

Illinois 336



Peoria to Macomb Highway Newsletter

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Illinois 336 Corridor Study Statement

The Illinois 336 Study has selected a preferred corridor for a new highway from Peoria to Macomb. The highway will provide the final link in a system of four-lane highways connecting west-central Illinois to major economic markets and will improve the safety and efficiency of travel between these two cities and others along the corridor.

Illinois Department of Transportation Sets Illinois Route 336 Public Hearing

The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold three open house public hearings in west-central Illinois during February to announce the preferred corridor (corridors are generally about two to five miles wide) for a new four-lane highway between Interstate 474 in Peoria and the planned Macomb bypass.

Following is the public hearing schedule for the Illinois Route 336 Peoria to Macomb Corridor Study:

Tuesday February 24, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.,
ITOO Society Hall, 4909 W. Farmington Road, Peoria

Wednesday February 25, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.,
Canton High School, 1001 N. Main St., Canton

Thursday February 26, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.,
VFW Post 1921, 1200 E. Jefferson St., Macomb

A court reporter will be available to take oral statements that will be included in the official project record. Individuals also may make written comments at the hearings or mail a comment form to IDOT within 10 days of the public hearings for inclusion in the project record.

A Draft Corridor Report has been prepared and is available for review at the hearings and at the Peoria, Canton and Macomb public libraries. The report is also on IDOT's web site at www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/env.html.

Following the public hearings and approval of the preferred corridor, alignments (each about 300 feet wide) will be developed within the selected corridor. Further public meetings and hearings will be scheduled to provide information and receive input on the project over the next 3 to 4 years.

August 2003 Public Meeting Summary

Over the past year, IDOT conducted a study of three potential corridors for a new four-lane highway in west-central Illinois. In August 2003, public information meetings were held in Peoria, Canton and Macomb to gain public input on the proposed corridors.

A total of 752 people attended the three meetings. Of those attending who expressed a preference in writing, 285 were in favor of the project and 23 opposed the project. In addition, many who responded in writing indicated a preference for a corridor or corridor segment, as summarized below.

A	93	111
B	108	74
A or B	29	30
C	13	28

Following the public meetings, IDOT reviewed the comments received. Those comments and other factors were considered in IDOT's identification of a preferred corridor.

A map showing the locations of the three alternative corridor alignments is presented on the back page of this newsletter.

Peoria to Macomb Highway Corridor Map

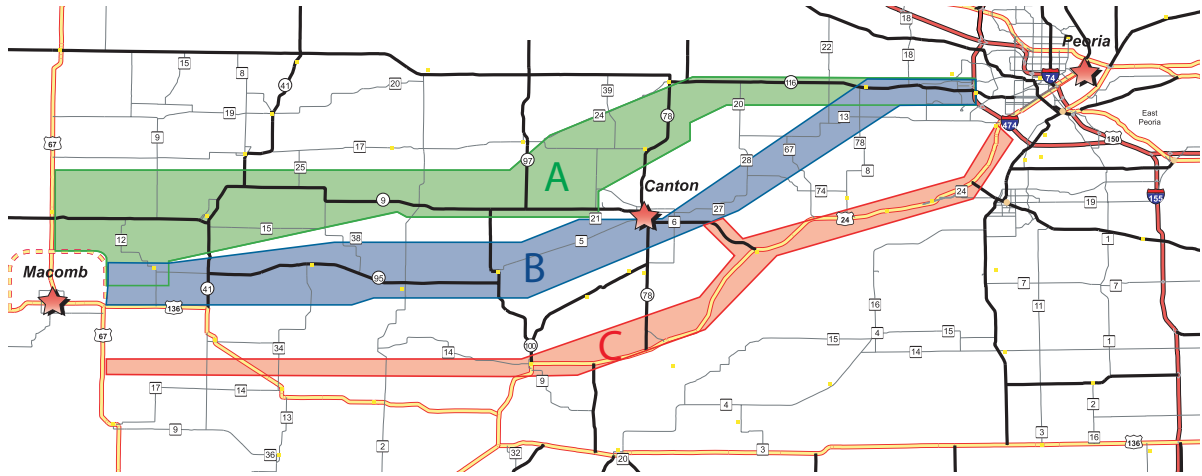
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