



SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD CORRIDOR STUDY MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 18, 2010, 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Overview

The first meeting of the Springfield Railroad Corridor Study Medical Advisory Group (MAG) was held at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Three participants and seven members of the study team attended the two-hour meeting, which served as the official launch of the study's public involvement program. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Acquaint advisory group members with the study team;
- Explain the study's purpose, activities and timeline;
- Describe the study's public involvement program;
- Review the roles and responsibilities of advisory group members; and
- Discuss the study's upcoming community outreach activities.

Jimmie Austin, of Hanson Professional Services, opened the meeting with an introduction of the study team and a brief description of team members' responsibilities. He then invited meeting attendees to state their organizational affiliations and share their reasons for joining the MAG. A list of meeting participants is presented below.

Advisory Group Members:

Mike Boer (Mid-Illinois Medical District)
Ed Curtis (Memorial Health System)
Dr. J. Kevin Dorsey (S.I.U. School of Medicine)

Study Team Members:

Jimmie Austin (Hanson)	Kevin Seals (Hanson)
Rebecca Bennett (Vector)	Leann Smart (Vector)
Laurina Godwin (Vector)	Atia Thurman (Vector)
Sergio 'Satch' Pecori (Hanson)	

Corridor Study's Technical Program

After learning about MAG members' participation interests and desires, Kevin Seals, the study's environmental and public engagement lead, gave a 25-minute presentation on the study's technical components. Copies of his PowerPoint presentation were provided to attendees, but presentation highlights included:

- An introduction to the study team and the project's key decision-makers;
- A review of the study's history, purpose and need;
- An explanation of the study's deliverables, main components, process and timeline;
- A discussion of the study team's current technical activities;
- A look at existing (2010) and projected (2020) rail traffic in Springfield; and
- An exploration of the study's next steps.