

Winnetka

Willow Road Public Meeting #1

Comment Form

Questions, Comments and Opinions

We invite you to submit comments about the project at the public meeting or by mail to the address on back.

You may also submit input through the project website at: www.willowroadfuture.org

Comments are welcome at any time, but to be included in the Public Meeting #1 record, comments must be received by March 19, 2010.

General Comment/Input:

Willow Road should be ~~widened~~^{widened} to 4 lanes.
Traffic build-up is terrible - much exhaust
contaminating the air. Three lanes are
dangerous for vehicles. Very few cars ever
turn off to south bound side streets. Crossings
to schools and athletic fields can be made
safe. Willow Rd. is a main route between
294 & 94. I use this road round-trip 4-6 times per week.
So much time and money has been spent
on this problem. Use the past data and get
this project completed - But how is the state
going to get the money?

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 10:40 AM
To: CH-Chad Dirks
Subject: Willow Road Project

I tried to an e-mail message to willowroadfuture.org address but it would not go through. I was instructed to contact WEBMASTER, which evidently is the address above.

My message to willowroadfuture.org:

Attached is a copy of an e-mail I have sent to Senator Schoenberg regarding the Willow Road project in Northfield:

Dear Sen. Schoenberg,

I live at [REDACTED] in Winnetka and travel frequently through Northfield on Willow Road to shopping areas west of Waukegan Road. This section of road absolutely needs to be widened to four lanes, given the continuous bumper to bumper traffic on this stretch of road. I have three comments regarding this matter:

The time and money spent "studying" this project both currently and over the past few years is comparable to the wasted effort spent inspecting and "negotiating" with Iran regarding their nuclear program. The time for negotiating is over. Get it done and soon! This project has already been studied to death, and we don't need to waste more taxpayer money with more studies.

As for three lanes versus four, the merging traffic at both ends of the current two lane section is nothing but a fender bender looking for a place to happen, plus an occasional case of road rage caused by some drivers trying to get ahead of the line by butting in instead falling in behind other vehicles. Three lanes would only help slightly because traffic stoppage due to left turns on the two-lane section is minimal, based on my driving experience.

Kids crossing the road? I have lived in IL since 1984 and can't remember the last time I saw ANYONE crossing Willow Road in the two-lane portion. If pedestrian traffic during school opening and closing hours does exist, simply have a local Public Service Officer monitor the crossing location during these times as Winnetka does on Tower Road. I will reiterate what I said in a previous letter to you on this subject. Put two or three cameras along the crossing areas and monitor how many people actually cross Willow road on foot and when they do so. The results should put this issue to rest.

Please forward my comments to the group currently responsible for arriving at a final proposal. I am, personally, 101% in favor of widening Willow Road to four lanes.

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1 congestion issue, so it's my view that we should
2 have four lanes there and -- but I understand the
3 necessity of protecting the children, which I
4 strongly agree with, but I think the pedestrian
5 bridges would be the way to go. Those are my
6 thoughts. Thank you.

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