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District Two
819 Depot Avenue
Dixon, Illinois

IL2

N. MAIN STREET
Auburn to Riverside

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**PROJECT STUDY OF IL 2
FROM AUBURN ST. TO W. RIVERSIDE BLVD.**



MARCH 9, 2011

MEETING LOCATION:

**SPECTRUM SCHOOL
2909 N. MAIN ST., ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

Welcome to the Public Informational Open House meeting for the Project Study of IL 2 from Auburn Street to Riverside Blvd. Personnel from the Illinois Department of Transportation, HR Green, and Images, Inc. are here to answer your questions and receive your comments regarding the proposed project.

This meeting is being held in an Open House format to allow informal discussions between the public and study team members. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments about the project. Written statements may be given to us today or mailed to the Deputy Director of Highways. A form is provided in this handout that you may use to submit your statement.

The purpose of the meeting is to share the recommendations from the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) work sessions and solicit feedback. Interested persons may visit anytime between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. IDOT will provide information regarding preliminary project details, the study schedule and process, study area characteristics & public involvement opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits, provide comments, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

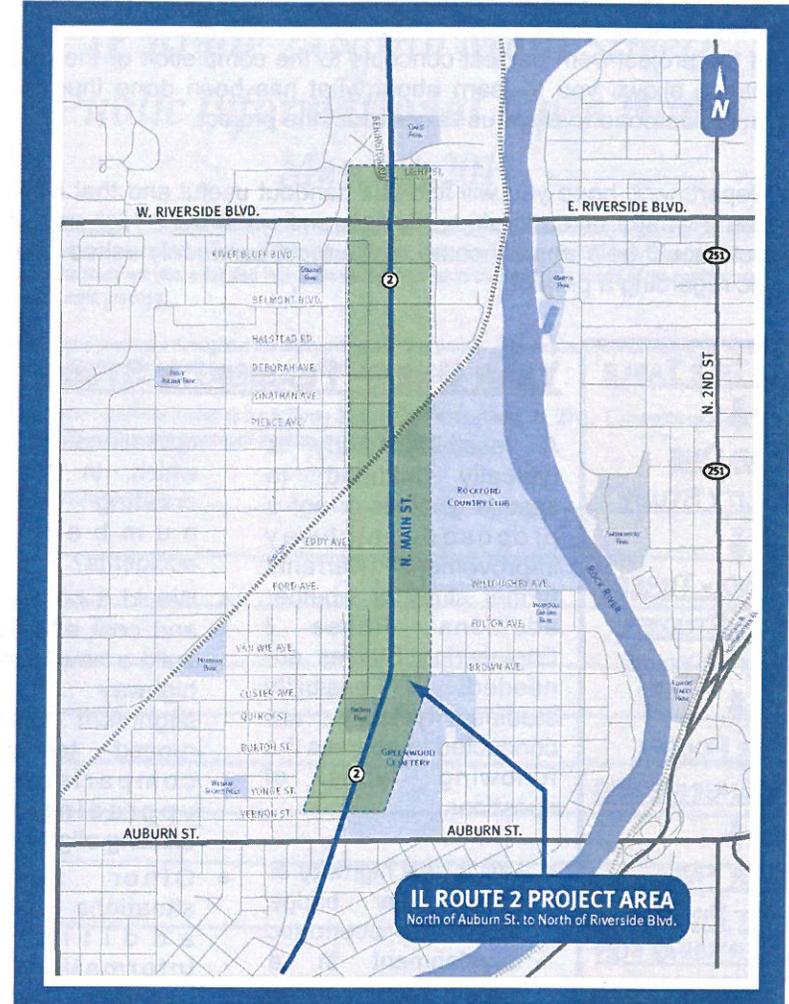
- All comments and recommendations will receive consideration
- Maps, drawings and other pertinent information are available at the IDOT District 2 Office located at 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, Illinois, 61021
- Telephone (815) 284-2271 or Text Transmission (888) 642-3457
- Further Questions may be addressed to:

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The Department of Transportation wishes to thank you for your interest and participation in this meeting.

