

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) cordially invites you to attend an open house public hearing concerning the preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) for the improvement of IL 31 from IL 176 to IL 120 in McHenry County. The scope of work for this improvement is anticipated to consist of roadway widening and reconstruction to provide two lanes in each direction separated by a median, intersection and drainage improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: McHenry County College Shah Center
4100 W. Shamrock Lane
McHenry, IL 60050

Purpose of the hearing:

- To present the Environmental Assessment (EA)
- To present the preferred alternative
- To obtain public input

Interested persons may attend anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the hearing. Project team members will be present to discuss the project and answer questions. A public forum will begin at 6:00 p.m., where the public will be invited to make a statement to a court reporter. Right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance information will be available.

The EA has been completed and will be presented at the public hearing. The EA describes the purpose and need of the proposed project, alternatives considered, the recommended preferred alternative, anticipated environmental impacts, project benefits, and potential mitigation measures. It will be available on January 18, 2017 for public review and comment on the project website at www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il31, the Prairie Grove Village Hall, McHenry Public Library, and the Department's District One office in Schaumburg. A complete list of these locations can be found on the project website. Comments will be accepted through March 10, 2017.

The improvement is anticipated to impact 1.53 acres of wetlands, and encroach into the floodplain at two locations for the replacement of the structures carrying IL 31 over Sleepy Hollow Creek and the Tributary to the Fox River. The Department will process a permit for construction in the regulated floodway at these two locations.

This hearing will be accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Scott Czaplicki, Project Manager at (847) 705-4107. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and Telebraille (877) 526-6670 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

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or submitted through the project website: www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il31