

Appendix A

Public Meeting Materials

Initial Public Meeting
Village of Orland Park
August 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Summary:

The Village of Orland Park hosted an initial public meeting to begin the planning process for the LaGrange Road Transportation Corridor Plan. The Village is in receipt of a Regional Transportation Authority grant to help conduct a study of the corridor. Village residents were invited to attend, learn about the planning process, and provide feedback.

The meeting was advertised by the Village using the Village newsletter, on the Village website (<http://www.orland-park.il.us>), and through email invitations sent from the Village. An online map of the corridor was provided to familiarize residents with the proposed transportation corridor.

The Illinois Department of Transportation recently conducted a Phase 1 study for roadway widening of the corridor between 131st Street in the north and Interstate 80 in the south. The Village was involved during this design process. Phase 2 currently is not scheduled.

The goals and objectives of the LaGrange Road Transportation Corridor Plan were presented at the meeting and are reproduced below.

- GOALS:
 - Reduce traffic congestion
 - Accommodate non-motorized transportation & public transportation
 - Encourage land use to support transit-oriented development
 - Leverage public (and private) investment to strengthen Village economy
- OBJECTIVE:
 - Identify, plan, and design for different modes of transportation including cars, transit and trolley service, pedestrian connections, and bikeways.

Residents were shown a map of the proposed corridor and areas adjacent to LaGrange Road within the Villages of Orland Park and Tinley Park. Residents were asked to identify common trips that they frequently take by drawing lines on the map. Residents also were asked to identify trips they would like to take using various modes of transportation (bike, walk, drive), and to identify any barriers, concerns, or problems they encounter on these existing or desired trips. This information will be documented to help identify focus areas for further study within the scope of the Transportation Corridor Plan.

Various strategies were presented at the public meeting of ways to achieve the goals of the Plan while working within the Village to complement the planned corridor improvements.

Maps:

Large maps were produced for mark-up during the public meeting on which residents marked their paths to various destinations, and provided comments as to the barriers, which included a lack of gaps in traffic, a lack of traffic control, or a general concern about driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist safety.

Next Steps:

The Village will be hosting a total of three (3) citizen advisory committee meetings. The meetings are an opportunity for various residents, business owners, transit users, advocates, and others to meet with the Village and its consultant team. The meetings will consist of discussions to address each of the goals of the Plan as well as collect additional input regarding comments raised at the public meeting. Residents who wish to participate in these meetings are advised to contact the Village at 708-403-6118 for more information.

LaGrange Road Transportation Corridor Plan Introduction



Village of Orland Park
August 20, 2008

Tonight's Agenda

- What Is A Corridor Transportation Plan?
- Overview Of The Plan
- IDOT Planning
- What We Can Do
- How You Can Help
- Next Steps/Get Involved

What is a transportation corridor plan?

- A “corridor enhancement strategy”, intended to:
 - Assist the Village in improving movement **along** and **across** LaGrange Road
 - Work **with** the Illinois Department of Transportation to achieve a design compatible with **all** user needs
 - Create a plan for working with **future** development in the corridor

Goals and Objectives

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Goals and Objectives

- What does “corridor” mean?
 - All travel within study area
 - LaGrange Road
 - Connecting and intersecting roads
 - Traffic signals
 - Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike routes, paths
 - Parks, open space
 - Bus routes, bus stops, train stations



Overview Of The Plan

- Study Area: LaGrange Road
 - North-South: 131st Street- I-80
 - East-West: Varies
- Beyond, but still important
 - Mokena Metra Station
 - I-355, I-294
 - IL-43/Harlem Avenue
 - IL-83/Cal Sag Road
 - Wolf Road, Will-Cook Road



Overview Of The Plan

- **How does LaGrange Road function?**
 - For users
 - Typical trips
 - Work trips
 - Crossing & traveling parallel to LaGrange
 - Continuity
- **Review green areas & open space**
 - Forest preserves
 - Village parks
 - Water detention & retention
 - Other natural areas

