 847-228-2355





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November 15, 2013

Charlene McKenzie Mckenzie.james@att.net

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

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Mr. Phil Berthold 1372 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

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Bill and Ellen Burmeier 1312 S Fifth Street Aurora, IL 60505

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Burmeier,

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Mr. Michael Groh Pace Suburban Bus 550 W. Algonquin Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. Groh,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the public meeting on October 2, 2013. Your comment regarding bus service and pedestrian/bicycle accommodations has been received and included as part of the public record.

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Omer Horton St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery 855 Constitution Aurora, IL 60506

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. Horton,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the public meeting on October 2, 2013. Your comment regarding commercial access has been received and included as part of the public record.

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Mr. Bob Kaleta 2978 Fairfield Way Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. Kaleta,

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Mrs. Martens 1409 Crown Drive Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

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November 15, 2013

Mr. Dan Martin 1345 Oak Ridge Lane Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. Martin,

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Ms. Barbara Martin 1345 Oak Ridge Lane Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Ms. Martin,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the public meeting on October 2, 2013. Your comment regarding pedestrian/bicycle accommodations, roadway design, speed, and access has been received and included as part of the public record.

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Ms. Carrie Pedersen 209 Arbor Ridge Drive Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Ms. Pedersen,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the public meeting on October 2, 2013. Your comment regarding speed, noise, and roadway design has been received and included as part of the public record.

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Study Area Resident / Business Owner 815 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the public meeting on October 2, 2013. Your comment regarding your property and parking has been received and included as part of the public record.

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Bonnie & Walter Sattler 109 Third Ave Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sattler,

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Ms. Theresa Sperling 1659 Lexington Drive Montgomery, IL 60538

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Mr. & Mrs. Zakaras 100 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Public Meeting #1 Comment

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Zakaras,

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# Montgomery Road Project Public Meeting Short Summary

The public meeting for the Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering Project was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 from 4:00–7:00 PM at the Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N. River Street, Montgomery, Illinois. The meeting was conducted in an open house format. A continuous power point presentation was available for viewing, exhibit boards were displayed for review, an aerial map was provided for reference, and engineering consultant and County staff were available to answer attendee questions and address issues and concerns. The event was attended by **61 people**, and **13 comment forms** were received.

# The following public officials were in attendance:

-Village of Montgomery Trustee: Steve Jungermann

-Village of Montgomery Trustee: Theresa Sperling

-Kane County Board: Jennifer Laesch

# Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

-Village of Montgomery Policy Department: Chief Dan Meyers, Robert Kaleta

-Village of Montgomery Director of Public Works: Mike Pubentz

-Village of Montgomery Engineering Consultant: Pete Wallers

-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors: Patrick Knapp

# The following Media were represented:

-Ledger-Sentinel: John Etheredge

-The Voice Publications: Carter Crane

John Lazzara (HDR Engineering, Inc.) and Jordan Taylor (HDR Engineering, Inc.) were present as representatives of the consultant study team. Kane County Division of Transportation representatives included Carl Schoedel, Paul Holcomb, and Heidi Files. Carrie Hansen and Jan Ward represented Images, Inc.

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The **13 comment forms** submitted covered a variety of topics, with the following predominant themes:

- Drainage issues
- Noise consideration
- Dedicated turn lanes
- Land acquisition
- Roadway widening impacts
- Traffic speed
- Traffic volume
- Traffic control/signalization
- Crosswalks
- Access to/from residential and commercial properties
- Sidewalk and bike path issues and connections
- Expansion of study area

b. STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP



December 12, 2013

President Matt Brolley Village of Montgomery 200 N. River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

Dear President Brolley:

A list of potential members for the Montgomery Road Project's Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) is attached for your review and comment. The list is comprised of state and local officials, property owners, business community representatives, local and regional agencies, and special interest groups.

The SFG will undertake an advisory role, providing the study team with feedback related to transportation system needs in the study area as well as the development and evaluation of alternatives. It is anticipated that the group will be convened for up to four (4) meetings at key project milestones. We would like to schedule the first meeting in February 2014.

Please let me know if you would like to add to or change the proposed list of SFG members. A response to this request by December 30th is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at (773) 380-7938 or <u>john.lazzara@hdrinc.com</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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John Lazzara Project Engineer

Cc: Paul Holcomb, KDOT Paul LaFleur, KDOT

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# Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) Meeting #1:

The first SFG meeting for the Montgomery Road Study was held on January 29, 2014 at the Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N. River Street, in Montgomery, Illinois from 2:00-4:00 PM.

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation, which was used to outline the project purpose and need, the Phase I Engineering study process and schedule, and workshop activities. The meeting was attended by 25 participants--17 members of the Stakeholder Focus Group in addition to the study team.

To announce the January 29, 2014 SFG Meeting #1, a direct mail invitation was sent to members on January 13, 2014 and an email reminder was sent on January 23, 2014.

### Phase I Engineering Study:

The Montgomery Road Study focuses on a 3-mile section of the Montgomery Road corridor from IL 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east. The purpose of the study is to improve traffic operations and upgrade existing facilities. The project is needed to meet future capacity needs, provide safe travel conditions, and better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

The study process will incorporate the following steps--data collection, including an existing and future conditions assessment; alternatives analysis and environmental studies; selection of a preferred alternative; and design approval. An overview of existing conditions in the study area was provided. A project schedule was presented, identifying the public involvement and study process timeline.

Attendees participated in a workshop in which they worked individually, then collectively, to document the project's issues/concerns and goals/objectives. A number of common themes resulted from the workshop activities, including the following: traffic congestion and access; multi-modal accommodations and safety; development and landscaping opportunities, and drainage/flooding concerns.



The workshop also incorporated an interactive session to obtain feedback on potential roadway alternatives for the west end of the corridor. This area is being referred to as the "s-curve along Montgomery Road." This activity brought together stakeholders with different backgrounds, concerns, and requirements within the area in hopes of developing an extensive range of alternatives to be studied.

# Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Background
- Project Process
- Project Schedule
- Meeting Ground Rules
- Issues & Concerns
- Goals & Objectives
- Alternative Brainstorming
- Wrap Up

# **Next Steps:**

Following the first SFG meeting, the project team will consider the stakeholder input that emerged from the workshop and, combined with the technical data and analyses, develop project alternatives. The next SFG meeting is anticipated in the spring 2014, at which time the SFG members will participate in a workshop to provide input on project alternatives.



Workshop: Identify Project Issues and Concerns (Transcribed Workshop Feedback)

# **Issues and Concerns**

# Table 1 (Yellow) - Issues and Concerns

#### **Table Participants:**

Charlene Coulombe-Fiore - Montgomery Economic Development Corporation Brian Dolan – Douglas Commons Shopping Center/Douglas Commons Partners Eric Galt – City of Aurora Candice Jacobs - Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District Rich Young – Village of Montgomery David Dines – Pace Jerad Chipman – Village of Montgomery John Shoemaker – Aurora Township Highway Department M. Frieders – Parkside Lanes

### **Environmental Impacts**

- Wetland/sensitive area impacts
- Environmental impacts at soccer field

#### Drainage

- Address localized flooding at s-curve and along eastern Montgomery Road
- Drainage west of Hill Avenue, south of Montgomery Road

#### Safety

- Increase pedestrian access
- Public transit infrastructure (shelters, ADA access)
- Crossing safety for youth (near soccer field)
- Anticipated speed limit
- Investigate limiting access at s-curve
- Emergency response delays
- 3 Montgomery Road SFG Meeting #1 Summary 1/29/2014



# Land Use Redevelopment

- Access control
- Development setbacks, any landscaping ordinances, and detention
- Landscaping to include area east of Hill Avenue
- Lack of right of way
- Loss of parking on the southeast corner of Hill Avenue and Montgomery Road

# Mobility

- Left-hand turn lane needs to be provided east of Douglas Road
- Lack of turn lanes
- Widening of Montgomery Road between Douglas Road and Waterford Drive
- Heavy traffic and congestion on Montgomery Road at Hill Avenue
- Excessive peak hour delays at Montgomery Road and Hill Avenue

# Table 2 (Green)-Issues and Concerns

# **Table Participants:**

Ken Schroth – City of Aurora Jeff Palmquist – Fox Valley Park District Jeff Zoephel – Village of Montgomery Tom Muth- Fox Metro Water Reclamation District Dave Kunkel - Aurora Township Protection District Norbert Weber – MFD Rich Zahanns – MFD Peter Wallers – Village of Montgomery

# Parks

- ROW/easement encroachment into Austin Park
- Conflicts between Fox River Trail traffic and vehicular traffic at the Mill Street and IL 25 intersection



# Aesthetics

• Visual aspects; landscaping

### ROW

• Right of way width

# Access

- Access from connecting roads (ability to turn left)
- Access to Montgomery Road from south subdivisions
- Traffic control for Aurora Township Fire Department
- Access to and from existing roads and businesses
- Emergency services; backing in and out
- Safe turning

# Utilities

• Replace main utilities

# Bike & Pedestrian

- Need access/accommodations
- New facilities
- Crossing at Virgil Gilman Trail
- Safety
- Connectivity

# **Traffic Congestion and Capacity**

- Time from 3 pm 6 pm
- Traffic signal coordination
- Intersection capacity (Hill Avenue and Montgomery Road)
- Congestion east of Douglas Road

# **Alignment of S-curve**

- Water runoff
- Alignment of the curves
- Safety



- Most issues are on the east half
- Prioritization of westerly half of Montgomery Road

# Drainage

- Rain water runoff; water main under the road
- Drainage along the corridor
- Issues on east half

# Goals and Objectives

# Table 1 (Yellow)-Goals and Objectives

### **Environmental Impacts**

• Consider existing conditions and/or, if possible, minimize

### Drainage

- Reduce flooding
- Improve conveyance

### Safety

• Provide safe multi-modal interaction through entire corridor

### Land Use/Redevelopment

- Provide opportunity for development
- Limiting impact on future and existing development (access)

# Table 2 (Green)-Goals and Objectives

### Parks

• Maintain existing use of parks and improve pedestrian and vehicular access



# Aesthetics

• Establish consistent landscape theme along corridor

#### Access

- Provide safe and timely access to Montgomery Road
- Consider impact to ROW

# **Bike & Pedestrian**

• Accommodate and connect pedestrian and bike trails along entire corridor

# Alignment of curves

• Improve safety along s-curve with minimal impact on property owners

# Drainage

• Establish controlled drainage system (reduce flooding)

# **Traffic Congestion and Capacity**

• Reduce congestion and delays along Montgomery Road



# MONTGOMERY ROAD STUDY IL RT 25 TO HILL AVENUE STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP MEETING #1

Location: Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N River Street , Montgomery, IL 60538

Date: 1/29/14

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January 15, 2014

Mr. Edward Barsotti Executive Director League of Illinois Bicyclists 2550 Cheshire Dr. Aurora, IL 60504

RE: Montgomery Road Study from IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue - Bicycle/Ped Facilities

Dear Mr. Barsotti,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study. Your comment regarding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations has been received and included as part of the public record. At this time, all public comments have been reviewed and a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) were developed. The FAQ document can be found on the Kane County Division of Transportation website under "Highway Projects" / "Montgomery Road Study". Attached is a copy of the current FAQ document, but please revisit the official FAQ document on the website to stay up to date.

As part of our public outreach program, a Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) is being established. The group composition is intended to consist of local government officials, property owners, key stakeholders, business community representatives, and individuals with expertise in the areas of transportation, land use, environment and economic development in the study area. The SFG will serve an important advisory role and will discuss issues related to the present transportation system and potential alternatives. SFG members will meet throughout the duration of the project, providing input and consensus at key project milestones. Up to four (4) SFG meetings are anticipated. Please let this serve as a formal invitation to participate as a member of the SFG for the Montgomery Road project and attend the first SFG meeting. You are welcome to appoint a designee with decision-making authority to represent your organization and interests.

The first Stakeholder Focus Group meeting will be held:

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Montgomery Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room (First Floor) 200 N River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

Please RSVP your attendance to Lily Escarpita of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944 ext. 112, or via e-mail at <u>lily.escarpita@imagesinc.net</u> by January 27th. If you have any project related questions, please feel free to contact me at (630) 406-7355.

Your input is important, so thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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Paul LaFleur, P.E. Kane County DOT Project Manager



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January 13, 2014

[Name] [Title/Affiliation] [Address]

The Kane County Division of Transportation has recently initiated the preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for improvements to Montgomery Road, from IL 25 to Hill Avenue. The Phase I study will include an analysis of current and future transportation needs in the corridor as well as the identification and evaluation of alternatives.

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We encourage your participation and look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

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Paul LaFleur Project Manager





#### Montgomery Road Study Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting #1

#### January 29, 2014

#### Agenda



MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue



- 1. Welcome/Introductions
- 2. Project Background
- **3.** Project Process
- **4.** Project Schedule
- **5.** Ground Rules
- **6.** Issues & Concerns
- 7. Goals & Objectives
- 8. Brainstorm Alternatives
- 9. Wrap Up

#### **Project Background**



#### Why Was This Project Selected?

### What is the Need for Improvements?





#### **Project Schedule**

MONTGOMERY ROAD

IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue



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#### **Ground Rules**



- 1. The purpose of the Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) initiative is to gather and consider input on the project in order to produce the best solutions to the problems identified, in an orderly and organized process.
- 2. All input from all participants in the process is valued and considered equally.
- 3. All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly, and civilly.
- 4. All participants must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- 5. The list of stakeholders is subject to addendums at any time.
- 6. Meeting minutes will be maintained by Kane County and their consultant, HDR.
- 7. Members of the media are welcome at all SFG meetings, but must remain in the role of observers, not participants in the process.
- 8. The role of the SFG is to provide input to Kane County. A consensus of the SFG is sought prior to project decisions. Consensus is defined as a majority of the stakeholders in agreement, with the minority agreeing that their input was duly considered. Kane County will fully consider all SFG input when making project decisions.
- 9. All participants understand that topics will not be revisited once the issues have been addressed and a general understanding/consensus is reached.
- 10. All decisions made by Kane County must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner and stakeholders should agree that their input has been actively solicited and duly considered.



MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

#### Issues & Concerns

#### Identify issues & concerns in the project area

These may include:

- Transportation
- Environmental
- Land Use
- Safety
- Traffic Congestion
- Modal Options
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life







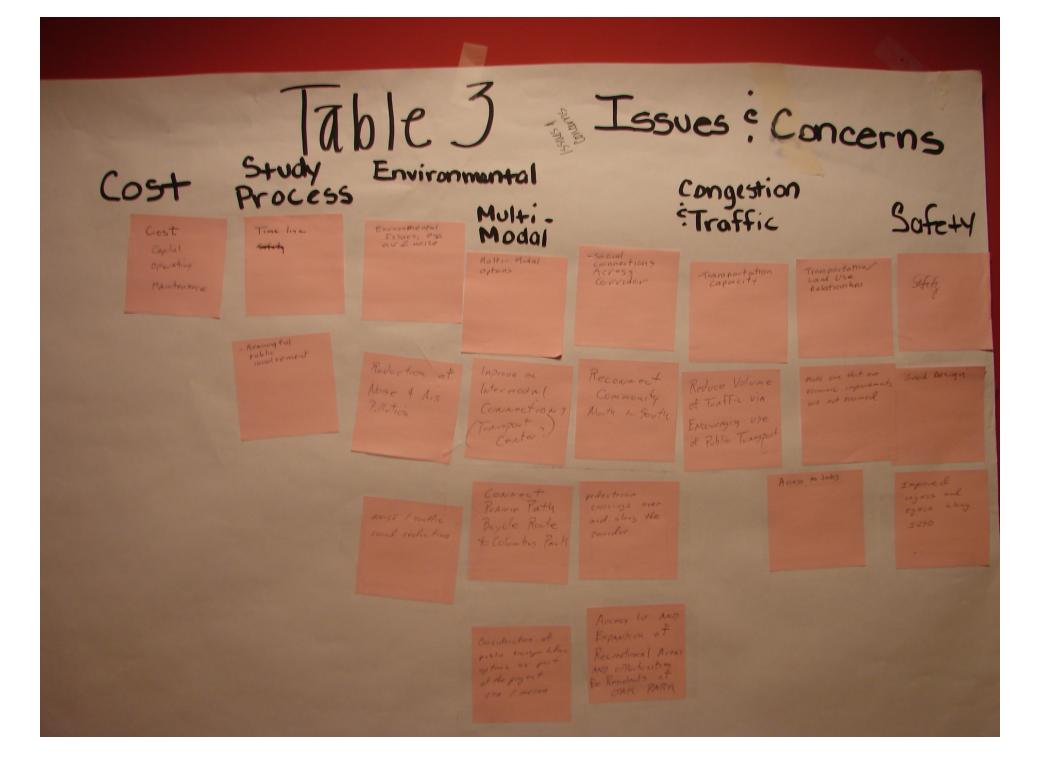
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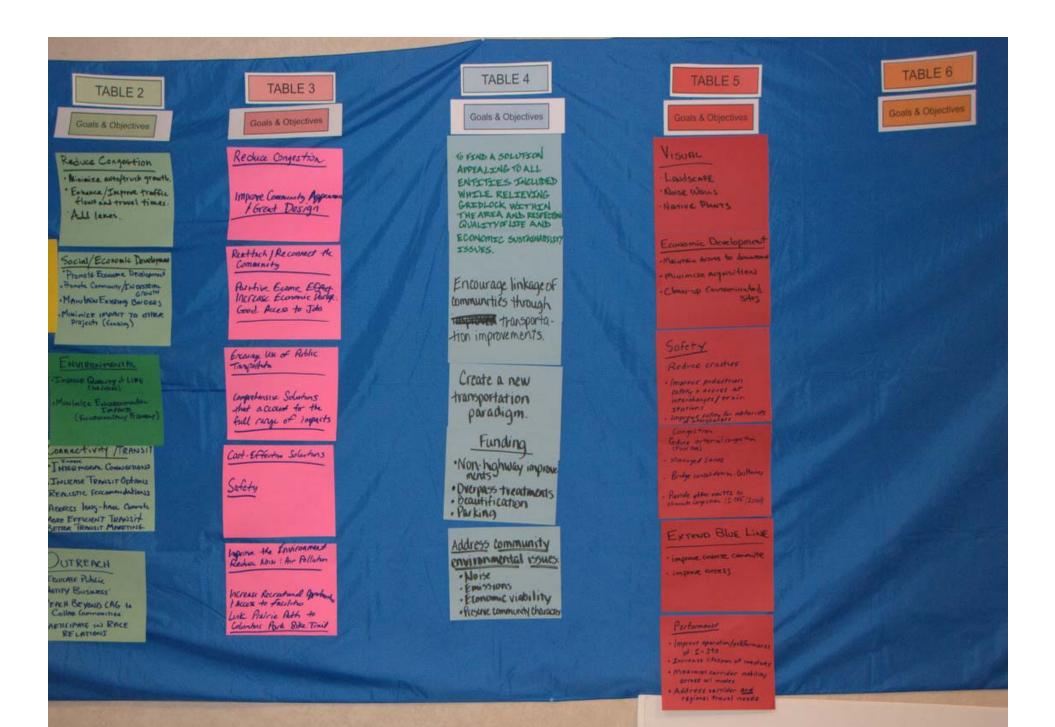
Identify Issues and Concerns

Part 2:

Define Goals and Objectives

MONTGOMERY ROAD IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue





#### Goals & Objectives

- Develop a list of project goals and objectives
  - Address the "Issues & Concerns"
  - Envision desired results
  - Emphasize action items





#### **TOO DEFINED EXAMPLES**

#### **Roadway Access:**

 Build a new road from South Broadway Road to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to serve residential properties.

#### **Multi-modal Options:**

• Construct a multi-use path along the west side of Broadway Rd.

#### **Congestion/Traffic:**

• Construct dedicated left and right turn lanes at all intersections.

#### **BROADLY DEFINED EXAMPLES**

#### **Roadway Access:**

 Improve access to properties along South Broadway Road and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

#### **Multi-modal Options:**

• Provide travel options for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### **Congestion/Traffic:**

• Address traffic and backups due to turning movements.









#### **Project Input**

#### We want to hear from you!

- Project Managers
  - Paul LaFleur at <u>lafleurpaul@co.kane.il.us</u>
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- **Project Website** 
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#### Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) Meeting #2

The second SFG meeting for the Montgomery Road Study was held on May 7, 2014 at the Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N. River Street, in Montgomery, Illinois from 2:00-4:00 PM.

