

Willow Road Phase I Study Problem Statement

August 2010 Problem Statement

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June 2010 Draft Problem Statement (CAG Meeting #4)

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April 2010 Draft Problem Statement (CAG Meeting #3)

Willow Road between Waukegan Road and the Edens Expressway is surrounded by homes, schools, churches, parks, and businesses. These land uses support Willow Road as a multi-modal corridor, which must safely and efficiently accommodate pedestrians (especially school-age children), bicyclists, transit users, and vehicular traffic. In addition, local and regional solutions to improve mobility should be explored. Solutions for all modes of transportation problems need to be developed, while avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts to the surrounding environment.