Illinois Route 62 Phase I: Illinois Route 25 to Illinois Route 68 Cook & Kane Counties



PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

November 9, 2017

Thank you for attending the public meeting for the proposed improvement of Illinois Route 62 from Illinois Route 25 to Illinois Route 68 in Cook and Kane Counties. You may use this comment form to provide input on the information presented tonight. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this project and you are encouraged to provide them in writing today or soon after this meeting. When you have completed this form, please place it in the comment box. You may also return it via mail (see reverse side of this sheet) or e-mail (IL62Study@ClarkDietz.com). Comments received by December 11, 2017 will become part of the official public meeting record.

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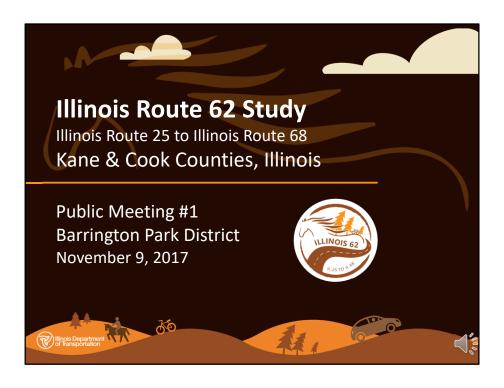


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The Illinois Department of Transportation welcomes you to the first public meeting for the Illinois Route 62 study.



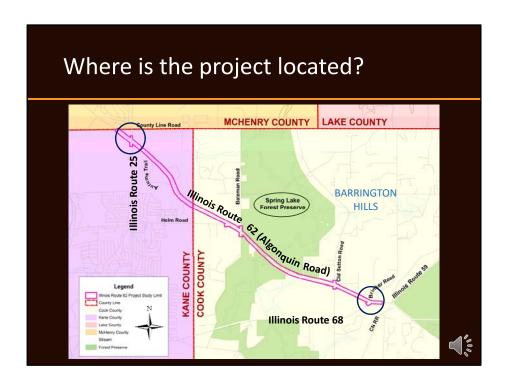
The purpose of today's meeting is to introduce the Illinois Route 62 Phase I Study. We are seeking your input regarding transportation needs, issues, and concerns within the project study area. As your input is a valuable part of the study planning process, you will hear of opportunities to participate.



After this meeting, you will walk away with knowledge of the project study area and existing conditions along Illinois Route 62. We will discuss the project development process, project schedule, and how to become involved in the study process.



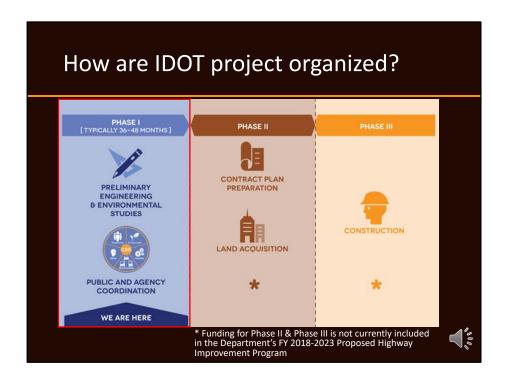
Let's begin with the project study. We will identify the project study location, the Phase I process, and the schedule.



The Illinois Route 62 project is located in the Village of Barrington Hills in both Kane and Cook Counties. Lake County and McHenry County are directly north of the project study area. Other municipalities potentially affected by this improvement include the Villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville, Barrington, and South Barrington.

The project study limits include approximately 5.3 miles of Illinois Route 62 that stretches from Illinois Route 25 in the west to Illinois Route 68 in the east.

The land use within the project area is mostly residential, with many equestrian paths and properties, bisecting the Spring Lake Forest Preserve.



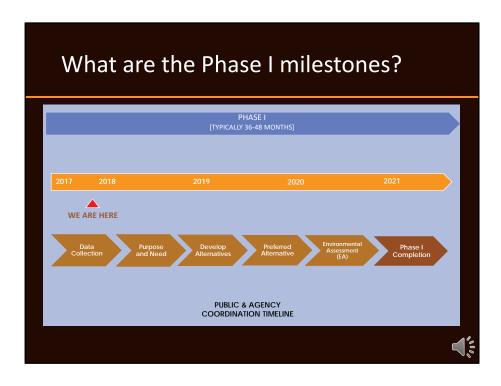
IDOT projects are organized into three distinct phases.

Phase one includes preliminary engineering and environmental studies. During this phase, issues and concerns are identified, solutions are proposed, and the public is engaged. Due to its complexity, Phase one for this project is anticipated to require 36 to 48 months.

Phase two includes contract plan preparation and land acquisition, and typically takes 18 to 24 months for completion.

Phase three, which is the most visible to the public, is the construction phase and may take one to two years for completion.

This project is currently in Phase one, which is funded. Funding for Phase II and Phase III is not included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2018 to 2023 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. This project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region.



