

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

APPENDICES

**ROUTE: FAP 326 IL Route 47 at
FAI 88 Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway I-88
Section: Old Oaks Road to Green Road
Kane County**

Job No.: P-91-015-14



**Illinois Department of Transportation
District 1**

October 2017



Appendix A

NEPA/404 Merger Meeting Minutes

**Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
September 17, 2015**

**USEPA – Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL**

12th Floor – Lake Ontario Room

**Federal Highway
Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
Training Room**

9 am – 12 noon

- I-55 Managed Lanes (District 1, Cook County) (45 min)
 - Request to exempt project from NEPA-404 merger process
- US 30 roadway improvements from Dugan to Municipal (District 1, Kane County, FAA Co-Lead) (45 min)
 - Request to exempt project from NEPA-404 merger process
- North Lake Shore Drive (District 1, Cook County) (90 min)
 - Information – project update

12 noon – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- Interchange study at I-88 and IL 47 (District 1, Kane County) (60 min)
 - Information – project introduction

Note: the following project is not subject to the NEPA-404 merger process concurrence points and is being presented for information only.

- I-290 from west of Mannheim Road to Racine Avenue (District 1, Cook County) (60 min)
 - Information – preferred alternative

Sign-in Sheet
NEPA-404 Merger Meeting
September 17, 2015

District 1 - Interchange study at I-88 and IL-47 (Kane County)
Information: Project Introduction

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**IDOT District 1, Kane County
Interchange study at I-88 and IL-47
Environmental Assessment
Information – Project introduction**

DECISIONS:

None requested, none given.

NEXT STEPS:

Seek concurrence on the project's Purpose and Need at the February 2016 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

This was the first presentation of the I-88 at IL 47 interchange project. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce and provide an overview of the project. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) facilitated the meeting and prompted self-introductions. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) presented the project which was facilitated with a PowerPoint presentation.

The Project Study Group (PSG) includes IDOT, Illinois Tollway, Kane County, the FHWA, and the Village of Sugar Grove who is the lead agency.

The project location and past studies were discussed. The project study limits run along IL 47 from Old Oaks Road/College Drive on the south to Green Street on the north, and a half a mile east and west of IL 47 on I-88. The existing I-88 at IL 47 provides partial access to-and-from the west only. IL 47 consists of a four lane cross section (two lanes in each direction) between Finley Road and Seavey Road with a northbound left-turn lane at the existing westbound I-88 entrance ramp. North and south of the interchange, IL 47 consists of a two lane cross section (one lane in each direction) between Old Oaks Road/College Drive to Finley Road, and from Seavey Road to Green Street.

The existing land use in the study area consists of agricultural (58%), residential (26%), forest preserve (15%), and institutional (1%). The Village of Sugar Grove's future land use plans for this corridor anticipate development including commercial and corporate campus land uses. Based on population growth information provided by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Villages of Sugar Grove and Elburn are expected to experience 30% growth by year 2040. Existing population of Sugar Grove and Elburn are expected to grow from 10,000 to 30,000 and 6,000 to 18,000 respectively.

Similarly, traffic volumes along IL 47 are expected to grow 36% south and 60% north of I-88 by year 2040 maintaining the existing partial access interchange and assuming no improvements to IL 47 or a “No-Build” condition. The existing Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes along IL 47 range from 7,400 to 10,900 vehicles per day (vpd) and are expected to grow to 12,000 to 15,000 vpd by year 2040 in a “No-Build” condition. Traffic volumes along I-88 currently range from 28,000 east of IL 47 and 31,000 west of IL 47 and expected to experience 10% growth by year 2040.

A summary was then provided of the first Public Meeting that was held on July 29, 2015. The meeting was attended by 103 people who submitted a total of 17 comment forms. Issues raised by the public at that meeting included: safety concerns/suggestions, concerns regarding noise and water pollution, land use suggestions, access suggestions, and alternative roadway configurations.

The first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, held September 1, 2015, was then summarized. The meeting was attended by 21 CAG members. The concerns that were raised at that meeting included: drainage, environmental impacts, accessibility, safety, capacity, other infrastructure, and funding. The second CAG meeting is anticipated to be held in November 2015, to discuss the draft Purpose and Need for the project.

IDOT provided an overview of the initial outline of the Purpose and Need based on the initial data collected and stakeholder comments. Population and transportation demands in the area were reviewed and crash statistics were summarized. Purpose and Need Items discussed included: Enhance System Linkage and Accessibility, Support Existing and Future Economic Development, Accommodate Transportation Demands, and Improve Safety.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) commented on the study location and if there are any additional access needs identified along I-88 corridor. IDOT will evaluate and incorporate additional information and justification into the Purpose and Need document to support the logical termini for this project.

