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Online public meeting set for Nov. 17 to discuss Illinois 2 corridor study

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold an online public informational meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, for the Illinois 2 corridor improvement study in Ogle and Winnebago counties. The meeting will be held via Zoom and registration is required to attend. RSVP [here](#) or at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b-mIoWboTGCpII4QG4I0bQ

The study is examining transportation needs and solutions for the corridor, which starts at Illinois 72 in Byron and extends 10.5 miles to Beltline Road south of Rockford. The goals of the project are multifold, and the proposed improvements being studied aim to address the following:

- Improve safety for all users along the Illinois 2 corridor.
- Address existing geometric deficiencies and roadside hazards.
- Improve travel time along a corridor with a growing population and increased travel demand.
- Facilitate and enhance adjacent recreational facilities.
- Protect and preserve the existing environment and scenic values along the corridor.

The purpose of this online public meeting is to share information on the status of the preferred design from the study phase and gather public input. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a Q&A session where attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments, ask questions and interact with IDOT representatives and the project team.

Feedback from the public is encouraged, and all comments collected by Thursday, Dec. 8, will be part of the official meeting record. For those who are unable to attend, meeting materials and the meeting recording will be posted on the project webpage. An online comment form will be provided from Nov. 17 to Dec. 8. Project plans and handouts will also be available for in-person viewing until Dec. 8 at the Byron Public Library, 100 S Washington St.

More information about the Illinois 2 corridor study is available on the [project webpage](#) or at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/il-2-byron-to-beltline-road>.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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