

Summary of Public Information Meeting I-57 and IL 17 Interchange Reconstruction

ROUTE: I-57 and IL 17 **PROJECT LENGTH:** Approx 1.75 miles on I-57 and 0.75 miles on IL 17
D3 NO: 838 **SECTION:** (46-3)R, HBK, 5HBR, 6HBR
CONTRACT NO: 66863 **JOB NO:** P-93-065-02
COUNTY: Kankakee **PPS NO:** 3-05746-0030 **FILE NO:** 1427-110

A public information meeting was held on Thursday July 19, 2012 at the Kankakee Public Library. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the Interchange Type Study (ITS), gather information on the project area and proposed improvements, answer questions about the project, and receive public comments. The meeting was announced by advertisement in local newspapers, through a press release to local media, through the IDOT website and by letters to local officials, public service providers, legislators, and property owners along the study length of I-57 or IL 17.

Seventy-one individuals signed in at the meeting including two newspaper reporters, two radio station reporters, and various state, county and city officials. IDOT staff and representatives of the consultant engineering firm Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates were present to provide information and answer questions.

The meeting's display materials included aerial exhibits depicting the alternative recommended by the ITS, exhibits depicting the alternatives studied by the ITS that were not recommended, the project purpose and need, a project location map, current and future traffic volumes, typical sections, anticipated schedule, and five years of crash data.

The comment period ended on August 2, 2012. A total of fifteen comment sheets were submitted. The table below provides a synopsis of the written comments that were received.

COMMENT	Frequency
Need for sound walls along I-57.	6
Support the project.	5
Need for traffic signal at St. Joseph Avenue.	4
Concern regarding access to the Hillcrest subdivision.	4
Comments regarding landscaping/amenities at cul-de-sac locations.	3
Drainage concerns	3
Request for more stop signs.	2
Concern regarding impact to property taxes.	2
Project should not be constructed.	1
Concern regarding inconvenience during construction.	1
Project is not necessary.	1
Comment that Waldron Road bridge may need to be addressed as part of this project.	1
Comment supporting cul-de-sac at Hammes Avenue	1
Concern for school traffic (both buses and pedestrian) during construction.	1

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