WELCOME!

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Proposed replacement of the Chain of Rocks Bridge that carries I-270 over the Mississippi River connecting Madison County, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri.
PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To inform the general public of the planning process for I-270 over the Mississippi River Bridge Study
- Introduce opportunities for the public to become involved
- To receive comments from the public
- To inform the public of the project schedule
PURPOSE OF PROJECT

• The purpose of the project is to replace the existing Chain of Rocks Bridge that carries I-270 over the Mississippi River.
NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The need for replacement of the existing I-270 bridge over the Mississippi River is because of several factors:

• Age of structure (Built in 1966)
• Condition of structure
• Increasing traffic volumes
• Safety issues
  - Narrow shoulders
  - High amount of crashes
TYPICAL SECTION OF EXISTING BRIDGE

EXISTING TYPICAL BRIDGE SECTION

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The corridor has a crash rate twice the statewide average and is within the top 5% of the most severe safety needs in Illinois.

Crashes by Crash Type (2010 - 2014)

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Average Annual Daily Traffic
- I-270 Westbound: 5,150 vehicles per day (18% Trucks)
- I-270 Eastbound: 2,420 vehicles per day
- I-270 Westbound On-Ramp from Riverview Dr.: 2,625 vehicles per day
- I-270 Eastbound On-Ramp from Riverview Dr.: 4,600 vehicles per day
- I-270 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Riverview Dr.: 2,420 vehicles per day
IDOT has a three-phase project development process, as shown on the timeline graphic below. The I-270 over the Mississippi River Study includes funds to conduct Phase I, which provides the support for determining a preferred option. During this phase, proposed geometry, environmental concerns, and proposed right-of-way are identified.
WE ARE HERE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Potential Community Advisory Group Meeting
- Public Meeting

*Design Approval signifies approval of the study (Phase I) and allows for the development of detailed final engineering for a new bridge (Phase II)
What topics will be studied?

- Air Quality
- Archaeological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Ecology
- Floodplains
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Noise
- Parks & Recreation
- Soils & Geology
- Special Waste
- Threatened/Endangered Species
- Vegetation
- Water Quality
- Wetlands
WHAT IS CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS (CSS)?

IDOT utilizes CSS as a way to continually engage stakeholders in the study. A **stakeholder** is anyone that has a special interest or “stake” in the project.

The CSS process strives to achieve the following:

- Understand key issues and concerns of the study area stakeholders
- Identify transportation problems and needs within the study area
- Involve stakeholders in the decision-making process of the study early and often
- Involve stakeholders during key milestone decisions of the study
- Apply flexibility in design to address stakeholder concerns
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

- The CAG represents a cross-section of the community.
- The CAG would function as a liaison between IDOT and the public as a whole and would help generate interest in and knowledge about the study.

- The CAG would potentially be comprised of volunteers from a variety of stakeholder groups, such as:
  - Community Leaders
  - Cities/Village
  - Economic Development
  - Environment
  - Industry
  - Commuters
  - Homeowners
  - Business owners
  - Individuals representing special interest groups

- It is anticipated that there may be several CAG meetings during course of the study.

Please discuss your interest to be a member of the CAG with a project study team member and fill out a CAG membership form.
WE NEED YOUR INPUT

• Complete a comment form
• Sign-up to participate in the Community Advisory Group
• Share your ideas with the study team
• Visit the study website:
  www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river

Comments are due:  July 27, 2016
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE!