Application Number: 56

Project Title: Lansing Multimodal Transportation Plan

Applicant: Village of Lansing

Project Description:

Our Calumet Corridor Communities are seeking a discreet set of multi-year improvements to guide coordinated planning efforts that enhance roadway capacity to provide better access to this important Chicago metropolitan region.

The overall goal of the Calumet Corridor Communities is dual faceted: 1) reduce traffic congestion, provide for non-motorized transportation and improve public transportation along the corridor through Feasible Infrastructure Improvements and 2) support transit oriented development and leverage public & private investment in a manner that strengthens the local economy through obtaining Corridor Planning Standards.

1) Feasible Infrastructure Improvements

Historically, the design of SRAs like US6 and IL83 have focused on maximizing roadway capacity, improving safety, and minimizing congestion primarily for automobiles. However, the needs of other users (bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users) are just as critical. Nationwide, communities along major arterials are promoting a balanced approach that considers all potential users. We seek infrastructure improvements that follow the national, state and county complete streets concepts.

2) Corridor Planning Standards

Our Calumet Corridor will continue to redevelop. Now is the time to identify and reduce conflict with current, local community development plans from past planning processes. We want to strengthen the visual character and design integrity associated with the existing building stock, while also enhancing or expanding the existing character of the Corridor streetscapes. Ultimately, we seek to develop unified cross-community principles and practices that can improve opportunities in community development throughout this Calumet Corridor.

Calumet City is in the planning phase of developing a casino on the current River Oaks Mall property located at the pivot point of our Calumet Corridor; the intersection of US6 and IL83. We are confident that developments such as this will lead to further redevelopment of the corridor, which only reinforces the critical nature of having plans for infrastructure improvements and planning standards in place now.

Rather than highways acting as barriers separating communities, South Holland, Calumet City and Lansing seek ways in which the existing infrastructure can be improved to better serve the needs of all transportation system users, and thereby improve the quality of life in this Calumet Triangle.

Project Location: The Village of Lansing with its neighbors, Calumet City and South Holland, seek planning assistance for what we are calling the Calumet Corridor. The Calumet Corridor is the area defined by the Northeast quadrant formed by the intersection of Interstates 80 and 94. The region is served by 2 Strategic Regional Arterials centered on the River Oaks Mall property at the intersection of IL Route 83/Torrence Avenue and US Route 6/159th Street. The project area would span from the I-94 interchange with US6/159th St and extend east to the intersection of US6 and IL83, where it will extend south to the interchange of I-80 and IL83/Torrence Ave. That triangle comprises the primary commercial districts of South Holland, Calumet City and Lansing.