There are several key milestones in a Phase I Study. The first milestone involves data collection, including this public meeting, to determine the existing conditions and project issues and concerns.

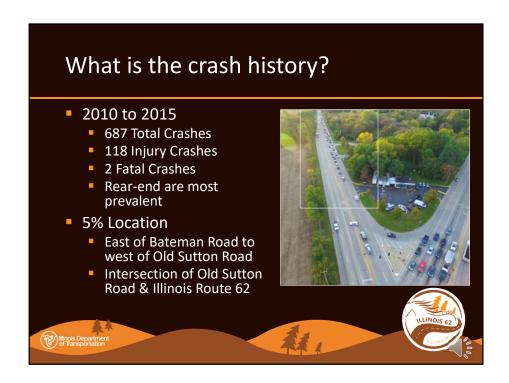
Using the knowledge gained, a Purpose and Need is developed to state the project's goals and objectives.

From the Purpose and Need, a broad range of improvement alternatives will be considered, including a no-build alternative. A screening and evaluation process will determine which alternatives will move forward to be studied in greater detail.

Ultimately a preferred alternative will be carried forward for public comment and agency concurrence.



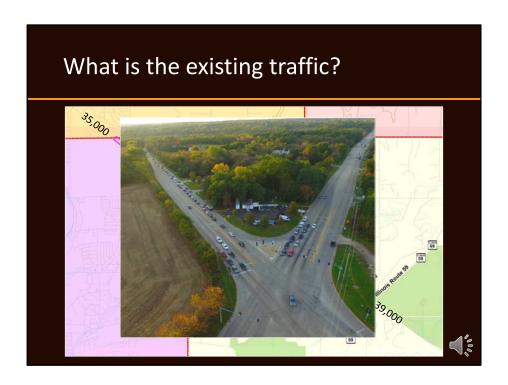
The data collection process has already begun. The following are some of the existing conditions already identified along Illinois Route 62 within the project study area.



Between 2010 and 2015, 687 crashes occurred within the project study area with an injury occurring in 118 of the crashes. Of the 118 injury crashes, 2 crashes resulted in a fatality. The most predominant crash type over the six-year period was rear-end. Rear end crashes are indicative of congestion along the roadway.

A section of Illinois Route 62 from Bateman Rd to Old Sutton Rd and the intersection of Old Sutton Road and Illinois Route 62 have been identified on the State of Illinois Five Percent report which captures highway locations with the most pressing safety needs.

Crash exhibits can be seen in the next room.



Additional existing data collected include traffic counts which were completed in 2017. Traffic counts show the number of vehicles traveling along Illinois Route 62 is 35,000 vehicles per day west of Illinois Route 25 increasing to 39,000 vehicles per day east of Illinois Route 68. Along Illinois Route 62 within the project limits, there are an average of 28,300 vehicles per day. Traffic volumes like those seen on Illinois Route 62 can lead to congestion and vehicle backups between Illinois Route 25 and Illinois Route 68 during rush hour.

Traffic is projected to increase by an average of approximately 8% by the year 2040. That means an increase of approximately 2300 vehicles per day to Illinois Route 62 between Illinois Route 25 and Illinois Route 68.

More information regarding existing and projected traffic volumes are illustrated on the exhibits in the next room.



An important piece of the Phase I Process is taking into account the environment and the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, through environmental analysis.



The document that will be developed at the end of this study is called an Environmental Assessment, or E-A, which will record the environmental considerations in the project study area. Environmental considerations are not limited to just the natural environment, but encompass many other types of issue areas. These include:

Social
Economic
Historical, Cultural & Natural Resources
Air & water Quality
Plants & Wildlife
Floodplains
Wetlands
Land Use – such as parks & recreational areas
Special Waste
And traffic noise.



When federal funds or facilities are intended for use on a project, the planning process must follow the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA focuses on determining impacts to the environment, human and natural, and finding ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those impacts through improvement alternatives and public input.



An important part of the NEPA process is getting public input though stakeholder involvement.



In order to ensure a comprehensive approach for public involvement and to engage stakeholders, IDOT will utilize Context Sensitive Solutions on this project. Context Sensitive Solutions, or CSS, is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits into and reflects its surroundings.

The Context Sensitive Solutions process aims to achieve the following:

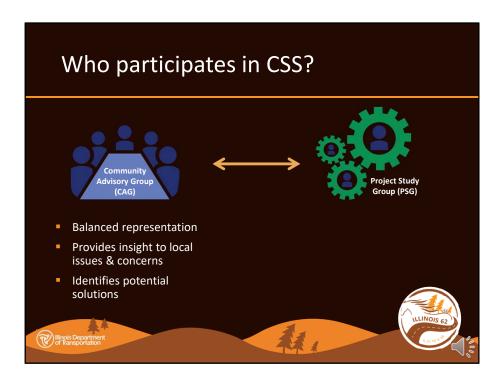
- Understand stakeholder's key issues & concerns as they will be affected the most by the project.
- •Apply flexibility in design to address stakeholder concerns.
- •Achieve a general understanding of agreement among the stakeholders.



A stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by, concerned with, or interested in the project and has a *stake* in the outcome of the proposed improvement being considered.

Stakeholders include: property owners, residents, businesses, elected officials, regulatory agencies, non-profit organizations, roadway users, and institutions such as schools and churches. The role of stakeholders is to advise IDOT on concerns related to the project, throughout the entire study process. Input from all participants in this process is valued and will be considered.

A Stakeholder Involvement Plan has been developed which outlines the stakeholder participation for this project. It is available for review in the exhibit room and on the project website.



There are two main groups of participants in the Context Sensitive Solutions process. These include the Community Advisory Group and Project Study Group.

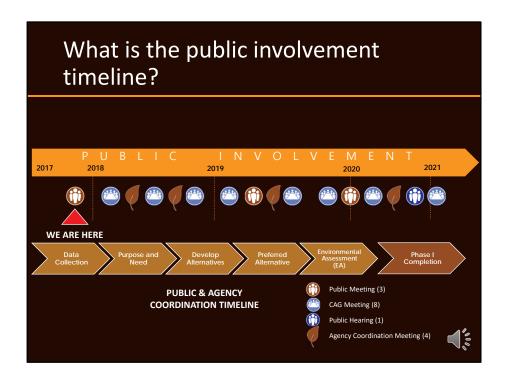
The Community Advisory Group is a balanced group of stakeholders from a broad cross section of interests. They provide insight on issues & concerns for the project study area, and help identify potential solutions.

Community Advisory Group members are selected based upon who they represent and their interests, to ensure an even distribution of representation. The CAG works in close coordination with the PSG to ensure identified solutions balance both the community and technical needs. Ultimately, IDOT is responsible for the final decision.



Interested stakeholders can apply to serve on the Community Advisory Group. Applications may be completed and either dropped in the box today or mailed at a later date. A mailing address is indicated on each form. The Community Advisory Group applications are available in the room across the hall and are due by December 1st.

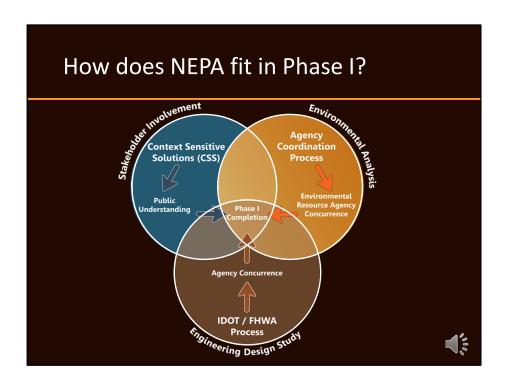
Please be aware, the Community Advisory Group meets at project milestones during working hours.



This schedule shows the basic steps of this Phase I study, and associated public involvement, on a timeline. The project is currently in a Data Collection stage, of which this Public Meeting is a part. Throughout the duration of the project study there will be opportunities for public involvement.

In addition to the Community Advisory Group, other opportunities include two additional public meetings and a public hearing.

There will be four agency coordination meetings to ensure agency concurrence with the project. It is anticipated that Phase I completion will be in the Fall of 2021.



A Phase I study requires stakeholder involvement, environmental analysis, and the engineering design studies working together to provide an improvement that is a balance between these components. Each element has their own goal and objective.

Stakeholder involvement will follow the IDOT CSS process. The goal of the CSS process is to garner a public understanding of the study and objectives of the project.

The Environmental Analysis includes the Agency Coordination process with the goal to obtain concurrence from federal, state, and local environmental agencies having jurisdiction within the project's study area.

The third component is obtaining highway agency concurrence.

These three pieces combine to form the Phase I process for a proposed improvement that is a balance of environment and design; meeting the requirements of the NEPA process, and the needs of the stakeholders.



Following this meeting, the next steps of the study will be:

- Forming the Community Advisory Group;
- · Continuing to analyze existing conditions;
- · Reviewing issues and concerns identified;
- · Analyzing public comments; and
- Developing the Purpose & Need for the project.



You may provide any comments you may have on the comment form. The comment forms may be completed and either dropped in the box today or mailed at a later date. A mailing address is indicated on each form. You may comment through the website or by email at any time, but only comments received by December 11th will become part of the official public meeting record.



We want to hear from you. Please view the exhibits across the hall and meet the project study team.

You may even post issues directly on the project exhibits. And, we encourage you to continue your involvement after the public meeting.



Thank you for attending today's public meeting and taking an active role in the planning process. Please continue your visit in the exhibit room. This presentation will begin again in 5 minutes.



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Thank you for attending today's public meeting and taking an active role in the planning process. Please continue your visit in the exhibit room. This presentation will begin again in 2 minutes.



The presentation is about to begin. Please be seated.