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP



**FAP ROUTE 734 (IL 2)
SECTION 78R-2
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
JOB No. P-92-050-06**

**PROJECT STUDY LIMITS BEGIN NORTH OF AUBURN ST.
AND END NORTH OF RIVERSIDE BLVD.**

ON BEHALF OF IDOT

This information is published on behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2, to assist citizens in understanding the various elements of the project from earliest concepts to the completion of the roadway. This information allows you to learn about what has been done thus far, and what remains to be done to allow us to construct the project.

We, as a Department, hope you will find this handout useful and that it will help you understand what it takes to study, design, and construct a highway project. This handout should help answer some of the most commonly asked questions by the public regarding a project.



YEAR ONE — FEASIBILITY STUDY

A feasibility study is typically initiated to assess whether or not a proposed highway improvement warrants further study or whether additional Phase I Engineering Studies are needed. Feasibility studies typically are conducted to address the following types of questions.

- Will a new highway or major river bridge promote economic development in a certain region of the State and create more benefits than costs, or would upgrading existing highways be a better solution for satisfying State and local needs?
- Is a missing link of a four-lane highway causing traffic

operational problems which, in turn, are creating a high number of accidents?

- Would it be possible and cost effective to build a new four-lane highway on new alignment through rugged terrain in comparison to upgrading the existing alignment?
- Other similar situations where additional information is needed before making a decision to proceed with more detailed engineering studies (e.g. major drainage alternatives, alternate locations for a proposed interchange).



IL Route 2 (North Main Street) Public Informational Open House March 9, 2011

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is studying IL Route 2 (North Main Street) within the City of Rockford. The IL Route 2 study area is comprised of approximately 2.0 miles, extending from north of Auburn Street to north of Riverside Boulevard. The study will take a detailed look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor and will involve a public involvement process.

IDOT encourages your input throughout the study process of this project. Please place your comment forms in the boxes marked COMMENTS, or fold in thirds, tape closed, affix a stamp, and mail.

Please send your comments related to the IL Route 2 project by Friday, March 25, 2011. Comments received by this date will become part of the public awareness meeting record.

Comments/Questions: _____

Name _____

Affiliation _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Do not add me to the mailing list: Please respond to this comment:

I would like to be considered for the Community Advisory Group (CAG):

Comment Form

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Illinois Department of Transportation
District 2
Attn: Jason Stringer
819 Depot Avenue
Dixon, Illinois 61021

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YEAR TWO-THREE — PHASE I STUDIES & ENGINEERING

SCOPE

Phase I Studies include both Engineering and Environmental Studies, each requiring a separate decision-making process.

Phase I work can vary from a very minor type study to an in-depth investigation of corridors, alternative alignments and cross sections, different highway types, and other design features with consideration of social, economic, environmental, and engineering factors.

PURPOSE

Phase I studies are developed to ensure that, as practical, highway locations and proposed designs are consistent with Federal, State, and local goals and objectives. The following are considered when performing a Phase I study:

1. Design Uniformity: to ensure that the proposed improvement will satisfy a need and that uniform designs are used Statewide.

2. Public Involvement: develop the final design with input from the general public. (This is the stage of the project which we are in now.)

3. Public Interest Consideration: make final project decisions in the best overall public interest.

4. Adverse Effects of Project: ensure that the potential adverse economic, social, and environmental effects of proposed action have been fully considered.

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following items are discussed when developing a highway improvement:

- Effects on regional and community growth
- Conservation and preservation of natural resources
- Public facilities, services, and recreational areas
- Community cohesion

- Displacement of people, businesses, and farms
- Air, noise, and water pollution
- Aesthetic value

The depth of social, economic, and environmental analysis will vary depending upon the scope and nature of the project, the stage of project development, and magnitude of any adverse

impacts. For major projects, the District will prepare a separate environmental document, i.e., an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or an Environmental Assessment (EA). For most projects the Project Report will document the environmental analysis.