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation, which provided background information on the Phase I Engineering study; a summary of SFG Meeting #1; illustrations of the 3-lane and 4-lane alternatives for Montgomery Road and intersection designs; and graphics of the five (5) alternatives for the west-end of the corridor. Exhibit boards, displaying the five (5) west-end alternatives plus the results of the alternatives analysis, and roll plot maps, showing the 3-lane and 4-lane alignments, were provided for viewing by attendees.

18 participants (15 members of the Stakeholder Focus Group in addition to KDOT and the study team) attended the meeting. The participants represented area residents, businesses, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, including:

Village of Montgomery	Phoenix Home enterprises
Montgomery Economic Development	Aurora Township Highway Department
Corporation	C21 Commercial
Forest Preserve District of Kane County	Montgomery-Countryside Fire Protection
City of Aurora	District
Pace Suburban Bus	Kane County Division of Transportation
Fox Valley Park District	

To announce the May 7, 2014 SFG Meeting #2, e-mail invitations were sent to members on April 24, 2014 and three (3) direct mail invitations were sent to members without known email addresses. An email reminder was sent to members on April 30, 2014. Follow-up phone calls were made on May 6, 2014 to members who had not yet responded regarding attendance.

#### **Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Background
- Summary of Meeting #1
- Present Alternatives
  - a. 3-Lane vs. 4-Lane
    - 1 Montgomery Road SFG Meeting #2 Summary 5/7/2014



- b. Douglas and Hill Avenue Geometry
- c. Discussion/SFG Input
- d. West End Alternatives
- e. Discussion/SFG Input
- Schedule
- Wrap Up

#### **Proposed Roadway Design Alternatives**

The purpose of the Montgomery Road Study is to improve traffic operations and upgrade existing facilities on the 3-mile section of the Montgomery Road corridor from IL 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east. The project is needed to meet future capacity needs, provide safe travel conditions, and better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

The first step of the study process, including data collection and analysis, has been completed. The study team has more recently been engaged in environmental studies and the development, evaluation, and refinement of alternatives for Montgomery Road, including a focus on the west-end also referred to as the "S" curve. Next steps include the selection of a preferred alternative and design approval.

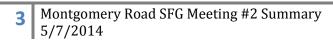
SFG meeting attendees participated in 2 workshops. For the first workshop, a detailed overview of the 3-lane and 4-lane roadway alignment alternatives was provided by the study team. An interactive session followed, with SFG members providing feedback on the two roadway alternatives. The discussion centered on the following themes: Level of Service (LOS) resulting from the 3-lane vs. 4-lane alternatives; existing and future (2040) average daily traffic counts; intersection improvements at Montgomery Road and Hill Avenue; coordination with the City of Aurora on intersection improvements at Farnsworth Avenue and with IDOT on intersection improvements at IL 25 (both intersections are outside the scope of the Montgomery Road Study); and access/safety improvements associated with the Virgil Gilman Trail.

For the second workshop, a detailed overview of the five (5) alternatives for the west-end of the Montgomery Road corridor was provided by the study team. An interactive session with SFG members provided feedback on the advantages and disadvantages for each alternative and the overall trends for west-end improvements. The workshop resulted in the decision to dismiss Alternatives #2, 4, and 5.



#### **Next Steps**

Following this SFG meeting, the study team will consider the stakeholder input that emerged from the workshops and, combined with the technical data and analyses will further refine the 3-land and 4-lane alternatives as well as alternatives #1 and #3 for the west-end of the corridor. SFG members will be notified if a third SFG meeting is to be held in the summer 2014, prior to the Public Hearing.





#### Workshop #1: 3-Lane vs. 4-Lane Alignments (Summary of Workshop Feedback)

#### **3-Lane Alternative**

- Preferred at Douglas Avenue and Montgomery Road.
- Less LOS than the 4-Lane alternative but acceptable.

#### 4-Lane Alternative

- Prefer dual acceptance lanes on WB Montgomery Road.
- Two through lanes will allow traffic to move through the signal.
- Drainage west of Hill Avenue south of Montgomery Road.
- LOS is acceptable; Generally speaking, C is the desired and D is the minimal LOS.

#### **Questions and Answers**

- Q. How will these improvements affect the Virgil Gilman bike trail and the crossing at Montgomery Road?
- A. A high visibility crossing will be studied at the location where the trail intersects with Montgomery Road.
- Q. Will crosswalks to the path be provided?
- A. Yes, crosswalks will be provided where necessary. Also, a 10-foot mixed use path on one side of the roadway and a 5-foot sidewalk on the other side of the roadway are planned and will start at Phillips Park, continuing west. These project elements will be refined once a preferred alternative is selected.
- Q. Will there be any impact on Metra?
- A. The roadway improvements on the west-end of the corridor will not impact Metra tracks or service.
- Q. Several businesses on Montgomery Road are closing. Will any assistance be provided from KDOT?
- A. During construction, businesses will be impacted. However, after construction there is generally resurgence in business development and activity.
- Q. How will these projects impact home prices for those residences behind the "S" curve? (question from SFG member notes page)



A. Generally speaking, an improvement to existing traffic conditions leads to an overall improvement in the area. However, no determination can be made towards the value of properties post construction.

#### Discussion

- Farnsworth Avenue (outside the scope of the Montgomery Road study) Recommendations/Statements from SFG:
  - Coordinate Montgomery Road improvements with the Farnsworth Avenue improvements being planned by the City of Aurora.
  - Plan for safe left turn movements from Farnsworth Avenue to Montgomery Road.
  - Concept plan for Farnsworth Avenue is scheduled for completion at the end of 2014. Funding for Phase II Engineering has been identified.

Response:

- The Montgomery Road study report will include information about adjacent roadway/intersection projects. Safety aspects and concerns will be documented.
- IL 25 and Montgomery Road Intersection Recommendations/Statements from SFG:
  - Improve the IL 25 and Montgomery Road intersection at the same time as the Montgomery Road corridor (which lies in the current study area). Left turn lanes off IL 25 are needed since IL 25 backs up at the bridge.
  - Improvements to the IL 25 and Montgomery Road intersection and the Fox River bridge should be a combined project.

Response:

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• The Montgomery Road study report will include information about the IL 25 intersection issues and IDOT's plans for IL 25 improvements. Any improvements will be coordinated with IDOT as IL 25 is under IDOT jurisdiction. Existing intersection will accommodate traffic at an acceptable level of service up to a design year of 2035.



#### Workshop #2: 5 West-End (S-curve) Alternatives (Summary of Workshop Feedback)

#### Alternative #1

- Advantages
  - Roundabout design takes Emergency Vehicles into account.
  - Uses existing alignment.
  - Has higher safety considerations; safer roadway.
  - Strong gateway into downtown.
  - Slows traffic in vicinity of park.
  - Better bike/pedestrian connectivity to the park, especially if a 10-foot path is built on the north side of Montgomery Road.
- Disadvantages
  - Does not help flooding problems (response: All roadway related drainage will be accommodated. It is not the intent of the project to resolve flooding issues in the surrounding areas that exist currently)
  - Property acquisition; impacts on property owners.

#### Alternative #2

- Advantages
  - Less impact to surrounding properties.
- Disadvantages
  - No SFG support for Alternative #2.
  - Close to no-build option.
  - Public perception of roundabouts vs. traffic circles—roundabouts are less desirable.
  - Need facility that serves purpose—to slow down traffic and improve safety.
  - Painted pavement is less desirable; east bound travelers will take the curve too fast.

#### Alternative #3

- Advantages
  - Many advantages to Alternative #3.
  - Increased privacy and safety.
  - Fewer buildings are impacted.
  - Cul-de-sacs work for emergency vehicles.



- Roadway is designed for the speed limit so no need for traffic calming.
- Alignment addresses "S" curve.
- Prefer Alternative #3.
- Disadvantages
  - Police are generally opposed to cul-de-sacs; they take more time to patrol.
  - Left turns onto Montgomery Road may be an issue (response: gaps in traffic will be created to facilitate turning movements).
  - The roadway runs through a floodplain
  - Does not provide traffic-slowing alternatives (response: slowing traffic is not needed with this alternative since the roadway design is speed appropriate).
  - Possible wetland impacts (ACOE)

#### Alternative #4

- Advantages
  - Alignment addresses "S" curve.
- Disadvantages
  - Impacts to property on the south side of Montgomery Road.
  - Confusing traffic pattern/way-finding.

#### Alternative #5

- Advantages
  - Addresses speed concerns.
- Disadvantages
  - Two intersections are close together.
  - Longer distance to cul-de-sac for emergency access, plowing, and patrolling.
  - Turnaround looks like a choke point.
  - Confusing traffic pattern/way-finding.
  - Safety concerns.

#### **Overall Trends**

- Dismiss Alternatives # 2, #4, and #5.
- Trade-off--Alternative #3 moves traffic away from the residential area while Alternative #1 moves traffic through the area.
- Prefer the 5-foot sidewalk vs. the 10-foot path on the south side of Montgomery Road.
- Prefer either a 10-foot path or sidewalk, rather than both.



- From an emergency services perspective, existing roadway conditions are more concerning than roundabouts.
- The park name was changed from Porter Park to Austin Park and plans should reflect the accurate name.

#### **Questions and Answers**

- Q. Are there any cost estimates on Alternatives #4 and #5?
- A. This alternatives analysis doesn't consider the project cost. Costs are factored into Phase II Engineering when detailed design work is performed (in anticipation for construction). As an estimate, changes to the existing alignment will be more cost effective than a new alignment.
- Q. Who decides which roadway alignment will be proposed to the FHWA for approval?
- A. Kane County and the Village of Montgomery will make the decision, based on technical aspects and public input.
- Q. Why has JULIE been identifying utilities?
- A. Field surveys are being performed for this Phase I Engineering study. However, the identification of utilities is not part of the Montgomery Road project. Full environmental impacts are being studied for this project, including archeological studies.
- Q. Is there a short-term fix for the "S" curve in an effort to keep traffic moving?
- A. In lieu of traffic lights, roundabouts are designed to slow down traffic, create a consistent traffic flow, and provide safe maneuvering.
- Q. Will Jiffy Lube and three homes be acquired/relocated so that any further roadway expansions could be possible with minimal impact? (question from SFG member notes page)
- A. Only the Right of Way needed to construct the roadway will be targeted for acquisition. Any future projects would commence in the same manner.
- Q. Will the road, going through the wetland, be elevated? (question from SFG member notes page)
- A. Typically, the existing ground elevation is mimicked when designing the roadway profile in order to minimize the overall footprint of the roadway. All efforts will be made to minimize impacts to the surrounding properties.

#### Hoberg, Julie

From:	Jan Ward <jan.ward@imagesinc.net></jan.ward@imagesinc.net>
Sent:	Friday, April 25, 2014 1:00 PM
То:	Taylor, Jordan
Subject:	FW: Montgomery Road Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting #2
Attachments:	SFG_Meeting #2_Agenda.pdf; SFG_Meeting #1 Summary.pdf

Hi Jordan,

The email list below comprises the SFG members who received the 5/7/14 SFG Meeting #2 invitation.

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From: Jan Ward [mailto:jan.ward@imagesinc.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 2:06 PM
Subject: Montgomery Road Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting #2



Dear Stakeholder Focus Group Member:

You are invited to the second meeting of the Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) for the Montgomery Road, from IL 25 to Hill Avenue, Phase I Engineering Study. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the following location:

Montgomery Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room (First Floor) 200 N. River Street Montgomery, IL 60538 <u>Map/Directions</u>

At this meeting, an overview of SFG Meeting #1 will be provided along with a presentation on potential roadway and intersection design alternatives. The presentation will be followed by a group discussion and workshop.

The meeting agenda is attached for your information. Also attached for your review is the draft summary from the January 29, 2014 SFG meeting. Comments on this summary can be made at the upcoming meeting.

Please RSVP your attendance to Jan Ward at <u>jan.ward@imagesinc.net</u> by Friday, May 2nd. If you have any project related questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (630) 406-7355.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.

Regards,

Paul LaFleur Project Manager

#### Hoberg, Julie

From:Jan Ward <jan.ward@imagesinc.net>Sent:Friday, April 25, 2014 12:13 PMTo:Taylor, JordanSubject:Letters to SFG MembersAttachments:Letter-Ayers.doc; Letter-Chorus.doc; Letter-Krzyzowski.doc

Hi Jordan,

3 letters are being mailed today to SFG members without email addresses. I am including the agenda in the mailing but changed the language in the letter to indicate that the 1/29/14 meeting summary would be available at the 5/7/14 meeting (this is just for the people receiving paper letters).

I received Paul's ok to use his signature from the last mailing.

Regards,

Jan

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Jan Ward, Project Manager

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#### Fact Sheet

#### Your Fact Source For The Montgomery Road Study

#### Study Begins... Community Input Encouraged

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has initiated the Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic operations along a three-mile segment of Montgomery Road from Illinois Route 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east, including intersections at Hill Avenue, Broadway Road, and Douglas Road. The study area is located primarily within the village limits of Montgomery with a portion on the east end in the city of Aurora.





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#### Public Involvement

The Montgomery Road Study includes a collaborative public involvement process that engages all project stakeholders. A stakeholder is defined as anyone who could be affected by the project and has an interest in its outcome. The purpose of this collaboration is to gather and consider project input from all interested parties and provide a communication mechanism for stakeholders to stay informed, ask questions, and provide comments.

The public is encouraged to become involved in the development of transportation solutions and have a voice in the decision-making process. The information collected through the public involvement process aids in the identification of issues, impacts, and alternatives. Combined with detailed technical analyses, public input forms the basis for ultimate project decisions.



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# What Matters to YOU?

estimates for the 2040 Design Hourly Volumes (DHV) demonstrate that a significant portion of the

study corridor will exceed design standards for the

primarily two-lane roadway that exists today.

occurred within the study area

**139 Crashes** between 2008 and 2011 **83 crashes** 

Under current conditions, this roadway has been classified as being over capacity and warrants upgrades to the existing facilities. In addition

Road as it continues northwest towards IL 47.

Road.

KDOT is providing the following opportunities to inform the public and encourage participation:

- **Newsletters** ٨
- Seeking views on the issues and solutions Focus Group Meetings ٨

Montgomery Road and Douglas Road

occurred at the intersection of

**32 crashes** 

njury related

Broadway Road to Briarcliff Road

occurred on the S-curve on

6 crashes

- Local Coordination Meetings Gaining insight into the study area and long range plans from communities ^
- **Public Meetings** ٨

- Providing up-to-date project information
- Website: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx Offering project information and updates.
- from key groups affected by the project

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# future conditions, and defining the Purpose and Need for the roadway and intersection improvements

employment statistics as well as future travel demand. The performance of the Montgomery Road Data collected during this step includes, but is not limited to, current and projected population and transportation system under future conditions will then be evaluated. KDOT and stakeholders will

## Identifying Alternatives

determine transportation deficiencies and begin developing solutions to address the needs.

Purpose and Need. This step concludes with the selection of the alternative(s) that will be evaluated in THE NEXT STEP in the Phase I process is to continue performing detailed technical analysis and working with the public and stakeholders to identify possible improvement alternatives that meet the project further detail.

THE FINAL STEP in the process includes the detailed evaluation of the technical factors associated a preferred alternative will be recommended for implementation. KDOT will consider all input, including with the alternatives and their impacts on the community and environment. At the end of this process **Evaluating Alternatives and Selecting the Preferred Alternative** 

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public and stakeholder comments and technical analyses, as they make final decisions on a preferred alternative. The results of the evaluation process, along with all of the findings from previous steps, will be documented in a project report. KANE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION www.co.kane.ii.us/dot

Montgomery Road serves as a minor arterial roadway under the jurisdiction of Kane County

**Current Conditions** 

is a two-lane

Currently Montgomery Road

facility with designated left turn lanes at various

intersections.

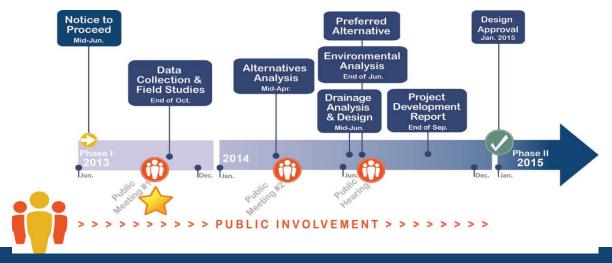
The land along the corridor includes a mixture of residential, commercial, recreational, agricultural and institutional uses. Sidewalks are intermittent along the north and south sides of Montgomerv The Virgil L. Gilman Trail, with a termini to the south at Hill Avenue, bisects Montgomery

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Over the upcoming months, the study team will meet with community representatives, agencies, and interested parties to obtain input. Work will continue with the existing conditions analysis, identification of study area deficiencies, and the collection of technical and environmental data. Through the identification of current and future roadway deficiencies and needs, design alternatives will be developed and evaluated. A preferred alternative will be identified for Phase 2 Engineering and the development of construction plans.



While the Phase I Engineering study is funded locally by Kane County, Phase 2 Engineering, Construction, and Construction Engineering are not currently funded. Future funding will be pursued for these remaining project phases.



#### **Stay Informed and Get Involved!**

We hope you stay involved as the team proceeds with the identification of issues, concerns, and alternatives. You can always find current project information by visiting our website at: **www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx** and you can email project comments to **montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com**.

Or contact us at: **Kane County Division of Transportation Attn: Paul LaFleur** 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175 Telephone: (630) 406-7355 Email: lafleurpaul@co.kane.il.us

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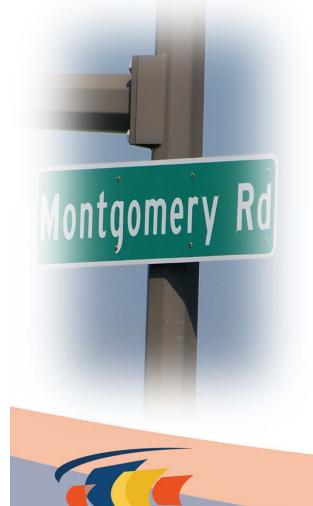


# Meeting #2

#### May 7, 2014

#### Agenda





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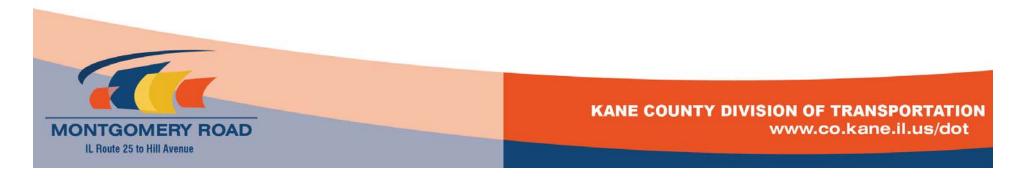
#### SFG Meeting #2

- 1. Welcome/Introductions
- 2. Project Background
- **3.** Summary of SFG Meeting #1
- **4.** Presentation of Alternatives
  - **a.** Discussion and SFG Feedback
- **5.** Future Involvement
- 6. Wrap up

### **Project Background**

### **Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering Study**

- Project Location
- Purpose and Need
- Study Process
- Project Schedule
- Previous Public Involvement
  - SFG #1 1/29/14
  - Public Information Meeting -10/2/13



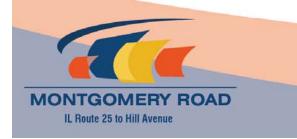
# SFG Meeting #1



### **Issues and Concerns - Major Themes**

- Environmental Impacts
- Flooding and Drainage
- Safety Aspects
- Land Use Redevelopment/Access
- Mobility and Traffic Management
- Multi-modal Facilities





# SFG Meeting #1



- Reduce congestion & traffic delays
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Establish controlled drainage system
- Provide safe multi-modal interaction
- Provide development opportunities
- Establish consistent landscape theme





### **Alternatives**



- Existing Alignment East End 4 Lane Cross-section
   3 Lane Cross-section
   Geometric Aspects/Changes
- S-Curve West End
  - 5 Alternatives



### **Consideration**





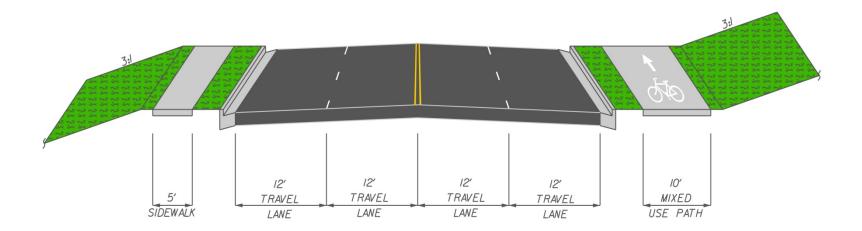
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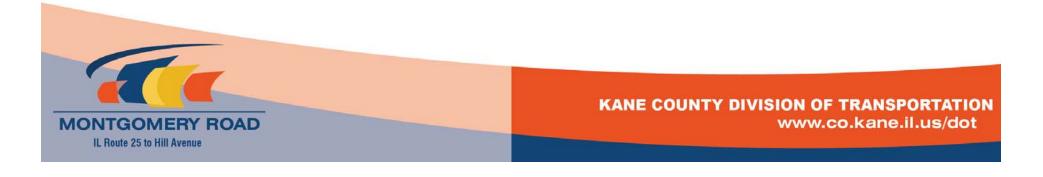
- Initial thoughts and impressions
- Details to address
- Input on your preference





### **4 Lane Typical Section**





## **Hill Avenue**



### **Existing**



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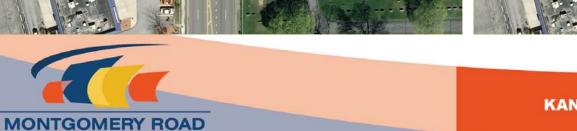
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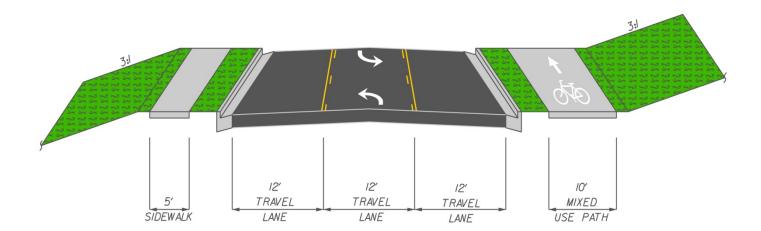
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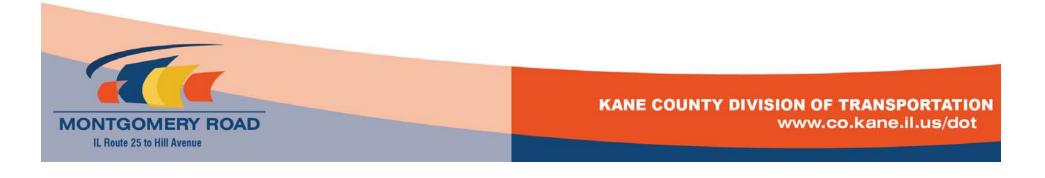
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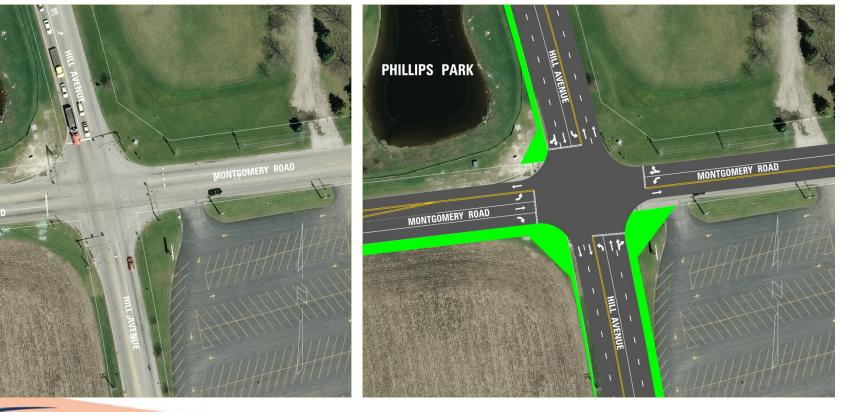
## **Hill Avenue**

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### Existing







# **Douglas Avenue**



### Existing







## **Community Input**









## **Alternatives**

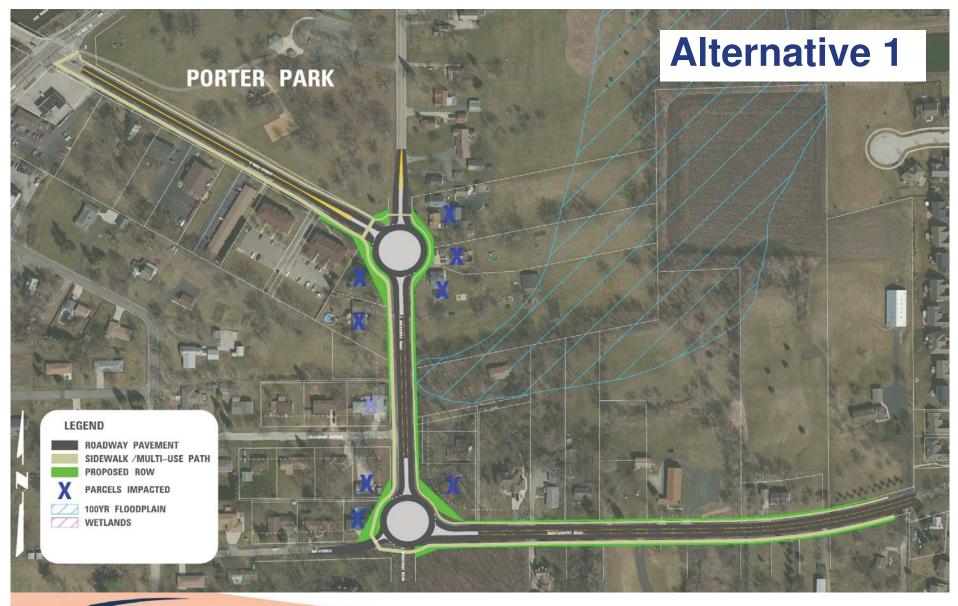
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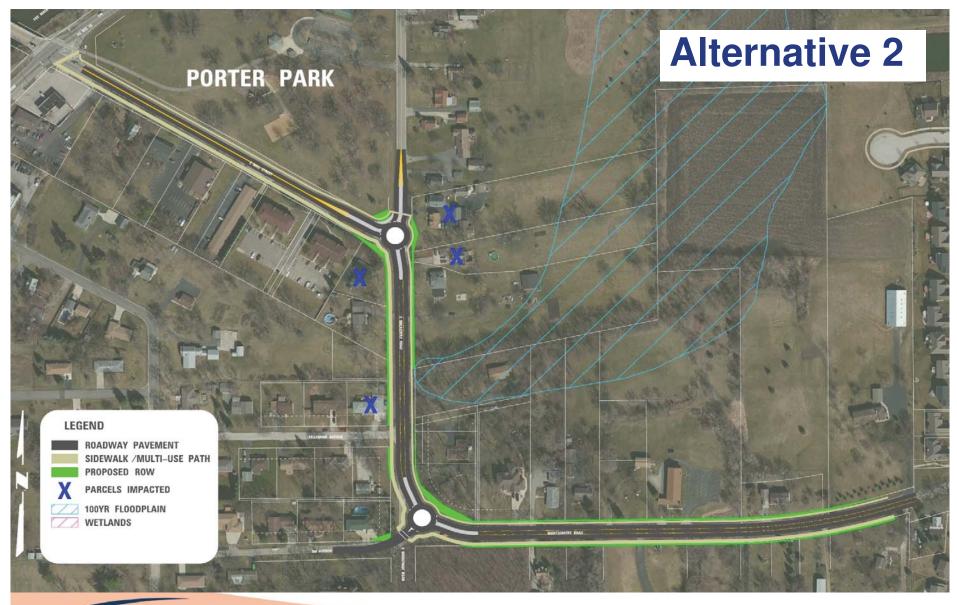


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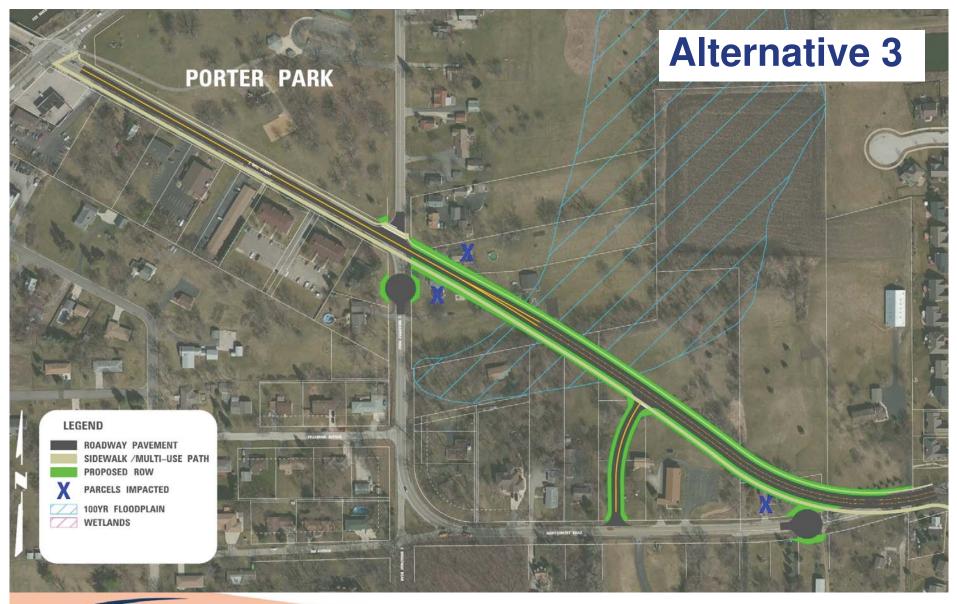
- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Trends



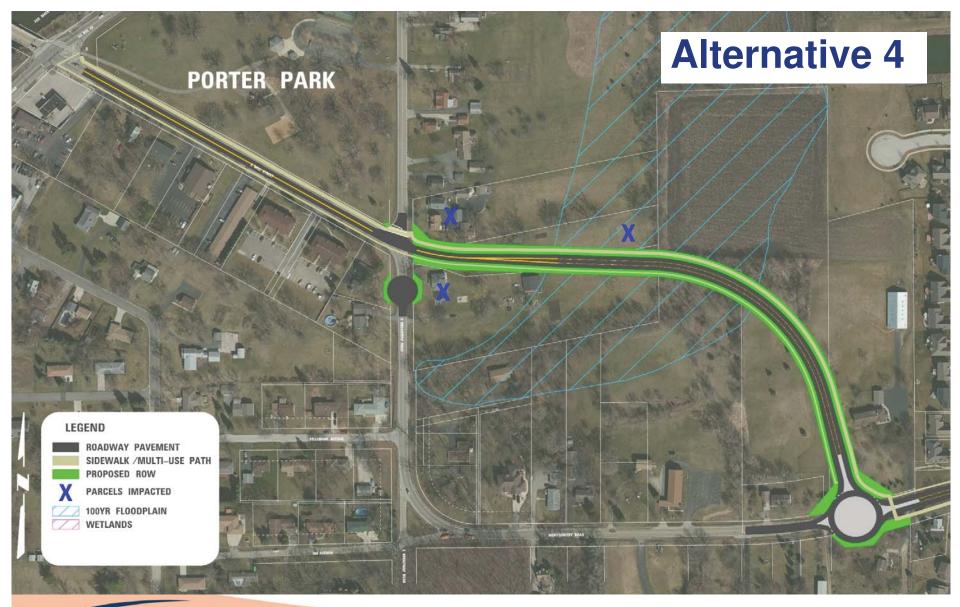
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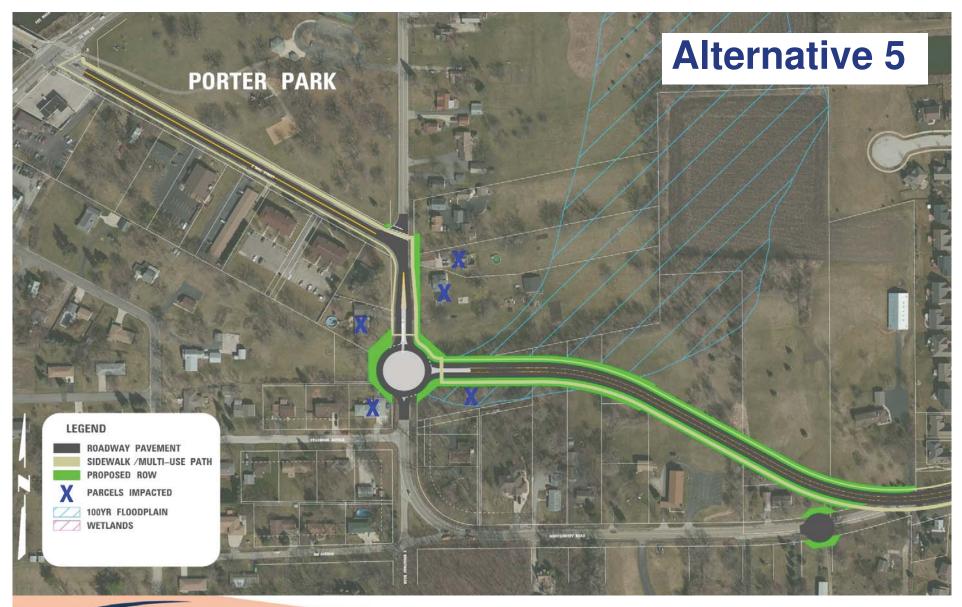








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## **Community Input**









## **Project Schedule**

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# Wrap Up





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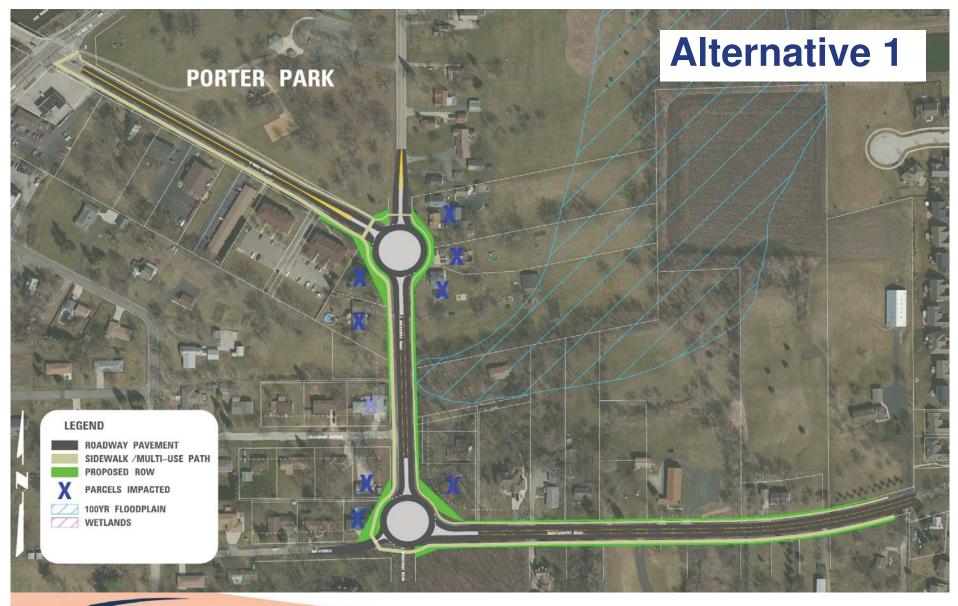
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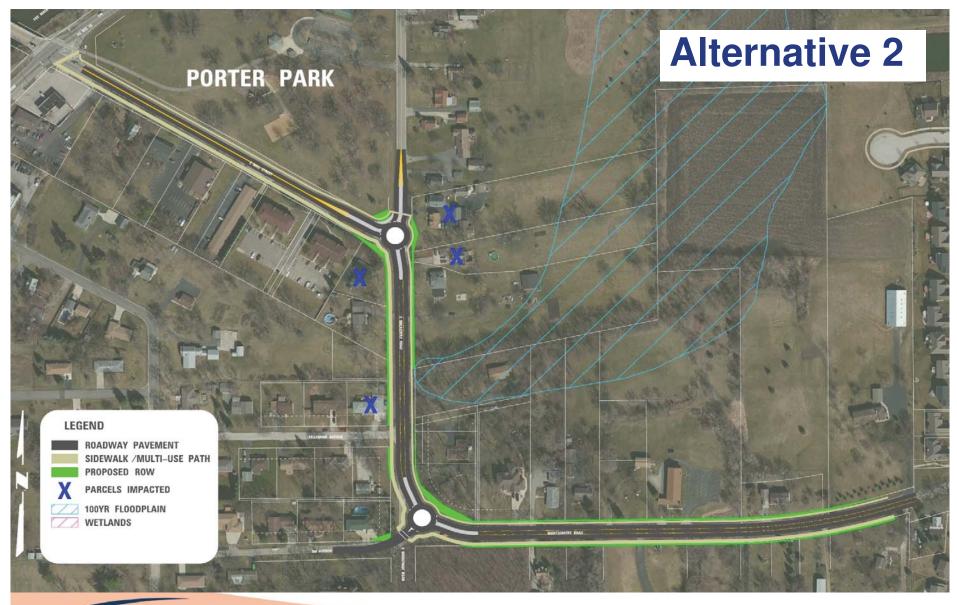
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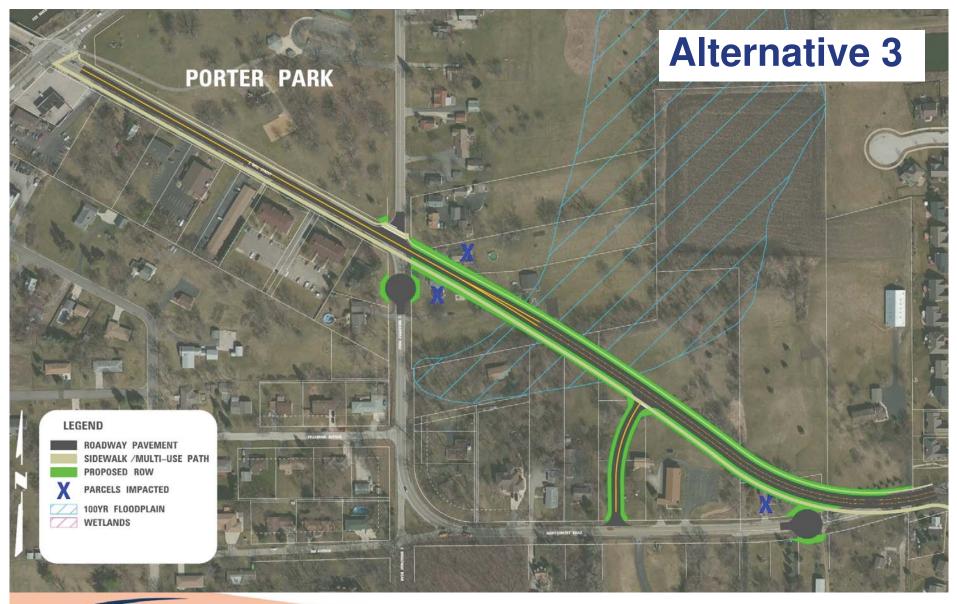




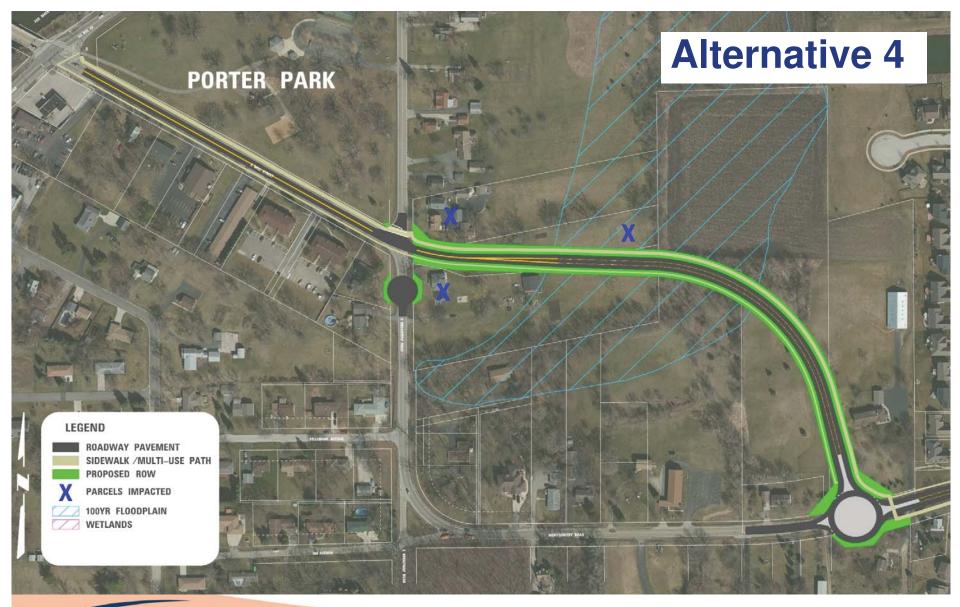
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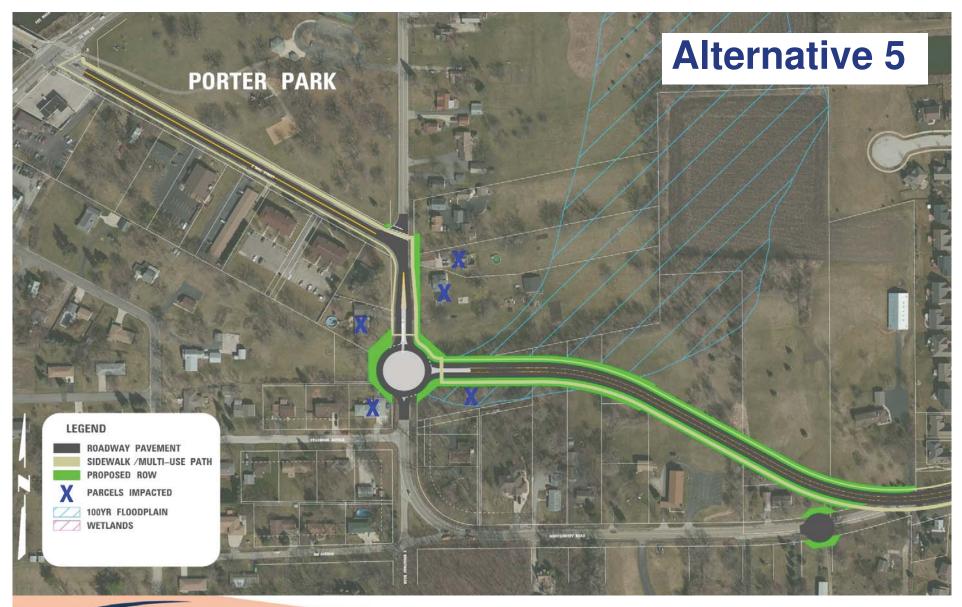








