

Date: December 28, 2016

## Meeting Minutes

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Launch Fishers, 10:30 am

The City of Fishers, and its consultants RQAW and American Structurepoint, held a CAC meeting regarding the SR 37 Improvement project from I-69 to 146<sup>th</sup> Street on December 14, 2016. The meeting was held at Launch Fishers located at 12175 Visionary Way in Fishers. The meeting informed the SR 37 corridor CAC members on the current status of the project, preliminary design, and addressed questions/comments from the members and representative communities. The following is a summary of the meeting.

- Troy Woodruff of RQAW started the meeting at approximately 10:35 am with project introductions.
- Troy turned the meeting over to Joe Dabkowski with RQAW
- Joe discussed the role and responsibilities of being a CAC member.
  - “The CAC is comprised of a small group of volunteers representing a broad segment of the population within the affected community. The CAC provides opportunities for citizens and other interested groups to participate in current transportation planning efforts such as the preliminary design, environmental studies, maintenance of traffic, etc. The role of a CAC member is to provide information about the project to the groups that they represent. In this role, CAC members can also bring information from the general public to the project team. A CAC member should be a representative of their community and should not put forth their personal agenda.”
- Joe turned the meeting back over to Troy Woodruff.
- Troy gave an overview of the following:
  - Project area
  - Purpose and Need
  - Project description
  - Four interchanges at 126<sup>th</sup> Street, 131<sup>st</sup> Street, 141<sup>st</sup> Street and 146<sup>th</sup> Street, with 135<sup>th</sup> Street modified to a right in/right out only

- Two drainage easements
- Project schedule
- Troy turned the meeting back over to Joe Dabkowski.
- Joe gave an overview of the project plans that were available for review and opened the meeting up for plan review and question (Q)/answer (A) discussion.
- Q – Hamilton Southeastern school representative asked is the plan to close the east/west traffic over SR 37 during the summer? The school bus routes mainly use 131<sup>st</sup> Street and 141<sup>st</sup> Street and there are concerns with closing those roads at SR 37 during the school year.
- A – The east/west traffic will be closed as necessary starting around March/April for one construction season and then be re-opened.
- Fire and Police representatives from the City of Fishers indicated that they will get their emergency movements to the design team to incorporate into the maintenance of traffic (MOT).
- The police requested that a wide shoulder be incorporated into the design during construction and in final design to allow officers to make safe traffic stops by allowing the cars to be able to pull off of the road out of the travel lanes as well as to allow them to be able to address accidents.
- The police indicated that fire rescue will need a full lane width to accommodate any assistance needed for accidents so that traffic is not backed up or shut down.
- The school representative indicated that they will submit their school bus route plans to the design team to review.
- The design team mentioned that they may set up an additional meeting with the school to discuss the bus routes and what could be done during construction to alleviate school bus disruption.
- Q - Representatives for the business community asked what size of trucks were the roundabouts designed for? The size of the delivery vehicles may have a difficult time maneuvering through the roundabouts. Large delivery trucks are common throughout the corridor. U.S. Foods has a lot of truck traffic.
- A – The roundabouts have been designed to accommodate the standard 53' truck. There is a truck apron that is available for use to maneuver through the roundabouts. The apron has been designed with a low profile to allow for less tilt on semi-trailers when maneuvering through the round-a-bouts.
- Q – During construction would it be feasible to provide delivery drivers directions on

- how to access businesses or place signage for delivery drivers?
- A – A representative for the business community indicated concerns due to car haulers are typically a new driver each time and there is no good way to provide them information for where to go in the event of a detour.
  - Q – The design team asked if there are any public service concerns in regards to fire department needs?
  - A – Fire Chief indicated that they will look into their GIS at their routes and get back with the project team.
  - Joe Dabkowski indicated that there will be another CAC meeting held in the future and that date has not been determined. Once that date is determined the CAC will be notified.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Sincerely,

CITY OF FISHERS

