



# Illinois 83/137 Study

## Welcome

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to the first public meeting for the IL 83/IL 137 Study. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- ◆ Learn about the planning process, schedule, and public participation opportunities
- ◆ Become familiar with the project area
- ◆ Review exhibits and materials
- ◆ Share ideas, ask questions and provide comments



## How to Participate

### 1 Sign in and Collect Materials

Please provide your contact information so that we can send you study updates and notify you of future public participation opportunities.

### 2 Watch the Presentation

The presentation provides an overview of the study, including current efforts and next steps.

### 3 Learn about the Study and Ask Questions

Exhibits, documents and materials are available for your review. IDOT and study team members are available to answer your questions and discuss the study.

### 4 Provide Your Input

Please visit our Comments and Stakeholder Involvement stations to:

- ◆ Complete a comment sheet.
- ◆ Sign-up to participate on the Community Advisory Group.
- ◆ Complete the Community Context Audit form.

### EXHIBIT STATIONS

- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Presentation
- ◆ Study Overview
- ◆ Traffic & Safety
- ◆ Environmental Resources
- ◆ Aerial Display
- ◆ Stakeholder Involvement
- ◆ Comments

## Study Overview

IDOT is studying potential improvements to 11 miles of IL 83 (Milwaukee Avenue/Barron Boulevard) and IL 137 (Buckley Road) in Lake County. This section of IL 83/IL 137 is located in the communities of Lake Villa, Round Lake Beach, Grayslake, and Libertyville. The study corridor includes residential and commercial areas, green spaces and pockets of industrial development.

In this region, IL 83 and IL 137 serve as a main north-south corridor. IDOT has initiated this study because of the importance of these roadways in servicing the local and regional traffic. IL 83 and IL 137 carry between 15,000 and 23,000 vehicles per day in the study limits. These traffic volumes are expected to increase due to continual growth and development in Lake County.

During the IL 83/IL 137 Study, IDOT will:

- ◆ Coordinate with stakeholders to better understand community issues and values
- ◆ Identify transportation needs along the corridor
- ◆ Collect information about a variety of existing community and environmental resources
- ◆ Develop a broad range of long-term transportation solutions
- ◆ Study and document potential effects to the community and environment
- ◆ Recommend transportation improvements that benefit residents, businesses and the traveling public



Study corridor

## Context Sensitive Solutions

This study will be conducted in accordance with IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that seeks effective, multimodal transportation solutions by working with stakeholders to develop, build and maintain cost-effective transportation facilities which fit into and reflect the project's surroundings (its "context"). Through early, frequent, and meaningful communication with stakeholders and a flexible, creative approach to design, the resulting project should improve safety and mobility for the traveling public while seeking to preserve and enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the settings through which they pass. CSS ensures that social, economic and environmental issues are considered during the planning process.



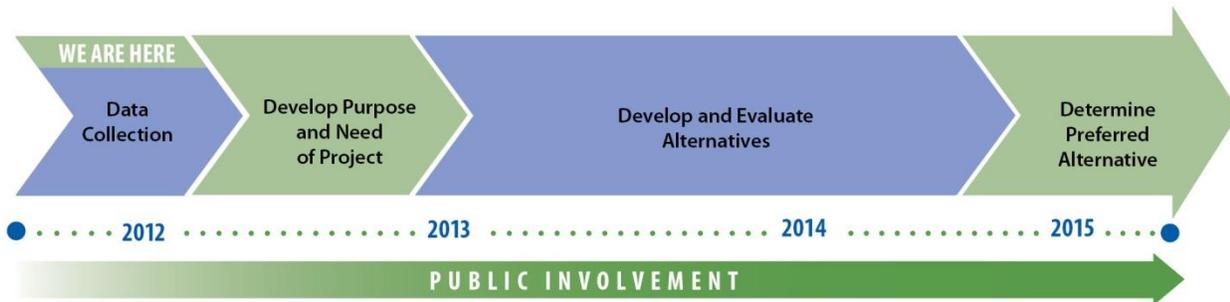
## Project Development

A typical highway improvement project is developed in three phases:

- ◆ Phase I: Preliminary engineering and environmental studies
- ◆ Phase II: Contract plan preparation and land acquisition
- ◆ Phase III: Construction

Funding for Phase I (IL 83/IL 137 Study) is identified in the Department’s Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Funding for future phases is not currently included in the Department’s Multiyear Program, but will be considered in future programs based on fund availability and project readiness.

## Phase I Process & Schedule



The IL 83/IL 137 Study is currently at the beginning of Phase I. During this phase, IDOT will study a broad range of solutions, including a “No-Build” (do nothing) alternative, to improve IL 83/IL 137 in the study limits.

IDOT will also conduct an environmental analysis to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA is a federal law that requires federally funded projects, such as the IL 83/137 Study, to analyze alternatives and identify potential effects of those alternatives on the environment. The term “environment” refers not only to the natural environment (e.g., air, water, ecology), but also to the human environment (e.g., social, cultural and economic issues). These efforts help to ensure that environmental values and other factors are integrated into project decisions.



The results of this study will be presented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Combined Design Report. Phase I is anticipated to take three years to complete.

### Community Context Audit

- ◆ Help us identify unique resources in the study area. Complete a Community Context Audit form tonight by visiting the Comments Station or take the survey online at: [www.IL83andIL137.org](http://www.IL83andIL137.org)

The IL 83/IL 137 Study is currently at the data collection stage which includes:

- ◆ Identifying stakeholders in the study area
- ◆ Holding meetings with local officials, planners and municipal staff
- ◆ Coordinating with homeowners associations, businesses and organizations
- ◆ Collecting information about study area resources
- ◆ Identifying existing transportation issues and needs
- ◆ Developing a Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- ◆ Conducting Public Meeting #1 and forming a Community Advisory Group

**What is a Stakeholder?**

A stakeholder is any person or organization that has a direct stake in the project being considered and its outcomes.

## Stay Involved

The IL 83/IL 137 Study includes multiple ways for you to participate. We encourage you to submit comments, attend public meetings, ask questions and stay informed through the project website and newsletters.

A Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) is being developed to guide the public participation program. The plan will describe the methods, tools and activities that will be used to engage stakeholders during the study. The SIP is flexible and can be modified to meet stakeholder needs.

Public participation opportunities will be provided during each step of the planning process. IDOT will announce future public events on the project website and in newsletters.

- ◆ View the Draft SIP at the Resources/Documents station. The Draft SIP is also available on the project website.

## Join the Community Advisory Group

IDOT is currently forming a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to help guide the study. A CAG is a group of voluntary community representatives that meet with IDOT at key milestones to review study progress and provide input. The CAG will consist of property owners, business owners, residents, and other interested stakeholders. The study team will determine CAG membership to ensure that the group represents a broad range of community interests. The CAG will meet up to approximately eight times during the study.

- ◆ To learn more about the CAG or complete a membership application, visit the Stakeholder Involvement station tonight, download an application from the project website ([www.IL83andIL137.org](http://www.IL83andIL137.org)), or contact Michael Walton, Volkert Project Manager, at [IL83andIL137@volkert.com](mailto:IL83andIL137@volkert.com) or (618) 345-8918.

## Contact Us

- ◆ For more information, please visit the project website at [www.IL83andIL137.org](http://www.IL83andIL137.org). Written comments may be submitted during the Public Meeting, emailed to [IL83andIL137@volkert.com](mailto:IL83andIL137@volkert.com), or mailed to the address below:

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