IDOT provided an overview of environmental resources located within the study limits. The environmental resources that have been identified thus far include the Hannaford Woods/Nickels Farms Forest Preserve property located along both sides of IL 47 south of the interchange and just north of Waubensee Community College. Blackberry Creek and Tributary C to Blackberry Creek are also located within the project study limits. Information regarding other natural and cultural resources is still being collected at this time.

Based on the safety and crash data presented by IDOT, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) expressed concern as to whether there was adequate data to justify safety as a need for this project. IDOT indicated that the study team will evaluate further.

The USACE suggested the purpose and need document contain an exhibit showing the operation Level of Service (LOS) for the existing and future “No-Build” traffic. IDOT indicated they will incorporate the subject exhibit into the Purpose and Need document.

**Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
February 29, 2016**

**USEPA – Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL**

12th Floor – Lake Ontario Room

**Federal Highway
Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
Conference Room**

10 am – 12 noon

- Interchange study at I-88 and IL 47 (District 1, Kane County) (60 min)
 - Concurrence – Purpose and Need

- IL 53/IL120 Corridor (District 1, Lake County) (60 min)
 - Information – Project Overview

1:30 – 3:00 pm

- Quentin Road from Dundee Road to Lake Cook Road (District 1, Cook County) (60 min)
 - Information – Project Introduction

Sign-in Sheet
NEPA-404 Merger Meeting
February 29, 2016

District 1 - Interchange study at I-88 and IL-47 (Kane County)
Concurrence - Purpose and Need

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**NEPA/404 Merger Meeting Summary
February 29, 2016**

**IDOT District 1, Kane County
Interchange study at I-88 and IL 47
Environmental Assessment
Concurrence – Purpose and Need**

DECISIONS:

Concurrence was obtained on the Purpose and Need from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) (Westlake), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (Hall), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Cirton), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) (Fairfield), Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) (Halpin).

NEXT STEPS:

USACE would like some minor revisions to the Purpose and Need document. IDOT will make the revisions, provide to FHWA, and FHWA will send out the revised Purpose and Need to all resource agencies.¹

Concurrence on Alternatives to be Carried Forward will be requested in September 2016.

DISCUSSION:

Steve Schilke of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a summary of the previous Project Introduction meeting and proceeded with the PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Purpose and Need.

The Village of Sugar Grove is the lead agency for the project. The Project Study Group (PSG) includes the IDOT, Illinois Tollway, Kane County, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Village of Sugar Grove.

The Phase I consultant team includes the Prime Consultant of GRAEF, and their sub-consultants Quigg Engineering, Kimley Horn, Lin Engineering, and Crawford Murphy Tilly.

Based on the discussion at the initial NEPA meeting, the PSG has provided information in the Purpose and Need document as to why this particular interchange is being evaluated. Safety is removed from consideration in the Purpose and Need due to the project corridor not exhibiting excessive crashes. The purpose of the project is to improve system linkage and accommodate land use and future economic development.

Levels of Service are acceptable for existing conditions, but become problematic for the 2040 No Build condition.

There is considerable population growth anticipated for Kane County over the next 25 years. Additionally, both Sugar Grove and Elburn are each anticipating populations to increase close to 200% over the next 25 years.

Steve Schilke concluded the formal presentation and an open discussion took place.

¹ Post meeting note: Revised purpose and need document was sent to USACE and all other agencies on 3/24/2016. USACE issued their final concurrence on 4/15/2016.

USACE inquired whether Route 47 was intended to be widened as part of the project. IDOT replied that there is a potential for widening Route 47, but that would be decided further along into the Phase I development.

USACE inquired about the northern project limit and what improvements were planned north of Green Rd. IDOT replied that the Phase I for the Main Street and IL 47 intersection was complete. The intersection of Main Street and IL 47 is proposed to be improved including; the addition of left turn lanes on all legs of the intersection, widening the roadway, reconstructing and raising the profile of the intersection and traffic signal installation. USACE suggested that additional discussion be added to the Purpose and Need regarding the northern project limit at Green Road. The average daily traffic (ADT) was also reviewed in this area and it was noted that the projected ADT north of Green Road is considerably lower than the projected ADT south of Green Road.

USACE asked which agency would lead construction, IDOT or Tollway. USACE indicated that their review personnel would change if the Tollway were to lead the construction. At this time it is not known which agency (IDOT/Tollway) would lead the construction efforts for the project and that this would be determined once a recommended preferred alternative is identified and the scope of work along IL 47 is determined.