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Alternative Analysis For Corridor –	East End					
Critoria	Motrico	Alternative				
Criteria	Metrics	<b>No-Action</b>	4-Lane Roadway	3-Lane Roadway		
Mobility (Year 2040)						
		Cood Operation				
Intersection Operations	LOS A - C (HIGH = Good Operations)					
Intersection Operations	LOS D (MEDIUM = Acceptable Operations)					
	LOS E – F (LOW = Unacceptable Operations)					
		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM		
Montgomery Rd at IL 25	Signalized	•/•	N/A	•/•		
Montgomery Rd at Douglas Rd	Signalized	•/•	•/•	•/•		
Montgomery Rd at Hill Ave	Signalized	•/•	•/•	•/•		
Safety	I					
Crash Predictability	Observed Crashes/Year	Pre	Predicted Crashes/Year			
Montgomery Rd at IL 25	5	7	4	4		
Montgomery Rd: IL 25 to Douglas Rd	5	7	5	4		
Montgomery Rd at Douglas Rd	10	8	8	8		
Montgomery Rd: Douglas Rd to Howell Pl	13	11	12	11		
Montgomery Rd: Howell PI to Hill Ave	5	5	5	5		
Montgomery Rd at Hill Ave	17	11	11	11		
Overall Corridor	55	49	45	43		
Pedestrian/Bicycle Mobility		<u> </u>	I			
Pedestrian/ Bicycle Connectivity	<ul> <li>Connecting to all Existing / Planned Ped-Bike Plans</li> <li>Connecting to some Existing/Planned Ped-Bike Plans</li> <li>No Connectivity to Existing / Planned Ped-Bike Plans (LOW)</li> </ul>			•		
Environmental / Community / Social	// <b>A</b>		4.00	0.10		
Required ROW	# Acres		4.92	2.19		
Wetland Impacts	# Acres & # Sites		0.016 / 1	0.003 / 1		
Parking Impacts	# Spaces		91	31		
Potential Residential Parcel Impacts	# Parcels		16	9		
Potential Commercial Parcel Impacts	# Parcels		4	2		
Section 4(f) Impacts	# Acres	1.058	0.786			
Floodplain Impacts Community Facility Impacts	# Acres # Parcels		0	0		

Kane County Division of Transportation Montgomery Road Study ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS



Alternative Analysis for S-Curve – West End							
Criteria	Metrics	#1 Urban Roundabout	# 2 Mini- Roundabout	# 3 Redesign of Existing Alignment	# 4 Realignment with Roundabout 1	# 5 Realignment with Roundabout 2	
Mobility							
Permanent road closures that increase travel distance?	Yes or No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Environmental / Co	mmunity / Social						
Required ROW	# Acres	1.10	0.54	2.95	3.20	2.98	
Wetland Impacts	# Acres/# Sites	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Parking Impacts	# Spaces	0	0	0	0	0	
Potential Residential Parcel Impacts	# Parcels	9	4	3	3	5	
Section 4(f) Impacts	# Acres	0.094	0.096	0.080	0.074	0.074	
Floodplain Impacts	# Acres	0.004	0.001	0.591	0.995	1.018	
Community Facility Impacts	# Parcels	0	0	0	0	0	
Driveway Access Modification	# Driveways	2	3	0	4	0	

Kane County Division of Transportation Montgomery Road Study ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS c. PUBLIC HEARING

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March 17, 2017

Kane County Section 13-00127-00-WR Montgomery Road, Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue

Catherine Batey, Division Administrator Illinois Division Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Ms. Batey,

In accordance with 23 CFR 771(h)(2)(vi), Kane County Division of Transportation certifies that a public hearing was held on September 14, 2016 from 4 to 7pm at the Montgomery Village Hall at 200 N River Street, Montgomery, IL 60538. Attached is a copy of the official public hearing transcript. Copies of the following items are attached to this letter with the public hearing transcript:

- a. Newspaper announcement;
- b. Newspaper publication certificates;
- c. Handout;
- d. Attendance list;
- e. Written copy of the narrative from the general presentation;
- f. Written comments received at the public hearing or during the public comment period after the hearing;
- g. Written copy of the verbal comments recorded by the official recorder;
- h. Written responses to any comments received at the public hearing or during the public comment period after the hearing;
- i. Written responses to the verbal comments recorded by the official recorder.

If you have questions on the provided or require additional information, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <a href="mailto:kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us">kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</a> or phone (630) 584-1170.

Sincerely.

Carl Schoedel Director of Transportation/County Engineer

Enclosure

Cc: Jennifer O'Connell, Senior Project Manager John Lazzara, HDR file



Public Hearing Transcript

**September 14, 2016** 



# Public Hearing Outreach Efforts & Response Summary

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Attached: KDOT letter to Stakeholders Focus Group and Technical Advisory Group Members



### Public Hearing Fast Facts

- (31) People attended the Public Hearing
- (2) written Comment Forms were submitted at the hearing
- (3) written Comments were submitted to KDOT after the Public Hearing
- (8) verbal comments were provided to the Court Reporter

### **Overview**

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) initiated the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study for Montgomery Road. The study process includes the following steps:

- Data collection
- Alternatives analysis
- Environmental studies
- Preferred alternative
- Design approval

The project was initiated in June 2013. The original project limits included a section of Montgomery Road between IL Route 25 and Briarcliff Road west of the current western boundary. Due to extensive coordination with the stakeholder focus group and other multiple factors, such as environmental and community impacts, a decision was made to change the western boundary to Briarcliff Road.

### **Identification of Stakeholders**

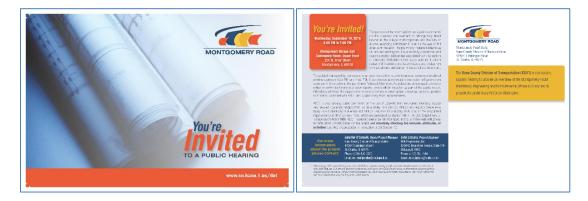
A stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. Stakeholders are identified as all residents, businesses, local governments, and other interested parties in the project area. Input from these parties will help KDOT understand the existing conditions and transportation issues along Montgomery Road.



### **Public Involvement Efforts**

#### **Post Card:**

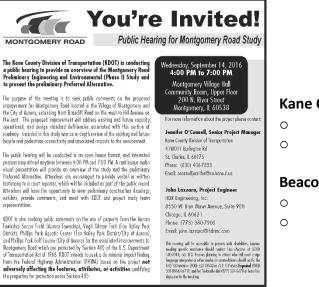
In order to announce the September 14, 2016 Public Hearing, a post card invitation was created. The post card included a brief description of the Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering Project, along with details concerning the purpose, location and format of the Public Hearing. The post card invitation was mailed to approximately 481 stakeholders on August 29, 2016.



#### **Display Ad:**

A display ad was created to notify the public of the September 14, 2016 Public Hearing. The ad included a brief description of the Montgomery Road Phase I Engineering project and highlighted the purpose, location and format of the Public Hearing. The Kane County website that provides project information, www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx, and the contact information for the project manager and engineer were provided. The display ad was placed in the main news section of the following papers and ran on the identified dates:





#### Kane County Chronicle:

- August 25, 2016 and September 8, 2016
- Size of ad: 4.56 x 5.5

#### **Beacon News:**

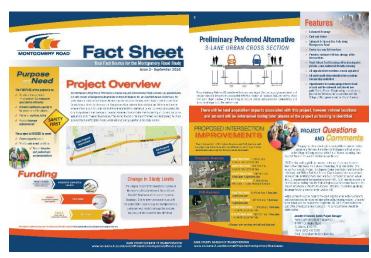
- August 24, 2016 and September 7, 2016
- Size of ad: 4.91 x 5.255

#### **Fact Sheet:**

A two-page Fact Sheet was made available at the Hearing and posted on the project web page. The following article topics were included in the Fact Sheet:

- Project Overview
- Purpose and Need
- Recommended Preferred Alternative
- Features
- (4f) De minimus use of public property for associated improvements
- Funding
- How to Comment





## **3rd Party Announcements:**

KDOT updated their website to announce the Public Hearing on September 2, 2016. (39) Letters were sent to the members of the Technical Advisory Group and the Stakeholder Focus Group. A sample copy of this letter is provided at the end of this summary.

## **Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing for the Montgomery Road Project was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N. River Street, Montgomery, Illinois from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Hearing was conducted in an open house format and offered a continuous power point presentation for viewing. Exhibit board displays provided an overview of the project, the study area and process, what was considered, analysis conclusion, Douglas and Hill Avenue intersection improvements, property and environmental impacts, future funding and instructions on how to comment.

Representatives from KDOT and HDR Engineering, Inc. were available to discuss the project focus and engineering process with attendees. Comment Forms were available for attendees to submit written comments. A Court Reporter was available for attendees to submit verbal comments.

The Public Hearing was attended by (31) people, (2) written comment forms were submitted and (8) comments were filed with the Court Reporter.



### The following public officials were in attendance:

-Village of Montgomery Trustee: Theresa Sperling -Kane County Board Candidate: Linda Pasetti-Olson

### Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

-Aurora Township Highway Commissioner: John Shoemaker
-Illinois Division of Transportation: Marilin Solomon
-Illinois Division of Transportation: Hannah Knight
-Village of Montgomery Community Development: Jerad Chipman
-Village of Montgomery Engineering Consultant: Pete Wallers
-Village of Montgomery Director of Public Works: Todd Hoppenstedt
-Village of Montgomery Director of Finance: Justin VanVooren
-City of Aurora Building and Permits: Rick Olson
-City of Aurora Traffic Engineer: Eric Gallt
-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors: Jennifer Beecher

## **Comment Summary**

During the Public Hearing, (2) written comment forms were submitted and (8) verbal comments were filed with the court reporter. The summary below describes the most predominant categories and their frequency.

After the Public Hearing, **(3) written additional comments** were submitted to Kane County Division of Transportation before the September 28, 2016 deadline and are included in this summary.

Comment Forms	
Comment Category	# of Comments
Drainage Issues	2
Loss of Parking Spaces	1
Loss of Driveway Space	1
Dedicated Turn Lanes	4
Land/Property Acquisition	5
Sidewalk, Crosswalk, and Bike Path Issues and Connections	3
Traffic Control	2
General support for project	2
Total:	20

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### **Drainage Issues**

Two comments were received that this project will alleviate drainage issues.

### Loss of Parking Spaces

A comment was received concerning the loss of parking spaces for the Skate Rink property along Montgomery Road.

### Loss of Driveway Spaces

A comment was received concerning the loss of driveway spaces for 356 and 358 Montgomery Road.

### **Dedicated Turn Lanes**

Three comments were received regarding support for a 3-lane road, providing a center turn lane, particularly at Hill and Montgomery Road intersection. One comment expressed concerned that the 3-lane road will make it difficult to navigate.

### Land/Property Acquisition

Comments were received regarding the need for:

- need for more public information regarding ROW/Easements
- better understanding of what the property impacts/acreage
- (3) comments specifically requested that property be taken from the North Side of Montgomery Road at the Soccer Field

### Sidewalk, Crosswalk, and Bike Path Issues and Connections

A comment was received regarding support for sidewalks/multi use paths along Montgomery Road. Two comments were received saying they are unnecessary and not needed to connect to Virgil Gilman Trail.

### **Traffic Control**

Two comments requested additional stop sign/stop lights on Montgomery Road.

### **General Positive Support**

Two comments expressed general positive support for the project.



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Carl Schoedel, P.E. Director of Transportation County Engineer



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## D September 14, 2016 Public Hearing



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## Project Overview MONTGOMERY ROAD



**STUDY TEAM** 

of Aurora, extending from Briarcliff Road on the west to Hill Avenue on the east. The Study Team consists of representatives from Kane County Division of Montgomery Road located in the Village of Montgomery and the City Kane County is conducting an Engineering and Environmental Study of Transportation (known as KDOT) and assisted by HDR Engineering.

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## The comprehensive study has been initiated to improve:

Safety	
Traffic Capacity	
Traffic Operations	
Drainage	
Intersection Improvements	
Roadway Deficiencies	*



## Included in this study:

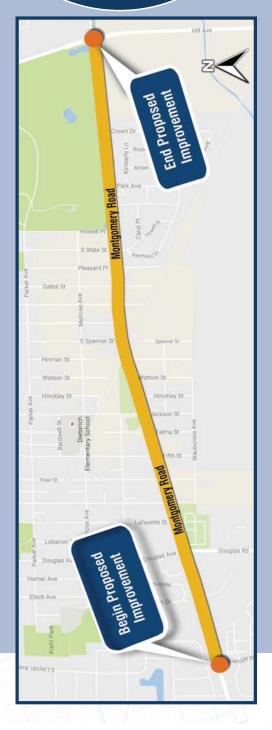
In-depth review of the existing and future bicycle and pedestrian connectivity

Associated impacts on the environment

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## Study Area Montgomery ROAD

Road and Hill Avenue traverses a range of land uses from single and multi-family residential to commercial, as well as several pressure on Montgomery Road to serve the daily traffic needs will continue to increase. Montgomery Road between Briarcliff active agricultural lands. The Aurora Township Fire Department #2 is near Montgomery Road and Spencer Street and PACE The Montgomery Road study area is located in the Village of Montgomery and the City of Aurora, extending from Briarcliff public parks, the Virgil Gilman Nature Trail, the Aurora Township Cemetery, the Fox Valley Park District Aquatic Center, and Road on the west to Hill Avenue on the east. As the Montgomery area experiences further growth and development, the Bus Routes #528, #529 provide services along a portion of the study corridor.



## Project Goals and Objectives

- · Reduce congestion & traffic delays
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Establish controlled drainage system
- Provide safe multi-modal interaction
- Provide development opportunities

Establish consistent landscape theme

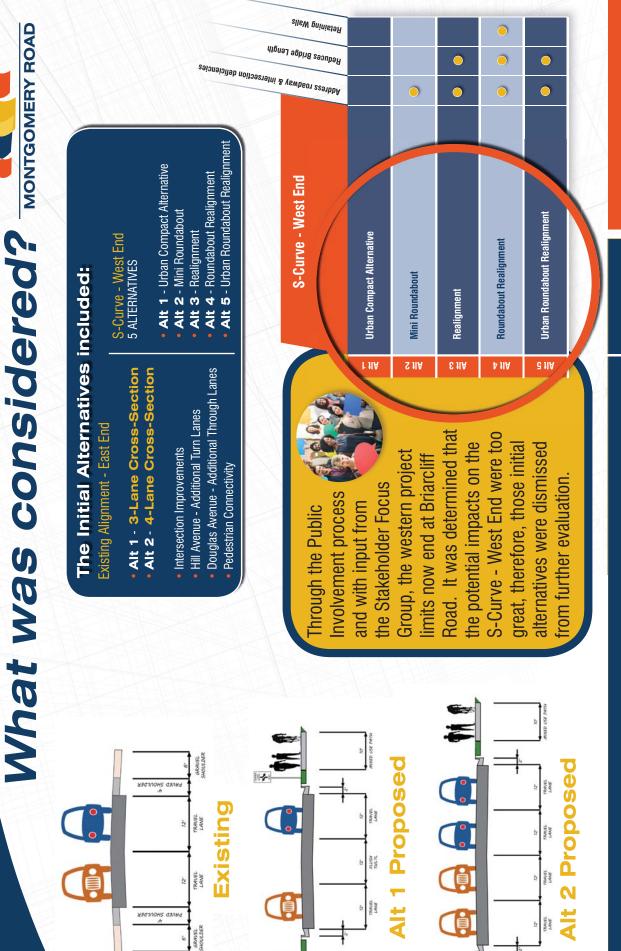


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# The 3-Lane Cross Section best meets the project Purpose and Need.





- Provides exclusive left turn storage at the intersections
- Visual enhancements to the Virgil Gilman Trail Crossing
- Signalized intersections remain signalized
- North-south controlled intersections remain stop controlled
- the sidewalk and shared-use path (A landscaping plan will be developed in cooperation with the Village of **Opportunities for landscaping between back of curb and** Montgomery and the City of Aurora)



Enclosed drainage system

**PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE INCLUDES:** 

Analysis Conclusion MONTGOMERY ROAD





NIXED USE PATH 10'

TRAVEL 12'

FLUSH 12'

TRAVEL 12'

5' SIDEWALK

**Preliminary Preferred Alternative** 

**3-Lane Cross Section is the** 

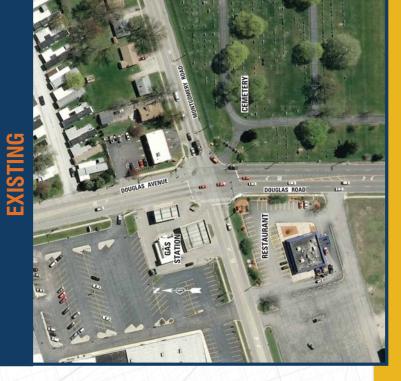






Douglas Avenue Intersection Improvement





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**PROPOSED** 



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## Hill Avenue



## Intersection Improvement

## EXISTING



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Changes over existing are bold and italicized

## Property Impacts MONTGOMERY ROAD



## The preliminary Preferred Alternative will require right of way acquisition.



> Aurora Township Soccer Field (Aurora Township)

- > Virgil Gilman Trail (Fox Valley Park District)
- Phillips Park Aquatic Center (Fox Valley Park District/City of Aurora)
- Phillips Park Golf Course (City of Aurora)

KDOT is also seeking public comments on the use of property from the:

- Aurora Township Soccer Field (Aurora Township) =0.12 acres impacted
  - Virgil Gilman Trail (Fox Valley Park District) =0.12 acres impacted
- Phillips Park Aquatic Center (Fox Valley Park District/City of Aurora =0.40 acres impacted
  - Phillips Park Golf Course (City of Aurora) =0.27 acres impacted

for the associated improvements to Montgomery Road which are protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

(FHWA) based on the project not adversely affecting the features, attributes, or activities KDOT intends to seek a de minimis impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration qualifying the properties for protection under Section 4(f).







In development of the preliminary Preferred Alternative, the project study team initially seeks to avoid and minimize impacts to the human, cultural, and natural environment.



- Biological resources coordination ongoing
- Impacted wetlands will be minimized and

mitigated (1.11 acres impacted)

 Hazardous waste sites – none within proposed project footprint





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co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx

## **PROJECT WEBSITE AT:**

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## **COMMENTS PLEASE**

during the public hearing, emailed, or mailed to the below while written comments and questions may be submitted

Verbal comments can be made to the court reporter

Your Input Matters!

