

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Everyone's voice is heard and considered in the process, seeking an agreement of most participants. The intent is to maximize stakeholder participation and ownership of project decisions. General agreement may or may not be achieved on every issue. The Project Study Group may elect to move the process forward in instances where consensus cannot be achieved.



GROUND RULES

- The purpose of the Stakeholder Involvement Process is to gather and consider input on the project in order to produce the best solutions to the problems identified.
- All input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The list of stakeholders is subject to revision at any time.
- Minutes of Community Advisory Group meetings will be maintained by the Project Study Group.
- Members of the media are welcome at all CAG meetings, but must remain in the role of observers, not participants in the process.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.
- A general agreement of stakeholder concurrence on project choices will be sought.
- All participants understand that topics will not be re-revisited once the issues have been addressed and a general understanding is reached.
- All decisions made by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner and stakeholders should agree that their input has been actively solicited and duly considered.
- The Project Study Group (PSG) will make a final recommendation on a preferred alternative.

