

## **ERRATA**

### **Illinois Route 71**

#### **IL 47 in Yorkville to Orchard/Minkler Roads in Oswego Kendall County, Illinois**

**November 27, 2013**

This Erratum includes corrections, revisions, and/or additions to the Environmental Assessment, August 2013, for the proposed project on Illinois Route (IL) 71 from approximately 1,000 feet west of IL 47 in Yorkville to 900 feet southwest of Orchard/Minkler Road in Oswego. The Environmental Assessment was approved for public release by the Federal Highway Administration on August 6, 2013.

Page 45 of 48, Public and Local Agency Involvement subsection. Add the following paragraphs after the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of this subsection:

**Coordination with the public was provided through an Open House Public Hearing held on September 4, 2013. Public notices were published in the Ledger-Sentinel, Plano Record, and the Kendall County Record newspapers on August 15 and 29, 2013 to announce that the Environmental Assessment was available for public comment and to announce the Public Hearing. Notices were also sent to public officials, area public service providers, and property owners. Additionally, a press release was sent to area media.**

**The Public Hearing was held at the Yorkville Public Library in Yorkville. Seventy-six individuals signed the hearing register, including one reporter, one state representative, and other area officials. The meeting displays included: a Purpose and Need exhibit, an Environmental Impacts Summary exhibit, aerial photography exhibits showing the proposed project and required land acquisition, the approved Environmental Assessment, the draft project report, proposed typical sections, traffic projections, and crash history.**

**The comment period ended on September 18, 2013. A total of 35 comment sheets, letters, and emails were documented. IDOT sent written responses to all comments received. Copies of the comment forms and response letters are included in the Project Report and are available at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 Offices in Ottawa. A summary of the comments received, as well as other materials related to the public hearing, are included in Appendix K.**

Page 46 of 48, Environmental Commitments subsection. The second bullet point will be modified as follows:

- **The portions of Wetlands 2 and 10 not impacted by the proposed project will be protected from construction activities through the installation of silt fencing at the proposed right-of-way line and appropriate erosion control measures as specified by Chapter 41 of IDOT's**

**BDE manual. Wetland 9 will not be impacted by the proposed project; however, this site is located near the proposed right-of-way line. Silt fencing will be installed along the proposed right-of-way line in the vicinity of Wetland 9 to protect this site.**

Page 47 of 48, Environmental Commitments subsection. The following bullet points are appended to the list of commitments:

- **In response to the property owner's request to improve access to the All Season Motel, IDOT will consider the possibility of relocating the motel's east entrance so that it connects to Walnut Drive instead of IL 71. This is contingent on City of Yorkville concurrence. The motel is located on the right side of IL 71 near stations 510+00 to 512+50.**
- **If requested by property owners, IDOT will consider relocating entrances to proposed median opening locations in order to improve access. However, work required beyond the proposed right-of-way would be the property owner's responsibility. In the interest of safety, the number of median openings will be limited to reduce conflicting traffic movements and to meet minimum spacing requirements.**
- **If requested by the Kendall County Historical Society, IDOT is willing to relocate the northeast entrance of Lyon Farm (station 654+60 left) to align this entrance with the proposed median opening near station 655+70. However, additional work to modify internal traffic circulation or parking would be the property owner's responsibility.**
- **IDOT will consider relocating a median opening from station 665+70 to station 662+90 to accommodate a commercial entrance if requested by both property owners.**
- **The portion of IL 71 northeast of IL 126 (approximate stations are 585+00 to 788+00) is currently unfunded for construction in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2019 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Proposed median opening locations will be reviewed and finalized when this portion of the project is funded for construction, so that the design will consider the current existing and planned access points and side roads.**
- **In response to specific property owner comments, IDOT will review the proposed alignment located at the northeast end of the project area (approximate station 710+86 to 794+67) for possible revision prior to final design. This possible shift in the roadway alignment will be coordinated directly with impacted property owners and local area planners as appropriate.**

**APPENDICES**  
**APPENDIX K**

A new appendix, Appendix K – Public Hearing Information, has been added. Appendix K includes the following materials:

- Public Notice
- Certificates of Publication
  - Ledger-Sentinel
  - Plano Record
  - Kendall County Record
- Informational Handout
- Purpose and Need Exhibit
- Environmental Summary Impacts Exhibit
- Public Hearing and Environmental Assessment Availability Comment Summary

**APPENDIX K – PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION**

**NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY**  
**Reconstructing Illinois Route 71**  
**(West of IL 47 in Yorkville to west of Orchard / Minkler Road in Oswego)**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**September 4, 2013**  
**4 PM TO 7 PM**

**AT THE YORKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM**  
**902 GAME FARM ROAD**  
**YORKVILLE, IL 60560**

**(NO FORMAL PRESENTATION)**

The Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 office, will conduct a public hearing regarding the preliminary engineering study and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed reconstruction of approximately 5.55 miles of Illinois Route 71 from 1000' west of IL 47 in Yorkville to 900' west of Orchard / Minkler Road in Oswego. The purpose of the hearing is to present proposed project information and potential impacts for public comment.

