



Sunset Avenue to Russell Road

**Welcome
Public Hearing
November 16, 2017**

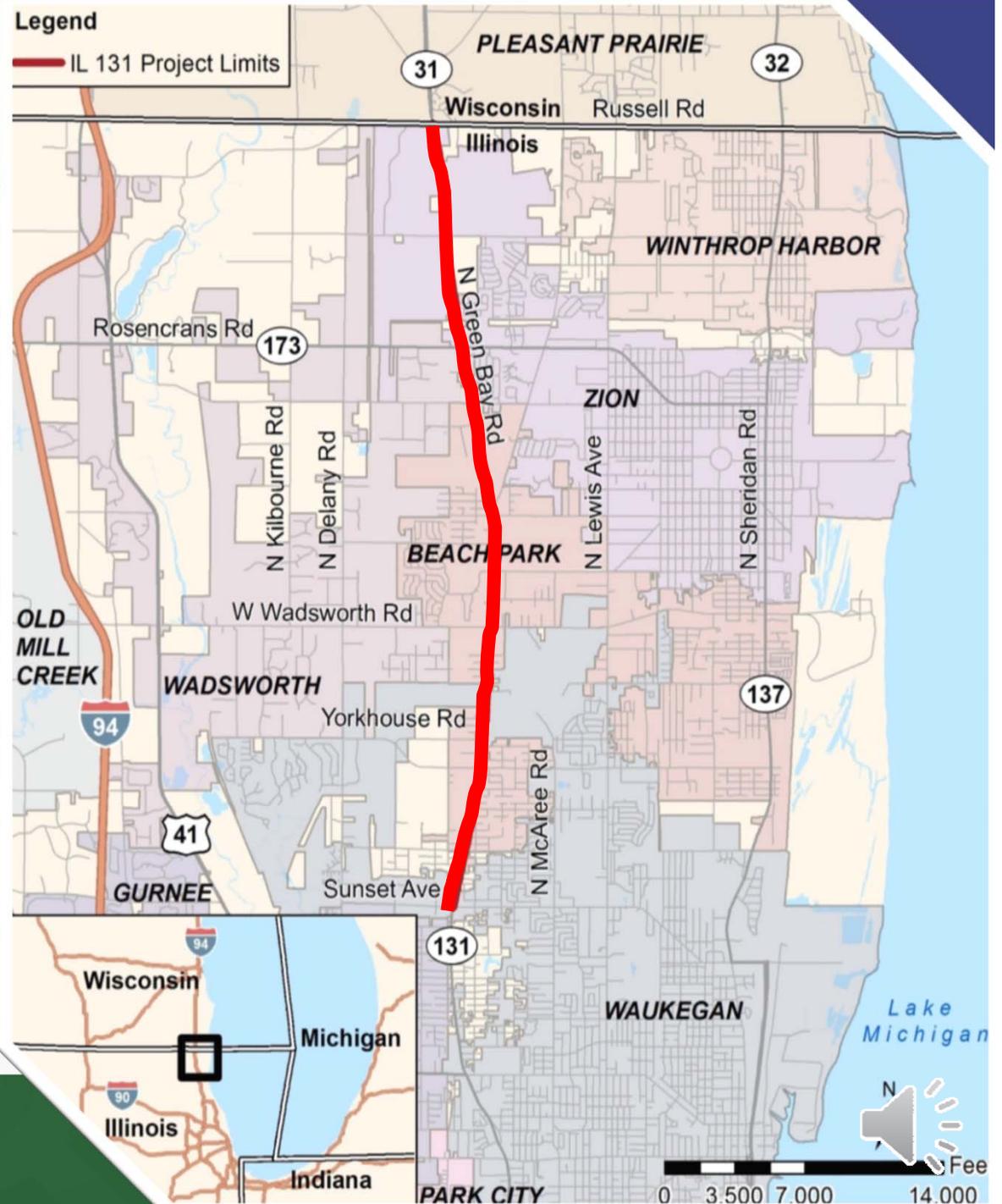


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- Project Overview
 - Preferred Alternative
 - Environmental Assessment
 - ✓ Seek input on the Preferred Alternative
 - ✓ Seek input on impacts to Waukegan Park District - Sports Park



