

Public Open House
October 4, 2011



The Algonquin Road Extension



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 4th

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cafeteria

Leggee Elementary School

13723 Harmony Road

Huntley, Illinois

Want More Information?

Have a Question?

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The McHenry County Division of Transportation and their consultant Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. has been working together on the Algonquin Road Extension Phase I Study in order to establish the final alignment from Illinois Route 47 to Brier Hill Road. The proposed section of Algonquin Road will extend Algonquin Road at the intersection of Illinois Route 47 and realign with Harmony Road near the intersection of Brier Hill Road.

Our Public Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 in the Cafeteria at the Leggee Elementary School between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Leggee Elementary is located at 13723 Harmony Road in Huntley, Illinois. This Public Open House will provide you with a project update and allow you an opportunity to express your suggestions, ideas and concerns as we move forward with finalizing the proposed alignment of the Algonquin Road Extension.

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PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to provide connectivity for east-west regional travel across the southern half of McHenry County. The need for the project is based upon high travel times, low operating speeds, and crash frequencies higher than the national average along the existing corridor for existing and projected traffic. To achieve this purpose and need, two

existing County arterials, Algonquin Road and Harmony Road, will be connected with roadway capacity improvements that meet modern design standards. The proposed improvement will increase capacity, increase operating speeds, lower travel times, improve safety and reduce crash frequency.

BRIEF HISTORY OF PROJECT

The Algonquin Road Extension Project began in 2001 as a Feasibility Study. The Feasibility Study was used to establish alignment opportunities and possible constraints that existed within the corridor area. As part of this study, we identified conservation district property, park land, sensitive environmental areas, residential and commercial land uses, wetlands and floodplains. Once these issues were evaluated we were able to establish an alignment that minimized or in most cases avoided impacts to these items. During the Feasibility Study, our project team conducted two Public Open Houses and one Public Hearing in order to give the public an opportunity to provide input into the project. Comments and concerns were taken into account along with sound engineering principals. The proposed alignment was then developed and presented in the final Feasibility Study completed on February 28, 2005.

including soil sampling, it was determined that there were areas of poor soils within the proposed Feasibility Study alignment and that the cost to mitigate these soils were high. We then evaluated a possible adjustment in the alignment which allowed us to avoid this area. Once we had made adjustments to the alignment, we presented our findings at a Public Open House in the spring of 2009.

Once the Feasibility Study was completed we began work on a Phase I Study in 2005. The Phase I study allowed us to take a closer look at the proposed alignment and to conduct more in-depth analysis. After further investigations,

Due to funding issues, this project has slowed down in its progression since the Public Meeting in spring of 2009. During this time we have worked with the McHenry County Conservation District to further study environmentally sensitive locations within the Union Pacific Railroad and HUM Prairie corridor. Based on the information provided and public comments from our last Public Meeting, we were able to adjust our alignment to avoid impact to these sensitive areas. This revised alignment will be presented at the Public Open House on October 4th, 2011 and we invite you to provide us with your comments and concerns regarding this revised Algonquin Road alignment.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