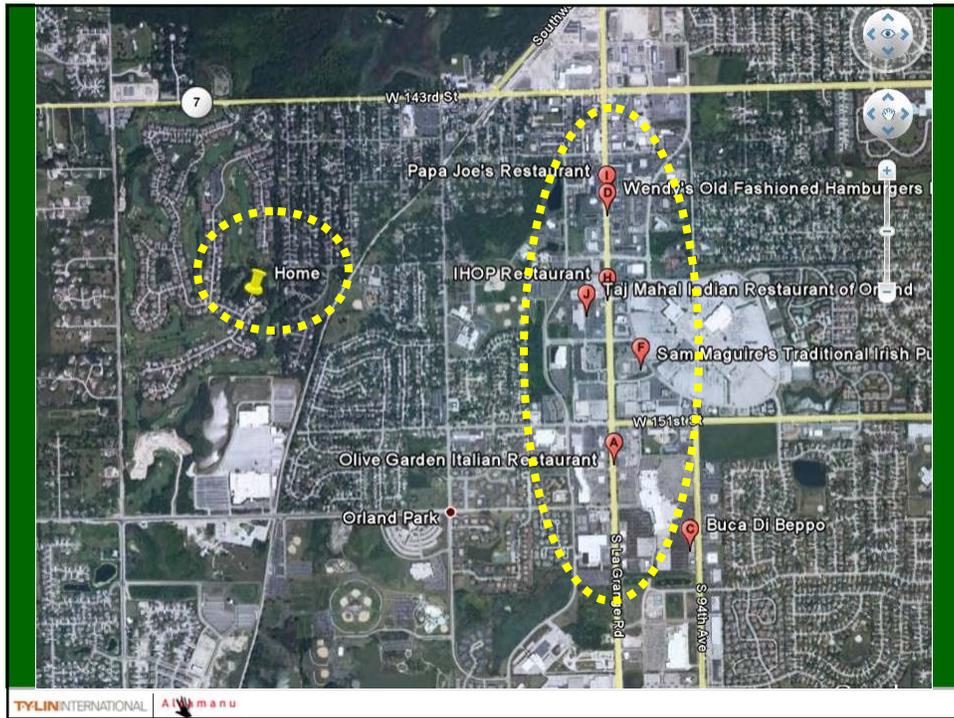
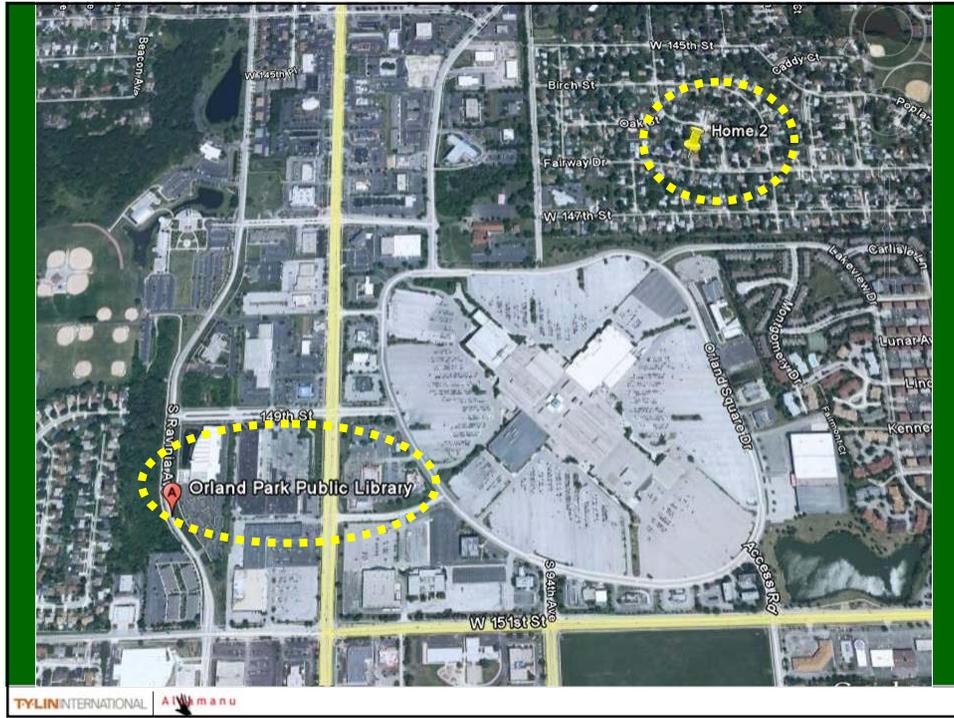
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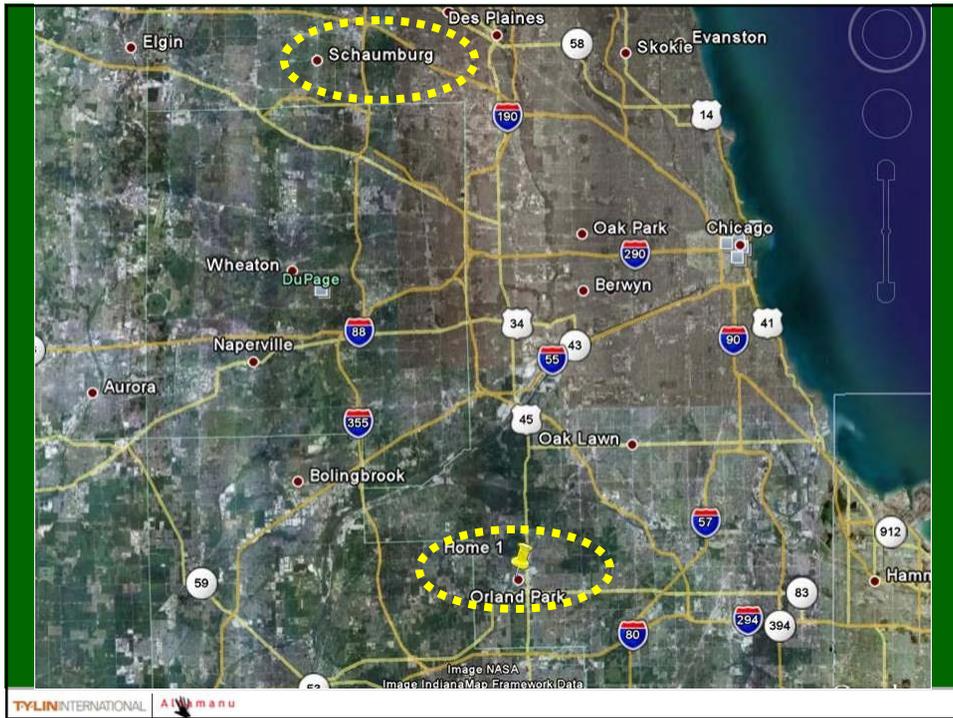
- **Review land use**
 - Existing land use
 - Planned development
 - Vacant land
 - Infill opportunities
 - Redevelopment opportunities
- **Identify design opportunities**
 - Sidewalks
 - Village Gateways
 - Streetscape
 - Public Areas
 - Amenities to be provided with new development

