## COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP APPLICATION

November 10, 2015



There will be opportunities for interested stakeholders to be actively involved in the study through participation in a Community Advisory Group.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP?

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) is a collection of community representatives and serves as the focal point for the exchange of information between government entities and the local community. The CAG is made up of representatives of diverse community interests, local government officials, community representatives, property owners and residents, and stakeholders with technical expertise. The CAG assists the Department in making better decisions on transportation related projects that benefit the community and environment.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP?

It is anticipated that this project will have three CAG meetings to gather and review the information necessary to complete this study. Meetings will generally be scheduled during normal business hours. CAG members will be responsible for attending or designating a representative to attend the CAG meetings, providing general input on the study, communicating to stakeholders outside the CAG, and collaborating with the Department.

Participants will be asked to understand and adhere to the following ground rules:

- All input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.
- All participants understand that topics will not be revisited once the issues have been addressed and a general understanding is reached.
- The Department will make a final recommendation on a preferred alternative.
- Members of the media are welcome to attend the meetings as observers, not participants in the process.

If you are interested in being a participant in an advisory group, please fill out the form below. All forms must be received by December 1, 2015, to be considered for CAG membership. The CAG is limited. Members will be selected based upon who they represent with the goal being an even distribution from each interest area. For further information, please call Chris Kersten, Illinois Department of Transportation District 1, at (847) 705-4633 or e-mail to IL53Corridor@ClarkDietz.com.

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