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Public Hearing Scheduled for Preliminary Engineering Study to Replace IL 178 Bridge

UTICA - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will host a public hearing Thursday, Sept. 18, regarding the preliminary engineering study to replace the Illinois 178 bridge over the Illinois River, in Utica. The proposed project includes constructing a replacement bridge east of the existing bridge, while maintaining traffic on the existing bridge. This will require the re-alignment of a portion of Illinois 178. A shared-use path will be constructed along the east side of Illinois 178 from Donaldson Street to Starved Rock Road to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. Following construction of the new bridge, the existing bridge will be removed. The hearing will be conducted in an open-house format, and all information will be available from 4 to 7 p.m.

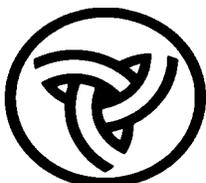
**Sept. 18, 2014
4 - 7 p.m.
NORTH UTICA VILLAGE HALL
801 S. CLARK ST.
NORTH UTICA, Ill. 61373**

The purpose of the hearing is to present proposed project information and potential impacts for public comment. IDOT personnel will be available to provide information, answer questions and receive comments. Exhibits, maps, and preliminary plans will be available for review during the hearing and for two weeks following the hearing at the North Utica Village Hall and at the IDOT District 3 office in Ottawa. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate. Comments received by Oct. 2, 2014, will become part of the public record.

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting should contact Dave Alexander by Sept. 12, 2014, to advise of planned attendance. The contact may be by telephone (815) 434-8468, in writing to the Illinois Department of Transportation, 700 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, Ill. 61350, by fax (815) 434-8553 or by telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (888-642-3458) or through the Illinois Relay Center (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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