



Overview

The third public meeting for the I-80 Ridge Road to US Route 30 Project was held on January 31, 2018 at Joliet Jr. College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The meeting events took place in two rooms. The first room contained a continuous audiovisual presentation that included a study overview, information regarding the near-term work planned, the development and evaluation of alternatives being studied, next steps, and directions on how to provide comments.

The second room contained exhibit boards, alternative boards, corridor maps and 2 comment stations. The exhibit boards provided information regarding the current study area conditions, corridor-wide alternative, typical cross sections, average daily traffic, land acquisition information, noise analysis process, CSS process and the current project timeline.

Roll plot maps of the entire corridor showing proposed geometrics for mainline, interchange, and Des Plaines River Bridge alternatives were on display. Potential commercial/residential relocations for each alternative were noted on each roll plot map.

The meeting was promoted through the mailing of 1,500 postcards to stakeholders along the corridor on Wednesday, January 17. Printed advertisements were run in the Sun-Times (January 10 and January 24), Joliet-Herald News (January 10 and January 24) and the Morris-Herald News (January 11 and January 25). An electronic ad was sent to all municipalities, chambers and townships in the study area for promotion in their newsletters and on their websites. Coordination with the City of Joliet resulted in their using this advertisement on their municipal homepage, and through their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Attendees were provided an opportunity to speak with representatives from IDOT and the project study team. The meeting was attended by **196 people** and **30 comment forms** were received.

Comments

30 comment forms were submitted at the meeting, topics include the following:

- Support for adding another lane/widening I-80
- Concerns regarding industrial development/increased traffic and trucks
- Support for near term work presented
- Concerns regarding varying number of lanes through the corridor
- Support and concerns regarding tolling
- Support for Des Plaines River Bridge replacement
- Support for interchange design (Center Street Alt 1, Chicago Street Alt 1)



Attendees included the following -

Public Officials:

- Office of Congressman Bill Foster (Brian Robb)
- Office of State Representative David Welter (Sue Castanier)
- State Representative Margo McDermed
- State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr.
- Will County Executive Larry Walsh
- Village of Manhattan Mayor, James M. Doyle
- Joliet City Council Members
 - Jan Hallums-Quillman
 - Terry Morris
- Will County Board Members
 - Judy Ogalla, Monee
 - Gloria Dollinger, Joliet
 - Debbie Militello, Channahon
 - Annette Parker, Crest Hill

Local Government Representation:

- City of Joliet
- Jackson Township
- Joliet Township
- Kendall County
- New Lenox Township
- Troy Township
- Village of Channahon
- Village of Elwood
- Village of Frankfort
- Village of Manhattan
- Village of New Lenox
- Village of Rockdale
- Village of Shorewood
- Will County

Media Outlets:

- Daily Southtown
- Farmer’s Weekly
- Herald News
- New Lenox Patriot
- WJOL

Additional Organizations:

- CMAP
- Forest Preserve District of Will County
- Illinois Economic Policy Institute
- Joliet Arsenal Development Authority
- Pace Bus
- Unity Community Development Co
- Will County Center for Economic Development
- Will County Government League