



ILLINOIS 336

Peoria to Macomb Highway Newsletter

August 2009

STUDY PROGRESS

- * August 2003 Corridor Public Meeting
- * February 2004 Corridor Public Hearing
- * June 2004 Corridor Report Approved
- * December 2004 Public Meeting Presenting Initial Alignments
- * March 2006 Public Meeting Alternatives to be Carried Forward
- * February 2007 Public Meeting Presenting Preliminary Preferred Alignment
- * June 2009 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Approved

In February of 2007, IDOT held three open house public meetings to present and discuss the preliminary preferred highway alignment. About 1,100 people attended those meetings and 239 people made written comments concerning the project. Thirty six (36) comments suggested modifications to the preliminary preferred alignment that would reduce impacts due to the project. Many of these comments resulted in modifications to the 2007

alignment that are reflected in the preferred alignment that will be presented at the hearing. Aside from these and a few other adjustments to improve access or reduce impacts, the preferred alignment is very similar to the 2007 alignment. Since the 2007 meeting, work has progressed in these areas:

- * The preferred alignment was refined based on public comments, engineering issues and the reduction of negative impacts. Most of the revisions and refinements were related to improving access from the existing road network to the new IL 336 roadway.
- * Detailed engineering studies were completed in areas of geometrics, drainage, bridges, costs, access, and utilities.
- * A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published.
- * The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is under review by the public and federal and state agencies. The Federal Highway Administration and IDOT will ultimately need to approve the Environmental Impact Statement.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold three Public Hearings to present the preferred alignment and take comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The preferred alignment is shown in yellow on the map in this newsletter.

The Hearing is being held in an open house format to allow informal discussion between the public and the study's staff members. Three identical Hearings will be held in Peoria, Macomb and Canton on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
ITOO Society Hall
4909 W. Farmington Road
Peoria, Illinois

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Ingersoll Middle School
1605 E. Ash Street
Canton, Illinois

Thursday, August 13, 2009

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
VFW Post 1921
1200 E. Jefferson Street
Corner of S. Candy & E. Washington
Macomb, Illinois

The public is invited to attend any of these hearings at any time during the open house hours. Discussions will be informal. Written comments will be accepted and a court recorder will be available to take oral comments. The hearings are accessible to disabled individuals. For special needs, call the numbers listed at the end of the newsletter.

NEXT STEPS

Following this hearing, public comments will be reviewed. Comments received within 30 days will be included in the official record. A Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared and made available for public comment. No further public meetings or hearings are planned.

PROJECT WEBSITE

A project website has been created at <http://www.peoriatomacomb.com>. After the hearings in August the Preferred Alignment, assessment data and comment forms will be posted to the website.

DRAFT DOCUMENT

The Draft EIS can be viewed online at <http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/env.html> or at the IDOT district office or at the following libraries:

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| Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch 1312 West Lincoln Avenue Peoria, IL 61605 | Spoon River Public Library District 201 South 3rd Street Cuba, IL 61427 |
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| Farmington Area Public Library 266 East Fort Street Farmington, IL 61531 | Macomb Public Library District 235 South Lafayette Street Macomb, IL 61455-2231 |
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Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library
205 West Chestnut Street
Canton, IL 61520-2499



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