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Public Urged to Weigh-in on Ike Cap Concepts

Individuals with an interest in mitigating the impact of the Eisenhower Expressway in Oak Park are urged to participate in a public discussion of concepts for a cap over the highway through the Village. Preliminary design concepts will be presented for public comment, review and discussion at 7 p.m., Tues., July 20, in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

“These preliminary concepts are based on several months of public input, technical research and community visioning sessions,” said Fred Brandstrader, chair of the Village Board appointed *Cap the IKE Study Stakeholder Advisory Committee*. Brandstrader is an architect and Oak Park resident whose home is adjacent to the Eisenhower Expressway.

“The concepts that will be presented reflect the range of ideas gathered from the community and stakeholders in the previous stages of the planning process, and are intended to facilitate a continued community dialogue on what a cap over the Ike could be.”

Public input on the concepts will be used to further refine the designs and develop new concepts for further consideration at public meetings later in the process.

“This is a great opportunity for the public to participate in this open planning process by providing their valuable input,” Brandstrader added.

Cap visions created by residents and other institutional representatives at workshops in May and June include ideas for parks and recreation, cultural and civic amenities, air and noise pollution mitigation, enhanced transit-oriented design for the CTA station areas, improved pedestrian and bicycle connections, new retail and commercial opportunities, and residential development.

For more information or to comment on issues related to the *Cap the Ike Study*, visit the project web site at www.CapTheIkeStudy.com, call 358.5778 or send an email to CapTheIke@captheikestudy.com.

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