

Quincy Memorial Bridge – US Route 24 Phase I Study  
Adams County, Illinois – Marion County, Missouri



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #2**

**Salvation Army KROC Center**

405 Vermont Street  
Quincy, Illinois 62301  
Thursday, April 28, 2016  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Attendance: There were twenty (20) people in attendance from the Community Advisory Group (CAG) representing nineteen (19) different entities or member positions and ten (10) Project Study Group (PSG) members were in attendance including the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) along with project consultants.

The purpose of this CAG meeting was to review the CSS process and CAG organization, provide an update on the project status and CAG Meeting #1 recap, and review and discuss preliminary alternatives to be carried forward. CAG members were also given the opportunity to work in small groups to discuss preliminary alternatives to be studied in more detail as well as provide their input on issues and concerns for each alternative (See attached meeting agenda).

Invited participants were stakeholders who had attended the Public Information Meeting or initial CAG Meeting and/or indicated their interest in serving on the CAG. Invitation letters and emails were sent to 29 individuals and the meeting date, time, and location was posted on the home page of the project website. A second reminder email was also sent out.

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation and a discussion of which alternatives the CAG felt should be carried forward and considered for more detailed studies. Following is a summary of the primary agenda items covered at the initial CAG meeting.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Stan Hansen welcomed the group and gave a general overview of the status of the project including:

- The project Purpose and Need was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the June 2015, NEPA 404 Merger Meeting.
- Preliminary alignment alternatives were developed and reviewed with the Project Study Group (PSG). These alternatives were then refined for presentation to the CAG.

- Environmental Studies are ongoing for this project.
- Alternatives are being evaluated to help facilitate selection of the preferred alternatives to be carried forward. The PSG will determine which alternatives will be carried forward with consensus from Stakeholders, the CAG, and jurisdictional agencies.

IDOT, MoDOT, Consultant PSG members, and CAG members provided self-introductions and identified whether they were representing any business, agency, or local group.

**Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Process:**

Shelley Dintelman reviewed the definition of CSS and noted that the project was in the Alternatives Development stage working towards defining a Preferred Alternative.

**CAG Organization and Communications:**

The CAG organization and communications were presented; Shelley reminded the CAG members of the Mission Statement – “The Quincy Memorial Bridge Advisory Group (QMBAG) will work with the Project Study Group to identify a preferred alternative for the US Route 24 eastbound Mississippi River crossing that satisfies the project purpose and need, and is best for the community and region based on an informed consensus. The QMBAG will present their recommendations to the PSG, understanding that the final decision remains in the hands of IDOT”.

**CAG Meeting #1 Recap and Community Context Audit Results:**

Shelley reviewed the preliminary alignment corridors that the CAG members discussed at the first CAG Meeting. These included:

1. Align With Existing Bayview Bridge
2. Align With Vermont Street
3. Align With Existing Memorial Bridge on Maine Street
4. Align With York Street

Shelley stated that horizontal and vertical tie-in locations were also discussed. In general, the previous CAG preference was to provide the vertical touchdown near the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street intersection and span over both Front Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. CAG Members also completed a Community Context Audit form at the initial meeting which helped to identify features within the project corridor that are important to the stakeholders. The following summarizes the community characteristics which were rated to have “High” importance by over 70% of the CAG:

- Traffic Safety (ranked highest of all categories)
- Neighborhood Parks/Open Spaces
- Sidewalks/ADA compliance
- Commuter Needs
- Traffic Signals
- Community Safety

**General Alternative Development:**

Stan presented the functional classifications and design criteria for the Missouri and Illinois approaches, the Mississippi River navigation parameters and land clearances for the Bayview and Memorial Bridges, and additional design items to take in to consideration while developing the alternatives. A question was asked in regards to whether the Missouri side of the proposed bridge would be out of the floodplain and Stan stated that the proposed profile of the new bridge approach would be above the levee and historic flood levels.

**Preliminary Alternatives and Group Discussion:**

Stan then presented the preliminary alternatives that have been developed and studied to date based on the input received from the Community Advisory Group at the initial meeting. The environmental resources surveyed and identified for the project were also illustrated on a map that was developed for the study area. The PSG has studied all four corridors noted above and prepared a number of alternatives for each. Stan summarized the key design elements for each alternative before breaking the CAG into sub-groups and providing a worksheet plot of all the alternatives for each sub-group to discuss. This map consisted of an aerial image with the alignment of each alternative developed in order for each sub-group to reference. The CAG members were directed to review alternative alignments and to identify which alternatives or any new ones that should be recommended to be carried forward as possible preferred alternatives for further studies. The following is a summary of the CAG's suggestions for each corridor as reported out by each sub-group at the meeting:

1. Corridor #1 (Align with Existing Bayview Bridge) – A few CAG members were concerned with having any alternative that by-passed the downtown business district but the general consensus was to have at least one alternative that followed this corridor since the majority of the traffic has a destination that is directed towards Broadway. One CAG member preferred that Alternative 1D be studied further but given this undesirable 5-leg intersection, significant right-of-way impacts, limited sight distance, access slip-ramp geometric deficiencies, created weaving movements and additional structure concerns, the PSG determined this option should not be carried forward. The general consensus was to further study the alternative that paralleled the existing Bayview Bridge (Alternative 1A).
2. Corridor #2 (Align With Vermont Street) – The CAG members were concerned with the turning movements required in a short one-block distance between Broadway and Vermont for vehicles departing the new bridge. Traffic would be required to make a left turn on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and then an immediate right turn onto Broadway (IL 104). The Vermont Street corridor alternatives would also create a high volume intersection at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, which is a location that is not currently signalized and these alternatives would require US 24 traffic to by-pass the majority of the downtown business district. The consensus for this corridor was that no further studies of these alternative be considered since this location for the new bridge is not very desirable from a traffic and business standpoint.

3. Corridor #3 (Align with Existing Memorial Bridge on Maine Street) – Since this corridor has carried the existing Quincy Memorial Bridge for over 80 years, the CAG members were in agreement that an alternative along Maine Street should be considered. They were somewhat split on whether they preferred Alternative 3A to the north of the existing bridge or Alternative 3B to the south of the existing bridge but agreed that a new alignment that allowed the existing bridge to remain open during construction would be desired. It was decided that the PSG would further coordinate with the City of Quincy and review the operations of the existing water treatment plant that is in close proximity to the existing bridge in order to better determine the alternative alignment to study further.
4. Corridor #4 (Align with York Street) – All of the CAG sub-groups thought this alignment had some merit and provided a good location to separate southbound trucks from through town traffic. This alternative would also provide an opportunity to open Maine Street up to Front Street and the riverfront. The consensus was to further study this corridor alternative (Alternative 4).

**Alternatives to be Carried Forward:**

Stan then summarized the discussions from each of the CAG sub-groups and then presented the PSG's preferred alignments to be carried forward. **Alternatives 1A, 3B and 4** were the alternatives that were identified to be recommend to FHWA to be carried forward.

**CSS/Public Involvement Schedule:**

Stan reviewed the current schedule and noted that the alternatives to be carried forward will be presented to FHWA at the NEPA 404 Merger Meeting in June 2016 for concurrence. The second Public Meeting will likely be conducted later this summer. The next CAG Meeting will follow the Public Meeting. The PSG plans to establish the Bridge Type Focus Group prior to or during that meeting, as well. Stan mentioned that additional comments can always be submitted on the project website.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

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**MEETING AGENDA**

1. Welcome & Introductions (7 min.)
2. Summary of Project Status (10 min.)
3. Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Process & Organization (3 min.)
4. Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting #1 (10 min.)
  - a. Recap of CAG Meeting #1
  - b. Community Context Audit Results
5. Preliminary Corridor & Alignment Alternatives Presentation (30 min.)
  - a. Alternative 1 □ Align With Existing Bayview Bridge
  - b. Alternative 2 □ Align With Vermont Street
  - c. Alternative 3 □ Align With Existing Memorial Bridge on Maine Street
  - d. Alternative 4 □ Align With York Street
6. Group Discussion of Alternatives □ Workshop @ Individual Tables (30 min.)
7. Preliminary Alternatives to be Carried Forward (20 min.)
8. Project Timeline (5 min.)
9. Closing Comments (5 min.)

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