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Randall Road (FAP 336) CR V29

County Line Road to Ackman Road

Section: 06-00329-01-PW

Beef Shack Outreach Meeting

July 16, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees:

Spiro Douvris Sr., Beef Shack

Spiro Douvris Jr., Beef Shack

Todd Bright, TranSystems

The meeting was scheduled in response to a request to meet and discuss the project as it relates to the future store Mr. Douvris plans to open at the Southwest Corner of the Randall and Algonquin intersection. He is looking at the vacant bagel shop in front of Caputos next to Vogue Cleaners and would like to understand what potentially could happen to the roadway near this location. The meeting also initiated a dialogue that will be ongoing throughout the next phase of the project.

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction and Overview

The meeting was held at the Beef Shack located in Hoffman Estates at 830 N Roselle Road. Mr. Bright began by giving a general overview of the project, as well as the structure of the design team.

Scope

The Randall Road Corridor is characterized by the following deficiencies:

- Severe Congestion
- Safety and Accident Concerns
- Inconsistent Access
- 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, and sidewalks. The roadway design plans may include future construction of pedestrian grade separations.

The Randall Road and Algonquin Road intersection will be widened and reconstructed to accommodate future traffic and commercial access. Mr. Bright explained that the current intersection does not have the capacity to accommodate existing and future traffic. The delay experienced while driving the corridor and waiting time at stop lights can be significant on Saturdays and during weekday rush hours. The attendees acknowledged the congestion and felt drivers and businesses would welcome the improvements. Mr. Bright added that there needs



to be a balance between traffic, safety, and access. Designers will need to address the corridor's failures while maintaining the daily living needs of the County residents and merchants.

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. Only if warranted, will a CFI be considered.

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 and construction could take eighteen months. This schedule is dependent on funding and property acquisition.

Discussion

An intersection aerial and the current preferred improvement plans were discussed. A copy of the exhibits, informational flyer and property owner project introduction letter was left with the Douvris's. Mr. Bright showed exhibits for both the CFI alternative and traditional alternative at the Randall/Algonquin intersection. This illustrated that there were similar access impacts with both alternatives, which may have been different from what he was conveyed by others and/or in the media. It was reiterated that the type of intersection is unknown at this time.

The potential CFI concept was explained and the Douvris's had a good understanding of how it would operate. Mr. Bright noted that the project website contains a video link illustrating how a CFI operates.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVI3Ledw7mc>

Issues/Comments

- When would construction begin and how long would it take to complete? They do not favor an interim and/or resurfacing improvement that would create two construction projects at the intersection.
- Which intersection type was the County leaning towards and when will it be decided?
- Their main interest is the flow of traffic near the future store. If the gas station were demolished their store would likely be more visible. Maintaining the right-in and right-out at the Home Depot/Caputos entrance is very important. Maintaining a northbound left at Stonegate was equally important.
- Mr. Douvris is familiar with the area and use to own property on the northeast corner of the intersection.
- The property he is considering is in foreclosure and it may take some time before he can open his restaurant.

Next Steps

TranSystems will look into the issues and comments listed above by the Douvris's. They were very appreciative of the meeting and asked that they be kept informed as the project moves forward. In addition, they would like the opportunity to review the final drawings prior to construction. The design team is committed to meeting again after alternatives are further developed.

The Randall Road meeting ended at approximately 11:35 a.m.

By: Todd S. Bright, P.E.