



## **Illiana Corridor Tier Two Corridor Planning Group (CPG) / Technical Task Force (TTF) Meeting #1 Summary March 14, 2013**

### **CPG/TTF Meeting #1:**

The first CPG/TTF meeting for Tier Two was held on March 14, 2013 at the Will County Atrium in Peotone, Illinois from 1:00-3:00 PM.

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation, which was used to recap Tier One, explain what will happen in Tier Two (Purpose and Need, alternatives, landowner outreach, CSS, next steps). To announce the March 14, 2013 CPG/TTF Meeting #1, an email invitation was sent on March 4, 2013.

The meeting was attended by 63 participants, 59 of which are members of the Corridor Planning Group, or Technical Task Force, as well as the study team and four observers.

### **Tier One Recap:**

Tier One "Single Document" Final EIS/ROD was approved on January 17, 2013, thus ending Tier One and beginning Tier Two. This was the first "single document" in the country approved under new MAP-21 streamlining provisions. The two alternatives determined in Tier One were B3 and "No-Action." B3 was selected as an alternative because it has less environmental impacts, higher travel performance, lower construction costs and greater stakeholder support. These alternatives will be carried forward to Tier Two.

### **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 -- as well as the Midwest's -- first P3 project that will be either "Design-Build" or "Design-Build-Operate-Maintain." All options (including No-Build) are being analyzed. IDOT presented that with P3, it is a good time to take advantage of TFIA loans for private investors.

### **Next Steps:**

Tier Two next steps include Task Force Workshop #1 (April 2, 2013-tentative), which will cover corridor sustainability and context design and land use; and Task Force Workshop #2 (mid-April), which will recap and finalize; and CPG/TTF Meeting #2 (April 24, 2013-tentative); and two public



meetings #1 (April 16 in Indiana and April 18 in Illinois), which will be preceded by additional input and technical findings, land surveys and property owner meetings.

## Questions and Comments

During the CPG/TTF meeting held on March 14, 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 are in parentheses):

- The estimated overall cost (\$1.3 billion for P3 “Design-Build”)
- The change of zoning for partially-acquired properties (County and/or township (not IDOT/INDOT) will give variance, which is part of the land acquisition process)
- Numbers used in calculating current congestion to justify B3 (Numbers are available for the 950 square mile study area and are available online)
- Next steps in the property study (Environmental surveys, archeological surveys, geo-tech surveys, how to notify land trustees, ground surveys, appraisals)
- Interchange assessments/road closures (Analyze overall costs and delays, cost of utilities, impact to stakeholders, response time calculations, opportunities to change access according to future planning)
- Which stakeholders have provided input (to narrow the alternatives) thus far in the process? (There were 40 meetings with all of the townships affected and approximately 850 landowners. IDOT/INDOT are still in the process of reaching out and a final alternative has not been determined, so there is still time for input)
- Land use plans/projections and road closures (specifically Egyptian Trail, which is a gravel road). Who pays for upgrade? (IDOT/INDOT are not planning land-use for municipalities; opening/closing of roads and interchanges are based on the 40-year projected land-use plans. IDOT/INDOT bases upgrades/roads/interchanges on these projections, not vice-versa. It is done on a case-by-case basis)
- Landowner 24-hour notification process/conflicts (Surveyors will work with landowners on this process, which has worked very well thus far)
- Opportunities for jurisdictions to get funding for land use (IDOT/INDOT has not identified that yet, will provide possible funding sources)
- Will there be help with local municipalities’ land use planning and/or planning workshops? (Land-use planning is not the role of IDOT/INDOT, but they will offer their contractor’s (PB’s) assistance in helping with land use planning. They will meet with communities on future land use planning and use that for input into the corridor-wide plan. IDOT/INDOT is not driving land use, rather they are helping locally as needed. NIPC and CMAP also play a big role in land use planning)
- RFP release (RFP will coincide with Tier 2 ROD)
- Dates and locations of first public meetings (April 16 in Indiana, April 18 in Illinois, 5- 8 pm, locations TBD)



- Calculations of people/stakeholders not in favor (Those calculations are available online and a “No-Build” option still remains an alternative. Either way, now is the time to resolve/discuss issues).

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 printed and digital maps at four separate stations and ask specific questions from PB and IDOT/INDOT representatives.