

Cross access is the consolidation of access points to improve safety and access to properties. Entrances between abutting properties can be combined into one at a break in the raised curb median to allow left turns into and out of the properties, depending on the location. This may require relocation and/or removal of existing entrances. Property owners must sign a cross access agreement and donate the temporary easement required to construct the combined entrance. The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) will work with property owners to develop a cross access plan and determine the temporary easement requirements. Please note each location is unique and requests may not be able to be accommodated.

### **Who constructs the combined entrance?**

The Department will construct the combined entrance as part of the proposed improvement.

### **Who pays for the construction of the combined entrance?**

The Department will pay for the construction of the combined entrance as well as for the additional cost to provide full depth pavement for the left turn channelization and median opening along IL 31. There is no property owner cost participation since the combined entrance serves multiple property owners, and is a public safety benefit.

### **What are the property owner responsibilities?**

Property owners are responsible for providing the Department a cross access agreement, signed by both property owners, and donating the temporary easement needed to construct the combined entrance. If these are not provided, the combined entrance will not be constructed and the existing entrances will be replaced at their current locations.

### **When does the cross access agreement need to be provided to the Department?**

The agreement should be provided as soon as possible so the combined entrance is included in the Phase II contract plans. It is the responsibility of the property owners to coordinate between themselves and provide the agreement to the Department.

### **Is there an example cross access agreement?**

An example cross access agreement is available on the project website at [www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il31](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il31).

### **Why does the temporary easement need to be donated?**

The Department is performing the work at the request of the property owners. The temporary easements to be donated are only the additional areas required to provide the combined entrance. Property owners will be compensated for the fee simple acquisition (proposed right-of-way) and temporary easements required to construct the roadway improvements. Property impacts within the donated temporary easements (landscaping, sign relocations, etc.) will not be compensated by the Department.

### **How is the temporary easement donated?**

The Department's Bureau of Land Acquisition will contact property owners during the Phase II land acquisition process. A parcel plat will be prepared by the Department which will identify the property lines and donated temporary easement, as well as any other temporary easements or fee simple acquisition.

### **Questions?**

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