



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways/Region One / District One
201 West Center Court/Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

April 2, 2010

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Room 1109
Washington, DC 20423-001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) cordially invites you to attend a Public Informational Meeting concerning a study for the improvement of U.S. Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) at the crossing of the EJ&E/CN and NS Railroads in the Village of Lynwood, Cook County. The Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study and the Final Design for this project are fully funded as part of IDOT's current multi-year proposed highway improvement program. IDOT's financial participation for Land Acquisition, Construction and Construction Engineering will be identified in IDOT's upcoming multi-year program.

The date, time, and location of this meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Time: 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Location: Sandridge School Gymnasium
2950 Glenwood Dyer Road
Lynwood, Illinois 60411

IDOT has designated this project for development using the principles of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop cost-effective transportation solutions that fit into the project's surroundings (context) and preserve the scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility. IDOT is looking for focused and direct input from the community in understanding the transportation needs and concerns to be used in development of the study. The purpose of the meeting will be to describe the project development process, solicit input regarding transportation needs within the study corridor, and provide additional information on how stakeholders can become active participants in the planning process by volunteering to become a community advisory group (CAG) member.

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Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the course of this open house format meeting. IDOT and consultant representatives will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Attached is a copy of the newspaper display ad that appeared in the March 30, 2010 and is scheduled to appear in April 13, 2010 additions of the Daily Southtown and the Northwest Indiana Times.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or John A. Baczek, Project and Environmental Studies Section Chief, at (847) 705-4104.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane O'Keefe", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

Enclosures



Notice of Public Meeting U.S. Route 30 at the EJ&E/CN & NS Railroad Crossings in Lynwood, IL

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking public input on the proposed improvement of U.S. Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) at the crossings with the EJ&E/CN and NS Railroads. The U.S. Route 30 study area is located in the Village of Lynwood, Cook County between the bridge over Lansing Ditch and the Illinois/Indiana state line.

The Public Meeting will be held:

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sandridge School Gymnasium

2950 Glenwood Dyer Road

Lynwood, Illinois 60411

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. IDOT will provide information regarding the study schedule, the federal review process, and public involvement activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a PowerPoint presentation, review project exhibits, comment on the current and future needs and conditions along the corridor, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives to discuss the project.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Heidi Voirol, V3 Companies, (630) 729-6177. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TDD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY Users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

For more information, contact:

Mr. John Baczek, P.E.

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