Overview Of The Plan

- What do we know?
 - Travel patterns
 - Crash locations
 - Existing land use
 - Proposed plans for widening
- What do we **want** to know?
 - Congested areas
 - Potential development sites
 - Points of conflict
 - **Typical trips & destinations**

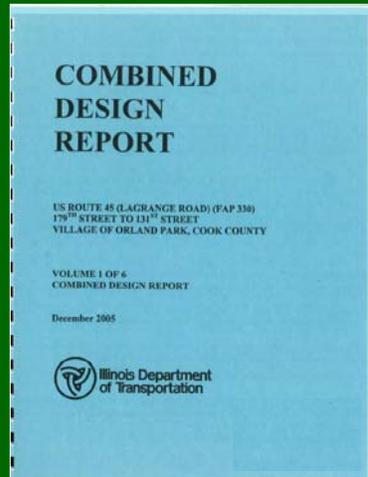




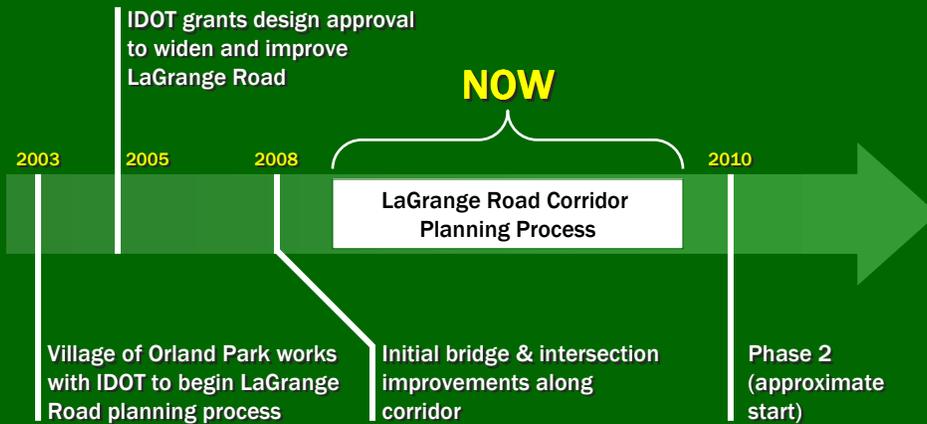


IDOT Planning

- What has happened so far?
 - Design approval granted to widen LaGrange Road
- What is underway?
 - Intersection capacity improvements at 159th
 - Bridge widening at Southwest Highway

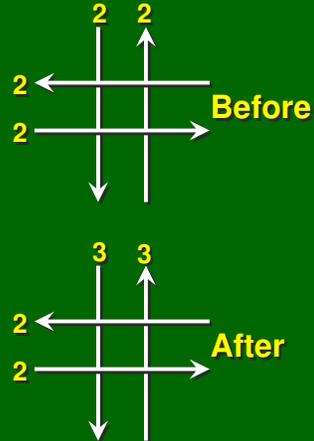


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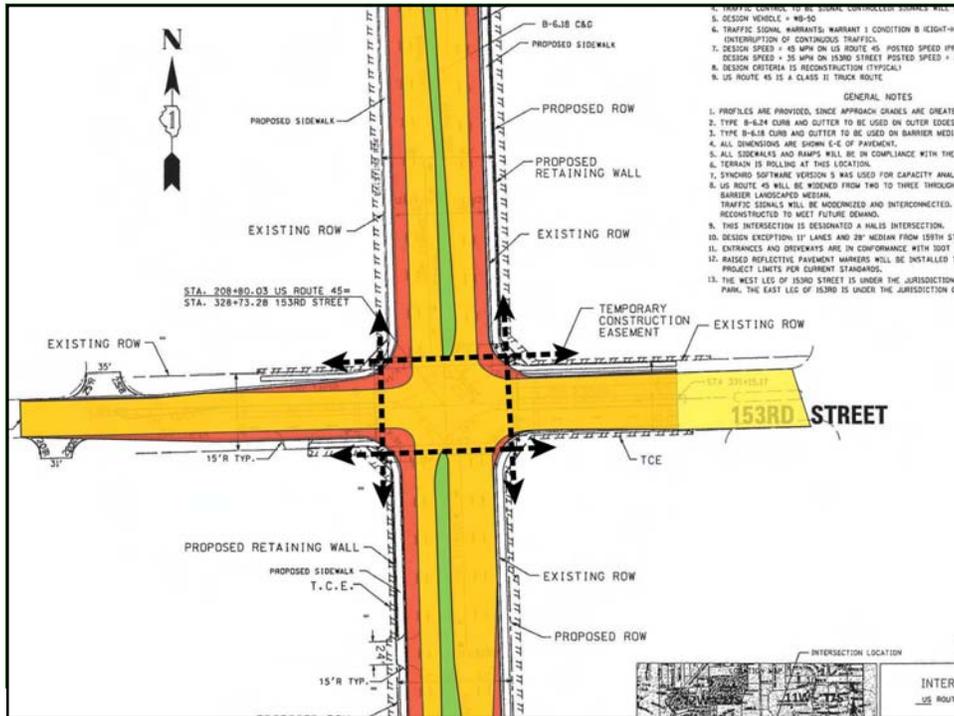


IDOT Planning

- **Example:**
 - 153rd Street & LaGrange Road
 - LaGrange Widened to accommodate projected traffic
 - No new lanes on 153rd



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What We Can Do

- Work with IDOT to identify possible changes to LaGrange Road for Phase 2
- Identify Village capital improvements
- Identify potential funding sources
- Make recommendations for private developers
- Suggest public/private partnerships
- Prepare a 15-year timeline

