

FAI-33-5.60 (Carroll Interchange), PID 76938

Public Comment Summary

As part of the development of the FAI-33-5.60 (Carroll Interchange) project, a public meeting was held on April 30, 2013 at the Fairfield Career Center. The meeting was held from 5PM to 8PM. The meeting was an open house meeting with project displays and a brief presentation at 6:30PM. Copies of the meeting materials were made available at the meeting and on the project web site. The following is a summary of the 24 public comments that were received during the public comment period, which ended on May 17, 2013.

Letters of Support

Letters of support were received for the project and the ODOT preferred alternative. These comments were responded to with a thank you and reminder of the project website.

Pleasantville Road Cul-de-Sac

The comments received regarding the construction of a cul-de-sac at the US 33 and Pleasantville Road intersection. The comments were in regards to access Pleasantville Road once the direct access was removed. The response stated the addition of the Carroll-Northern Road extension was included in the project to provide access from Carroll-Northern Road to the proposed interchange facility. The extension will also provide access to Pleasantville Road to mitigate the loss of the at-grade intersection. The design will include way-finding signs.

Bicycle Lanes/Pedestrian Accommodations

The comments received were regarding the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as part of the interchange and connecting roadway design. Currently, there is no existing bicycle or pedestrian facilities in the area. In review of local planning documents, there were no long range plans that indicated multi-use path or other separate facilities for bicycle or pedestrian use. The local roadway network will be improved to include wider, paved shoulders. The current shoulder facilities are limited to a two foot graded shoulder. Proposed conditions will include a four foot paved shoulder or wider, which is an acceptable shoulder width to accommodate on-street bicycle or pedestrian traffic.

Alternative Interchange Design

There was a request to consider constructing the interchange at the existing Winchester Road/High Street intersection to avoid increasing travel time. The evaluation of this proposal yielded substantially higher impacts to both the village of Carroll and surrounding developments. The higher impacts would also result in higher project costs.

Property Specific Requests

There were several comments requesting information on property impacts. Property specific information was provided both at the meeting and in follow-up correspondence after the meeting to

affected property owners. Provided information was based on the level of design that had been performed at that time.

Carroll-Southern Road Access

Written and verbal comments were received regarding the closure of the US 33 and Carroll-Southern Road access point. Concerns were expressed with the ability to access the developments on Carroll-Southern Road with existing height and load limit restrictions. ODOT evaluated options to accommodate movements to Carroll-Southern Road from an extended collector-distributor roadway. The proposed roadway would allow for the connection of Carroll-Southern Road to the proposed interchange facility. The US 33 eastbound on-ramp would be relocated to the terminus of the Carroll-Southern Road extension.