DESIGN AND ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS

Phase I studies are used to identify the following:

- Need for highway improvement
- Capacity deficiencies
- Need to improve safety

- Project termini
- Typical Section
- Need for right-of-way
- Drainage concerns
- Location of traffic control devices

• Project Cost
The scope and depth of engineering analyses will vary depending on the scope of work.

YEAR FOUR—PHASE II ENGINEERING

PLAN DEVELOPMENT STAGE

The designer is responsible for preparing the final plans so that they can be constructed. To ensure the plans are correct and complete, the designer will review the Phase I report and the project commitment files. The plans are reviewed at the preliminary, pre-final, and/or final stages to ensure that they are free from errors and omissions.

Preliminary Plan Review. This is the stage that various bureaus, sections, agencies, etc. have a chance to conduct an overall review of the plans. The preliminary plan review will occur after the designer has essentially completed the plans, including the cover sheets, plan and profile sheets, detail sheets, cross section sheets, determined pay items, special provisions, etc.

During this stage the designer will address any utility conflicts and determine if adjustments and/or relocations are necessary. For major projects, several reviews may be necessary to avoid having to make substantial changes later in the plan preparation process.

LAND ACQUISITION

This phase is where the amount of right-of-way and easements are determined. Once the amount of property is determined, an appraiser will determine the value of the property we will need to acquire and the effect it will have on the remaining parcel. When the appraisal has been completed, it is then given to a negotiator who will meet with the prop-

erty owner and discuss the value of the property. After the price has been set, either by negotiation or determined by a court, the sale of the parcel is completed and the transfer of the land is recorded. Another part of the land acquisition activity is relocation assistance for persons in legal physical possession of the real estate acquired, which may be tenants or owner/

occupants. Those occupants may be residents, businesses (including farms and non-profit organizations), or just personal property that needs to be moved. In any case, anyone displaced by acquisition will be afforded relocation assistance.

UTILITY WORK

Utility coordination starts in Phase I where preliminary plans are provided to the utility owners. The utility owners mark their locations on the plans and return them to IDOT, where they are incorporated into the project files. The designer will do their best to minimize

impacts to the utilities. Pre-final plans are then sent to the utilities so they can design the relocation of the facilities being impacted. Final plans are sent out with a 15 day notice to submit for a permit. This is done when the project is submitted for letting. Once the per-

mit is approved and the new right-of-way purchased, the utilities have 90 days to complete the relocation. If the proper coordination is not done between IDOT and the utilities, it could effect the timing of the project.

YEARS FIVE—SIX—PHASE III ENGINEERING

CONTRACT PROPOSAL AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

After all the design plans and contract documents are completed, the construction improvement project is included on the Department's regularly scheduled advertisement for bids. All contractors must meet the Department's pre-qualification requirements.

The pre-qualification process reviews each contractor's experience;

quality and timeliness of previously constructed work, and the equipment and capital they have available to complete the project. This pre-qualification rating establishes the size of project each contractor is able to bid on and the type of work they are qualified to do (i.e. bridges, resurfacing, concrete paving, traffic signals, etc.). This helps to assure that the contractor is capable of completing the work in a

quality manner within the scheduled time limits.

All interested contractors are given four weeks to review the contract plans for the proposed project and prepare their bids to complete the work. The sealed bids are then reviewed at the scheduled bid opening. The contract is then awarded to the lowest bidder on the project who meets all the contract requirements and pre-qualifications.

CONTRACT AWARDED: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

During construction of the project, the Department inspects all materials used in the improvement, monitors the contractor's operation to ensure all specifications are followed, and completes all the required documentation

Materials inspection involves testing and



approval of all items used on the contract, including aggregates, concrete, asphalt, culverts, traffic signals and metal products. Everything from trees and topsoil to pavement marking paint, must meet specifications before it can be used on the project.



Construction engineers and inspectors are assigned to each project to monitor progress and complete the necessary documentation. They make sure everything is located properly and built to correct dimensions.



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