What We Can Do

- “**Tools**” to enhance pedestrian/bicyclist movement
 - Shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians
 - Increase visibility of crosswalks
 - Provide refuge/waiting areas where possible
 - Identify /improve alternate routes
 - Provide informational signs



How You Can Help

- Who has an interest in this plan?
 - Residents, Employees
 - Property owners
 - Business owners
 - Commuters
 - Transit Users & Providers
 - Orland Park
 - Tinley Park



How You Can Help

Please tell us:

- How do you currently use LaGrange Road?
 - Major destinations
 - Gateways
 - Barriers
- How would you like to use LaGrange Road?
 1. As a pedestrian
 2. As a bicyclist
 3. As a transit user
 4. As a motorist
 5. As a resident, tenant, employee, business owner, shopper, visitor

How You Can Help

- Please identify trips you take as a:
 1. Pedestrian
 2. Bicyclist
 3. Transit User
 4. Motorist/passenger
- Trips you **want** to take...
 - What prevents you?



Group Activity

Next Steps/*Get Involved*

- Assemble Citizen Advisory Board
 - Residents
 - Business Owners
 - Pedestrian/Bicycling Advocates
 - Senior Citizens
 - Citizens with Disabilities
- Three citizen advisory meetings
- One additional public meeting
- Please let us know if you wish to be involved

Thank You For Coming!

- Questions?
- Contact Information:
 - Craig Williams, craig.williams@tylin.com
 - Tim Gustafson, timothy.gustafson@tylin.com
 - Call us: 312-777-2900

Appendix B

Citizen Advisory Committee Materials



**Village of Orland Park
LaGrange Road Transportation Corridor Plan
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting**

Village of Orland Park
14700 S. Ravinia Avenue
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Committee member introductions
2. Public meeting review of goals and objectives
3. Summary of travel patterns
4. Destinations within the corridor
5. Congested areas and times of day
6. Cut-through traffic and shortcuts
7. Traffic speeds and driver behavior

Next Meeting

Early November (exact date TBD)

Topics to be discussed:

1. Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancements
2. Access to Transit, Development/Public-private Partnerships

Meeting Summary, 9/24/08

Citizen Advisory Committee

Members Attending:

The group is anxious about information regarding roadway widening, and welcomed the opportunity to discuss what options there are for transportation improvements.

Major destinations in corridor:

The maps were presented by segment, and the group identified additional locations on the map to be included. They include (generally):

- 94th Avenue itself
- Medical Center on 167th Street west of LaGrange

Members discussed the proposed medians on LaGrange Road, and expressed interest in using them not only as landscaped medians to reduce the perceived width of the road, but also:

- To facilitate unofficial (yet likely) pedestrian crossings
- To provide U-turn opportunities where left turn lanes are provided (an opportunity desired by many business owners)
- To physically enforce turning movement restrictions

Sidewalk gaps were identified at several locations

- We agreed to do a sidewalk gap inventory of the study area as an analysis metric.

Bike facilities were pointed out in various locations that either:

- Already exist where the map says they are planned
- Use sidewalks instead of what were labeled as “trails”
- And where existing or proposed facilities would strand/isolate bicyclists

Congested areas and Times of Day

- 143rd street northbound in the a.m.
- 131st street during school hours
- LaGrange appears to be congested due to a lack of northbound left-turn storage in several locations in the morning
 - o Metra 143rd Street prohibits northbound left turns into the entrance, yet vehicles were observed making illegal left turns by entering the opposing southbound left-turn lane and using it to make northbound left-turns
- 153rd at Ravinia is congested during weekend peak periods due to cut-through traffic on Ravinia and West avenue, perceived to be mainly by those avoiding LaGrange Road (Centennial Village subdivision congestion)
- 159th Street at Ravinia
- 151st Street at LaGrange
- 153rd Street at LaGrange (particularly the southbound left-turns)

General Concerns

- Many members stated a dislike of allowing right turns on red in any location in the Village
- Residents like the paths that are being built, but many of their roadway or driveway crossings result in conflict, as vehicles either
 - o Don't stop before crossing paths
 - o Or stop before crossing paths, but then stop a second time to improve visibility before turning into traffic
- Members stated a general lack of awareness of pedestrians as a concern
- Southwest Highway at 143rd Street was identified as a problem intersection due to signal preemption as a result of the railroad crossing
 - o Southbound right turns (southbound SWHwy to westbound 143rd) are prohibited even though they do not conflict with the railroad crossing
 - o Eastbound left turns (eastbound 143rd Street to SWHwy) are prohibited even though they do not conflict with the railroad crossing
 - o Both movements are considered "overlapping", meaning they do not conflict with each other. Can both be accommodated more often to reduce delay?

