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IDOT AND INDOT TO PRESENT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR(S) FOR FURTHER STUDIES

Springfield, IL and Indianapolis, IN - The Illinois and Indiana Departments of Transportation (IDOT and INDOT) will host their third round of public meetings on February 22 and 23 to present the best performing corridor(s) to be carried forward for further studies and gain additional stakeholder input. The Illiana study area is located in southern Will County and northern Kankakee County in Illinois and southern Lake County in Indiana. The study area is generally located between I-65 on the east, I-55 on the west, U.S. 30 on the north, and north Kankakee County on the south.

IDOT and INDOT, along with stakeholders, have identified the transportation needs for the Illiana study area, identified a range of alternatives, and evaluated a range of representative major corridors. The evaluation of the corridors has continued and have taken into consideration the hundreds of public comments received from a series of seven Corridor Planning Group meetings and two public information meetings. These meetings involved residents, businesses, elected officials, community representatives, environmental conservation groups, economic development councils, forest preserves districts, and interested stakeholders. The corridor(s) being carried forward for further evaluation represent the best blend of transportation performance, minimizing impacts to the built and natural environment, compatibility with local plans, and financial viability. **For information about the Illiana Corridor Study, visit www.illianacorridor.org.**

The meetings will be an open house format and interested persons may attend anytime between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. There will be a continuous PowerPoint presentation, and attendees will have the opportunity to view study exhibits and speak with IDOT, INDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis. A question and answer forum will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day.

The public meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

INDIANA

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Crown Point High School

1500 South Main Street

Crown Point, IN 46307

ILLINOIS

Thursday, February 23, 2012

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Matteson Hotel and Conference Center

(Holiday Inn)

500 Holiday Plaza Drive

Matteson, IL 60443

These meetings will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Kara Olson of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD 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.