



Illiana Corridor Study Tier One Public Hearing Summary - Illinois

The Illinois public hearing for the Illiana project took place on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at the Peotone High School located at 605 West North Street, Peotone, Illinois from 5-8 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous PowerPoint presentation, exhibit boards for review, interactive maps for property details and large scale aerials of the study area to which meeting attendees provided comments, suggestions, issues and concerns. A public forum was held at 6 PM during which time participants could offer verbal comments to a court reporter. The meeting provided information about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and presented more details of the A3S2, B3 and B4 corridors. The meeting was attended by **1006 people**, and **130 comment forms** were received.

The following public officials were in attendance:

- Channahon Township: Patrick Feeney
- City of Braidwood: Bill Rulien, Rich Girot
- City of Joliet: Tom Giarrante, Thomas Thanas
- City of Momence: Mick Porter
- City of Wilmington: Marty Orr, Kevin Kirwin, Darla Neises, Colby Zemaitis, Tony Graff
- Congressman Kinzinger's office: Seth Jansen
- State Senator: Pat McGuire
- Crete Township: John Rzymiski
- Florence Township: Bill Quigley
- Jackson Township: Tim Vanderhyden
- Kankakee County: James Vickery, Mike Bossert, Mark Rogers, Mike Lammey
- Larry Walsh Jr- State Representative 86th District
- LeeAnn Goodson- with Representative Tom Cross
- Lowell: Edgar Corns
- Manhattan Township: James Walsh
- Peotone Township: Pat Lathon, Bruce Clover
- Senator Sue Rezin – 38th District
- State Representative Pam Roth Office: Jessica Fox
- University Park: Vivian Covington, Jerry C Townsend
- Village of Beecher: Robert Howard, Paul Lohmann

- Village of Channahon: Joe Cook, Ed Dolezal
- Village of Crete: Michael Einhorn, Gretchen Sullivan, Tom Durkin, Larry Johnston
- Village of Diamond: Teresa Kernc
- Village of Elwood: Mike Oconnell, Max Bosso
- Village of Manhattan: Marion Gibson, Ray Nugent
- Village of Manteno: Timothy Nugent
- Village of Peotone: Rich Duran, George Grey
- Will County: Larry Walsh, Jim Moustis, Bruce Gould, Don Gould, Debbie Rozak, Steve Lazzara
- Will Township: Paul Kwiatkowski, Lester Batterman
- Wilmington Township: John Cairns

Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- CSEDC: Mike Scholefield
- FHWA: Jan Piland, Joyce Newland, Matt Fuller
- Autobahn Country Club: Mark Basso
- Historic Rt 66: John Weiss
- Balmoral Race Track: Jack Kelly
- Wade Spage- Midewin Tallgrass Prairie
- Bob Rademacher- Peotone Chamber of Commerce
- Andrew Hawkins- Forest Preserve District
- Robert Hommes – Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
- Mark Batson- New Lenox Area Historical Society
- Illinois Tollway: Adam Lintner
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers: Ed Paesel
- Mid-west Truckers: Don Schaefer

The following Media were represented:

- Chicago Tribune: Dennis Sullivan, Rich Wronski
- Daily Journal: Nick Halstein
- Farmers Weekly ReviewL Nick Reiher
- Free Press Newspapers: Pam Monson
- Kankakee Daily Journal: Rob Laird
- Lake Shore Public TV: Lindsey Cramer
- NWI Times: Greg Tejeda
- Russell Publications: Karen Haave
- Southtown Star: Casey Toner
- WGN-TV: G. Hall
- Will County News (blog): Ann Baskerville

- WKAN 1320: Ron Jackson

The **130 comment forms** submitted covered a variety of topics, with the most predominant themes including:

- **Preference for the B3 corridor**
- **Opposition to the A3S2 corridor**
- **Concern over residential impacts on the B3 corridor**
- **Land acquisition information and process questions**
- **Local road access for north/south roads potentially cut off**
- **Funding**



Illiana Corridor Study Tier One Public Hearing Summary - Indiana

The Tier One Public Hearing for the Illiana Corridor Study was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Lowell Middle School, located at 19250 Cline Ave., Lowell, Indiana from 5–8 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous PowerPoint presentation, exhibit boards for review, interactive maps for property details and large scale aerials of the study area to which meeting attendees provided comments, suggestions, issues and concerns. A public forum was held at 6 PM during which time participants could offer verbal comments to a court reporter. The meeting provided information about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and presented more details of the A3S2, B3 and B4 corridors. The meeting was attended by **756 people**, and **92 comment forms** were received.

The following public officials were in attendance:

- Will County: Jim Bilotta
- Village of Beecher: Paul Lohmann
- Lake County: Commissioner Gerry Scheub
- West Creek Township: Harold Mussman
- Cedar Creek Township: Alice Dahl
- Town of Lowell: Phillip Kuiper
- Town of St. John: President Michael Forbes
- Lake County Plan Comm: Steve Nigro

Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- NIRPC: Steve Strains, Bill Brown
- US EPA: Norm West
- Calumet Astronomical Society: Christopher Brownwell (and others)
- Indiana Farm Bureau: Wayne Belden
- Will County Farm Bureau: Mary Ann Deutsche
- IDEM: Leanne Whitesell
- NWI Forum: Mark Maassel
- Lake County Parks/ Buckley Homestead: Ed & Becky Crabb
- Tri-Creek School District: Debra Home
- Purdue University Calumet: Shawn S.

- FHWA: Joyce Newland, Matt Fuller
- Sierra Club: George Malis

The following Media were represented:

- Times of NWI: Keith Benman
- Lakeshore Public Television: Lindsey Cramer
- Lowell Tribune: Nick Dmitrovich
- WBEZ (NPR Chicago): Mike Puente
- Post Tribune: Carrie Napoleon

The **92 comment forms** submitted covered a variety of topics, with the most predominant themes including:

- **Property impacts**
- **Some support for corridors received**
- **Land acquisition information and process questions**
- **Local road access for north/south roads potentially cut off**
- **Funding**
- **Support for No-Build option voiced**
- **Opposition for a Toll-road**

Additional comment topics included funding questions, the No-Build Alternative, considering ways to minimize noise and air pollution, community character impacts, implementation timeline, and other alternative suggestions.