On-site pedestrian navigation best practices

- The village seeks to improve pedestrian mobility *within* developments that are underway through more visible and accessible walkways
- This practice can be extended to be the norm *between* developments through the implementation of urban design guidelines

To do list

- Update maps to a fixed scale, with some overlapping boundaries
- Include additional major destinations within corridor
- Add problem intersections as identified by the committee



**Village of Orland Park
La Grange Road Transportation Corridor Plan
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting**

Village of Orland Park
14700 S. Ravinia Avenue
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Ideal corridor elements, discussion
2. Accessibility improvements at intersections, discussion
3. Right-of-way width, tradeoffs, discussion

Next Meeting

Village of Orland Park
La Grange Road Transportation Corridor Plan
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
5:30 p.m.

SUMMARY

1. Ideal corridor elements, discussion

A brief presentation outlined what elements would be provided in an "ideal corridor"; one that provided adequately for all modes of transportation. Although not all elements can be incorporated in all locations, this provided participants with an introduction to the types of engineering, education, and enforcement strategies that are available.

2. Accessibility improvements at intersections, discussion

Aerial photographs of the corridor were shown and each was discussed briefly. Participants were then asked to rate the importance of pedestrian accessibility for each intersection that was viewed. Possible responses were "highest priority", "high priority", "neutral", "low priority", and "lowest priority". The following streets received scores of the highest priority from one or more participants:

La Grange Road & 142nd Place
La Grange Road & 143rd Street
La Grange Road & 151st Street
La Grange Road & 159th Street
La Grange Road & 163rd Street
94th Avenue & Wheeler Drive
94th Avenue & 159th Street

These areas include retail commercial land uses and many participants noted the desire to cross the street as pedestrians to adjacent retail areas. Intersections located farther from generators of pedestrian activity, or those near I-80 generally received scores of "low priority" or "lowest priority".

3. Right-of-way width, tradeoffs, discussion

Next steps will include recommendations for Phase II design of La Grange Road that varies the application of infrastructure to more effectively accommodate pedestrians at the locations where citizen input and other information suggest the most need for improvements.

Next Meeting

Will be scheduled sometime in late winter 2009 (February or March)

Question: How would you rate the importance of **pedestrian accessibility** at each intersection listed below?

Intersection	Highest Priority	High Priority	Neutral	Low Priority	Lowest Priority
La Grange Road & 131 st Street					
La Grange Road & Southmoor Drive					
La Grange Road & 135 th Street					
La Grange Road & 142 nd Place					
La Grange Road & 143 rd Street					
La Grange Road & 144 th Place					
La Grange Road & 147 th Street					
La Grange Road & 149 th Street					
La Grange Road & 151 st Street					
La Grange Road & Orland Park Place					
La Grange Road & 153 rd Street					
La Grange Road & 156 th Street					
La Grange Road & 159 th Street					
La Grange Road & 167 th Street					
La Grange Road & 171 st Street					
La Grange Road & 179 th Street					
La Grange Road & 183 rd Street					
Ravinia Avenue & 147 th Street					
Ravinia Avenue & 149 th Street					
94 th Avenue & Wheeler Drive					
94 th Avenue & 159 th Street					
94 th Avenue & 163 rd Street/Meadowview Drive					
Beacon Avenue & 143 rd Street					
West Avenue & 143 rd Street					



**Village of Orland Park
La Grange Road Transportation Corridor Plan
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting**

Village of Orland Park
14700 S. Ravinia Avenue
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. TYLI will give a brief update on the status of the Plan and summarize Citizen Advisory input
2. Public-private partnerships: discussion
3. Village gateways, urban design: discussion
4. Draft of overall plan: discussion