

From: info <info@i-80will.com>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:40 PM
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Subject: I-80

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After the first community meeting the project team took a closer look at the impacts of the proposed I-80 improvement on the local street system. The team determined that Duncan Street could not remain open therefore we have determined that the six homes on Duncan Street between Keip Avenue and River Street are anticipated to be acquired.

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Sincerely,
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From: info <info@i-80will.com>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:43 PM
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Subject: re: Progress Report

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Thank you for the comment you submitted through the project website on June 14, 2019. The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is currently finalizing the preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of I-80 from Ridge Road to US Route 30 in Kendall, Grundy, and Will counties. The I-80 corridor was identified in the recently approved Rebuild Illinois capital bill. The Department is assessing the impact of Rebuild Illinois on the Program. This project has a high priority for inclusion in the next program cycle based on land acquisition schedules and plan readiness.

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The recommended preferred alternative includes new bridges over the Des Plaines River with wider shoulders and concrete barriers along the edges. These features should reduce the occurrence of debris falling from the bridges and reduce traffic noise.

As part of the Phase I study of I-80, the Department performed a noise study in accordance with Department policy and Federal regulations. The study determined that the areas between Center Street and Chicago Street meet the criteria for providing noise abatement, therefore noise walls are being proposed in this area. Those who would benefit by the potential noise walls will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they will be installed. The voting will occur after the project's final design is approved.

In accordance with its Highway Traffic Noise Assessment Manual, the Department will monitor vibration during construction activities typically associated with vibration, including pile driving, blasting and pavement breaking. If necessary, they will implement measures to reduce construction vibration such as changing the location and timing of vibration operations or using alternative construction methods. Regarding your concern of possible structural damage to your home due to vibrations, IDOT will make every effort to complete construction in a manner that limits property impacts. Should you feel your property sustained damages due to construction, you have the opportunity to file a claim with the State of Illinois for damages. Any claim will need to show proof of previous (before construction) and current (during or after construction) conditions.

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The Department is in the process of finalizing additional engineering analyses and refining the recommended preferred alternative. The recommended preferred alternative including proposed noise wall locations, will be presented at the public hearing anticipated to be held in fall 2019. You will receive a postcard with the date, time and location once the hearing has been scheduled.

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Sincerely,
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From: info <info@i-80will.com>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:54 PM
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From: info <info@i-80will.com>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:04 PM
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Subject: re: Meeting 9/18/19 4:00pm

Thank you for attending the Community Meeting held on Wednesday, September 18 and for your inquiry regarding improvements to Interstate 80 (I-80). The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is currently engaged in preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of I-80 from Ridge Road to US Route 30 in Kendall, Grundy, and Will counties. The I-80 corridor was identified in the recently approved Rebuild Illinois capital bill. The Department is assessing the impact of Rebuild Illinois on the Program. This project has a high priority for inclusion in the next program cycle based on land acquisition schedules and plan readiness.

Materials from the meeting, including the maps sent to you in advance are posted to the website. The presenters included Steve Schilke, Steven.Schilke@illinois.gov who spoke regarding the overall project, and Mike Cullian, Mike.Cullian@illinois.gov who addressed land acquisition process and relocation benefits. You may contact either of them should you have any questions or concerns. Opening remarks were made by Anthony Quigley who can be reached at the following address:

Anthony J. Quigley, P.E.
Region One Engineer
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

The current recommended preferred alternative does not require the acquisition of any part of your property at **REDACTED**. It does potentially require partial acquisition of your neighbor to the south at **REDACTED**. If your neighbor wishes to retain the remainder of their property, they will have the option to do so.

Regarding your concern of possible structural damage to your home during construction, IDOT will make every effort to complete construction in a manner that limits property impacts. Should you feel your property sustained damages due to construction, you have the opportunity to file a claim with the State of Illinois for damages. Any claim will need to show proof of previous (before construction) and current (during or after construction) conditions.

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The Department makes every effort to ensure the community is informed of studies and construction. In addition to the two recent community meetings, the Department has held 3 public meetings regarding this project, the most recent was held in January 2018. Postcards were mailed to residents including your address, to invite them to the meetings. Notices were published in the Sun Times and Joliet Herald three weeks and one week prior to each meeting.

The Department follows federal rules and regulations (the Uniform Relocation Act) in regard to land acquisition. Any home to be acquired will undergo an appraisal by a professional licensed appraiser and will be compensated at fair market value. The Department will work with you to assist in finding you a comparable home and may compensate you for the difference in price between the appraised value of your home and the purchase price of a comparable home. Once you have selected your next residence, the Department offers relocation benefits and will continue to work with you and assist you during the transition. There are many details to how the process for land acquisition works, representatives will be available to discuss this at the upcoming Public Hearing. You may also reach out to our land acquisition specialist, Mike Cullian, Mike.Cullian@illinois.gov. He should be able to answer any questions you may have.

The Department attempts to protect and salvage healthy mature trees wherever possible. Unfortunately, the Department is unable to save the trees on your property due to their proximity to the proposed ramp and transplanting mature trees is seldom successful.

