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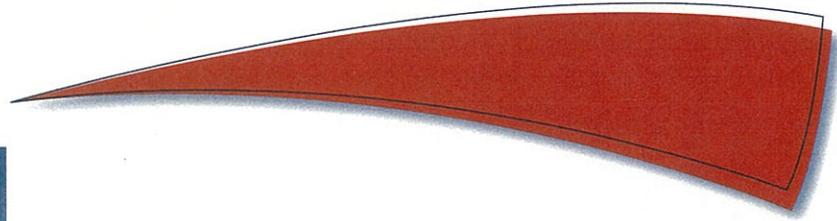
Aptakisic Road Widening - Public Information Meeting
November 28 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Lake County Division Of Transportation is developing plans for the widening of Aptakisic Road from IL Route 83 to Buffalo Grove Road. Lake County will be hosting the first Public Informational Meeting for this project on Wednesday, November 28, at Twin Groves School (2600 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, Illinois) between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. All interested are encouraged to attend and provide comment(s) on this important project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Lake County Division of Transportation (847-377-7400) and/or the Long Grove Village Hall (847-634-9440).



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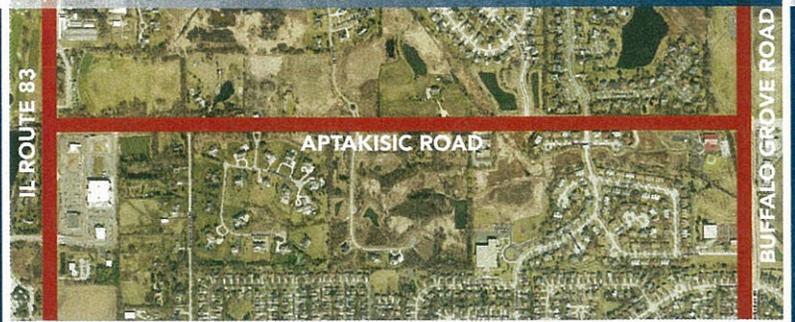
The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) has recently initiated the Aptakistic Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. This study will examine transportation needs and solutions for the improvement of Aptakistic Road, with the goals to improve safety and traffic operations.

The Aptakistic Road study area is comprised of approximately 1.2 miles from IL Route 83 on the west to Buffalo Grove Road on the east. The study area contains a mixture of residential, commercial and institutional land uses, and is located within the village limits of both Long Grove (west half) and Buffalo Grove (east half). The existing roadway varies from a two-lane rural section to multi-lane urban sections near the IL Route 83 and Buffalo Grove Road intersections. LCDOT has identified that current traffic volumes in this corridor are near the capacity of the existing roadway, and that additional development and lack of alternate routes will add to capacity demands. The proposed scope of work will be determined through engineering evaluation and stakeholder involvement.



APTAKISIC ROAD PHASE I STUDY AREA

Aptakistic Road between IL Route 83 and Buffalo Grove Road



CURRENT CONDITIONS

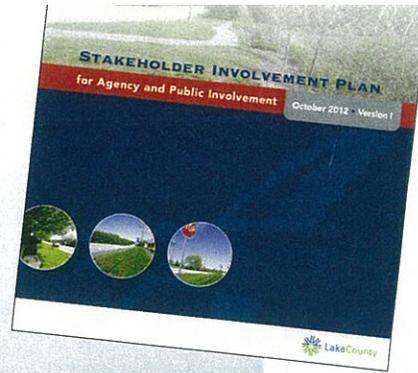
Aptakistic Road in this area serves as a minor arterial roadway connecting IL Route 83 and IL Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) under the jurisdiction of Lake County. Currently Aptakistic Road consists of one lane in each direction with an open drainage system. Three signalized intersections exist within the project study area located at IL Route 83, Brandywyn Lane, and Buffalo Grove Road. A series of sidewalks and bike paths exist along the eastern portion of Aptakistic Road. Numerous sub-developments line the Aptakistic Road corridor, some of which do not have dedicated left turn lanes from Aptakistic Road. With traffic growth anticipated to continue, congestion and operational issues are also expected to increase in frequency.



A Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) has been created for this study and will be used as a guide for encouraging stakeholder participation during this project.

The SIP is the blueprint for defining methods for engaging the public during the study process, and ensures that stakeholders are provided a variety of opportunities to be informed and participate as the project progresses. The SIP provides the framework for achieving a general understanding of agreement and communicating the decision-making process between the public, local agencies, and governmental officials to identify transportation solutions.

The SIP will be available for review and comment at the November 28, 2012 Public Information Meeting. As the project proceeds, the SIP will be updated on a regular basis to reflect changes or additions. Future SIP updates will be posted on the project's website at www.AptakisticRoad.org.



WHAT IS A PHASE

A Phase I study is also referred to as the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. This process includes



ANALYZING EXISTING AND FUTURE CONDITIONS AND DEFINING PURPOSE AND NEED

The first step of the Phase I Study involves analyzing and understanding the existing and future conditions, developing a Problem Statement, and defining the Purpose and Need for the intersection improvements. Data collected during this step includes current and future population, and employment and traffic conditions. Future travel demand is then predicted as a result of the analysis, and the performance of the transportation system under future conditions will be evaluated. LCDOT and stakeholders can then identify transportation deficiencies and begin the process for developing solutions to address these needs. Once the data collection and analysis is complete, the study will proceed with the development of a Problem Statement, and a specific Purpose and Need statement that will guide the development and evaluation of recommended improvements.

ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION

The next step in the Phase I process is continuing to work with the public and project stakeholders to identify possible improvement

alternatives, focusing on how potential improvements meet the project's Purpose and Need as determined in the first step. This step concludes with the selection of those alternatives that should be evaluated in further detail.

