



Iowa Department of Transportation



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I-74 Iowa-Illinois Corridor Study Public Information Meeting February 10, 2009

Welcome to the fifth public meeting for the I-74 Iowa-Illinois Corridor Study. The study examined the range of alternatives designed to improve mobility in the I-74 corridor from Avenue of the Cities in Moline, Illinois, to one mile north of 53rd Street in Davenport, Iowa. This project is a joint effort of the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation (DOTs) in cooperation with other agencies and local officials. Since the last meeting in May 2006, a recommended bridge type has been selected, design on the preferred alternative has continued, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) has been signed. This meeting is intended to provide you with information on project activities that have occurred since the May 2006 meeting.

I-74 Preferred Roadway Alternative and Mississippi River Bridge Type

The Preferred Alternative was identified by the Iowa and Illinois DOTs in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 2005. It consists primarily of a new river crossing and improvements to mainline I-74 at interchanges and along connecting local roadways. The proposed enhancements are intended to improve capacity, travel reliability and safety along the project corridor. The Preferred Alternative is the result of a process that considered engineering performance, environmental, socio-economic and financial impacts, and input from resource agency representatives, local government personnel and area residents.

At the time of the last meeting, four finalist bridge types remained under consideration. Following the meeting, the finalist bridge types were evaluated on several areas: engineering performance, financial performance (both initial construction and life-cycle costs), security and overall aesthetics. Based on this evaluation, the Iowa and Illinois DOTs selected the Basket Handle True Arch Twin Bridge as the preferred bridge type.

Next Steps

A Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued by the Federal Highway Administration. Once the ROD is received, right-of-way acquisition and final design activities may begin. Partial funding to purchase right-of-way is currently programmed in the 2009-2013 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. The funding will be targeted towards property purchases where a total acquisition is required. Once final design is completed, the remaining right-of-way could be acquired if funding is available. Construction would begin when sufficient funding becomes available. It is likely the corridor will be divided into smaller "stand alone" construction projects.

Two areas of the project will be moving forward more quickly: the Lincoln Road bridge replacement and the 53rd Street Interchange improvements. The Lincoln Road bridge replacement is currently shown in the Iowa DOT Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program in fiscal year 2009. The 53rd Street interchange improvements are included in the Iowa DOT Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program in fiscal year 2011.

Contact Us

If you have a comment or concern regarding the I-74 Iowa-Illinois Corridor Study or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out a comment form at tonight's meeting or contact:

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Right of way Process Information

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right of way may be required. Property acquisitions will be coordinated by each respective state DOT.

The following paragraphs provide information regarding the right of way process followed by the Iowa and Illinois DOTs. Please keep in mind that specific right of way needs have not been identified at this time.

The Iowa and Illinois DOT's policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. Professional techniques and methods are used to determine "just compensation" in accordance with federal and state constitutions, laws and regulations. Appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

After completing the appraisal, a right of way agent contacts each owner to explain the plans and appraisals and negotiate the contract for the required right of way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

Relocation Assistance

The State of Iowa's and State of Illinois' acquisition and relocation programs are conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646), as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987. Relocation resources are provided to all residential and business relocatees, without discrimination.

If you are required to move as a result of a highway construction project, whether an owner or a tenant, you are eligible for relocation assistance advisory services. You may be eligible for moving assistance, supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the intent of the States of Iowa and Illinois to ensure that displaced individuals receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionately as a result of highway improvements designed for the public as a whole. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property.

Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's purchase of your property.

Questions or problems concerning relocation assistance should be directed to:

- Iowa properties: Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA, 50010, telephone 515-239-1216.
- Illinois properties: George Ryan, Attn: Jim Allen, Illinois DOT, 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, IL, 61021, telephone 815-284-5366.

Thank you for participating in this meeting.

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