

MEETING SUMMARY

aRT3 Planning Study

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025
8:15 am

Location: America's Central Port
1635 West 1st Street, Granite City, IL 62040

Purpose: Advisory Committee Meeting #4



SUMMARY (See presentation for content)

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Final Transportation Plan

- Recommended Next Steps

C. Advisory Committee Art Survey Results

D. Opportunity Areas

E. Next Art Working Committee

F. Questions/Discussion

G. Upcoming Schedule

- May: Corridor Open House #2
- June: Preliminary Art and Enhancement Plan

Committee Discussion and Feedback

Transportation Plan

The planning team reviewed the final transportation preferred and alternative recommendations. The purpose of this study was to evaluate conceptual safety counter-measures and appropriate traffic calming practices that could be utilized for Route 3. The conceptual transportation improvements also help to inform enhancement opportunities along the corridor.

Download the Transportation Plan (April 2025) at:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:fee0b0b0-8c8e-40c6-920c-85f0550a0a87>

Next steps (post this planning effort) to advance the recommendations of the transportation improvements include:

- ***Intersection Design Studies and Phase 1 Alignment Study***
The next step to advance the conceptual designs is to do Intersection Design Studies (IDS) at the proposed intersections and a Phase 1 Alignment Study for the road diet. The studies should incorporate recent (2024) IDOT improvements at Route 3 and 20th Street, as well as planned improvements to the Route 3 bridge over Chicago Street near the Port.
- ***Incorporate recommendations for I-270 and the Chain of Rocks Intersection as part of IDOT's planned I-270 project.***
Many of the plan recommendations will be enhancements that will be evaluated later in this study, however, pedestrian accommodations at the intersection of Chain-of-Rocks and Route 3 and coordination with transit stops are an important transportation component.
- ***Broadway Intersection***
Future planning of the Broadway intersection by IDOT should evaluate the potential benefits of a roundabout at this location, as well as a shared-use path that could connect the Confluence Trail and McKinley Bridge to the City of Venice. This connection between Venice and the Confluence Trail is an important link at both the local and regional levels.

Priority for Safety Improvements

The planning team highlighted that the Pontoon Road intersection and a four mile stretch of Route 3 are identified as priority areas for safety improvements in the 2024 'Gateway to Safer Roadways: St. Louis Regional Safety Action Plan' by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments which analyzed transportation safety in the eight (8) counties of the St. Louis region (see presentation and Transportation Plan for more details).

Art and Enhancements

The planning team reviewed the results of the Advisory Committee survey on art, which was completed by committee members between Meetings #3 and #4 (see presentation for survey results).

The team also discussed progress in identifying opportunity areas along the corridor and developing conceptual ideas for these locations. They reviewed a preliminary prioritization of opportunities based on factors such as visibility and site availability. This prioritization will be further explored with the Art Working Committee and at the next corridor open house. The group also discussed that the plan should include preferred locations for art and enhancements, not just the currently available areas.

The Art Working Committee currently includes Paul Hubbman, John Janek, Cory Jobe, Brenda Whitaker, and Thomas Wobbe. Advisory Committee members interested in joining the art working committee are encouraged to contact the planning team. Upcoming topics for the Art Working Committee include:

- Process of Commissioning an Artwork
- Criteria for Site Evaluation
- Organizational Options

Upcoming Schedule

- **May 21: Corridor Open House #2**
3:30 – 6:00 pm at America's Central Port
(The planning team will be sharing marketing materials with committee members).
- **June: Preliminary Art and Enhancement Plan**

Advisory Committee Members (Attending)

Rich Barbee, IDOT
Sam Beelman, Beelman Truck Company
Amy Elik, State Representative 111th District
Tracey Glenn, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Paul Hubbman, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Jessica Iberg, Riechmann Transport Inc
Chris Kalter, Madison County
Gwen Lagemann, IDOT
John Nations, Doster Nations Ullom & Boyle, LLC
Paul Wellhausen, Retired, SCF Lewis and Clark Marine
Bryan Werner, Metro East Parks and Recreation District
Brenda Whitaker, Business Owner
Dennis Wilmsmeyer, America's Central Port
Thomas Wobbe, Retired, America's Central Port

America's Central Port (Attending)

Christie Voelker, America's Central Port

Planning Team (Attending)

Stephen Ibendahl, i5Group

Katie McLaughlin, i5Group

MaryAnn Taylor-Crate, Added Dimension

Kayla Allen, Added Dimension

Ryan Gueldener, Oates Associates

Meridith McKinley, VIA Partnership

Noah Kirby, Artist

End of Meeting Summary:

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