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Village officials to talk transportation with community

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A public meeting will take place Tuesday, during Cruise Nights at the corner of Des Plaines and Lockport streets, for discussions about the village's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Staff will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. to discuss the study and to answer questions.

Recently, Plainfield began an update to its long-term transportation plan, seeking to blend previous plans and studies with current information. The project, entirely funded by a \$120,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, includes a transit-oriented development study. Together, village officials hope to better determine the existing patterns of transit such as how motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians function together, and where improvements are need.



"The idea is to look at all the components, there are about 13, and see what needs work," Superintendent of Public Improvements Randall Jessen said. "Some things need a little support, some need a lot, but that's from a staff perspective. We want to know what the concerns of the residents are, even if it's as simple as 'we need a crosswalk there.'"

This will be the first meeting of three over the next couple of months, and the entire update should be completed by June 2013.

For more information or to share your comments, visit the project web site at www.plainfieldtransportation.com

While the meeting on cruise night will be general information, a more specific transit topic will be the subject of a meeting Sept. 6.

Proposed improvements to the intersection of 127th Street and Plainfield-Naperville Road will be discussed at a public meeting from 5 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 24401 West Lockport St.

The 127th Street project includes reconstruction of the intersection to provide left turn lanes, a new traffic signal, and improved drainage. Proposed changes will help regulate traffic flow, resolve some issues of visibility, and coordinate traffic lights and stops with the 119th Street intersection, for which improvements are nearing completion.

"That intersections sees a tremendous amount of traffic," Jessen said, "so a stop sign is not a very effective solution . It's better than nothing, but not really effective.

In the planning stages for the past three years, work has been hampered by economic conditions and has moved slowly, Jessen explained.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend the informal meeting, at which village representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer individual questions. Preliminary reports, including environmental documents, engineering drawings, maps, and aerial photography, will be available for inspection and viewing.

Attendees also have an opportunity to submit written comments during and after the meeting.