USACE asked whether the proposed development proposed in the area would dictate the interchange geometry. The general answer is that the projected traffic will primarily determine the interchange layout, but the adjacent development may impact access points, utilities, etc. at the interchange.

**Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
February 22, 2017
Day 1 – District 1 Projects**

**USEPA – Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL**

12th Floor – Lake Ontario Room

**Federal Highway
Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
Training Room**

9:30 am – 12 noon

- Interstate 80 from Ridge Road to US 30 (District 1, Will County) (60 min)
 - Concurrence – alternatives to be carried forward
- Interstate 88 and IL 47 Interchange (District 1, Kane County) (60 min)
 - Concurrence – alternatives to be carried forward
- Quentin Road from Dundee Road (IL Route 68) to Lake Cook Road (District 1, Cook County) (30 min)
 - Information – alternatives to be carried forward

12 noon - 1:30 pm

LUNCH

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- Deerfield Road (IL 21 to Saunders Road), District 1, Lake County (30 min)
 - Information – project introduction
- North Lake Shore Drive (District 1, Cook County) (60 min)
 - Information – Lake shore protection

Sign-in Sheet
NEPA-404 Merger Meeting
February 22, 2017

District 1 - Interstate 88 and IL 47 Interchange (Kane Co)
Concurrence - Alternatives to be carried forward

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**IDOT District 1, Kane County
Interstate 88 and IL 47 Interchange
Environmental Assessment
Concurrence – alternatives to be carried forward**

DECISIONS:

Concurrence to the Alternatives to be Carried Forward was obtained by all agencies at the meeting. Agencies in concurrence include: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

NOTE: The USFWS provided concurrence by e-mail on March 2, 2017.

NEXT STEPS:

Public Meeting No. 3 will occur on March 28, 2017 to present the Alternatives to be Carried Forward. CAG Meeting No. 5 will identify the Preferred Alternative in Spring 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Steve Schilke of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) led the Power Point presentation of the proposed Alternatives to be Carried Forward.

The Village of Sugar Grove is the lead agency for the project. The Project Study Group includes the IDOT, Illinois Tollway, Kane County, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Village of Sugar Grove.

The Phase I consultant team includes the Prime Consultant of GRAEF, and their sub-consultants Quigg Engineering, Kimley Horn, Lin Engineering, and Crawford Murphy Tilly. The purpose of this project is to improve system linkage and accommodate land use and future economic development. P&N received concurrence on April 7, 2016.

Environmental resources and existing conditions of the project area were summarized.

Four alignment configurations (M-1, M-2, M-3, and M-4), and three typical section configurations (A, B and C) along IL 47 were considered. Exhibits illustrating these configurations and resulting eight design alternatives were presented.

The Round 1 Screening process evaluated the IL 47 Alternatives based on expected Level of Service, ROW needs, Environmental Concerns, and Stakeholder Input. Two alignment alternatives (M-3, and M-4) were eliminated from Round 1 Screening based on these factors.

The Round 2 Screening process evaluated the IL 47 Alternatives based on expected Level of Service, ROW needs, Environmental Concerns, Stakeholder Input, and Conceptual Cost. Of the 6 remaining alignment and typical section alternative combinations, four passed Round 2 Screening: M-1A, M-1C, M-2C, and the No-Build option (for comparison purposes only).

Seven proposed interchange alternatives at I-88 and IL 47 were illustrated in exhibits. The Interchange Alternatives Screening Process analyzed impacts on ROW, Conceptual Cost, Bridge Impacts, and Environmental Impacts. Four proposed interchange designs (Conventional Diamond, Conventional Diamond with Roundabout, Diverging Diamond, and Partial Cloverleaf, NE Quadrant) and the No-Build option passed the screening process.

Steve concluded the formal presentation and an open discussion took place.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) inquired how the project will be let. IDOT is currently funding Phase I. No agreement has been made on how the design and construction will be funded. The Tollway may fund the Interchange portion of the project.

Soren Hall of USACE commented that the impact acreage on the exhibits doesn't match the tables.

IDOT discussed wildlife crossing considerations; IL 47 will be raised approx. 3 feet to provide for a wildlife crossing at the Hannaford Woods Forest Preserve. A typical benching section with a 10 foot flat shelf will be provided.

The Public Hearing for the project will be held in the Fall of 2017. The Environmental Assessment for the project will be issued at the end of the 2017 calendar year.

USACE inquired which environmental groups were represented within the Community Advisory Group (CAG). IDOT indicated that a person representing Blackberry Creek Watershed attended prior CAG meetings.

