



**Illiana Corridor Tier Two
Corridor Planning Group (CPG) / Technical Task Force (TTF) Meeting #3 Summary
May 30, 2013
Will County Fair Atrium – Peotone, IL**

CPG/TTF Meeting #3:

The third CPG/TTF meeting for Tier Two was held on May 30, 2013 at Will County Fair Atrium in Peotone, Illinois.

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation, which was used to explain interchange analysis, design options, local road connectivity, mitigation opportunities, environmental benefits as well as the alternative to be carried forward. To announce the May 30, 2013 CPG/TTF Meeting #3, an email invitation was sent on May 16, 2013 and again on May 28, 2013.

The meeting was attended by 49 participants, 44 of which are members of the Corridor Planning Group, or Technical Task Force, as well as the study team and 5 observers.

Tier Two:

Tier Two will focus on a 950 square mile study area, the continuation of the NEPA process, Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS), a field study and GIS-based impact assessment and financing strategies with the goal of a preferred alternative and environmental footprint and financing plan. A “Tier Two” schedule was presented, identifying the public involvement/NEPA process timeline.

B3 was presented as being IDOT’s first P3 project that will be either “Design-Build” or “Design-Build-Operate-Maintain.” INDOT has previous experience on P3 projects including the recent Ohio River Bridges project. All options (including No-Build) are being analyzed. IDOT and INDOT presented that with P3, it is a good time to take advantage of TFIA loans for private investors.

Agenda:

- TTF Land Use Workshop #2 Overview
- CPG/TTF Meeting Overview
- Alternatives to be Carried Forward
- Road Connectivity Analysis
- Interchange Locations
- Presentation of the Sustainable Design BMP’s
- Next Steps

Questions and Comments



During the CPG/TTF meeting held on May 30, 2013, representatives from local communities and agencies provided comments and/or questions on the development of the Illiana Corridor. Among the topics covered were the following (answers provided by IDOT and INDOT are in parentheses):

- At the Public Meeting, when you have the Q & A session – the people were unfavorable of this way of handling their questions. It’s an emotional issue. It’s a respect issue. The shouting comes when they feel disrespected. They feel the questions were selective, and they feel treated like children having to write their questions down. (We are trying to keep within time constraints, allow everyone an opportunity to comment, as well as trying to consolidate similar questions together. We would like to keep the question-and-answer session as structured as possible, and are open to meeting one on one after the meeting to answer more questions. If you have any better suggestions let us know.)
- On slide # 12 [Develop Strategies to Maintain Growth] I need an explanation. (Property tax may be adjusted over time.)
- In reference to page 18, truck traffic is an issue, what are you doing about this? (The existing truck traffic is partially due to the intermodal facilities and industrially-zoned properties in and around the study area. IDOT and INDOT do not control land use and cannot restrict truck traffic on state routes. The study team is currently developing alternatives for interchange locations for the Illiana Corridor and will evaluate the impacts the new facility will have on local traffic patterns.)
- Are you collecting data to just collect data? (We are collecting survey data to identify the best possible location for the corridor, considering a variety of factors including environmental features and soil conditions. We are also identifying areas that may be suitable to implement sustainable design practices.)
- Radio says a railroad is also being proposed between Coal City & Indiana? (That was an independent proposal made by two transportation activists and is not a component of the Illiana Corridor study. During Tier One, IDOT and INDOT determined that a rail corridor would not address the current needs in the study area and are not evaluating a rail corridor here as part of the study.)
- South Suburban Airport Proposal at Springfield –will that take effect on our study? (The Illiana Corridor project is independent from SSA project. The recent legislation pertaining to the SSA project does not impact the Illiana Corridor study.)
- I would like the surveyors to carry proof of insurance with their name listed on the card when they go on to people’s property. (We will follow up.)
- A meeting set for the middle of June is at the height of farming season for the farmers due to the rain, can you extend in to July? (No, but we can arrange for one on one meetings at times that are more convenient for property owners.)
- What is the No Build? (The No Build alternative is the list of transportation improvement projects that IDOT and INDOT expect to be reasonably in place by the year 2040. IDOT and INDOT’s No Build is different than CMAP’s No Build. For example, IDOT and INDOT expect that the I-80 and I-55 corridors in Illinois will have a lane added in each direction and CMAP does not.)



- I know the Village of Beecher was interested in a Bypass. (We are still looking into that.)
- I don't hear my fellow stakeholders in this room asking questions, you should be asking more questions. (We have done a lot of outreach with the communities over the past 3 years; we continually participate in one on one meetings and address comments as we receive them.)

Representatives from the study team were able to provide responses to each question/concern voiced and differentiated between policies within Illinois and Indiana, where applicable. When the presentation and Q&A concluded, attendees were able to view a printed map at separate stations and ask specific questions to PB and IDOT/INDOT representatives.

Next Steps:

Tier Two next steps include Public Meeting #2 on June 17, 2013 in Indiana and June 18, 2013 in Illinois.