

DuPage County Route 83 Corridor Plan

Community Open House Summary | May 16 & 23, 2019



The Route 83 Corridor Plan outreach has been in full swing since April 2019. The project team has met with elected officials in each of the corridor communities and at two corridor open houses. Close to 100 people attended the open houses, sharing ideas and concerns through letters, maps, comments and conversations with the project team, culminating in the following list of Major Themes:

Major Themes from Open Houses:

- Traffic congestion impedes efficiency and causes accidents, in particular south of North Avenue
 - High number of accidents
 - Significant congestion during the morning and afternoon rush hours
 - Adjacent neighborhoods are impacted by traffic avoiding Route 83
 - Traffic lights timing is ineffective
- Pedestrian crosswalks and crossing opportunities are limited and feel unsafe
 - Residents wish to improve pedestrian and bike access to green spaces and trails and to Fenton High School
 - Elmhurst residents noted a need for better crossing opportunities to reach Forest Preserves and parks
- Significant impacts highlighted by residents of areas directly adjacent to Route 83 include:
 - Almost intolerable noise from Route 83 occurs throughout the day and night
 - Traffic from the roadway causes their homes to shake
 - Any increased impacts on quality of life could directly affect marketability of private property
- Residents note there are significant aesthetic differences along the corridor
 - Since Route 83 acts as a gateway for corridor communities, there is a desire to create more aesthetic consistency among communities
- Increase safety for turning at major Route 83 intersections
 - Consider protected/dedicated turn lanes
- Greater planning needed for local trips within the area and not just using Route 83 as a thru route for trucks
 - Regional truck traffic is a major function of the corridor, but causes safety and congestion issues for local users
 - Consider ways to lessen truck traffic impacts along the corridor and in the neighborhoods
- Changes in land use along Route 83 are a concern of residents
 - Commercial (re)development could cause more traffic, exacerbating current conditions
 - Any possible changes from residential use should be controlled by property owners
- Protect and expand green spaces in the Route 83 area
 - Residents advocate for protecting the Forest Preserves, to enhance flood control and recreational opportunities
 - Residents desire improved access to the Greenway Trail and local and regional green spaces

The corridor **Study Area** is a mile either side of Route 83 and runs to Devon on the north and St. Charles Road on the south. When complete, the Route 83 Corridor Land Use Plan will be **an update of the DuPage County Land Use Plan** and is aimed at reviewing land use designations of unincorporated properties. The **plan's intent** is to develop consensus on how best to plan for the future of those sites and surrounding areas. The plan also is weighing issues and opportunities related to other matters along the corridor, including transportation and real estate markets.