



I-55 Managed Lane Project: Public Meeting #1 Summary

Overview

The first public meeting for the I-55 Managed Lane Project was held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Countryside Conference Center, 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois from 4 – 7 PM. The meeting included an open house format with a continuous audio visual presentation; exhibit boards for review; corridor maps for stakeholders to sketch ideas; individual question/answer chats with team members; and the opportunity to participate in a survey.

This meeting was attended by 49 people. Seven comment forms were received, and 11 people responded to the survey.

Meeting Attendance

The following Transportation Agencies/Organizations were in attendance:

- Brookeridge Airpark
- Chicago Department of Transportation
- City of Countryside
- City of Darien
- Downers Grove Township
- DuPage County
- DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
- Federal Highway Administration
- Pace
- Village of Burr Ridge
- Village of LaGrange
- Village of Willowbrook
- Village of Woodridge

Additional companies represented at the meeting were as follows:

- Hanson
- Lane Construction
- Lin Engineering
- Utility Concrete Products

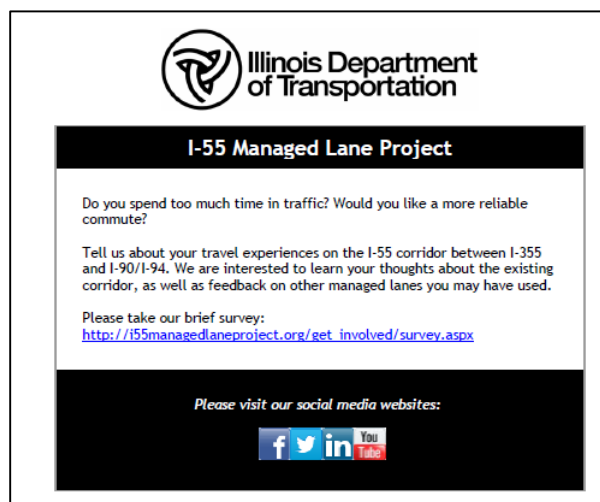
Media representatives included the following:

- Chicago Tribune – Joseph Ruzich
- Bugle Newspaper – Robin Ambrosia
- Earth Network – Lorenz Joseph

A survey regarding existing transportation conditions and general concerns was available via the iPad stations and hard copy; 11 people submitted responses. Five of the participants utilized the on-site iPad stations.

The survey also was posted to the project website. As of November 12, 2012, 178 responses had been submitted.

Additional advertisement of the survey included an E-blast, requests to 3rd parties, and an IDOT in Motion email.



Comments

Seven comment forms were submitted on November 1, 2012 at the Public Meeting; these commenters included a variety of topics within the context of their written statements. The most prominent themes included the following:

- Drainage concerns
- Noise abatement, including the installation of sound walls
- Air quality degradation
- Improvements to public transit
- Integration of local roads projects

Comments received by November 15, 2012 are part of the public meeting record. Ten additional comments were received via the website. The topics for these comments mimicked those received at the public meeting. Additional comment topics received via the website included a suggestion to use the inside shoulder as a lane, a concern over the addition of a new lane, and to note locations in which many back-ups occur, such as at County Line Road.