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# Peoria to Macomb Highway Newsletter

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## Alignment Progress and Development

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) continues to make progress toward the completion of the Peoria to Macomb Highway study for a new four-lane highway between Interstate 474 in Peoria and the planned Macomb bypass. Hearings were held in February 2004 to announce the selection of a preferred corridor. In response to input from the public, IDOT elected to modify the preferred corridor by expanding it in one area near Bushnell. The revised Corridor Report, with the modified preferred corridor as the selected corridor, received formal approval on June 23, 2004. The approved report and maps can be viewed on IDOT's website at [www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/env.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/env.html).

Since June, work has been proceeding on developing alternative highway alignments within the selected corridor. The potential alignment paths are at least 300 feet wide for the four-lane highway. Five alternative alignments are being proposed from Macomb to Marietta, six alternative alignments are being proposed from Marietta to Norris, and three alternative alignments are being proposed from Norris to Peoria.

## Public Meeting Announcement

IDOT is holding three open house public meetings to discuss the alternative highway alignments. The purpose of these meetings is to review the preliminary alignments and provide a basis for eliminating some while continuing the study, development, and refinement of the others. Maps and exhibits of the alignments as well as assessment data will be presented. The three identical meetings will be held in Canton, Peoria, and Macomb on the following dates and locations:

<b>Tuesday</b> December 7, 2004 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>Canton High School Gym</i> 1001 N. Main Street Canton, Illinois
<b>Wednesday</b> December 8, 2004 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>ITOO Society Hall</i> 4909 W. Farmington Road Peoria, Illinois
<b>Thursday</b> December 9, 2004 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>VFW Post 1921</i> 1200 E. Jefferson Street Corner of S. Candy & E. Washington Macomb, Illinois

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Individuals may 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

Further public meetings and hearings will be scheduled to provide information and receive input on the project over the next 3 to 4 years. Over the next year or so you may notice people in the field doing environmental inventory and survey work.

## Project Website

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

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