**COURT REPORTER, EMAIL, OR BY COMMENT FORM.** 

PLEASE SUBMIT VERBAL COMMENTS TO A

Ways to Comment MONTGOMERY ROAD

address no later than September 28, 2016 in order to

become part of the official public hearing record. The correspondence should be addressed to: Jennifer O'Connell, Senior Project Manager

## **Comment Form**

Email

**Court Reporter** 



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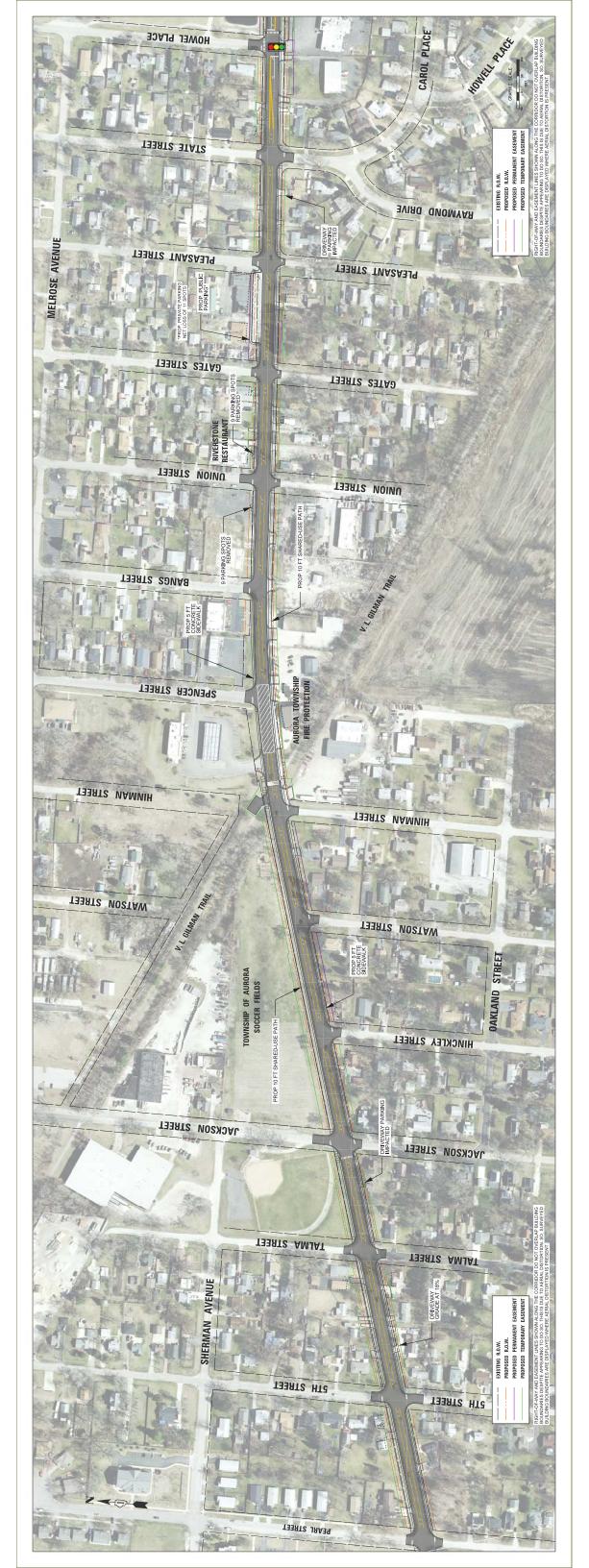


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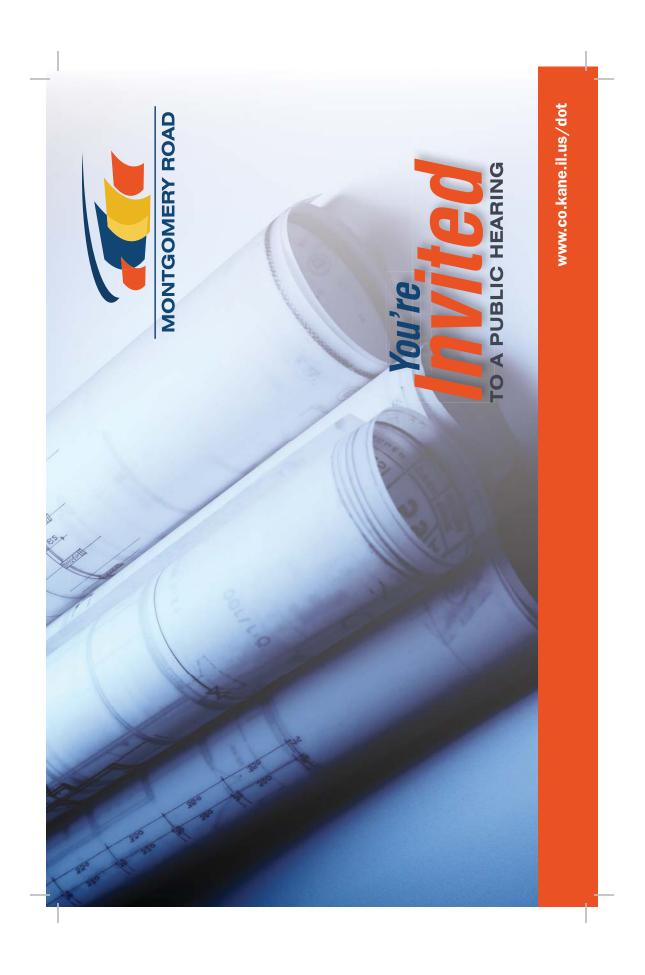
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## You're Invited!

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Montgomery Village Hall Community Room, Upper Floor 200 N. River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

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The purpose of the meeting is to seek public comments

MONTGOMERY ROAD

Montgomery Road Study Kane County Division of Transportation 41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, IL 60175 The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is conducting a public hearing to provide an overview of the Montgomery Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study and to present the preliminary Preferred Alternative.





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## Fact Sheet

Your Fact Source for the Montgomery Road Study

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## Purpose and Need

#### The PURPOSE of the project is to:

- Provide a transportation infrastructure that *enhances operational efficiency*
- Provides additional capacity for the projected traffic volumes
- Enhances roadway safety
- Provide drainage improvements

#### The project is NEEDED to meet:

- Future capacity needs
- Provide safe travel conditions
  - Provide bicycles and pedestrians accommodations

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## **Project Overview**

*The Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study evaluates an approximately 2.2-mile section of Montgomery Road between Briarclift Road on the west and Hill Avenue on the east.* The study area is located in the Village of Montgomery and the City of Aurora, within Aurora Township and Kane County, Illinois. The 2.2-mile section of Montgomery Road between Briarcliff Road and Hill Avenue traverses a range of land uses from single and multi-family residential to commercial, as well as several public parks, the Virgil Gilman Nature Trail, the Aurora Township Cemetery, the Fox Valley Park District Aquatic Center, and active agricultural lands. There is the presence of the Aurora Township Fire Department #2 near Montgomery Road and Spencer Street and PACE Bus Routes #528 and #529 along a portion of the study corridor.

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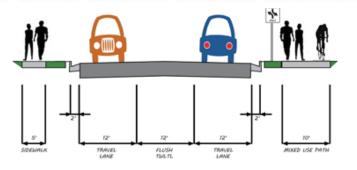


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## **Preliminary Preferred Alternative 3-LANE URBAN CROSS SECTION**



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- > Enhanced Drainage
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There will be land acquisition impacts associated with this project, however, refined locations and amount will be determined during later phases of the project as funding is identified.

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Verbal comments can be made to the court reporter while written comments and questions may be submitted during the public hearing, emailed, or mailed to the below address no later than September 28, 2016 in order to become part of the official public hearing record. The correspondence should be addressed to:

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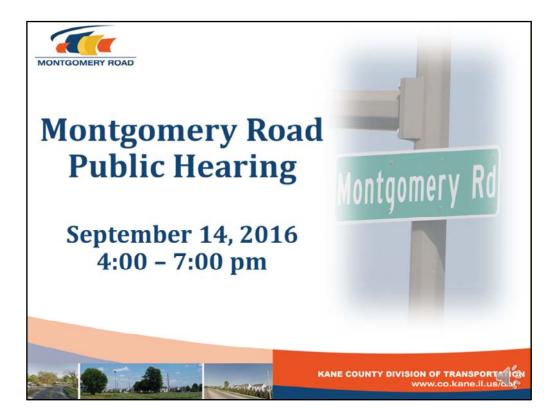
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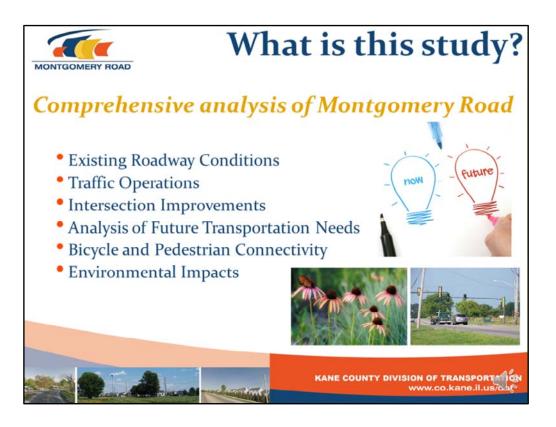


The Kane County Division of Transportation welcomes you to the Public Hearing for the Montgomery Road Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Phase 1 Study. This Engineering and Environmental study is the first step in the planning process.



Kane County values your input at tonight's meeting on the preliminary preferred alternative, and the use of recreational land. The proposed improvements will require small strips of land along Montgomery Road from the following recreational areas: the Aurora Township Soccer Field, Virgil Gilman Trail, Phillips Park Aquatic Center, and Phillips Park Golf Course.

We look forward to your continued involvement during future phases of this project.



This comprehensive study includes an analysis of the:

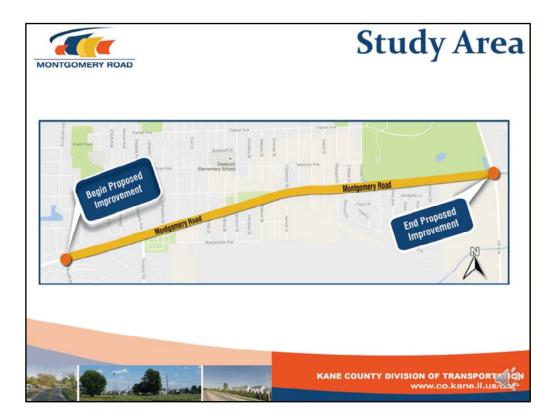
- Existing roadway conditions
- Traffic Operations
- Intersection improvements
- Analysis of future transportation needs
- Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and
- Associated impacts on the environment and the communities



The review of existing conditions in the study area showed deficiencies in the roadway's performance and capacity to effectively serve all travel modes. Among these deficiencies are:

- Insufficient infrastructure to handle the high traffic volumes,
- Substandard geometric designs that restrict turning movements,
- Limited pedestrian, bicycle and transit amenities along the study corridor, such as continuous sidewalk networks and safe bike path crossings, and
- Deficient drainage systems that are leading to flooding conditions.

Due to these needs, we took an opportunity to look at comprehensive long-term solutions, such as multi-modal connectivity, address roadway deficiencies, and intersection improvements, while minimizing impacts to the environment.



The Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study evaluates an approximately 2.2-mile section of Montgomery Road between Briarcliff Road on the west and Hill Avenue on the east located in the Village of Montgomery and the City of Aurora.

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A Phase I Engineering and Environmental Study requires several steps and includes:

- Analyzing existing and future conditions
- Identifying alternatives
- Selecting a Preferred Alternative based on stakeholder input as well as technical and environmental analyses
- Conducting environmental studies to identify natural, built and social resources. This element of the study is quite extensive and follows the National Environmental Policy Act (referred to as NEPA) which considers environmental impacts and values. Environmental aspects reviewed include social and economic factors, natural resources, air quality, water quality, special waste areas and wetlands.

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Preparing a Project Development Report and other supporting reports that document the study that will be used in future phases of the overall design and the potential construction of the roadway project.

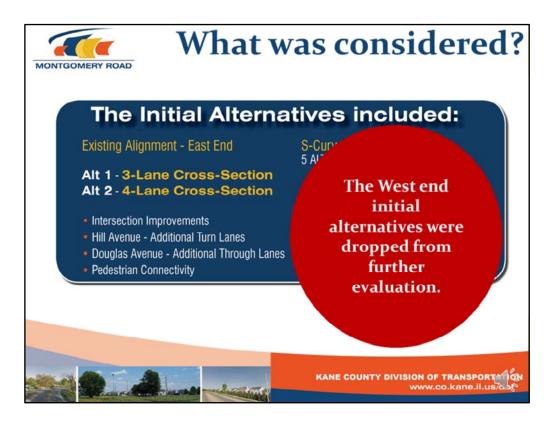


Stakeholder outreach and involvement have been crucial to the successful progress of the Phase I Study.

The study began with a Public Information Meeting where the stakeholders provided input on the issues and concerns as they related to transportation in the corridor.

A Stakeholder Focus Group was formed. It was comprised of a diverse group of local representatives, with both technical and non-technical backgrounds. Their mission was to provide input to the project study team throughout the alternative development process.

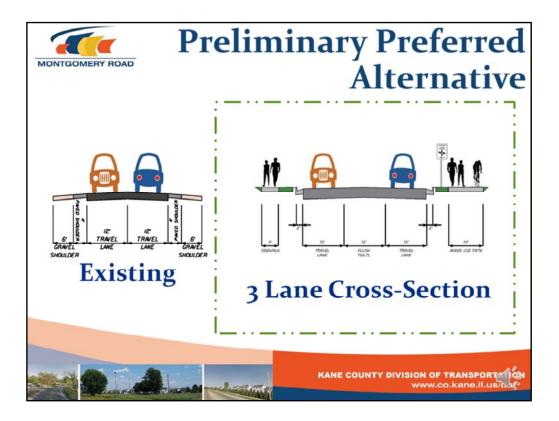
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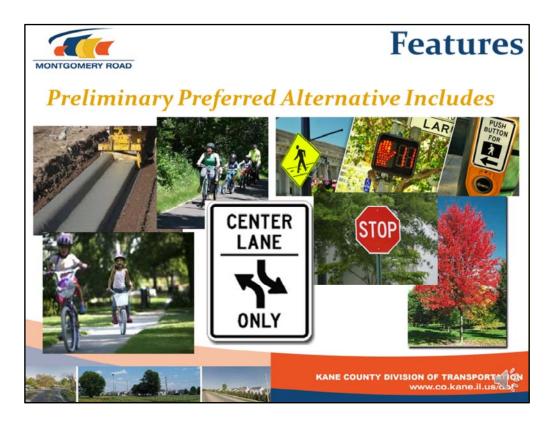
During the alternative development phase of the project, a 3 lane and a 4 lane cross section, intersection improvements, and 5 alternatives on the West end of the project limits, were each considered.

West end alternatives involved roundabout options, and the realignment of Montgomery Road to straighten out the S curve.

However, due to extensive coordination with the Stakeholder Focus Group and other multiple factors and potential impacts, the West end initial alternatives were dropped from further evaluation.

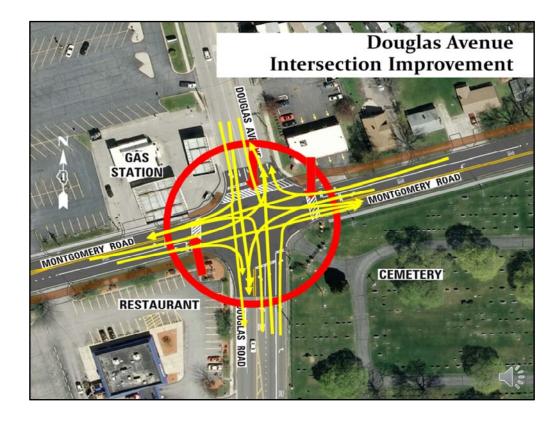


Based on stakeholder input and extensive technical analysis, the three lane cross section best meets the project purpose and need. This preliminary preferred alternative includes a three lane urban cross section along the entire corridor from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue. It consists of one lane of travel in each direction with a center two-way left turn lane.



The features of the preliminary preferred alternative include:

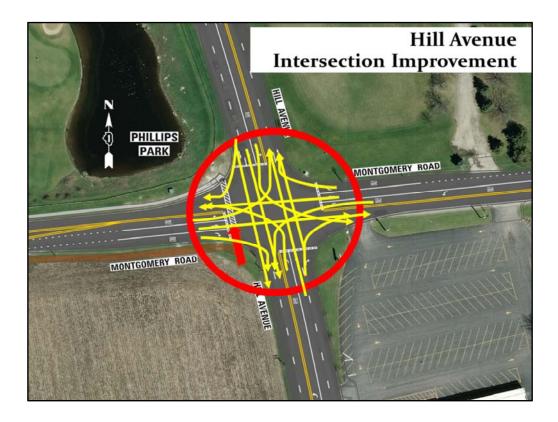
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The Montgomery Road and Douglas Avenue intersection will be improved for operational efficiency and to provide additional capacity for future travel demand. The improvement includes restriping of the northbound approach to provide an exclusive right turn lane and a shared through-left turn lane. Pedestrian crosswalks will remain for the east, west, and north legs of the intersection.

## The Douglas Avenue intersection will work this way -

Moving eastbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 shared thru/right turn lane, 4 Westbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 shared thru/right turn lane, Northbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 right turn lane and finally, Moving Southbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 shared thru/right turn lane



The intersection of Montgomery Road and Hill Avenue will also be vastly improved. The Hill Avenue intersection includes the addition of eastbound and westbound right turn lanes and northbound and southbound exclusive thru lanes. Left turn lanes will remain along Montgomery Road at the intersection as well as a pedestrian crosswalk on the west leg.

## The Hill Avenue intersection will work this way -

Moving eastbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 right turn lane, Westbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 right turn lane, Northbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 shared thru/right turn lane, and finally Moving Southbound: 1 left turn lane, 1 thru lane, 1 shared thru/right turn lane



In development of the preliminary Preferred Alternative the project team seeks to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to the human, cultural, and natural environment.

Upon review, where wetland impacts occurred, the project study team used engineering designs to minimize and mitigate impacts to the affected area.

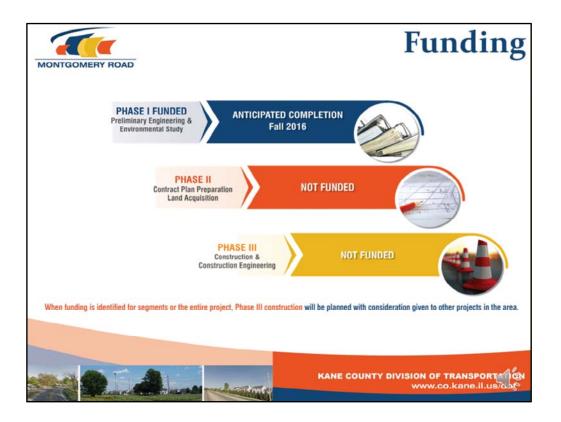


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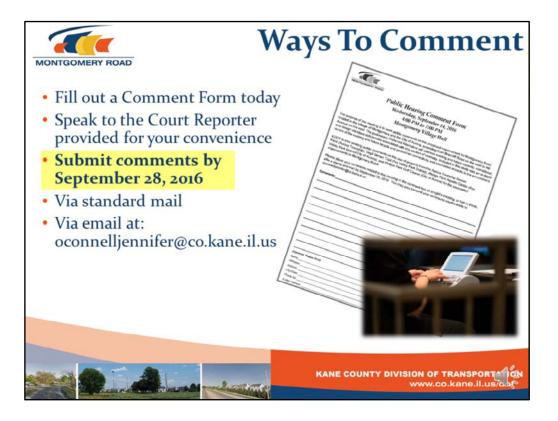
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No residential or business displacements are anticipated.



This current study is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2016. When funding is identified for either a portion or the entire project, future phases will be planned with consideration given to other projects in the area.



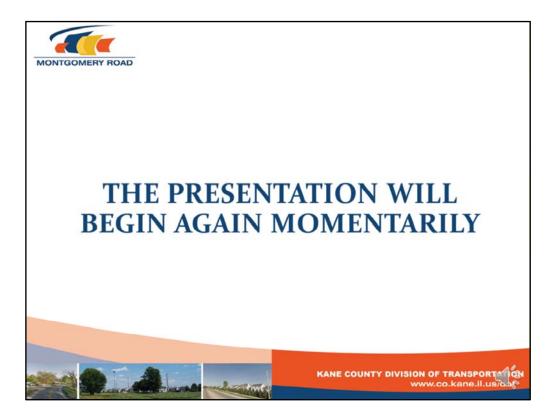
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Comments received by September 28, 2016 will become part of the public hearing record. Your feedback is encouraged throughout the study process.



Please visit the exhibit room to view the preliminary preferred alternative and to speak with study team members.

Thank you for attending the public hearing for the Montgomery Road study.



