

Illinois Department of Transportation

2011 Public Outreach Comments Summary

In 2011 the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) held twenty four meetings across Illinois in order to gather public input on the 2012 Multi Year Program (MYP). These meetings were held across all nine IDOT districts with District 3 holding three meetings, District 1 holding seven, and all other districts holding two meetings each. Participants at the meetings were asked to give written comments regarding the 2012 MYP. Individuals were also offered the opportunity to physically mail or e-mail their comments to the districts through November 1, 2011. Once received the comment forms were logged and responded to by IDOT district engineers if required. The following is a summation of the written comments received by the districts.

IDOT received 62 different written comments and suggestions from individuals, MPOs, and various other stakeholders addressing a wide range of topics. A listing of all 62 comments organized by district is attached as appendix A. These comments may be broken down further by topic and show that the citizens of Illinois have very diverse concerns in regards to transportation needs across the state. Across all districts nine comments were received requesting lane expansions on various state highways and interstates, while four comments requested highway bypasses around specific towns. Four requested intersection improvements or construction. Seven desired an increase in the number of bike paths along various bridges and highways controlled by IDOT.

In regards to the repair and maintenance of state highways and bridges, eight comments identified specific roadways in need of repair, five requested resurfacing of specific roadways, and three individuals identified bridges they believe need repair or expansion. The other 24 comments covered miscellaneous issues. These comments ranged from individuals thanking IDOT for specific projects to requesting more frequent weed removal on state highways, and are included in Appendix A.

The comments received by IDOT show that the State of Illinois is geographically and culturally diverse in its transportation needs. The 2011 public outreach shows that Illinois' statewide transportation policies require sound engineering solutions that take into account unique local circumstances and desires in each of the nine districts. The department continues to be committed to data driven solutions that best serve the needs of individual populations.

Appendix A:

Comment summaries organized by district.

District 1

Comment	Number of requests
Create a full interchange at IL-47/I-88	1
Repair IL-38 from Fox River Bridge to Kirk Rd in Geneva	1
Widen IL-31 from Algonquin to Richmond	1
Widen IL-47 from Huntley to Hebron	1
Focus on capacity upgrades in McHenry County	1
Widen and reconstruct IL-47	1
Intersection improvements at IL-120/83 in Grayslake	1
Realignment of IL-83 to IL-137 in Grayslake	1
Build intersection improvements to IL-120 in Grayslake	1
Widen IL-120	1
Various improvements needed on IL-83.	1

District 2

Comment	Number of requests
Thank you for IL-173 construction	1
Resurface IL-76 Orta to Belvidere	1
Build I-20 bypass on the northeast side of Belvidere	1
Separate five year needs between structural improvements and capital improvements	1
Implement route change for Rock Island/IL-92	1
Approve the IDS for the IL 92 - IL 80 interchange	1
Continue I-74 at Mississippi river reconstruction	1
Lane Expansion for IL-5	1
Continue engineering for Colona/Cleveland Roads	1
IL 84 to I-80 reconstruction	1
IL-74 bridge reconstruction	1
Please finish John Deere Road on Schedule	1

District 3

Comment	Number of requests
Don't fund Prairie Parkway	2

District 4

Comment	Number of requests
Replace Viaduct in Chilicothe	1
Pave Macomb Bypass	1
Lane Expansion on IL-336	1

District 5

Comment	Number of requests
Why has the I-72 overlay taken so long?	1

District 6

Comment	Number of requests
Lane widening and intersection improvements to I-55 in Springfield	1
Lane widening and intersection improvements to IL-29 in Springfield	1

District 7

Comment	Number of requests
Repairs needed on IL-1 at the village of Hutsonville	1
Resurface IL-33 east of Newton	1
Resurfacing of IL-49 north of Willow Hill	1
Please include Fiber Optic Conduit in all construction projects	1
Build a bike trail parallel with Burl Ives Bridge	1
Greater IDOT responsibility for local roads	1
Repair Fayette Ave in Effingham	2
Build Pedestrian Access on I-57 Bridge at Kirby Ave in Champaign	1
Build more Bike Lanes	1

District 8

Comment	Number of requests
Increase Weed Cutting Frequency	1
Build Lebanon Bypass	2
Build intersection and bike paths at I-50 at Rusland Road in Aviston	1
Intersection improvement at the intersection of IL-157/162	3

District 9

Comment	Number of requests
Install a traffic light at Cambria Rd and IL-13	1
Bridge Repair in White County	2
Streamline overweight permitting	3

Online Comments

Comment	Number of requests
Widen and Reconstruct IL-47 between Yorkville and Sugar Grove	1
Expand Bike Paths in Southern Cook County	1
More controlled crossings for bike paths	1
More Bike paths in Champaign/Urbana	2
More Bike lanes across the state	1
Resurfacing of IL-26 moved up in the MYP	1
Expressway from Galena to Freeport	1