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Proposed Ike Cap Concept to be Presented

A meeting to present the proposed concept for capping the Eisenhower Expressway in Oak Park and gather citizens comments is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wed., Jan. 19, in the Council Chamber of Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

The concept to be presented was developed from citizen input during an intensive yearlong study of the feasibility of covering the Ike's route through the community. This is the sixth public meeting of the cap study process, which is now in its final stages.

Using data collected from a community survey, stakeholder interviews and visioning workshops where participants expressed expectations and concerns about the cap and area land uses, the study process first created six preliminary concept drawings. The six concepts were then refined through public input into three concepts, which also were presented to the community for comment. Public input on the three alternatives, and a comprehensive assessment of the community issues and technical constraints, led to the concept that will be presented Jan. 19.

The cap concept includes three variations based on cost, an approach intended to accommodate various levels of potential funding that may be available by the time the Eisenhower Expressway is reconstructed. All three variations incorporate features found most appealing by the community as expressed throughout the study process.

Comments on the proposed concept will be taken through February 15 before the cap concept is presented to the Village Board. The proposed concept will be posted on the project web site following the meeting and exhibited at Village Hall.

For more information, including on the complete *Cap the Ike Study* process, visit www.captheikestudy.com or call 358.5778.

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