This presentation will begin again momentarily. Thank you.

f. Written comments received at the public hearing or during the public comment period after the hearing;



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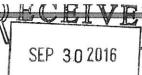
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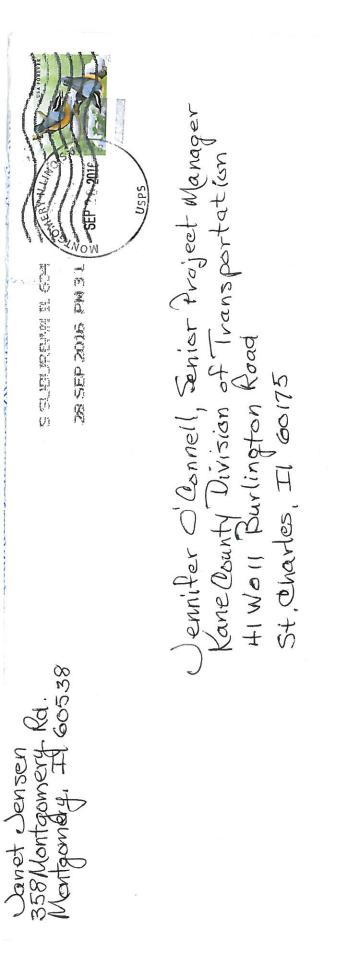
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Thank you again, Jennifer. I would appreciate any communication.

My address is: Paul and CarolSue Veach 524 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

We are the unincorporated house. LOL!

Blessings! CarolSue

CarolSue Veach | Building Coordinator

Naperville Presbyterian Church 943 Sanctuary Lane Naperville, IL 60540 630.961.0579 | <u>CarolSueVeach@NPChurch.org</u>

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From: OConnell, Jennifer [mailto:OConnellJennifer@co.kane.il.us] Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 11:31 AM To: CarolSue Veach Cc: Lazzara, John; Heuer, Timothy Subject: RE: Montgomery Road public Hearing

Hello CarolSue,

Thank you very much for your interest and inquiry into the Montgomery Road Corridor project. You absolutely have a say in the future of this project and that is the purpose of this Public Comment period. I appreciate the comments you provide in your email below and will include them as part of the project record. We plan to begin responding back to all of the individual comments we have received once the public comment period closes in the next few weeks. Would you mind providing your address so we can provide some more in depth information?

Thank you very much, Jennifer From: CarolSue Veach [mailto:CarolSueVeach@npchurch.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 4:30 PM
To: OConnell, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Montgomery Road public Hearing

Me bugging you again, Jennifer.

After going over this information, it looks like the construction will be at my front door, and will take my entire yard if not some of my house.

It also looked in the Stakeholder group that there were no homeowners. Will those of us who will lose our houses have any kind of say in this or are we just plain out of luck?

Sounds like you will get this funded about when my house is paid off, and it will then be worthless. I would really like to stay on top of this since I am a little too old to take out another 30 year mortgage. LOL

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From: OConnell, Jennifer [mailto:OConnellJennifer@co.kane.il.us] Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 2:40 PM To: CarolSue Veach Subject: Montgomery Road public Hearing

Hello Carol,

You will be able to find information regarding the Montgomery Road project at the following website:

### http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx

Scroll down to the bottom to find a section called Documents and there are links to all of the exhibits displayed at the public hearing. I am sorry it took me longer than excepted to upload some of the

necessary documents to our website. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you very much, Jennifer

Jennifer O'Connell, P.E. Senior Project Manager Kane County Division of Transportation (630) 406-7333 <u>oconnelljennifer@co.kane.il.us</u>

From:	William Bell
То:	OConnell, Jennifer
Subject:	Questions about new Right Of Way, and Easements setbacks at East Montgomery Rd.and Crown St.
Date:	Sunday, September 18, 2016 7:19:25 PM

Jennifer,

Good Evening !

My name is William Bell. We live on the S.W. corner of Montgomery Road and Crown St., directly across from the Golf Course. We went to the Village Meeting Weds. Sept. 14th, 2016 to see the new proposed 2.2 mile widening of Montgomery Road from Briarcliff to Hill Ave. I was told by a couple of County representatives of the project, that I could request an aerial map of this project for review from you.

Along with the map I have a few questions or concerns/

They are as follows:

-A) What will be the total width of Montgomery Rd. I can't get a complete width since there is no dimension between the CURB and Sidewalk, or Curb and Mixed Use Path. I can only see 55' off your Brochure, but there shows an area between the Gutter/Curb and the sidewalk, and Curb and the mixed use area that is "green" with no Dimension.

-B) What is the "Right Of Way" Distance and will this ROW measurement come from the middle of new road or Where ? I hear the park will be "exempt" from giving up any property ? If correct, it will all come from the southside of Montgomery Road.

-C) What is the "Easement Distance, and where is it established from ?

-D) It's look like when I look at the map that you have provided you will take my front yard and my driveway, and the "Right Of Way" will consume most of my driveway, and the new "Easement" will come to my Attached 2 car garage door. When asked about this, we were told that someone from the county KDOT, would talk with us about options for another drive way and Garage? Not to mention 2 large Maple Trees in Front where the "mixed use Path" would go.

-E) I see only (3) houses that would be drastically affected by this taking of the property by "eminent Domain", but a :fair" compensation would be paid for this area (Is that the price currently, or the price once the announcement is made to take property).

How could this be if new garages and driveways would have to be put in, and no yard left. -F) How come nobody ever approached any of the residents along Montgomery Road about their input into this new concept ????

-G) Why isn't the bicycle path put on the North side of Montgomery Road along the Golf Course, Swimming Pool, and Soccer field side. If you are going to claim this much property from homeowners along the South side, then why should we have to have people looking into our front windows as they walk along the mixed use path in front of the house. Aren't there setback guidelines for Homes and Garages? will the guidelines for Setbacks be for the County Ordinances or Village Of Montgomery Ordinances?

-H) Who is to be Ultimately responsible for this project, The County KDOT, Village Of Montgomery, or Aurora City? No one from The Village of Montgomery or their Representatives has ever spoken to us, nor has anyone from the County either in regards to this matter.

WE had gone to the initial meeting a few years ago when KDOT held a meeting at the Village hall to explain the idea, and a lot of these questions came up then in regards to where was the county going to get roughly 60-70" of roadway without taking property from homeowners. I had asked at that time "HAS ANYONE SPOKEN TO THE CITY OF AURORA IN REGARDS TO GIVING UP RIGHT AWAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MONTGOMERY ROAD", the response was at that time "Well not yet", but we will talk.

-I) This Stakeholder Focus Group ----Why didn't anyone from this group speak with any of the homeowners that would be affected by this major construction project ?, or were there any homeowners that would be affected by this project on the group ?

-J) Besides the Village of Montgomery Economic Dev. Corp, Kane county forest preserve, City of Aurora, Pace Bus, Fox Valley Park District, Country side Fire Protection,Kane County Div. of Transportation, and a couple of Real estate companies involved , what residents were involved in this decision.

-K) The Bike path that is to put in front of my house, is not needed to connect to Virgil Gilman Trail. The one you show proposed dead ends at Montgomery Road and Hill Ave. anyway. People currently get to the Virgil Gilman Trail by going thru the back end of Park View Estates now, and they don't have to go onto Montgomery Road.

We have lived at this address going on 29 years now, and have seen the addition onto the Golf Course (which really helped, I don't have my windows broken from Bad Golfers, now they hit from the east at Hill Ave. going West to the hole in front of our house.

We have seen the Aquatic Park built, Sunken Gardens, Skate Park, and the soccer field built, and everyone knew when all of these were going to happen.

My Biggest disappointment is that the Village didn't have any representation at these meetings but for a couple of reps. stopping in for 5 mins. at time, and then leave right away, or any village officials meeting with the homeowners that would be part of this new project, and how it will affect property values.

Your responses will be greatly appreciated, and am looking forward to a complete aerial view of Montgomery Road with the changes.

Thank you Again, William / Marianne Bell 915 Montgomery Road Montgomery , IL. 60538

Ph: 630-820-3607

g. Written copy of the verbal comments recorded by the official recorder;

### KDOT PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE:

MONTGOMERY ROAD PHASE I

PUBLIC COMMENTS taken at the public hearing of the above-entitled matter, held at 200 North River Street, Montgomery, Illinois, reported by Kathleen W. Bono, CSR, a notary public within and for the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, on September 14, 2016, commencing at the hour of 4 p.m. MS. PFISTER: Barbara Pfister. I'm at 108 Fellemore Lane, Montgomery, which is corner of, I guess, Broadway and Fellemore at the S curve because it's considered Broadway there and I'm Montgomery Road.

Anyway, I'm looking where they are going to end at Briarcliff just past there, it's very hard to get out of there when you are coming down Briarcliff, I don't know which way this is to make a left to go west, and if they have three lanes it's going to be even worse to pull out of there, can you make suggestions like a stop sign or something?

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I'm just thinking that that's -it's so hard to get out of there now, that they need another lane there to be watching for all those cars because it looks like it's going to go past Briarcliff, not just to it but past according to the maps. I guess that's it for now.

MS. JENSEN: Janet Jensen, 358 Montgomery Road, Montgomery.

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And I think the plan looks good, don't you, Laurie? This is my daughter. There are a few things that I saw that I would like different than what they have on the preplanning here.

I own 356 and 358 Montgomery Road. Right now there is a four-wide driveway of which when they did the road last time they asked if they could open it up to four and that was okay with me. Now, on their plan they are showing it as two separate driveways which shortens the span for parking a car. Right now you can only park one car in one spot. If you park behind it, the back of that car is on the sidewalk.

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So with this new plan that sidewalk that's being planned with the extras is going to bring it even shorter. So I still would like a four wide -- access to be four wide, if possible.

MS. MC DONALD: Pam McDonald, 565 Montgomery Road, Montgomery.

I don't want them to come any

closer to my house. They need to take the road on the other side and forget that stupid soccer field and the parking lot for the gas station or, actually, it's just green space. They don't even need that. If they have to take it, take

it there.

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And they need to put in some stoplights because we have nothing. We have no protection all the way through the whole road. I have asked them for stoplights before and they said oh, we are putting one up by Garios. They should have put one by 5th.

But that's all I have to say. I don't want it that close. I don't want to see them spend all the money taking light poles down and moving fireplugs on the south side of Montgomery Road by where our house is when they can take the open space that's already there without impacting any homes. So that's me. I'm done.

MS. LAHEY: Daphne Lahey. We live at 551 Montgomery Road. And what they are doing is

wrong. Putting curb in and your sidewalk. Who is going to come over and shovel our sidewalk? We are over 70. When they plow, it's going to go on the sidewalk and then we have to move that. They go by and they just watch us to see if we blow the snow a little bit north near the street and they are about having conniption fits and they have a big truck.

Take the other side where the

o4:47:18PM soccer field is. You have plenty of area for an extra lane, a bicycle path and a sidewalk. You don't have to touch our side of the road. That's all it is is a garbage dump. From 1950 it was a garbage dump and who knows what's under that ground. All of us will turn around and get blinded from cancer and it won't be from smoking, from all the crap that everybody put in there.

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It's not right. They never discussed it with us. They made the decision and we are stuck with it. That's all they need is somebody who pays their taxes on time, on

time with all our bills, never give them a stitch of trouble, you know. They never hear from us. Tell them back off. In big letters, underlined.

MR. DAPPS: Vern Dapps, 1301 Crown Drive, Montgomery.

Most of my concerns are about the water control, the flooding, and I have a neighbor next to me that every time it rains, he has a problem because the street is slanted The gentlemen in there say that they are down. going to correct things with the water flow giving -- going down the street so that will control. Because there's no drainage when you get down in front of his house, then it goes up and he gets flooded two or three times a year and I think that this project, if they properly handle the flooding, which I talked to the people in there, it will be a benefit to the people because they are going to get rid of the open ditches along the road and they are going to have drainage and curbs which would be a

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benefit to all the property owners. They may have to lose a few inches or a few feet, 2, 3 feet, I guess, on the south side of Montgomery Road but in general, I think everyone all the way across will benefit from it.

And I think stopping at Briarcliff is a very good idea because the rest of that is winding and a lot of the traffic comes through there, take Briarcliff and go south and they go into Boulder Hill instead of going on down to 25. Boulder Hill is a subdivision. They go into Boulder Hill and so that alleviates some of the traffic. And the left turn lanes most of the back up on Montgomery Road is because there is no left turn lanes. So that should help.

I think totally it's going to benefit the people with the flooding and stuff in their yards along Montgomery Road more so west of Phillips Park going down Montgomery Road, I think it will alleviate a lot of ditch drainage and everything, so it will be fine. In fact, they will probably build the road up a

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bit. In general, I think it's going to help.
It will help.

MS. PASETTI: My name is Linda Pasetti-Olson, 2239 Brentwood Avenue, Montgomery, 60538.

I feel like the Hill Avenue and Montgomery Road area is the most critical and I'd like to see them start at that end. That is a constant back up of traffic that we have addressed, tried to address. I know Aurora has talked about it. We need relief the most at that intersection. That's my key.

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I think the turn lanes are good at that intersection and I think that would be a big improvement and like I said, I can't stress enough, I would like to see them start the project at that end.

MR. OLSON: Rick Olson. I am definitely for the project.

My comment is I think it's about time. If they do nothing else, the Hill Avenue/Montgomery Road intersection is the most important part of this.

STATE OF ILLINOIS ) ) ss. COUNTY OF DU PAGE )

I, KATHLEEN W. BONO, CSR, do hereby certify that I am a court reporter doing business in the State of Illinois, that I reported in shorthand the testimony given at the hearing of said cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid.

> KATHLEEN W. BONO, CSR License No 084-001423

h. Written responses to any comments received at the public hearing or during the public comment period after the hearing;

Carl Schoedel, P.E. Director of Transportation County Engineer



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January 27, 2017

Ms. Teresa Sperling Trustee Village of Montgomery 1659 Lexington Drive Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. Sperling,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted regarding stakeholder coordination and the proposed improvements including the center turning lane and pedestrian access have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your general support of the proposed improvements. Stakeholder feedback is very important to the process. Stakeholder comments have resulted in changes to various design elements within the proposed plan such as the proposed cross section (from a four-lane to a three lane section), pedestrian access, and even driveway design. Coordination with stakeholders will continue through all phases of this project from planning through construction. Although direct impacts to property owners cannot be avoided in all cases, the project team will work with and coordinate with property owners to minimize impacts and define proper compensation for any losses. All comments are also submitted to the reviewing agencies for their use when reviewing study documents. Please note that direct impacts to properties will not be finalized until additional coordination is completed. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

Your comments regarding pedestrian access are noted. Sidewalks and multiuse paths are proposed along Montgomery Road based on several factors including public comments from the first public meeting, the IDOT's Complete Streets policy, and meeting one of the identified needs of the project. Multiple comments were received during the first public meeting requesting enhancements to pedestrian access along the corridor. In addition, this project must follow the IDOT's Complete Streets policy which is intended to make sure transportation improvements are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Enhanced pedestrian access was also identified as a project need by stakeholders at the beginning of the project. The continuation of sidewalk and multi-use path for the length of the corridor provides continuity of trails and access that is currently needed to get to homes, businesses, schools, parks and public transit.

The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (<u>http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx</u>).

Your feedback is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us or phone (630) 584-1170.

Very truly yours,

Carl Schoedel

Director of Transportation/County Engineer



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January 27, 2017

Mr. Melivin Frieders Parkside Lanes – Skating Rink 95507 Farnsworth Avenue Aurora, IL 60504

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mr. Frieders,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the September 14, 2016 Public Hearing. Your comments submitted regarding parking and property impacts and drainage are included as part of the public record for this project and included in the Phase I Project Report. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed improvements and would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments. Please find attached several exhibits showing details of improvements on and near your properties. The impacts to your property are anticipated to include both temporary and permanent needs. The following table details proposed permanent (right of way and permanent easement) and temporary impacts (temporary easement) on the Krzyzowski Family-owned parcels. Temporary easements are lands that are planned for temporary use by construction crews so that they can safely access and build the improvements.

Tax PIN	Take Area (acres)	Width of Take (feet)	Type of Take	Purpose	Approximate Proposed Station	LT/RT
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15-35-230-021	0.0515 ac	ft.	Way	Proposed Right of Way	170+00	LT
15-35-230-021	0.1681 ac	8 to 22 ft.	Temporary Easement	Grading/Storm Sewer Install	170+00	LT
15-35-230-022	0.2261 ac	28 to 17.5 ft.	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	167+00	LT
15-35-230-022	0.0920 ac	0 to 40 ft.	Permanent Easement	Storm Sewer	167+00	LT
15-35-230-022	0.0100 ac	0 to 6 ft.	Temporary Easement	Grading	167+00	LT
15-35-251-003	0.9254 ac	22 to 30 ft.	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	155+00	RT
15-35-251-003	0.3416 ac	10 ft.	Temporary Easement	Grading/Storm Sewer Install	155+00	RT
15-35-400-006	0.0499 ac	7 ft.	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	322+00	RT
15-35-400-006	0.0713 ac	10 ft.	Permanent Easement	Grading	322+00	RT
15-35-400-010	1.2408 ac	27 to 48 ft.	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	322+00	LT
15-35-400-020	0.2063 ac	0 to 8 ft.	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	330+00	RT
15-35-400-020	0.1515 ac	VAR	Permanent Easement	Storm Sewer/Parking Improvements	330+00	RT
15-35-400-020	0.1314 ac	VAR	Temporary Easement	Grading	330+00	RT
15-35-400-024	0.1145 ac	VAR	Proposed Right-of- Way	Proposed Right of Way	326+00	RT
15-35-400-024	0.0712 ac	10 ft.	Permanent Easement	Proposed Storm Sewers	326+00	RT
15-35-400-024	0.0994 ac	VAR	Temporary Easement	Grading	326+00	RT

Please note that this Phase I study must follow all state and federal processes to ensure the capability of securing federal funds for construction. This project was designed to try and best balance all competing needs. This project must meet requirements of the IDOT design standards, IDOT Complete Streets policy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 4(f) Legislation. The IDOT Complete Streets policy is intended to make sure transportation improvements are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The NEPA ensures that the environmental impacts of any proposed improvement are fully considered and that appropriate steps are taken to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Section 4(f) legislation protects publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic sites. A Section 4(f) resource cannot be impacted unless no feasible and prudent alternative exists. In that case, an alternative that causes least overall harm to the resource must be selected. As part of the alternative evaluation process a three lane section was selected over a four lane section along Montgomery Road to minimize impacts to homes, businesses, and other resources. An enclosed drainage system was also proposed with curb and gutter as opposed to shoulders, ditches and swales to minimize impacts. Impacts must be balanced. At this time, impacts to your properties cannot be avoided. As the project progresses in design it may be possible to further minimize your impacts. The design is only at approximately 30%. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

We would like to address your comment about the proposed improvements and parking. Please note that each parcel fronting the proposed improvements was analyzed for impacts to parking. Efforts to minimize impacts included updating the roadway profile, providing a closed drainage system, and selecting a proper alignment for proposed storm sewers. Permanent parking impacts to commercial properties were identified where proposed right of way was overlapping or within 3 feet of the parking lot limits. The proposed improvements will result in permanent impacts to your parking. In total, 12 spots will be required. This total is 2 higher than was presented at the Public Hearing. The impacts are a result of required changes to the access to/from your properties. Due to safety concerns, IDOT required a design change from the existing configuration to a standard right-in right-out access for the Parkside Lanes parking lot from Hill Avenue. It total, 24 parking spaces are impacted (Parcel 15-35-400-020) as part of the proposed improvements which include widening along Hill Avenue at the intersection, drainage improvements, access changes, and land for future pedestrian access. A total of 12 parking spaces are proposed to mitigate for some of the areas impacted. The proposed plan at this time based on the preliminary analysis is to provide 6 parallel parking spots along proposed lot limits and provide 6, 60-degree angle spots along existing southernmost access point (which is proposed for relocation). Temporary parking closures will also be required upon construction of the proposed improvements. Parking impacts are shown on an attached Parking Impacts Exhibit.

The flooding concerns on your farm fields along the creek are noted. The proposed drainage outlet to Waubonsie Creek has been approved by IDOT Hydraulics. Flow shall be regulated into the creek via re-graded ditches with stone rip-rap to house the capacity and slow the velocity of the outletting roadway drainage.