The proposed action includes IL 71 reconstruction to provide two lanes in each direction with a center median, generally following the existing alignment; replacing the structure at Morgan Creek; and intersection improvements with traffic signal installations. Environmental impacts include 0.084 acre of wetlands and 1,053 linear feet of stream, as well as conversion of agricultural lands to roadway use. Additional right-of-way and easements will be required throughout the project and one residence will be relocated. Right-of-Way acquisition and relocation assistance information will be available.

The public hearing will be conducted in an open house format with no formal presentation. Exhibits, maps, plans, and the Environmental Assessment will be available for public review. IDOT personnel will be present to provide information, answer questions, and receive comments. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate.

Comments regarding the Environmental Assessment shall be submitted in writing no later than September 18, 2013 to either of the addresses listed below. The EA is available for public inspection on the IDOT website <http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/env.html> and at the following locations:

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Region 2 / District 3  
700 East Norris Drive  
Ottawa, IL 61350

Federal Highway Administration  
Illinois Division  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

Persons with a disability planning to attend this meeting should contact Duane Lukkari by August 28, 2013 to advise of planned attendance. The contact may be by telephone (815) 434-8565, in writing to the above IDOT District 3 address, by fax (815) 434-8553 or by telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY 800-526-0844, voice users 800-526-0857). If special accommodations are needed, the contact person should be informed at the time of contact. The meeting room is accessible to persons with a disability.

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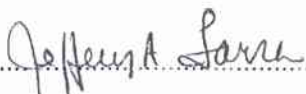
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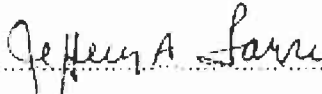
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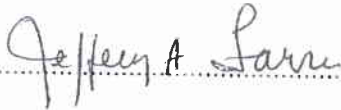
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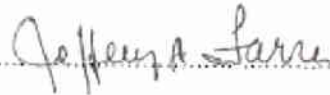
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**Proposed Improvements:**

- Reconstruct IL 71 to a 4-lane urban cross section, plus a 22' raised concrete median, and concrete curb and gutter.
- Reconstruct culverts, ditches, and other drainage structures.
- Intersection and signal improvements at IL 47, IL 126, and Van Emmon and Reservation Roads.
- Construct a shared-use path along the entire length of the project.

Please view the exhibits on display and provide comments on the preferred alternative. Personnel from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the project consultant are available to answer questions and receive comments from 4 PM to 7 PM.



Illinois Department  
of Transportation

**ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

*Please Write.....*

**Mr. Dan Mestelle  
Program Development  
Engineer  
Illinois Department of  
Transportation  
700 East Norris Drive  
Ottawa, IL 61350**

*Comments should be  
received at the above  
address by  
September 18, 2013  
to be included in the  
public hearing records.*

**Public Hearing &  
Environmental  
Assessment Availability  
for IL 71 From 1,000' West  
of IL 47 in Yorkville to  
900' West of  
Orchard/Minkler Road in  
Oswego**

**September 4, 2013  
Yorkville Public Library  
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### Today's Public Hearing is Being Held To:

- Present the preferred alternative for the proposed reconstruction of IL 71.
- Present project impacts identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA).
- Provide land acquisition and relocation assistance information.
- Answer project questions and receive public comments.

### Alternatives That Have Been Studied (In No Particular Order):

- No build or minimal work including traffic signal timing and minor intersection improvements.
- Widen IL 71 to 3 lanes on the current alignment.
- Widen IL 71 to 4 lanes with a raised concrete median and curb and gutter.

Please visit the study website at:  
<http://www.dot.il.gov/ilroute71/index.html>.

