



COMMUNITY CONTEXT AUDIT FORM

CENTRAL AVENUE AT BELT RAILWAY COMPANY RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION STUDY

This audit is designed to take into account the community's history or heritage, present conditions and anticipated conditions. As you complete this audit, please consider the interaction of persons and groups within your community when considering factors such as community cohesiveness, mobility and access (*vehicular, non-vehicular and transit modes*), local economics, surroundings, and overall quality of life.

The Study Goal is to identify a transportation solution that is consistent within the context of the community and that the community is better off with the improvement than without. The information you provide will help define the purpose and need of the proposed transportation improvements based upon community goals and local plans for future development. With any transportation solution, there will be change. It is important the Study Team understand the values of the community and not make any assumptions on your behalf.

Please use the back side of the sheet if you need more room. Please submit this form to any Study Team member or mail to: Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Programming, Attn: Mark Peterson, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Thank you for your time. Your input is important!

Community Cohesiveness

1. What are the main community activities that you participate in?
2. What are there any social groups that you are involved with within the community? If so, please give a description of the organization and the location of meeting places and events.
3. When you think of a vibrant business/residential community, what characteristics come to mind?
4. If you had to describe you community, what words would you use?
5. What do you believe are the important cultural features or identifiers within the community?

Accessibility

6. Please provide some information on how important the various modes of transportation are to you and when are they used:
 - a. Public Transportation
 - b. Bicycle or Walking
 - c. Auto
7. What is your biggest transportation concern in the community?
8. What are your thoughts on the existing at-grade crossing on Central Avenue with respect to how it impacts your travels?
9. How do your children get to school? Do they cross any major streets? If so, please identify.

Local Economy

10. How often do you patronize local businesses along the Archer Avenue corridor?
11. What's important to you as a consumer or business owner regarding commerce in the community?
12. What is your sense of the relationship between residents and businesses?

Surroundings

13. If you had to take one photograph to capture the essence of Garfield Ridge, what would it be?
14. What is important to you from a visual aspect?
15. With respect to your community, what is considered a nuisance or an eyesore?
16. What are the most important places or objects that need to be preserved and/or promoted in your community?