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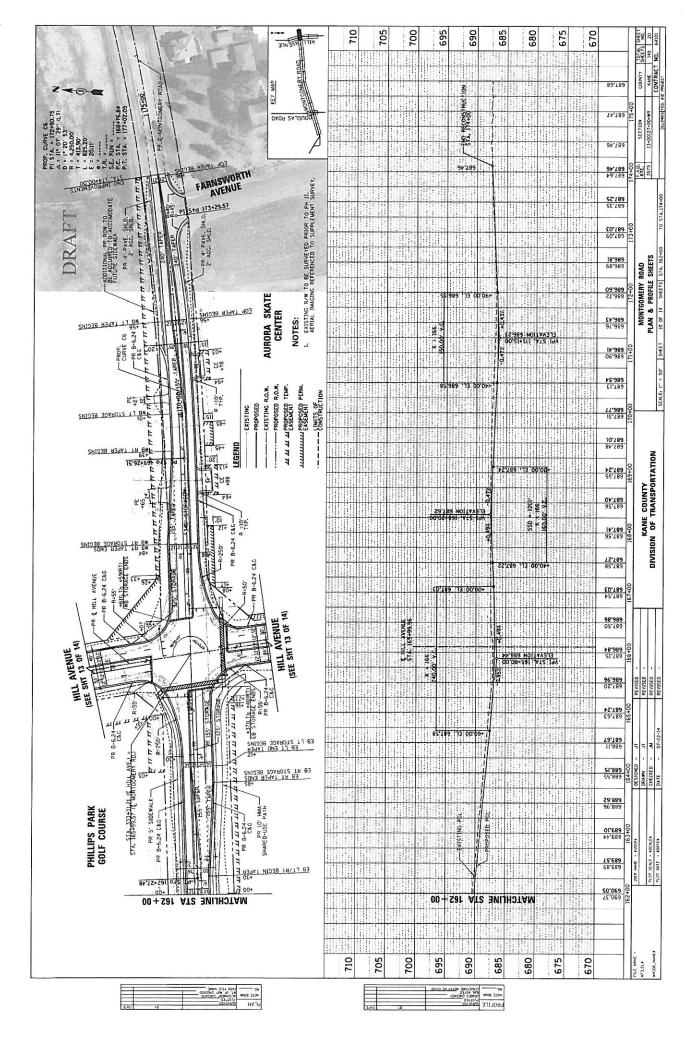
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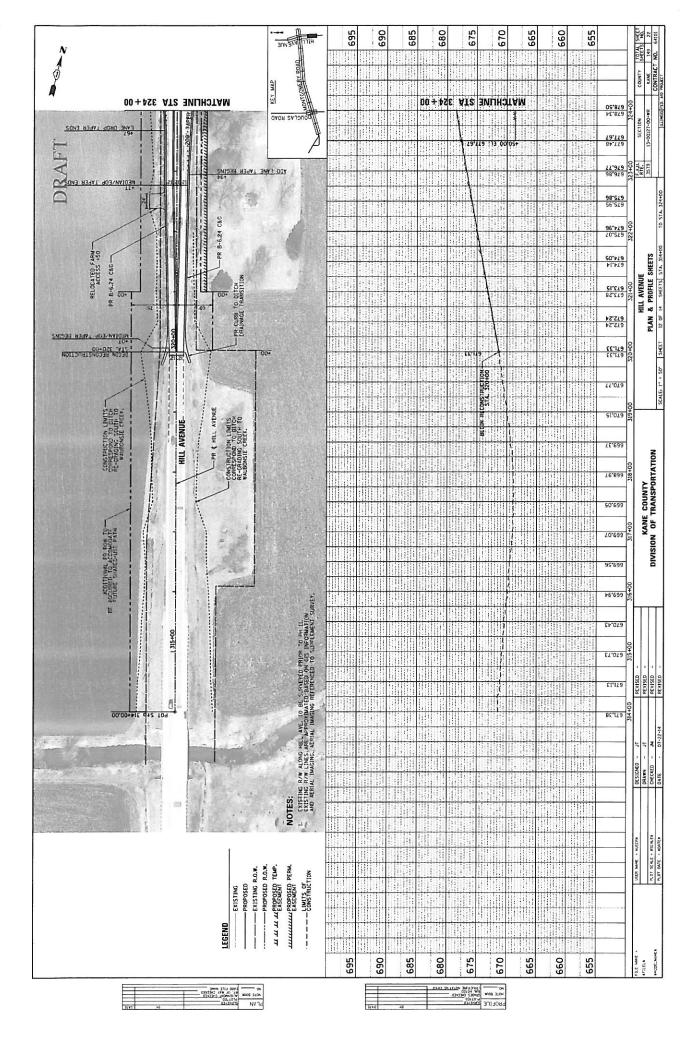
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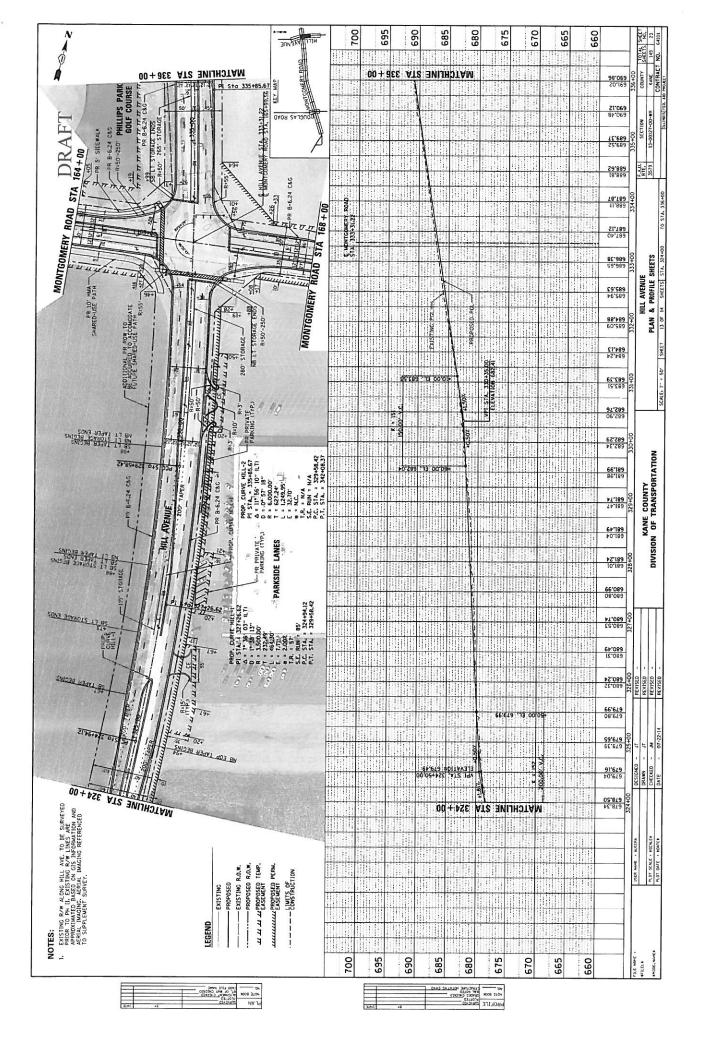
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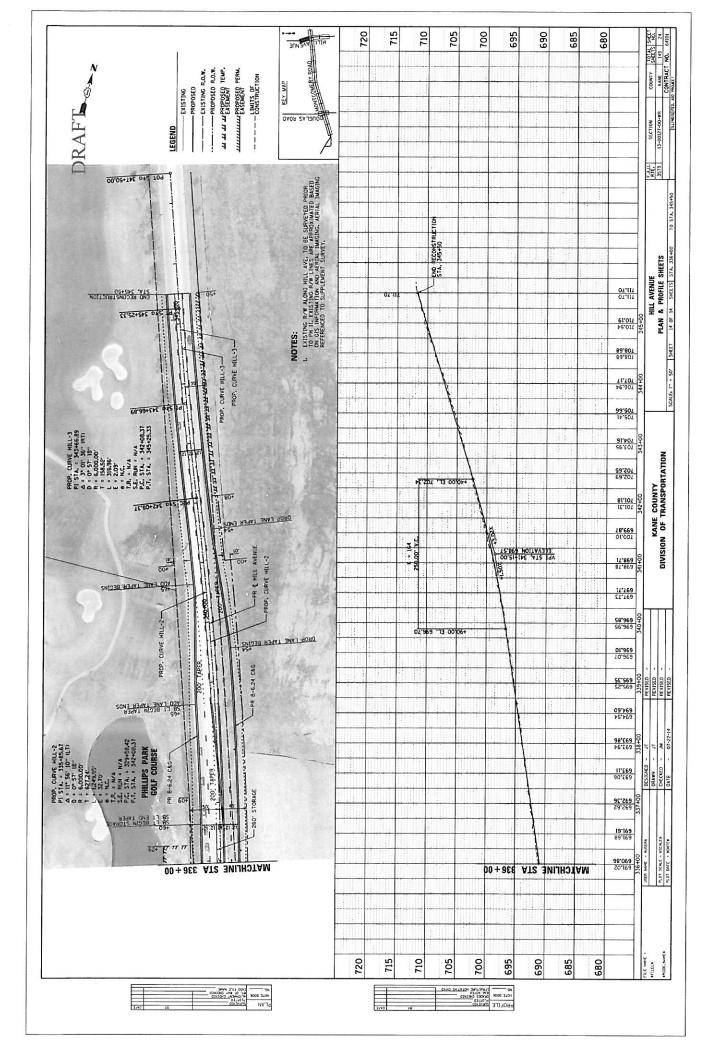
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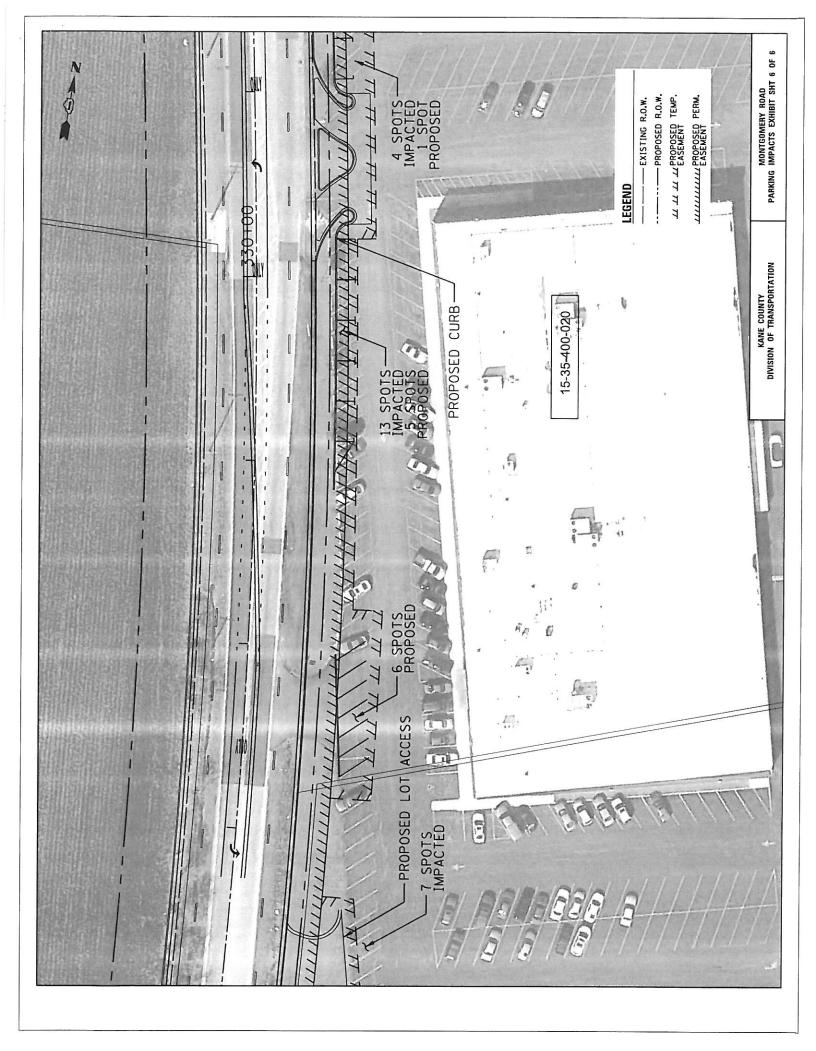


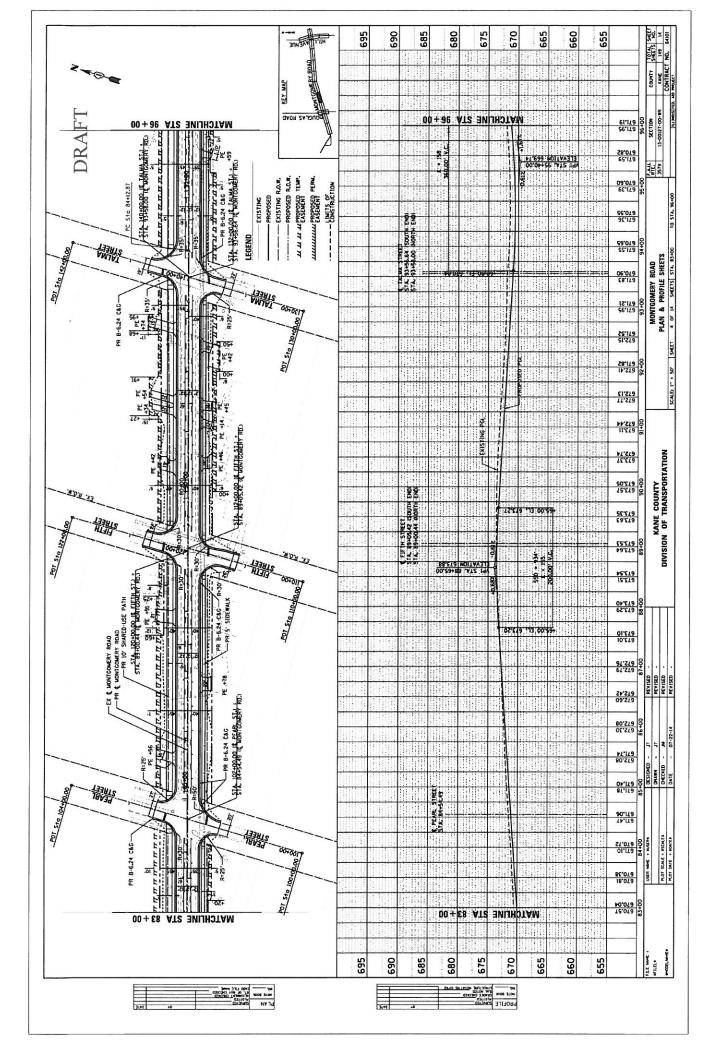












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Ms. Janet Jensen 358 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. Jensen,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter and mail (comment form) regarding 356 and 358 Montgomery Road property history, driveway impacts and project plans have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate the information regarding past Montgomery Road improvements, your existing parking constraints, and approval of the plans in general. We are evaluating your request to modify the proposed plan from two separate driveways to four-wide parking at your two properties. It appears through preliminary review that your request can be fulfilled. Refer to the image below (Exhibit 1) for your reference showing the updated plan at your properties. The plan sheet is also attached with this letter. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

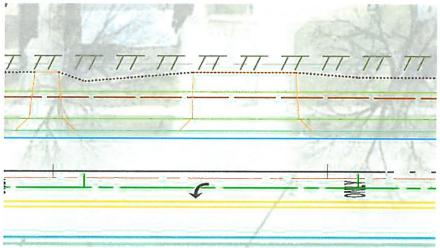


Exhibit 1. Excerpt from Montgomery Road Plan of Preferred Alternative showing revision of driveway at 356, 358 Montgomery Road

For your reference, the next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information please see the project website (<u>http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx</u>).

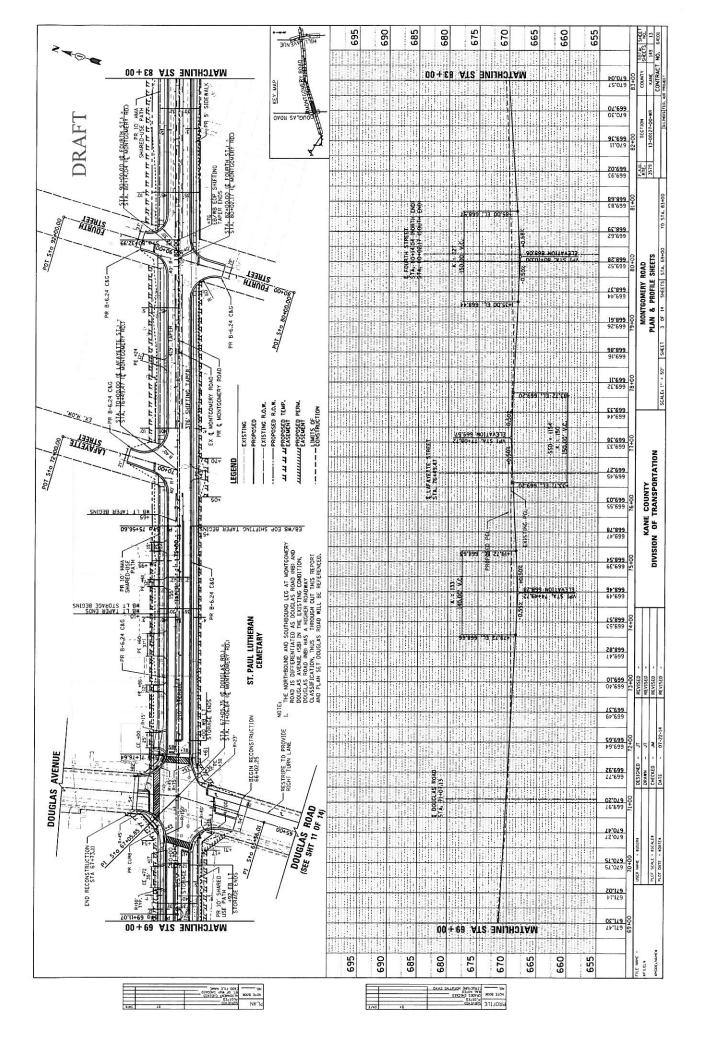
Your feedback is important to us. I hope we were able to modify the proposed plan to your satisfaction. We appreciate your cooperation with the proposed improvements to Montgomery Road. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <u>kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</u> or phone (630) 584-1170.

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Ms. CarolSue Veach 524 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. Veach,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study, your attendance at the first Public Meeting, and comments submitted for the September 14, 2016 Public Hearing. Your comments submitted regarding property impacts and stakeholder coordination are included as part of the public record for this project and included in the Phase I Project Report and Section 4(f) parks documentation. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed improvements and would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments. Please find attached an exhibit that details improvements at your residence. In regards to your comment about construction being at your front door and possibly taking some of your house, please note that if you were reviewing the improvements shown on aerial maps from the Public Hearing, some of the issue may lie with the aerial mapping. Please note that right of way and easement lines shown along the corridor do not overlap building boundaries despite appearing to do so. This is due to aerial distortion. So, surveyed building boundaries are displayed where aerial distortion is present. The project survey coordinates were used to identify existing features, including buildings and driveways, along the corridor. At this time, your front yard and driveway are impacted; however, your home will not be directly impacted. The impacts to your property are anticipated to include both temporary and permanent needs. A multiuse path and underground drainage (proposed storm sewers) are proposed to run with the permanent acquisition. Permanent right of way lines for grading and storm sewer installation. Temporary easements are offset an additional 5 feet from right of way lines for grading and storm sewer installation. Temporary easements are lands that are planned for temporary use by construction crews so that they can safely access and build the improvements. The larger temporary easement impacts shown are needed to accommodate the bikepath slope and re-establish your driveway to a typical driveway grade.

Please note that this Phase I study must follow all state and federal processes to ensure the capability of securing federal funds for construction. This project was designed to try and best balance all competing needs. This project must meet requirements of the IDOT Complete Streets policy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 4(f) Legislation. The IDOT Complete Streets policy is intended to make sure transportation improvements are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The NEPA ensures that the environmental impacts of any proposed improvement are fully considered and that appropriate steps are taken to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Section 4(f) legislation protects publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic sites. A Section 4(f) resource cannot be impacted unless no feasible and prudent alternative exists. In that case, an alternative that causes least overall harm to the resource must be selected. As part of the alternative evaluation process a three lane section was selected over a four lane section to minimize impacts to homes and other resources. An enclosed drainage system was also proposed to minimize impacts. Impacts must be balanced. At this time, impacts to your property cannot be avoided. As the project progresses in design it may be possible to further minimize your impacts. The design is only at approximately 30%. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

We would like to address your comment about residents having a say in the revised plan as well as representation in the Stakeholder group. Stakeholder feedback is very important to the planning process. Stakeholder comments have resulted in changes to various design elements within the proposed plan such as the proposed cross section, pedestrian access, and even driveway design. Coordination with stakeholders will continue through all phases of this project from planning through construction. Although direct impacts to property owners cannot be avoided in all cases, the project team will work with and coordinate with property owners to minimize impacts and define proper compensation for any losses. All comments are also submitted to the reviewing agencies for their use when reviewing study documents.