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The recommended preferred alternative includes reconstruction of I-80 with wider shoulders and an auxiliary lane between Center Street and Chicago Street. Proposed interchange modifications to Center Street will provide more access to I-80. Access from your house to McDonough Street, Railroad Street and Raynor Avenue/Center Street will be unchanged. A new frontage road is anticipated from Market Street to Illinois Street to provide continuity of Shelby Street.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 5:17 PM
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to be functional? (Many pages and features do not function at all) and NONE the most current proposed maps are on this site

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We are sorry to hear that you are having trouble navigating the project website at www.i-80will.com. Under the "NEWSROOM" tab, project stakeholder meetings are listed along with links to exhibits presented at the meetings. We have added the dates of the meetings so that it is clear which exhibits are most current. On the "HOME" tab under "Updates" is where upcoming meetings are posted. The public hearing date will be announced here once it has been scheduled.

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Octubre 1, 2019

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Le agradecemos por completar el cuestionario y dejarnos saber de sus dudas relacionadas con la Interestatal 80 (I-80). El Departamento de Transportación de Illinois (Departamento) está en el proceso de finalizar los estudios preliminares de ingeniería y ambientales (Fase I) para las mejoras propuestas en la I-80 desde Ridge Road hasta la Ruta US 30 en los Condados de Kendall, Grundy, y Will. El corredor de la I-80 ha sido identificado en la reciente Legislación de Estructuras que ha sido aprobada. Este proyecto tiene alta prioridad para ser incluido en el siguiente ciclo del programa basado en el proceso de adquisición de propiedades y preparación de planos.

Como parte del estudio de Fase I de la I-80, el Departamento realizó un estudio de ruido de acuerdo a las reglas del Departamento y regulaciones Federales. El estudio determinó que el área entre Center Street y Chicago Street cumple los criterios para proveer reducción de ruido y por esto se ha recomendado incluir paredes de reducción de ruido en esta área. Aquellos que se puedan beneficiar de las potenciales paredes de reducción de ruido tendrán la oportunidad de votar si desean o no que sean instaladas. La votación se llevará a cabo una vez que el diseño final del proyecto sea aprobado.

El Departamento está en el proceso de finalizar análisis de ingeniería adicionales y de perfeccionar la alternativa recomendada preferida. La alternativa recomendada preferida será presentada en la audiencia pública que se anticipa sucederá en otoño del año 2019. Se le enviara una tarjeta postal con la fecha, hora y locación de la audiencia pública una vez estos datos sean finalizados.

Apreciamos su interés en este proyecto y esperamos su continua participación en el transcurso del mismo. Usted ha sido incluido en nuestra lista de correo y recibirá información sobre el progreso del proyecto. Para ver información actualizada de proyecto, por favor visite nuestra página de internet www.I-80Will.com.

Sinceramente,

El Grupo de Estudio del Proyecto de la I-80



October 1, 2019

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The Department follows federal rules and regulations regarding land acquisition. Any home to be acquired will undergo an appraisal by a professional licensed appraiser and will be compensated at fair market value. The Department will work with you to assist in finding you a comparable home. There are many details to how the process for land acquisition works, representatives will be available to discuss the process at the upcoming Public Hearing. You may also reach out to our land acquisition specialist, Mike Cullian, Mike.Cullian@illinois.gov or at the following address. He should be able to answer any questions you may have.

Michael Cullian
Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Land Acquisition
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

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The Department cares about your concerns and takes them seriously. Throughout the planning process the project team has conducted multiple stakeholder meetings including three public meetings and two community meetings. Based on comments we heard at the first community meeting we conducted further analysis and made adjustments to the plan. These plans were presented at a second community meeting held on September 18, 2019. The Department has and will continue to accept comments through the project website at www.I-80will.com. Comments and public testimony will be accepted at the Public Hearing to be held in the fall.

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Highway improvements are typically processed in three distinct phases. The Department anticipates the completion of Phase I early in 2020. After completion of Phase I, the Department can begin preparing contract plans and acquiring the necessary right-of-way (Phase II). Phase II typically requires 24 to 36 months to complete. Phase III represents the actual construction of the improvement. Improvements are partially funded in the Department's FY 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program with some work starting as early as 2021. The I-80 corridor was identified in the recently approved Rebuild Illinois capital bill. The Department is assessing the impact of the Capital Bill on the Program. This project has a high priority for inclusion in the next program cycle based on land acquisition schedules and plan readiness.

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The north alignment of the new bridge was selected because it improves sight distance on the curves, which improves safety; it allows a consistent speed limit to be maintained which improves safety; and it allows the existing bridge to remain open while the new bridge is built which will shorten the time required for construction and improve safety during construction. A further south alternative was identified, but not evaluated further, based on impacts it would have on an Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) site, a former quarry which became a landfill site, the Joliet Water Treatment Plant, and the Joliet Combined Sewer Outlet Pipe beneath the Des Plaines River. The south alignment also required the removal of homes and displacement of residents.

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