

PRAIRIE PARKWAY STUDY

GRUNDY, KENDALL, AND KANE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ABSTRACT: The proposed action is the construction of an access-controlled, four-lane limited access freeway in Grundy, Kendall, and Kane counties, Illinois between I-80 and I-88 and the widening of IL-47 to four lanes from I-80 to Caton Farm Road. The freeway will be 33.9 to 37.0 miles long depending on the alternative selected. The IL-47 widening will be 12 miles long. The proposed action will improve regional mobility, address local road system deficiencies, improve access from the study area to regional jobs, and improve safety. The proposed action will result in the relocation of 22 residences. It will require 2,544 to 2,645 acres of new right-of-way and other land purchases associated with land locked parcels and uneconomical remnants. The majority of required land is used for agriculture; the project will require 2,510 to 2,560 acres of agricultural soils. Approximately 2.7 acres of wetlands affected will be mitigated as part of the project.

Comments on this draft Environmental Impact Statement are due by January 16, 2007 and should be sent to Ms. Diane O'Keefe at the above address.