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**Randall Road (FAP 336) CR V29**  
County Line Road to Ackman Road  
Section: 06-00329-01-PW  
Village of Algonquin and Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market Outreach Meeting  
April 15, 2014  
12:00 p.m.

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Attendees:

John Schmitt, Village of Algonquin  
Tim Schloneger, Village of Algonquin  
Nat Caputo, Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market  
Art Contreras, Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market  
Vito Caputo, Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market  
Brian Fairwood, TranSystems  
Todd Bright, TranSystems  
Kyle Duffy, TranSystems

The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the questions and concerns of Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market and the Village of Algonquin with the designer (TranSystems) to ensure that all parties were on the same page after the initial project meetings had taken place. TranSystems initially met with Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market on March 17<sup>th</sup>. A project kickoff meeting was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> with the Village of Algonquin.

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m.

#### Introduction and Overview

Village President John Schmitt (JS) began the meeting by stating that the Village of Algonquin will not support any plans that would impact local businesses. He believes that most of the access points on Algonquin Road, especially those further from the intersection, need to remain open. Approximately 1.5 miles of the Randall Road improvements are within the limits of Algonquin. The goal is to resolve traffic issues which will allow for more people to travel to stores on Randall Road, such as Caputo & Sons.

Nate Caputo (NC) thanked JS for being an advocate for their business. He added that the Caputo's are committed to the Algonquin store and appreciate the opportunity to serve the community. JS indicated that the relationship is mutually beneficial to both parties as well as the residents of the McHenry County.

Brian Fairwood (BF) explained that TranSystems is conducting these meetings to balance our task of designing a roadway project with consideration to the access concerns of local businesses. He believes that the concerns outlined in the initial meeting with Caputo & Sons were understood and that overall the meeting was positive. Caputo & Sons agreed that the design team understood their concerns.



### Safety Concerns

As stated in the initial meeting with Caputo & Sons, NC reiterated that proposing an access drive behind the store would be dangerous and would interfere with the many deliveries the store receives. He is strongly opposed to this concept.

JS would recommend to the County that the right-in/right-out access point on Algonquin Road closest to the intersection needs to be closed due to safety concerns. NC agreed with his concerns and stated that he believes one or two accidents per week happen at this location. He does not have an issue with the two access points located adjacent to the gas station being closed.

Art Contreras (AC) feels that the volume and speed of traffic using the drive between Caputo & Sons and Home Depot poses a serious safety concern. He would like for traffic control or traffic calming options to be explored. JS noted that the Village has looked at putting up a stop sign at this location in the past, but stop control warrants were not met, so the sign would not be enforceable.

Todd Bright (TB) stated that the designers could perform a cursory review of this area to see what can be done to improve safety. The findings would be reported to the Village for future consideration.

### Access Points

JS stated that the Village will not support this project unless residents and local businesses are satisfied. He believes there are two critical movements on Algonquin Road that need to be provided for Caputo & Sons:

1. Westbound left-in movement at the existing full access point
2. Northbound left-out movement at the current right-in/right-out access point located just west of the store

NC agreed with the need to accommodate these two movements, but stated that a left-out should be considered at both access points in order to provide better balance and potentially reduce queue length in the Caputo & Sons parking lot. He does not anticipate that the use of either of these access points would affect their deliveries.

Vito Caputo (VC) feels that the current left-out turning movement at the full access point on Algonquin is dangerous. He noted that since it takes drivers a considerable amount of time to exit from this drive, waiting cars will often backup in front of the store and disrupt the flow of vehicles through the parking lot. He feels using the access point at the rear of the store to go westbound might be safer. AC has also observed backups in front of the store at this location.

Since going westbound from the store can be dangerous, the Village and Caputo's asked if there was a long term solution available to address this issue. TB mentioned that the drive between Caputo's and Home Depot could potentially be extended west to connect to Talaga Drive. Existing traffic data indicates that vehicles are doing this movement today by driving through parking lots. This new access road was not studied during preliminary engineering and therefore is not part of the proposed improvements. All agreed that this appeared to be the best long term solution, but the best short term future solution to go westbound was from the rear entrance.

Regarding access off of Randall, JS stated that the existing Stonegate Road access movements need to be maintained. He also stated that the existing right-in/right-out for the Caputo's and Home Depot entrance will need to remain open. NC confirmed that the northbound left at Stonegate was critical to their business. TB noted that this left has been identified by the designers as a critical movement to be maintained.



#### Next Steps

TB stated that preliminary updated traffic numbers should be received by the end of May. After the designers have time to analyze these numbers, a more definitive answer can be provided regarding what can be done at access points along the corridor.

TB reviewed what was discussed. The issues listed below will be investigated further. These items were also marked on an existing aerial, which has been attached to the minutes.

#### Randall Road

1. Providing a northbound left at Stonegate Road
2. Providing a right-in/right-out at the Caputo & Sons and Home Depot entrance

#### Algonquin Road

1. Providing a left-in at Caputo & Sons' current full access point
2. Providing a left-out at the current right-in/right-out access point just west of Caputo & Sons

#### Caputo & Sons' Parking Lot

1. Connecting some of the islands on the east end of Caputo & Sons' parking lot in order to provide better delineation for vehicles driving through the parking lot
2. Identify alternatives to improve safety at the drive between Caputo & Sons and Home Depot

All parties are committed to meeting again in the future once new developments are made in the design.

The meeting ended at approximately 1:00 p.m.

By: Kyle Duffy