The EA is available for public inspection on the IDOT website:  
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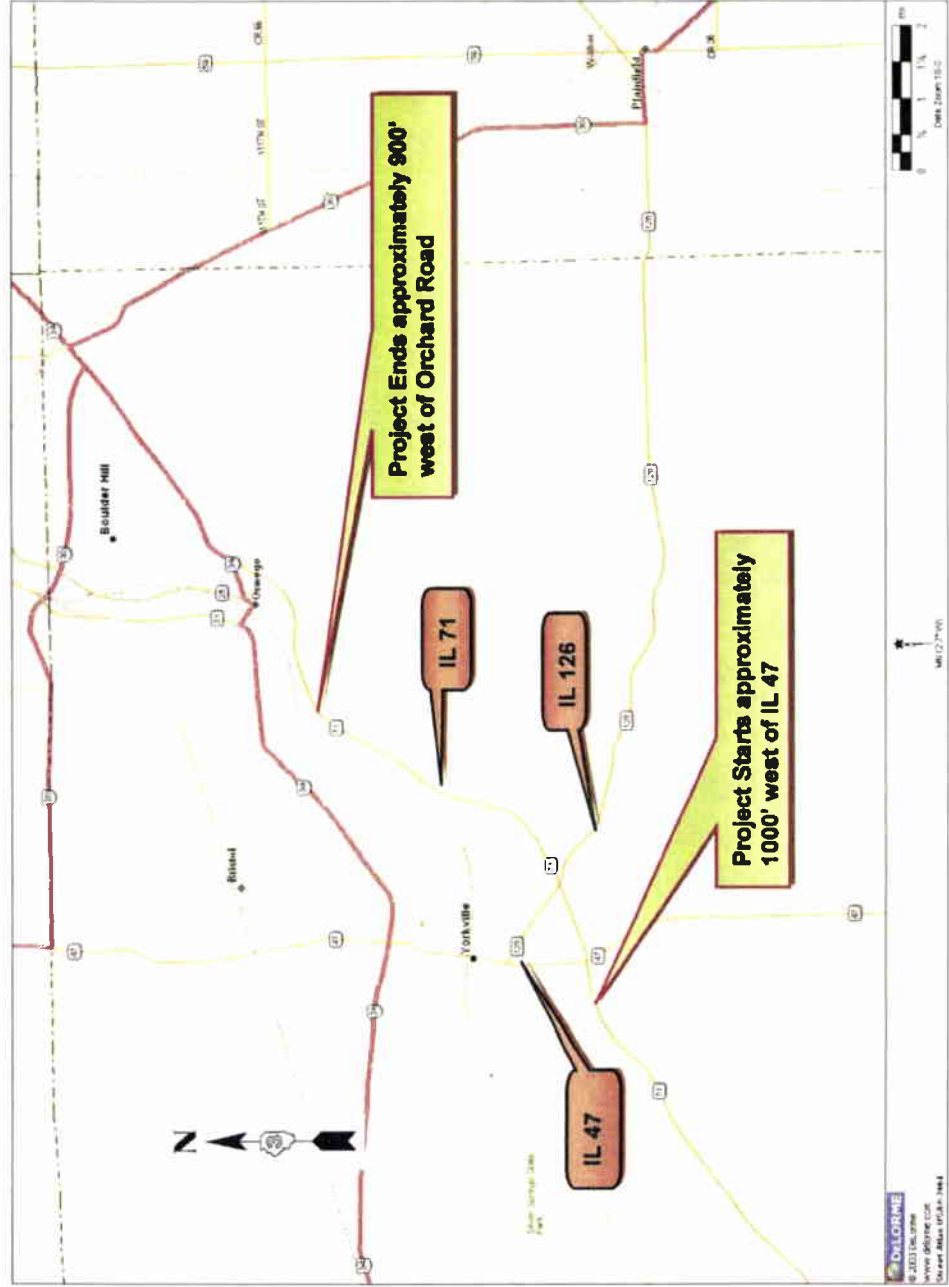
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- The crash data indicates congestion. The crash summary from 2007 through 2011 lists 226 crashes resulting in 3 fatalities and 88 injuries.
- Occasional pavement flooding at several locations.

### Project Location:





## **IL 71 RECONSTRUCTION**

(From 1000' west of IL 47 in Yorkville to 900' west of Orchard/Minkler Road in Oswego)

### **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

- Present the preferred alternative for the proposed reconstruction of IL 71.
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### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:**

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- Intersection and signal improvements at IL 47, IL 126, and Van Emmon & Reservation Roads.
- Construct a shared-use path along the entire length of the project.