Post Meeting Notes

As a follow-up to the meeting, the following was confirmed:

The tables in the Alternatives to be Carried Forward document provide wetland impacts based on an offset from the existing edge of shoulder. At this point, the offset is developed based on anticipated construction limits. This is more conservative than the wetland impacts shown on the exhibits. These impacts will be recalculated as the geometries are refined.

Represented on the CAG are:

- Candice Jacobs with Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District (Ms. Jacobs left her position at KDSWCD and now Ashley Curran is a member of the CAG representing KDSWCD)
- Dan Lobbes with the Conservation Foundation (representing the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership – Blackberry Creek Watershed)



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-1437

June 12, 2015

Technical Services Division
Regulatory Branch
LRC-2015-378

SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Cooperating Agency in the Review of the Environmental Assessment for the Illinois Route 47 at Interstate 88 Project in the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois

Catherine Batey
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Ms. Batey:

This office is in receipt of your June 9, 2015 letter requesting the participation of the Chicago District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a cooperating agency in the review of the environmental assessment for the Illinois Route 47 at Interstate 88 project. The Corps cordially accepts the invitation to participate as a cooperating agency in the review of the EIS and looks forward to working closely with Federal and other lead agencies in completing a comprehensive review of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Soren Hall of my staff by telephone at 312-846-5532, or email at Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Wozniak
Chief, West Section
Regulatory Branch

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CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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April 7, 2016

Technical Services Division
Regulatory Branch
LRC-2015-00378

SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Concurrence for the Purpose and Need for the Illinois Route 47 at Interstate 88 Study in the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois

Catherine Batey
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Ms. Batey:

This letter is in response to your request that the Department of the Army (Corps) review the Illinois Route 47 at Interstate 88 Study and provide concurrence with the Purpose and Need for the proposed project. Various Federal and state agencies are providing a concurrent review of the project under the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Statewide Implementation Agreement National Environmental Policy Act And Clean Water Act Section 404 Concurrent NEPA/404 Processes For Transportation Projects in Illinois".

Following attendance at the February 29, 2016 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting and a thorough review of the Purpose and Need document dated December, 2015 (Revised March, 2016), the Corps concurs that all applicable information has been received as it pertains to the Concurrence Point for Purpose and Need.

Concurrence has now been reached for Purpose and Need. All documentation to date is sufficient for this stage and the project may now proceed to the next stage of project development.

If you have any questions, please contact of my staff by telephone at 312-846-5542, or email at Julie.C.Rimbault@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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February 22, 2017

Technical Services Division
Regulatory Branch
LRC-2015-00378

SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Concurrence for the Alternatives to be Carried Forward
OR Preferred Alternative for IL Route 47 and I-88, Kane County, Illinois

Catherine Batey
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Dear Ms. Batey:

This letter is in response to your request that the Department of the Army (Corps) review the IL Route 47 and I-88 and provide concurrence with the Alternatives to be Carried Forward for the proposed project. Various Federal and state agencies are providing a concurrent review of the project under the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Statewide Implementation Agreement National Environmental Policy Act And Clean Water Act Section 404 Concurrent NEPA/404 Processes For Transportation Projects in Illinois".

Following attendance at the February 22, 2017 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting and a thorough review of the project documents, the Corps concurs that all applicable information has been received as it pertains to the Concurrence Point for Alternatives to be Carried Forward.

Concurrence has now been reached for Alternatives to be Carried Forward. All documentation to date is sufficient for this stage and the project may now proceed to the next stage of project development.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Rimbault of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5542, or email at Julie.C.Rimbault@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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ATTENTION OF:

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June 19, 2017

Technical Services Division
Regulatory Branch
LRC-2015-00378

SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Concurrence for the Preferred Alternative for IL Route 47 and I-88, Kane County, Illinois

Catherine Batey
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Dear Ms. Batey:

This letter is in response to your request that the Department of the Army (Corps) review the IL Route 47 and I-88 and provide concurrence with the Preferred Alternative for the proposed project. Various Federal and state agencies are providing a concurrent review of the project under the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Statewide Implementation Agreement National Environmental Policy Act And Clean Water Act Section 404 Concurrent NEPA/404 Processes For Transportation Projects in Illinois".

Following attendance at the June 19, 2017 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting and a thorough review of the project documents, the Corps concurs that all applicable information has been received as it pertains to the Concurrence Point for the Preferred Alternative.

All three required Concurrence Points have now been completed. An application for an individual permit for the proposed project may be submitted to the Corps for final review and authorization. For additional information on submitting an individual permit application, please visit our website at: <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Rimbault of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5542, or email at Julie.C.Rimbault@usace.army.mil.

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