FURTHER EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES AND PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE SELECTION

The final step in the process includes further detailed evaluation of the technical factors associated with the alternative(s) and their impacts on the community and environment. At the end of this process, a preferred alternative will be recommended for implementation. The results of the evaluation process, along with all of the findings from previous steps of the study, are documented in a project report. LCDOT will consider all input, including stakeholder comments and technical analysis, as they make final decisions on a preferred alternative.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Over the upcoming months, the study team will meet with the Stakeholder Involvement Group, community representatives, agencies, and interested parties to obtain input. Work will continue with analysis, identification of study area deficiencies, and the collection of technical and environmental data. Based on the analysis of current and future project deficiencies and needs, a Problem Statement will be crafted and the Purpose and Need will then be the basis for the development of alternatives.



One-on-One

MEETINGS HELD

In an effort to solicit more detailed and specific input from key agency, community and local officials, the study team has made itself available for one-on-one meetings to openly discuss project issues and concerns, and has held initial meetings with the Villages of Long Grove and Buffalo Grove. These meetings have focused primarily on the issues of congestion in the corridor, possible impacts to adjacent properties, environmental considerations, and potential sign aesthetics. The study team will continue to be able to attend these meetings throughout the study process in order to ensure that expressed viewpoints are considered.

STUDY?

to complete.

THE PURPOSE & NEED...

defines why the study is being done, what problems will be addressed

begins with statements of problems that the project should resolve - Problem Statement

Starting point for evaluation of transportation solution alternatives

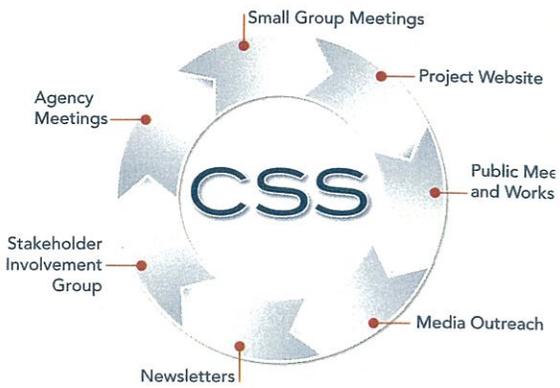
continue to meet with existing conditions through the identification of the development of alternatives.



CSS: IT'S ALL ABOUT COLLABORATION

The Aptakisic Road project is being developed using the principle of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is a collaborative public involvement approach that engages all project stakeholders and uses flexible, creative design approach to develop, construct and maintain cost effective transportation facilities. A stakeholder is defined as anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. The inclusive process contributes to the selection of an improvement design that fits into its surroundings or its "context". CSS addresses all modes of transportation, and strives to preserve scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility.

The purpose of CSS is to gather and duly consider project input from all interested parties by promoting extensive public involvement and frequent communication with stakeholders. A detailed program is developed and tailored to the specific outreach needs of each project, compiled in a document known as the Stakeholder Involvement Plan, or SIP. The information collected through the CSS process, coupled with detailed technical analysis, form the basis for ultimate project decisions.



Stakeholder Involvement Group Forming

LCDOT will be enlisting the input of the Aptakisic Road Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) to assist with the project. The SIG will provide input on various study elements including the definition of project needs, and evaluation of the potential alternatives. The SIG consists of a balanced representation of community leaders from the study area, and stakeholders with expertise or technical interest in environmental, land use, transportation, and economic development that are affected by the study, as well as other representative stakeholders. Other individuals wishing to be considered for SIG membership will be able to do so by signing up at public meetings or via the project website. The group will meet regularly with the study team throughout the project, and it is anticipated there will be approximately five of these meetings which will be scheduled to correspond with key project milestones.

FIND IT ON THE WEBSITE WWW.APTAKISICROAD.ORG

The Aptakisic Road study begins with a focus on the public involvement process. To this end, a project website is being developed to keep the public well informed and regularly communicate information about the project as it becomes available. It also offers the public an opportunity to comment on the project through a comment page.

The website will be updated throughout the project, and will include project information, frequently asked questions with answers, meeting information, project publications and reports, and mailing list sign-up. This is another opportunity for local officials, residents, community organizations, motorists, businesses, and visitors to the region to participate in the process.



WHAT MATTERS to you?

important to become involved in a process if you wish to contribute to its outcome. LCDOT is committed to an extensive public outreach program throughout the Aptakisic Road Phase I Study, in order to create the collaborative environment necessary to arrive at a solution with community-based support. The public's involvement in this process is critical to success.

At that end, LCDOT is providing several opportunities to inform and encourage public participation that include:

- Newsletters** Up-to-date information
- Website: www.AptakisicRoad.org** Submit your comments online!
- Small group meetings** What's your issue?
- One-on-one meetings** What should we know about the study area?
- Stakeholder Involvement Group**

Participate in the process!

Public Information Meeting #1 on the Aptakisic Road Phase I Study to be held:

WEDNESDAY
November 28, 2012
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Twin Groves Middle School
2600 N. Buffalo Grove Road
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089



STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED!

We appreciate your continued interest in the Aptakisic Road Phase I Study. Stay involved as the team proceeds with the identification of issues and concerns, project goals and objectives. You can always find current project information by visiting our website at www.AptakisicRoad.org, or contact us at the Lake County Division of Transportation, Attn: Chuck Gleason, Project Manager, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048, Telephone: (847) 377-7447, or via email at cgleason@lakecountyil.gov.

APTAKISIC ROAD



Wednesday, November 28, 2012
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Aptakisic Road Public Information Meeting To Be Held



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