

Quentin Road Phase I – Dundee Road to Lake Cook Road  
Public Information Meeting No. 1 held on December 9, 2015  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
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At the public meeting on December 9, 2015, a number of recurring questions were discussed with meeting attendees. Many of these questions were also submitted by email to [Quentin.Road@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Quentin.Road@cookcountyil.gov), following the meeting. This document summarizes the most frequently asked questions and their responses.

- 1. How is this public meeting different from the last meeting?** This public meeting is re-initiating a collaborative planning process for a Phase I Study. In 2009, significant concerns were voiced regarding pedestrian and bicycle accommodations and potential environmental impacts of the proposed improvement plan; therefore, the proposed plan was not moved forward to construction. In order to address the concerns raised this re-initiated study will utilize an elevated level of environmental processing and stakeholder involvement. This process is called an Environmental Assessment (EA) Phase I study. The December 9, 2015 meeting is the first step in the EA process, to garner the existing concerns of the public. At the conclusion of the Phase I Study, which is expected to take approximately two years, Cook County will have a proposed improvement plan that considers the needs and input of the public in providing a new, safe roadway facility. A second meeting is planned for fall 2016 that will present potential alternatives and how well they address the transportation demand and public concern. A third meeting is planned for spring 2017 to present the final alternative to be advanced for construction.
- 2. What will determine whether 3 lanes or 4/5lanes are needed? Who will make this decision?** There are a lot of needs along Quentin Road, including a failing bridge, poor pavement condition, limited sight distance, no shoulders, no pedestrian/bike facilities and congested peak periods. Future studies will look at 2040 traffic volumes that are generated by the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, and how various alternatives will operate under the projected future traffic growth. The project goals are to balance the transportation needs along the corridor with the unique setting of Quentin Road. Although Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) will make the ultimate decision on the preferred alternative, it will consider input received from stakeholders to ensure the alternative selected is the one that most balances the transportation needs along the corridor while minimizing the impact to the Deer Grove Forest Preserves.
- 3. Will there be bicycle accommodations along Quentin Road?** CCDOH, Palatine and Deer Park are working toward providing pedestrian and bike accommodations on the east side of Quentin Road. Specifically, the project will study a multi-use path on the east side of Quentin Road from Lake Cook Road to Camp Reinberg and a multi-use path or sidewalk from Camp Reinberg to Dundee Road.
- 4. Will something be done at the bike crossing at the forest preserve entrance? It is very unsafe.** Both an at-grade and grade separated crossing (underpass) alternative will be considered. The previous study focused on a grade separated crossing only. With the recent improvements at Camp Reinberg, all alternatives, including an underpass, overpass and protected roadway crossing will be evaluated in the same manner as the alternatives along Quentin Road.
- 5. I'm concerned about the impact the project will have on the natural environment, including Deer Grove Forest Preserve. What will be done to protect the special resources within Deer Grove?** The project team is working closely with all of the various stakeholders. Multiple meetings have been held with Openlands and the Forest Preserve District to understand the wetland restoration work performed at Deer Grove and to ensure that the roadway improvements do not adversely impact this work. The project will be coordinated with resource agencies including the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and others. The project strives to address the transportation needs of the area while also cognizant of the resources within the project corridor. The study will focus on the unique context of Quentin Road, addressing the

deterioration of an aging facility, meeting the transportation safety and capacity demands and respecting the adjacent environmental resources.

6. **Will the project reduce the speed limit? Quentin Road is 40 mph south of Dundee Road and north of Lake Cook Road.** The safe speed at which a road can be traveled is based on a number of factors including traffic volumes of vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles; type and design of the roadway facility including sight distance; number of driveways/entrances and adjacent land use; and crash frequency and severity. A speed study is typically completed to determine the speed at which 85 percent of free-flow traffic is traveling at or below. This speed is then adjusted, if warranted, based on factors such as those listed above. A speed study is planned to be completed by the project team in 2016. If a change in speed limit is warranted from the study, it may be implemented in advance of the roadway construction work.
7. **Can a traffic signal be installed at Ruhl Road?** The installation of a traffic signal must meet certain requirements based on federal standards. In the previous study, none of the traffic signal requirements were met at Ruhl Road. This study will look at 2040 traffic volumes and determine if any of the traffic signal requirements will be met.
8. **I have a drinking well and septic tank/field on my property. How will this project affect me?** As part of the data collection, locations of the wells and tanks/fields within the project limits will be documented by field surveys and coordination with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). This study will determine the impacts, if any, to these facilities. The County will coordinate with property owners when more information is known.