Residents were officially approached via an invitation to attend both the Public Meeting and Public Hearing. In addition, project details and team contact information were and still are available on the project website available through the county website. Your comments regarding the stakeholder focus group are noted. Group membership included representation from communities, local agencies and special interest groups. Residents and businesses were indirectly represented through the local communities. Any residential and business concerns are reported by representatives from the corresponding community. Since the public meeting in 2013 the plan has changed in an effort to minimize impacts along the corridor. A three lane section was chosen as a feasible alternative over the four-lane alternative. Curb and gutter and an enclosed drainage system were also chosen to minimize impacts over the existing system of shoulders and ditches/swales. A bulk of the impacts now are a result of the proposed sidewalk and multiuse path. Sidewalks and multiuse paths are proposed along Montgomery Road based on several factors including public comments from the first public meeting requesting enhancements to pedestrian access along the corridor. Enhanced pedestrian access was also identified as a project need by stakeholders at the beginning of the project. The continuation of sidewalk and multi-use path for the length of the corridor provides continuity of trails and access that is currently needed to get to homes, businesses, schools, parks and public transit.

Your concerns about property values are noted. Please note that this project is not subject to eminent domain. Any land acquisition will be completed following the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended (Uniform Act). Additional coordination with you on the proposed design will occur before the design is finalized and any property or driveway modifications are negotiated and designed.

The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information please see the project website (http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx).

Your feedback is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend a public meeting and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <u>kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</u> or phone (630) 584-1170.

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January 27, 2017

Mr. William Bell 524 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mr. Bell,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and your attendance and comments at both the first Public Meeting and most recent Public Hearing. Your comments submitted through email regarding property impacts and stakeholder coordination are included as part of the public record for this project and included in the Phase I Project Report and Section 4(f) parks documentation. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed improvements and would like to address some of the concerns raised in your e-mailed comments. Please find attached two exhibits that provide design details at your residence, as requested. Please note that right of way and easement lines shown along the corridor do not overlap building boundaries despite appearing to do so. This is due to aerial distortion. So, surveyed building boundaries are displayed where aerial distortion is present. The project survey coordinates were used to identify existing features, including buildings and driveways, along the corridor.

At this time, your front yard and driveway are impacted; however, your home and garage will not be directly impacted. The proposed impacts to your property are anticipated to include both temporary (approximately 0.0340 acres) and permanent (approximately 0.0550 acres) needs. A multiuse path and underground drainage are proposed to run with the permanent acquisition. Temporary easements are offset 11 feet from right of way lines. Temporary easements are lands that are planned for temporary use by construction crews so that they can safely access and build the improvements. Montgomery Road is being widened to 36 feet, 18 feet on each side of the proposed centerline. The proposed centerline is 6 feet south of the existing centerline. The bike path is offset 7 feet from the proposed edge of pavement and is 10 feet wide. The offset is calculated from the edge of pavement and not the back of curb. A 2.5-foot wide curb and gutter is proposed and does not impact the path offset. Right of way is offset 11 feet from your garage. The path is offset 21 feet from your garage and approximately 26 feet from your house. A tree survey was included as part of the scope of this project. The survey was conducted according to current standards and identified all trees within the study area as well as their size, type and health. All proposed tree impacts are documented in the project report and does identify the loss of one tree in your front yard.

Your concerns about property values are noted. In regards to your question regarding eminent domain, please note that this project is not subject to eminent domain. Any land acquisition will be completed following the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended (Uniform Act). While there are setback guidelines for homes and garages, the project also must balance those with design requirements to provide for a safe roadway with adequate capacity. The setback requirements are taken into consideration upon further coordination with you as the design is finalized and any driveway or garage modifications are negotiated and designed.

To address your question on disclosure, should you decide to sell your home in the near future, please note that contract documents have not been prepared for this project. For further guidance please consult your real estate agent or lawyer.

We would like to address your question about residents being approached regarding the revised plan. Residents were officially approached via an invitation to attend both the Public Meeting and Public Hearing. In addition, project details and team contact information were and still are available on the project website available through the county website. Your comments regarding the stakeholder focus group are noted. Group membership included representation from communities, local agencies and special interest groups. Residents and businesses were indirectly represented through the local communities. Any residential and business concerns are reported by representatives from the corresponding community. Since the public meeting in 2013 the plan has changed in an effort to minimize impacts along the corridor. A three lane section was chosen as a feasible alternative over the four-lane alternative. Curb and outter and an enclosed drainage system were also chosen to minimize impacts over the existing system of shoulders and ditches/swales. A bulk of the impacts now are a result of the proposed sidewalk and multiuse path. Sidewalks and multiuse paths are proposed along Montgomery Road based on several factors including public comments from the first public meeting, the state's Complete Streets policy, and meeting one of the identified needs of the project. Multiple comments were received during the first public meeting requesting enhancements to pedestrian access along the corridor. Enhanced pedestrian access was also identified as a project need by stakeholders at the beginning of the project. The continuation of sidewalk and multi-use path for the length of the corridor provides continuity of trails and access that is currently needed to get to homes, businesses, schools, parks and public transit.

Please note that this Phase I study must follow all state and federal processes to ensure the capability of securing federal funds for construction. This project was designed to try and best balance all competing needs. This project must meet requirements of the IDOT Complete Streets policy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 4(f) Legislation. The IDOT Complete Streets policy is intended to make sure transportation improvements are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The NEPA ensures that the environmental impacts of any proposed improvement are fully considered and that appropriate steps are taken to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Section 4(f) legislation protects publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic sites. A Section 4(f) resource cannot be impacted unless no feasible and prudent alternative exists. In that case, an alternative that causes least overall harm to the resource must be selected. As part of the alternative evaluation process a three lane section was selected over a four lane section to minimize impacts to homes and other resources. An enclosed drainage system was also proposed to minimize impacts. Impacts must be balanced. At this time, impacts to your property cannot be avoided. Impacts to the park and golf course cannot be avoided either. Coordination is underway with the City of Aurora in regards to proposed impacts to the golf course. As the project progresses in design it may be possible to further minimize your impacts. The Phase I Preliminary engineering process that the project is in now designs the improvements to approximately 30 percent. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

Stakeholder feedback is very important to the planning process. Stakeholder comments have resulted in changes to various design elements within the proposed plan such as the proposed cross section (from a four-lane to a three lane section), pedestrian access, and even driveway design. Coordination with stakeholders will continue through all phases of this project from planning through construction. Although direct impacts to property owners cannot be avoided in all cases, the project team will work with and coordinate with property owners to minimize impacts and define proper compensation for any losses. All comments received are also submitted to the reviewing agencies for their use when reviewing study documents.

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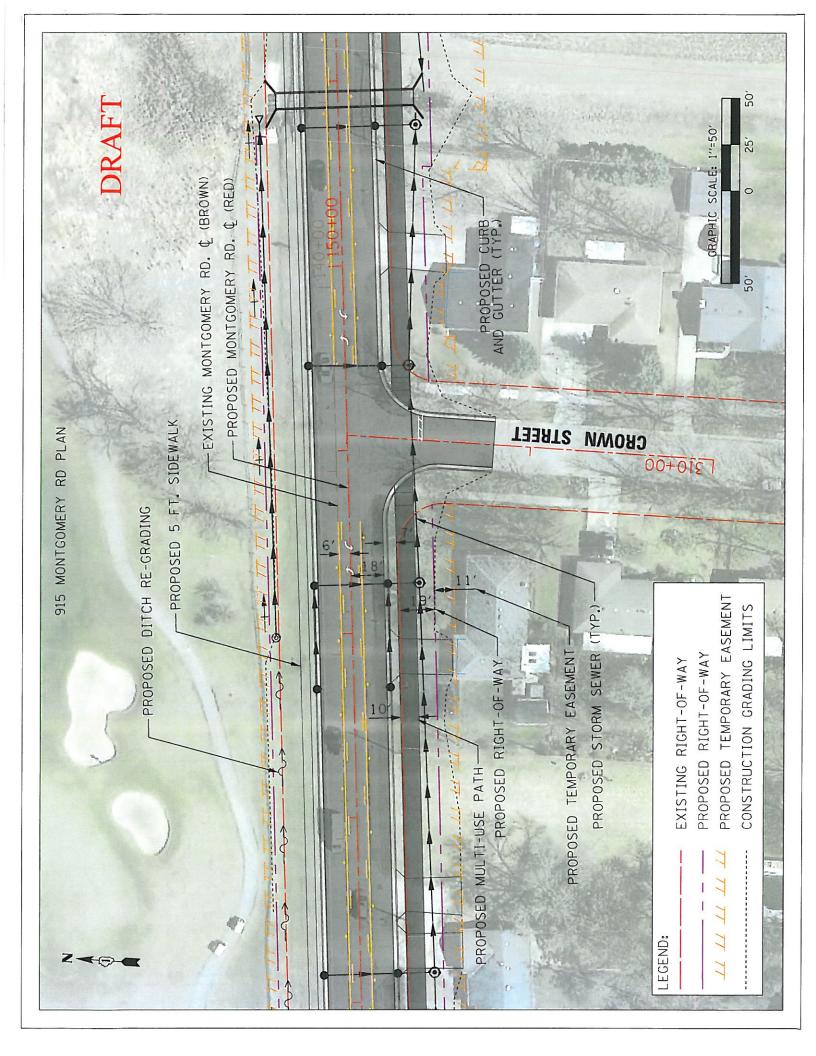
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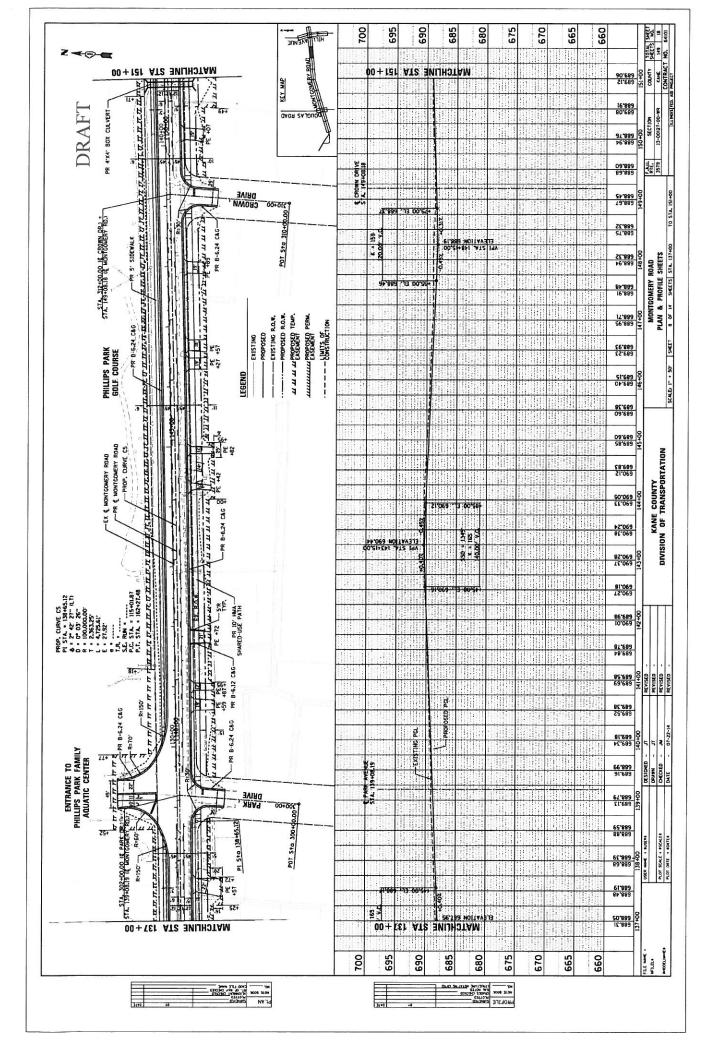
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i. Written responses to the verbal comments recorded by the official recorder.

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January 27, 2017

Ms. Barbara Pfister 108 Fellemore Lane Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comment

Dear Ms. Pfister,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding intersection improvements and the project limits have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed improvements and would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments. The project limits currently terminate just west of the Montgomery Road and Briarcliff Intersection. Based on the results of the study, intersection changes are only warranted at two Montgomery Road intersections within the project limits: Douglas Road and Hill Avenue. Improvements at other intersections are limited to the addition of the center turning lane along Montgomery Road. No improvements are proposed at the Briarcliff Intersection beyond replacing the existing pavement with new pavement and underground drainage improvements; which, is what you saw depicted on the maps at the public hearing. The new pavement will match the existing configuration of the road in this area. Between Briarcliff and Hill a third lane will be added in the center of the road in areas where it is not currently provided for making left turns. Currently a third lane is already provided between Briarcliff and Douglas. The improvements in this section will include replacing the existing roadway shoulder with curb and gutter and underground drainage improvements. As part of the study, traffic and safety were analyzed along the corridor. Based on year 2040 traffic projections provided by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and crash data, no additional traffic signals or stop signs are warranted at the Briarcliff Intersection at this time.

For your reference, the next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (<u>http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx</u>).

I hope we were able to answer your questions. Your input is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <u>kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</u> or phone (630) 584-1170.

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January 27, 2017

Ms. Pam McDonald 565 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. McDonald,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016 as well as the Public Meeting that took place back in October 2013. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding proposed right of way/property impacts and traffic signals have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project and included in the Phase I Project Report and Section 4(f) parks documentation. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed improvements and would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments. Your comments about moving the road to the north where the soccer field is has been noted and included as part of required Section 4(f) documentation that is required for any impacts to publicly owned parks. The Section 4(f) document is currently under review by the state and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This Phase I study must follow all state and federal processes to ensure the capability of securing federal funds for construction. This project was designed to try and best balance all competing needs. This project must meet requirements of the IDOT Complete Streets policy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 4(f) Legislation. The NEPA ensures that the environmental impacts of any proposed improvement are fully considered and that appropriate steps are taken to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Section 4(f) legislation protects publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic sites. A Section 4(f) resource cannot be impacted unless no feasible and prudent alternative exists. In that case, an alternative that causes least overall harm to the resource must be selected. As part of the alternative evaluation process a three lane section was selected over a four lane section to minimize impacts to homes and other resources. An enclosed drainage system was also proposed to minimize impacts. Impacts must be balanced. At this time, impacts to your property cannot be avoided. Impacts to the park cannot be avoided either. As the project progresses in design it may be possible to minimize your impacts further. The FHWA has final say in the selection of the Preferred Alternative. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

In regards to your comments about traffic signals along the corridor, intersection changes are only warranted at two Montgomery Road intersections within the project limits: Douglas Road and Hill Avenue. Improvements at other intersections are limited to the addition of the center turning lane along Montgomery Road. No improvements are proposed at the Briarcliff Intersection beyond replacing the existing pavement with new pavement and underground drainage improvements. Between Briarcliff and Hill a third lane will be added in the center of the road in areas where it is not currently provided for making left turns. As part of the phase I study, traffic and safety were analyzed along the corridor. Based on year 2040 traffic projections provided by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and crash data, no additional traffic signals or stop signs are warranted at this time.

The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx).

Your feedback is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <a href="https://kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us">kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</a> or phone (630) 584-1170.

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January 27, 2017

Ms. Daphne Lahey 551 Montgomery Road Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. Lahey,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding the proposed improvements and corresponding impacts, sidewalk concerns, traffic signals, and special waste have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project and included in the Phase I Project Report and Section 4(f) parks documentation. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments at the public hearing. Curb and gutter is proposed to help address flooding concerns and minimize right of way needed for the improvements as an enclosed drainage system will be placed underground and replace existing shoulders and swales/ditches which require much more land.

Sidewalks and multiuse paths are proposed along Montgomery Road based on several factors including public comments from the first public meeting, the IDOT's Complete Streets policy, and meeting one of the identified needs of the project. Multiple comments were received during the first public meeting requesting enhancements to pedestrian access along the corridor. In addition, this project must follow the IDOT's Complete Streets policy which is intended to make sure transportation improvements are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Enhanced pedestrian access was also identified as a project need by stakeholders at the beginning of the project. The continuation of sidewalk and multi-use path for the length of the corridor provides continuity of trails and access that is currently needed to get to homes, businesses, schools, parks and public transit.

Your comment about pushing the improvements to the north where the soccer field is has been noted and is included as part of required Section 4(f) documentation that is required for any impacts to publicly owned parks and is currently under review by the state and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This Phase I study must follow all state and federal processes to ensure the capability of securing federal funds for construction. This project was designed to try and best balance all competing needs. This project must meet requirements of the IDOT Complete Streets policy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 4(f) Legislation. The NEPA ensures that the environmental impacts of any proposed improvement are fully considered and that appropriate steps are taken to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Section 4(f) legislation protects publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic sites. A Section 4(f) resource cannot be impacted unless no feasible and prudent alternative exists. In that case, an alternative that causes least overall harm to the resource must be selected. As part of the alternative evaluation process a three lane section was selected over a four lane section to minimize impacts to homes and other resources. An enclosed drainage system was also proposed to minimize impacts. Impacts must be balanced. At this time, impacts to your property cannot be avoided. Impacts further.

The FHWA has final say in the selection of the Preferred Alternative. Please note that direct impacts to your property will not be initiated until additional coordination is completed with you. This will likely occur when and if funding can be identified for future phases of this project.

Your special waste concerns are also noted. A special waste assessment and evaluation is included as part of the scope of this project. The site is identified in the Special Waste Report for this study. Special waste analysis including additional soil testing as necessary will continue into subsequent phases of this project.

The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (<u>http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx</u>).

Your feedback is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <u>kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</u> or phone (630) 584-1170.

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Carl Schoèdel Director of Transportation/County Engineer

Cc: Jennifer O'Connell, Senior Project Manager John Lazzara, Engineering Consultant HDR file



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January 27, 2017

Mr. Vern Dapps 1301 Crown Drive Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mr. Dapps,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding general project support, water control, flooding, and project limits have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We would like to address some of the concerns raised in your comments at the public hearing. Upon initiation of the study, water control and flooding were items that were included in the scope. Drainage evaluations identified corridor deficiencies, sensitive features, and flooding history along the corridor. The evaluation also included coordination with on-going and planned drainage improvement projects in the vicinity of the study area. The proposed improvements include an enclosed drainage system with curb and gutter and in-pipe detention. The improvements will help address flooding concerns and minimize right of way needed for the improvements as the enclosed drainage system will be placed underground and replace existing shoulders and swales/ditches which require much more land.

We appreciate your support of the project limit change to Briarcliff Avenue as well as the proposed three-lane section with the center turning lane. Next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx).

Your feedback is important to us. Thanks again for taking the time to attend the Public Hearing and comment on this project. If you have further input or questions, please contact the Kane County Division of Transportation at <a href="mailto:kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us">kdotcomments@co.kane.il.us</a> or phone (630) 584-1170.

Very truly yours,

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Ms. Linda Pasetti-Olson 2239 Brentwood Avenue Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Ms. Pasetti-Olson,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding the Hill Avenue Intersection have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your support of the proposed Hill Avenue Intersection improvements. Your comment about prioritization of the improvements is noted and will be taken into consideration as the project progresses into the subsequent phases as funding becomes available. The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx).

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Mr. Rick Olson 2239 Brentwood Avenue Montgomery, IL 60538

RE: Montgomery Road Study from Briarcliff Road to Hill Avenue - Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mr. Olson,

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Road Improvement Study and for attending the Public Hearing on September 14, 2016. Your comments submitted through the court reporter regarding the Hill Avenue Intersection have been received and are included as part of the public record for this project. As you are aware, the purpose of the Public Hearing was to present and obtain input on the Preferred Alternative which includes a three-lane section with curb and gutter, an enclosed drainage system, intersection improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

We appreciate your support of the proposed Hill Avenue Intersection improvements. Your comment about prioritization of the improvements is noted and will be taken into consideration as the project progresses into the subsequent phases as funding becomes available. Hill Avenue is a state route and the Illinois Department of Transportation is involved in this project and aware of the changes needed for this intersection. The next steps in the study include finalizing the Preferred Alternative and Phase I Project Report based on feedback from the Public Hearing and state and federal review comments. The planning phase should be finalized in early 2017. Funding is not currently identified for future phases of this project. Once funding is available, the design, land acquisition, and construction phases of the project would be scheduled. For additional information, please see the project website (http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects/montgomeryRoad.aspx).

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