

Section 7: Stakeholder Involvement Process

This section summarizes the stakeholder involvement process conducted for this planning effort. The stakeholders in the Corridor include McHenry County, Kane County, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois Tollway, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Metra, Pace, and the following municipalities who have current or future land use jurisdiction along IL 47:

- Burlington
- Campton Hills
- Crystal Lake
- Elburn
- Elgin
- Hampshire
- Hebron
- Huntley
- Lake in the Hills
- Lakewood
- Lily Lake
- Montgomery
- Pingree Grove
- Sugar Grove
- Woodstock

Steering Committee

This Plan was made possible by the Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Planning Grant Program grant secured by McHenry County, Kane County, and the City of Woodstock. These three agencies formed the steering committee to represent the needs of both Counties and the City of Woodstock. Throughout the planning process the consultant team met with the steering committee to review deliverables and revise content for all public and stakeholder outreach activities.

Municipal Meetings

Meetings and phone conferences were held separately with each municipality to review the smart growth principles of the project, and identify objectives and preliminary planning challenges with respect to the Corridor. The objectives of this Plan were derived from the smart growth principles, the municipal meetings, and the agency workshops. The meetings also helped to formulate the planning challenges that are presented in this Plan. A municipal meeting summary is provided in the **Appendix D: Stakeholder Participation**.

The concept of development context zones was introduced and preliminary definitions for each development context zone were suggested. Discussions with municipal representatives revealed which development context zones were appropriate and recommended for further refinement.

Illinois Department of Transportation Meeting

A meeting was held with IDOT at the beginning of the planning process and included representatives from Kane County, and McHenry County. The background and purpose of the Plan was discussed.

The issues that were discussed included municipal concerns over future right-of-way needs, lane widths, design speed, non-motorized transporta-

tion, transit, parking, access management, and various traffic calming and traffic control measures. A summary of this discussion is provided in the **Appendix D: Stakeholder Participation**.

Agency Workshop I

Corridor stakeholders participated in an agency workshop consisting of a presentation and two break-out sessions. Workshop participants included representatives from IDOT, Metra, the Illinois Tollway, the Regional Transportation Authority, Kane County, McHenry County, and the municipalities.

The first half of the workshop was designed to build consensus on the existing and desired development context zones for IL 47. The Existing Development Context Zone map was reviewed and was considered an accurate reflection of the existing condition by the participants. No significant changes were recommended. Workshop participants were in general agreement on the key issues pertaining to desired development context zones. There was strong support for the use of smart growth principles and complete streets in each of the desired development context zones. Revisions were recommended to redefine or modify the desired context zone definitions.

During the second half of the workshop, the attendees were asked to identify strategies that they felt would be helpful to promote Complete Streets, compact, mixed use development, and connectivity.

Agency Workshop II

The purpose of the second agency workshop was to review the planning challenges and the toolbox. Participants included representatives from IDOT, Metra, Pace, the Illinois Tollway, the Regional Transportation Authority, Kane County, McHenry County, and the municipalities. Agency representatives provided feedback on both the planning challenges and the toolbox, and were asked to suggest revisions, additions, or deletions to best reflect the needs of the municipalities. Feedback was obtained through two facilitated group discussions. A summary of the second agency workshop is contained in the **Appendix D: Stakeholder Participation**.

Planning Challenge and Tools

Planning Challenge #20:

Regional coordination and education in the use of the planning and development tools is one to the most important challenges in addressing the impacts of growth.

Tools:

- Corridor Planning Council
- Education of Elected Officials, Public and Community
- Support Regional Planning
- Toolbox for IL 47

