

CHICAGO STREET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

July 23, 2013

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Purpose and Objectives
 - Rules of Engagement
 - Comments and Feedback

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3. Project Background
 - Project History and General Description
 - Project Development Process and Project Timeline

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4. Project Overview
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives
 - Benefits and Burdens of preferred alternative
 - Current Design

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5. Design Issues and Community Concerns
 - Roundabout
 - Maintenance of traffic
 - Phasing

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6. Discussion Summary

CAC Members

7. Public Comments

8. Wrap up, Review Action Items and Next Meeting

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CAC Purpose and Objectives

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a group of individuals serving as representatives of their local community and neighborhood groups to act as a liaison for the exchange of information between the community and transportation officials. CAC members are given the opportunity to participate in workshops designed to assist in the evaluation of development of plans for the proposed project. The City of Hammond, along with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) maintain final authority and responsibility concerning decision-making regarding the Chicago Street project.

The purpose of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is, just as the name states, an advisory group. The CAC serves in an advisory capacity and its members play an important role helping with the development of a transportation facility that fits its physical settings and preserves aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources within the community. The Committee will be solicited for input and comments which will assist in preparation of the environmental and engineering documents. Your input will be carefully considered as the project advances through the planning studies into the detailed design and eventually into construction.

The Community Advisory Committee has been selected from area residents, businesses and officials having direct interest in the project. Committee members were selected as representatives of larger groups and will be responsible for coordinating and facilitating communications between the City of Hammond, and American Structurepoint, Inc. as the project is developed.

Additionally, as this project crosses the City of Hammond, both low income and minority populations may be affected by the project. The project team including the City of Hammond, INDOT, FHWA, and NIRPC are committed to being as inclusive as possible in the public involvement aspects of this project. CAC members are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions on methods to further our public outreach to the community.

Rules of Engagement

Mission: To assist the City of Hammond and its partners by providing input on community issues and feedback on specific areas of project development. Members of the CAC will serve as liaisons to their respective groups/organizations and the community at-large.

Individuals selected to serve on the CAC will actively participate in the CAC process. All meetings will be open to the public; however, space may be limited, and non-CAC members will be present in the capacity of observers. Time will be provided at the end of each CAC meeting for members of the public to provide comments.

All meetings will conform to the following Rules of Engagement, requiring participants to be:

- Considerate
- Open to new ideas
- Flexible
- Concise, and
- Brief

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Discussion within the CAC will be limited to those specific areas of the project included in the agenda. Issues raised outside the agenda that are related to the project will be identified as “Parking Lot” items and will be discussed either during the open forum, or placed on the agenda for subsequent meetings. In general, discussion issues include such items as identification of community concerns, further refinements of issues discussed during project development, and other design features that might allow for the project to better “fit” into the community.

Meeting summaries will be prepared and sent out to stakeholders detailing the project, its findings regarding community impacts, and design alternatives agreed upon by the City of Hammond and its partners. Meeting summaries and other project information will be posted on the project website: <http://www.gochicagostreet.com>

Comments and Feedback

Your comments on the proposed project are critical to the environmental assessment process! All CAC meetings will be recorded to capture comments, ideas, and issues raised. In addition to comments made during the CAC meeting, the following are offered as opportunities to provide comments on the project:

1. 4x6 index cards are available to write down any comments. These can be handed to one of the members of the Project Team, or mailed to:

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American Structurepoint, Inc.
Attn: Christine Meador
7260 Shadeland Station
Indianapolis, Indiana 46256

2. Submit comments via e-mail to: GoChicagoStreet@structurepoint.com