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# Peoria to Macomb Highway Newsletter

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## Study Progress

In December of 2004, IDOT held three open house public meetings to discuss alternative highway alignments. Over 770 people attended the meetings and IDOT received over 200 written comments. Following that meeting work has progressed in these areas:

- Alignments were reviewed based on public comments and input, engineering factors, environmental impacts, socio-economic assessments and other factors.
- Some alignments were eliminated from further consideration and others were retained.
- Field environmental inventories and surveys are being conducted.
- The alignments that were retained have undergone further evaluations and development.
- Decisions have been made regarding which parts of the new facility will be freeway and which parts will be expressway.
- Interchange locations have been selected.

## Public Meeting Announcement

IDOT is holding three open house public meetings to discuss the alternative highway alignments, freeway/expressway locations and access issues. Generally there are two alternative alignments along the route. Following the public meetings, IDOT plans to identify a preferred alignment. Maps and exhibits of the alignments as well as assessment data will be presented. Three identical meetings will be held in Peoria, Macomb and Canton on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday March 21, 2006 4:00pm to 7:00pm	ITOO Society Hall 4909 W. Farmington Road Peoria, Illinois
Wednesday March 22, 2006 4:00pm to 7:00pm	VFW Post 1921 1299 E. Jefferson Street Corner of S. Candy & E. Washington Macomb, Illinois
Thursday March 23, 2006 4:00pm to 7:00pm	Canton High School Gym 1001 N. Main Street Canton, Illinois

The public is invited to attend any of these meetings at any time during the open house hours. Displays will be available and discussions will be on an informal basis. Written and verbal comments will be accepted. The meetings are accessible to disabled individuals. For special needs, call the numbers listed at the end of the newsletter.

## Next Steps

Field environmental inventories and surveys will continue. A preferred alignment will be identified and detailed engineering studies and environmental assessments will be conducted. A public hearing will be scheduled to present the preferred alignment.

## Project Website

A project website has been created at [www.peoriatomacomb.com](http://www.peoriatomacomb.com). After the public information meetings in March the alternative alignments, assessment data and comment forms will be posted to the website.

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