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IDOT and INDOT SEEK STAKEHOLDER INPUT at Second Public Meeting

Springfield, IL and Indianapolis, IN - The Illinois and Indiana Departments of Transportation (INDOT and IDOT) will host their second round of public meetings for the Illiana Corridor Study to 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, and bordered by U.S. 30 to the north.

IDOT and INDOT have been gathering stakeholder input and presenting technical analysis through a series Corridor Planning Group/Technical Task Force meetings, involving elected officials, community representatives, agencies and other interested stakeholders. Thus far, IDOT, INDOT and stakeholders have identified the transportation needs for initial range of corridor locations. This extensive analysis and coordination effort is summarized by the following need statements: improve regional mobility, address local system deficiencies, and provide efficient movement of freight. These needs will provide a basis for evaluation of potential corridor locations and alternatives as the study progresses. IDOT and INDOT are seeking further stakeholder input on the identified needs as well as the initial list of project alternatives, and will consider this input as the planning process moves forward.

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Crown Point High School

1500 South Main Street

Crown Point, IN 46307

ILLINOIS

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

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.