Community Advisory Committee Application

Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction Des. No. 1297017 Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

The city of Hammond is developing a project that will reconstruct and widen the former State Route (SR) 312 for approximately 2.1 miles as it crosses the city of Hammond between South Brainard Avenue at the Indiana border with Illinois and White Oak Avenue at the city of Hammond's border with the city of East Chicago, Indiana. This proposed action will improve safety, reduce congestion, improve regional mobility, and repair deteriorating infrastructure, while developing and enhancing this east-west corridor. The City of Hammond is requesting partial funding for this project from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be created to participate in the development of the environmental and engineering evaluations for this project, potentially continuing its direct involvement with the project through the preparation of final design plans and the construction period if it is determined that the project is necessary and can be developed in an environmentally sound manner.

The CAC will be selected from area residents and officials having direct interest in the project, CAC members will be selected as representatives of larger groups and will be responsible for coordinating and facilitating communications between those groups and the City of Hammond, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Plan Commission, INDOT, FHWA, and American Structurepoint.

The CAC is, just as the name states, an <u>advisory</u> group, The CAC will be solicited for input and comments that will assist in preparation of the environmental and engineering documents. Their input will be carefully considered as the project advances through the planning studies into the detailed design and eventually into construction. No determination has been made relative to the number of individuals who may be selected to participate on the CAC.

You are invited to submit this application for inclusion as a member of the CAC. Please provide the information requested below to enable us to select a group of individuals who will desirably constitute a representative assembly of local citizens to guide the development of this project. You will be notified by mail if you are selected and invited to participate in this important group throughout the project development.

Please be aware that although your commitment will not require a significant amount of time, it will be most beneficial if your participation on the committee extends throughout the entire project development effort. Project planning and design will extend through at least 2014. Construction of the project, if determined to be feasible and desirable, is dependent upon acquisition of the right-of-way required and the availability of adequate federal and local funds.







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low long have you lived in the area?:
Vhat group or organization would you epresent?:
Vhat specific interests do you ave regarding this project ?:
additional Comments:

Please return your completed application by May 31, 2013 to:

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