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Randall Road (FAP 336) CR V29

County Line Road to Ackman Road
Section: 06-00329-01-PW
Tommy's Red Hots Outreach Meeting
April 23, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees:

Tom Grieco, Tommy's Red Hots
Brian Fairwood, TranSystems
Todd Bright, TranSystems
Kyle Duffy, TranSystems

The purpose of the meeting was to respond to the concerns outlined by Tommy's Red Hots in their March 30, 2014 letter to the McHenry County Division of Transportation. The meeting also initiated a dialogue that will be ongoing throughout the next phase of the project

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Introduction and Overview

The meeting was held on site at Tommy's Red Hots. Brian Fairwood began by giving a general overview of the project, as well as the design team. Mr. Tom Grieco was pleased to hear that an economic development group was part of the design team.

Scope

The Randall Road Corridor is characterized by the following deficiencies:

- Severe Congestion
- Inconsistent Access
- Safety and Accident Concerns
- Lack of Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

The County is proposing to address these issues by widening and reconstructing this vital corridor to provide three (3) through lanes in each direction, dual left turn lanes, and an exclusive right turn lane at the major signalized intersections. Other improvements include drainage and detention, traffic signals, lighting, multi-use paths, sidewalks, stream relocation, culvert extensions, retaining walls, and a potential noise wall. The Randall Road and Algonquin Road intersection will be widened and reconstructed to accommodate future traffic and commercial access. The roadway design plans may include future construction of pedestrian grade separations.

Project Status

The design team began working on the project in the middle of February 2014. They are taking a fresh look at what was originally proposed. Initial tasks have been reviewing existing studies, public outreach, and validating



traffic forecasts. New traffic information is a focus, as it will be used to reevaluate the Randall and Algonquin intersection.

Schedule

The type of intersection at Randall and Algonquin should be decided by the end of the year. Design plans will be prepared in 2015. The earliest construction could begin is 2016. This schedule is dependent on funding and property acquisition.

Tommy's Red Hots Issues/Concerns

- As noted on the aerial exhibit attached to these minutes, Mr. Grieco pointed out two safety concerns near his property that are especially dangerous in the winter:
 1. The combination of trees and snow embankments make the right-out at the western access point off of Algonquin Road hazardous due to limited sight distance.
 2. The raised island at the right-in/right-out access point just north of Steak 'n Shake can be dangerous due to the insufficient deceleration lane length. Vehicles have been observed driving into the concrete island.
- Mr. Grieco was adamant that he wants the businesses around him to thrive. He stated that competition from surrounding businesses can help make this area a destination for the public, which is beneficial to businesses and consumers alike.
- Although moving traffic is important, Mr. Grieco gave the example of a former Tommy's Red Hots location at North Avenue and 14th Avenue. Additional traffic was generated when North Avenue was widened, however his store suffered due to the access being reduced.
- Mr. Grieco feels that allowing for an eastbound left-in to the former Dominick's location is crucial to the success of all businesses on the northeast quadrant of the intersection.
- He also feels that the access point north of the Steak 'n Shake is very important to his business as well as the other restaurants and businesses north of Tommy's.

Next Steps

TranSystems will look into the issues and concerns listed above by Mr. Grieco. The design team is committed to meeting again after alternatives are further developed.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:50 a.m.

By: Kyle Duffy