### **PROPOSED SCHEDULE:**

- Following the public hearing, comments received by September 18<sup>th</sup> will be considered as the preliminary engineering study and the Environmental Assessment are finalized.
- Phase 2 Design (\$0.9 million) was funded in the Fiscal Year 2013-2018 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.
- Land Acquisition (\$7.0 million) is funded in the Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Proposed Highway Improvement Program and normally begins after approval of the preliminary engineering study and required environmental studies.
- Construction for the entire project is estimated to cost \$35.8 million and is currently partially funded.
- Construction (\$12.9 million) for the southwest portion of the project (IL 47 to IL 126) is funded in the Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

# SUMMARY OF KEY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

## DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AFFECTED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

<p><b>DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Length of roadway (approximate)</li> <li>● Right of way required for construction</li> <li>● Number of parcels</li> <li>● Temporary easement required</li> <li>● Estimated cost:</li> </ul> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Construction</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 34,200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Land acquisition</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phase III engineering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utility adjustments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 38,200,000</b></td> </tr> </table>	Construction	\$ 34,200,000	Land acquisition	\$ 2,400,000	Phase III engineering	\$ 1,000,000	Utility adjustments	\$ 600,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,200,000</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPECIAL AND PROTECTED LAND IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Richard Young Forest Preserve</li> <li>● Park and recreational lands affected</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPECIAL WASTE SITE INVOLVEMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hazardous waste sites affected</li> <li>● Non-hazardous waste sites affected</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AIR QUALITY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mobile Source Air Toxics</li> <li>● Carbon Monoxide</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NATURAL RESOURCE IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trees impacted</li> <li>● Threatened and endangered species affected</li> <li>● 100-year floodplain affected</li> <li>● Wetlands impacted</li> <li>● Streams impacted</li> <li>● Number of wells likely to be affected</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5.55 miles 38 acres 151 parcels 2.1 acres</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOCIAL/ECONOMIC IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total residences displaced</li> <li>● Businesses displaced</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AGRICULTURAL IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prime and unique farmlands required</li> <li>● Farm buildings to be removed</li> <li>● Farm residences displaced</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of locations with traffic noise levels above the NAC (Noise Abatement Criteria) for the projected year of 2040</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CULTURAL RESOURCE IMPACTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sites on National Register of Historic Places</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">- One - None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- One - None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- 27 acres - One - None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- 16 residences were identified with noise levels of 66 to 68 dBAs. No noise abatement measure was found to be feasible and reasonable due to limited accessibility and excessive cost.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- None</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">- None - None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- No major change - 3 intersections were pre-screened and were found to have less than 9.0 ppm of carbon monoxide.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- No major change - 3 intersections were pre-screened and were found to have less than 9.0 ppm of carbon monoxide.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Approximately 3,600 trees to be removed - None - None - 2 sites (0.084 acres) - 5 crossings (1,053 linear feet) - 2 (One will be capped and the other will be investigated during Phase II to confirm possible impact)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has asked IDOT to replace in-kind any woody landscape plants impacted by the project on Lyon Farm.</p>
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COMMENTS	Number
Traffic noise concerns and/or requested sound barrier	8
Median opening locations impact entrances and businesses	8
Decrease in property values, loss of landscaping/trees, minimize right of way	8
Well, septic, test well impacts, and disposition of abandoned wells	7
Do not favor median	3
Request for drawings	3
Maintain drainage (tiles, spring, watershed)	3
Move proposed road alignment to reduce residential impacts	2
Crash statistics request	2
Safety concern about median due to large equipment entrance and exit	2
Berm or safety barrier request	2
Project not warranted	2
Lower speed limit now	2
Use fifth lane as turn lane instead of a raised median	1
Good project to address growth	1
Barrier curbs are a safety issue	1
Shared use path not needed/wanted	1
Like path placement	1
Questioned final placement of power lines	1
Identify who provided public input	1
Support channelization with median and access control	1
Support construction of roadway from IL 47 to Orchard as funding permits	1
Length of construction (how many years)	1
Affect on driveway	1
Change private entrance label to commercial entrance	1
Research improving public transportation instead of project	1
Creates bottleneck with four-lane to two-lane northeast of Orchard	1
Need another entrance	1
Who's responsible for maintenance of median	1
Project will improve pedestrian movement, drainage & traffic flow	1
Will u-turns be allowed at all openings	1

### General Attitude Towards the Project:

For the Project	1
Against the project	2
No Preference Stated	32