

Willow Road Study
Public Comment Summary
CAG Meeting #2
January 14, 2010



The following summary of comments made at CAG Meeting #2 reflects the general intent of the comment or question and is not meant to be verbatim. The name and residency of the speaker is listed with the comment.

Comment 1 (Alysa Fields, Northbrook)

These issues have been stated for the last 15 years. Ms. Fields's children have friends that were killed on Willow Road. Many children have been hurt crossing the road too. Dundee Road and other roads should be included in this study. Designating Willow Road as a Strategic Regional Arterial has led to more truck traffic on Willow Road.

Comment 2 (Barbara Moore, Northfield)

Public comments should be made available on the project website for all to review. This process needs to look at regional issues and not focus only on the 1.5 miles of Willow Road. Ms. Moore expressed concern about the limitations of this study and asked the group to look at a broader area.

Comment 3 (Dave Cox, Northfield)

Schools near the project should be the main focus of this project. These schools need to be reflected in the Community Context Audit. Construction of the expressway system cut our village in half and the widening of Willow Road will quarter the village. With the funding level of \$25 million for this project, a tunnel should be considered as an alternative. Don't forget to pay attention to the kids.

Comment 4 (Tom O'Donoghue, Northfield)

This study needs to look further than just the Willow Road area. This committee should look at the entire region. Willow Road is the only way to get to O'Hare airport for people that live to the east. If there was a full interchange at the Edens Spur with the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), people wouldn't have to drive on Willow Road to get to the Tri-State Tollway. Westbound traffic on the Edens Spur can only go northbound on the Tri-State Tollway today. IDOT needs to solve the problem of transportation in the region.

Comment 5 (Mary Novotny, Glenview)

Safety of students in the area is a major concern everywhere, not just in Northfield. If Northfield is concerned about safety of school kids crossing Willow Road, busing should be considered like Glenview buses their kids in District 31 (West Northfield School District).