

You're Invited...

ILLIANA

Public Hearings
To Be Held

LOWELL, INDIANA

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 5:00 — 8:00 p.m.

WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:00 — 8:00 p.m.



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Illinois and Indiana Departments of Transportation (IDOT and INDOT) are holding public hearings on the Illiana Corridor Project Tier Two Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which is evaluating transportation improvements in Will County, Illinois and Lake County, Indiana.

The Tier Two Draft EIS is a compilation of stakeholder outreach and comprehensive information about the project's purpose and need, proposed plans and alternatives, and potential effects on environmental resources such as wetlands, wildlife, cultural resources and noise, as well as potential effects on future traffic operations caused by the proposed alternatives as well as the "no-build" alternative. After extensive data analysis and evaluation, the Tier Two Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment on January 24, 2014 at www.IllianaCorridor.org, as well as local libraries located within the study area and DOT offices. A complete listing of these locations can be found on the project website. Comments on the Tier Two Draft EIS will be accepted through March 10, 2014.

The public hearings 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 presentation, and the public is encouraged to comment on the Draft EIS, alternatives under consideration, preliminary road closure plan, social, economic, and environmental impacts and proposed mitigation strategies. Land Acquisition specialists will also be available to answer questions about right-of-way acquisition and residence or business relocation that may be required as part of the project. Attendees are encouraged to provide oral or written testimony to court reporters to be included in the public record and speak with IDOT. INDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis. A public forum will be held at 6:00 p.m. each day where the public is invited to make 2-minute statements to a court reporter and to the public.

The Public **Hearings will** be held:

INDIANA

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Lowell Middle School 19250 Cline Avenue **Lowell. IN 46356**

ILLINOIS

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Local 150 Training Facilities** 19800 West Arsenal Road Wilmington, IL 60481-8256

In the event the hearing is cancelled due to the Town of Lowell school closings, the alternate date will be March 5, 2014, and will be held at Hebron High School located at 509 S. Main Street, Hebron, IN 46341.

In the event the hearing is cancelled due to City of Wilmington school closings, the alternate date will be March 6, 2014. and the hearing will still be held at the Local 150 Training Facility listed above.

* The hearing will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Sarah Copeland 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.





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Consistent stakeholder input throughout the study process has been critical to the development and evaluation of a broad range of transportation improvements. After the hearings and the public comment period have concluded, IDOT and INDOT may continue to make refinements to the recommended Preferred Alternative based on stakeholder input and technical findings. The final Preferred Alternative will be documented in the Final EIS and Record of Decision for the project, anticipated to be released in late Spring 2014. Tier Two

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