

IMPROVEMENT OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 71

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

- Gather information about transportation issues and concerns from members of the community and users of the roadway.
- Identify possible improvements and solutions that could become part of the proposal.
- Locate important resources or features that should be considered as the study continues.
- Answer questions about the project.
- Receive public comments.

NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT

- The existing roadway is at or near capacity.
- Crash data indicates congestion.
- Regional growth creates demand.
- Existing features may not be adequate for expected traffic.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Study three alternatives: No build, 3-lane, and 4-lane.
- Reconstruct IL 71 to a 4-lane urban cross section, plus a 22' raised median, and concrete curb and gutter.
- Intersection signal improvements at IL 47, IL 126, Country Hills Drive, and Van Emmon / Reservation Roads.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- Following the public meeting, IDOT will consider the comments received in developing the final project design. Please submit comments by August 12, 2010.
- A Public Hearing will be held in the spring of 2011 to present the proposed design and the Phase I preliminary engineering study is scheduled for completion in August of 2011.
- The south section of the project (IL 47 to IL 126) is funded at \$11.857 million dollars in the Fiscal Year 2011-2016 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. The remaining portion of the project will be monitored and considered for inclusion in future programs. Total cost is estimated at \$38.2 million and \$7.0 million for Land Acquisition.