



**Cook-DuPage Corridor
Planning Standards Working Group Meeting
Friday, November 3, 2006 1:30 PM
DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
1220 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook**

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

José Luis Alvarez, Cicero
Dave Barber, Downers Grove
Rob Cole, Oak Park
Bob Dean, Naperville
Keri Johnson, CMAP
Tam Kutzmark, DMMC
Nick Pappas, DuPage County
Tammy Wierciak, WCMC

Tony Allender, Wilbur Smith Associates
Dan Doenges, Wilbur Smith Associates
Bill Lenski, RTA
Michelle Ryan, RTA
Nancy Seeger, Nancy Seeger Associates, Ltd.

I. Attendance

- A sign in sheet was circulated; see above for those present.
- Dave Barber led the meeting and made introductory remarks.

II. October 19, 2006 Meeting Summary: Dave Barber provided a brief overview of the fifth meeting of the Planning Standards Working Group conducted on October 19 and referred to the meeting summary included as Attachment 1 of the agenda. The meeting summary was approved.

III. Guiding Principles and Planning Standards

A. Finalization of Guiding Principles

- The Working Group engaged in a brief discussion of the revised Guiding Principles presented in Agenda Attachment 2, entitled *Shared Values, Guiding Principles and Planning Standards*. Two changes emerged from the discussion as detailed below:
 - Growth and Community Change: the 1st principle was changed to *Transportation improvements should strive to connect potential employees and participants to regional employment and activity centers that are currently underserved through a variety of mode options.*

- Diversity: the 2nd principle was changed to *Transportation policy decisions should actively include the participation of people from a variety of demographic and economic backgrounds.*

B. Development of Planning Standards

- Bill Lenski distributed a reprint of an article entitled "Circle Line on Nov 7 Ballot" that appeared in the Wicker Park *Booster*. The referendum question will ask local residents to register their preference for putting the Circle Line underground in the 32nd Ward. He noted that this is an example of residents being asked to vote on a planning standard for their area – essentially creating a planning standard by power of the ballot box.
- A sheet containing examples of potential planning standards was distributed.
- The Group engaged in extensive discussion about the need to include measures as components of standards. Michelle Ryan noted that a standard should be measurable, but that all standards may not be measurable during the same phase of study. She also stressed the importance of objectivity. Tony Allender emphasized the need for flexibility and added that parameters must be set so that the standards do not become unwieldy.
- Dave Barber suggested that the Group split into two groups to develop standards using the Guiding Principles, the *Goals and Objectives for Corridor Mobility Improvements* presented as Agenda Attachment 4, and the *Planning Standards Activity Worksheet* presented as Attachment 5.
 - The first group was assigned the first two themes for standards development: 1) Growth & Community Change and 2) Diversity. This first group was comprised of the following Working Group members: José Alvarez, Rob Cole, Tam Kutzmark and Nick Pappas. RTA project team members Michelle Ryan and Dan Doenges also participated in this group.
 - The second group was assigned the last two themes for standards development: Quality of Life and Mobility. This second group was comprised of David Barber, Bob Dean, Kerri Johnson and Tammy Wierciak. RTA project team members Bill Lenski, Tony Allender and Nancy Seeger contributed to this group.
- After extensive discussion in the two smaller groups (noted above), the Working Group as a whole reconvened to report and discuss outcomes. Conclusions about the draft standards were, as follows:
 - There was an overlap between the Goals and Objectives, Shared Values, Guiding Principles and Draft Standards, which is confusing.
 - Some Guiding Principles and Draft Planning Standards, though worded differently, seemed to be duplicative.
 - The Guiding Principles are not necessary at this stage of the CPS process, but should be discussed in the CPS Regional Guidebook.

- All or parts of the Guiding Principles can be transformed into shorter, bulleted Planning Standards.
- A matrix comparing Draft Planning Standards to the Community Values (Diversity, Quality of Life, Mobility, Growth and Community Change) may be helpful.
- RTA and its consultant team will combine and build upon the standards that have been written by the two subgroups and prepare a list of draft standards for further review and discussion by the Working Group at the next meeting.
- Michelle Ryan noted that the team will also develop potential evaluation measures that respond to the communities and local values.

IV. Next Meeting

- The Group established that the next meeting will be held on November 17 at 2:00 pm at DMMC.

V. Other Business: There was no other business

VI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM

Meeting Summary prepared by Nancy Seeger Associates, Ltd.