Strategic Regional Arterial

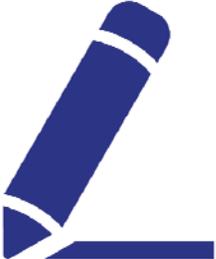
- Supplements freeway and expressway travel
- Long-distance
- High volume traffic



PHASE I  **We Are Here**

Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Study

PHASE 1 
Completion Anticipated in 2018

PHASE II* 

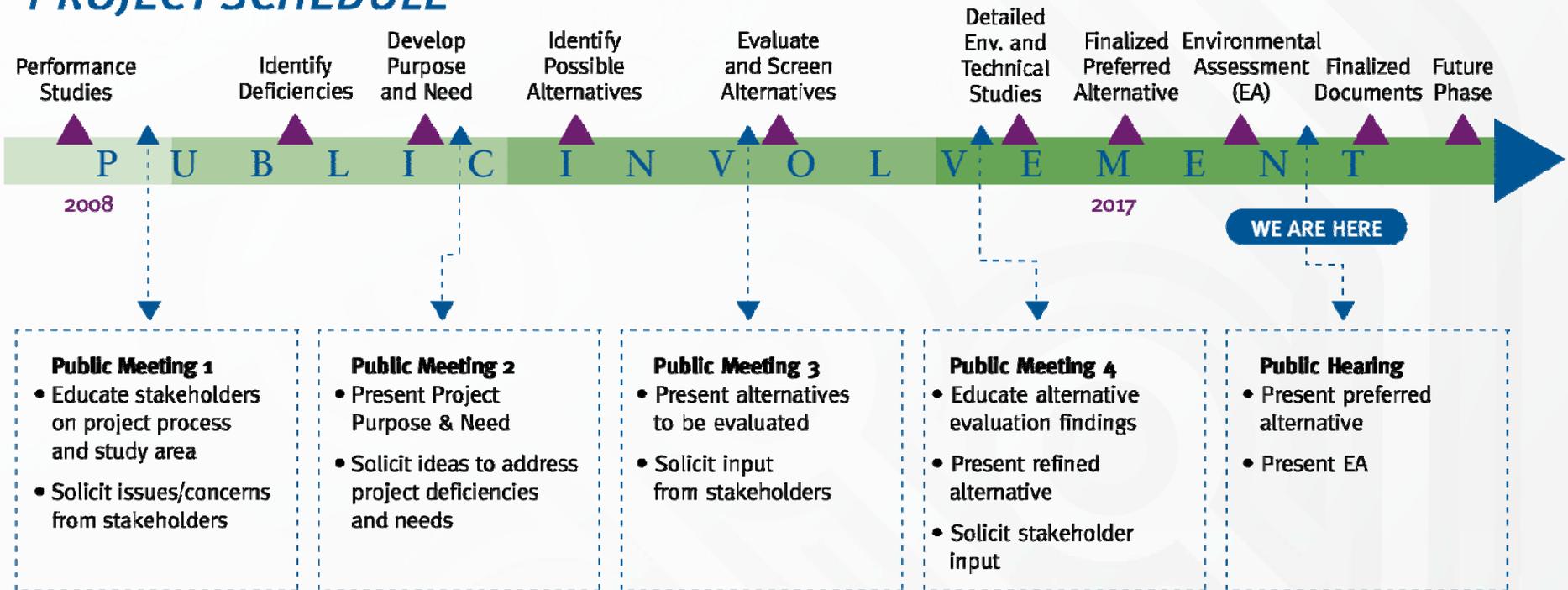
Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition

Typically 18-24 months

PHASE III* 

Construction

PROJECT SCHEDULE



- **5** Corridor Planning Group/Technical Advisory Group Meetings
- **4** Public Meetings
- **1** Public Hearing
- **20** State & Federal Meetings
- **4** State & Federal Permitting Agency Meetings
- **15** FAA & Waukegan National Airport Meetings
- **On-going** Local Community, Lake & Kenosha County, and Wisconsin DOT Meetings



PROJECT PURPOSE

- › **IMPROVED** transportation system for IL 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue

PROJECT NEEDS

- › **IMPROVE** mobility
- › **IMPROVE** safety
- › **UPGRADE** roadway features to meet current design standards

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

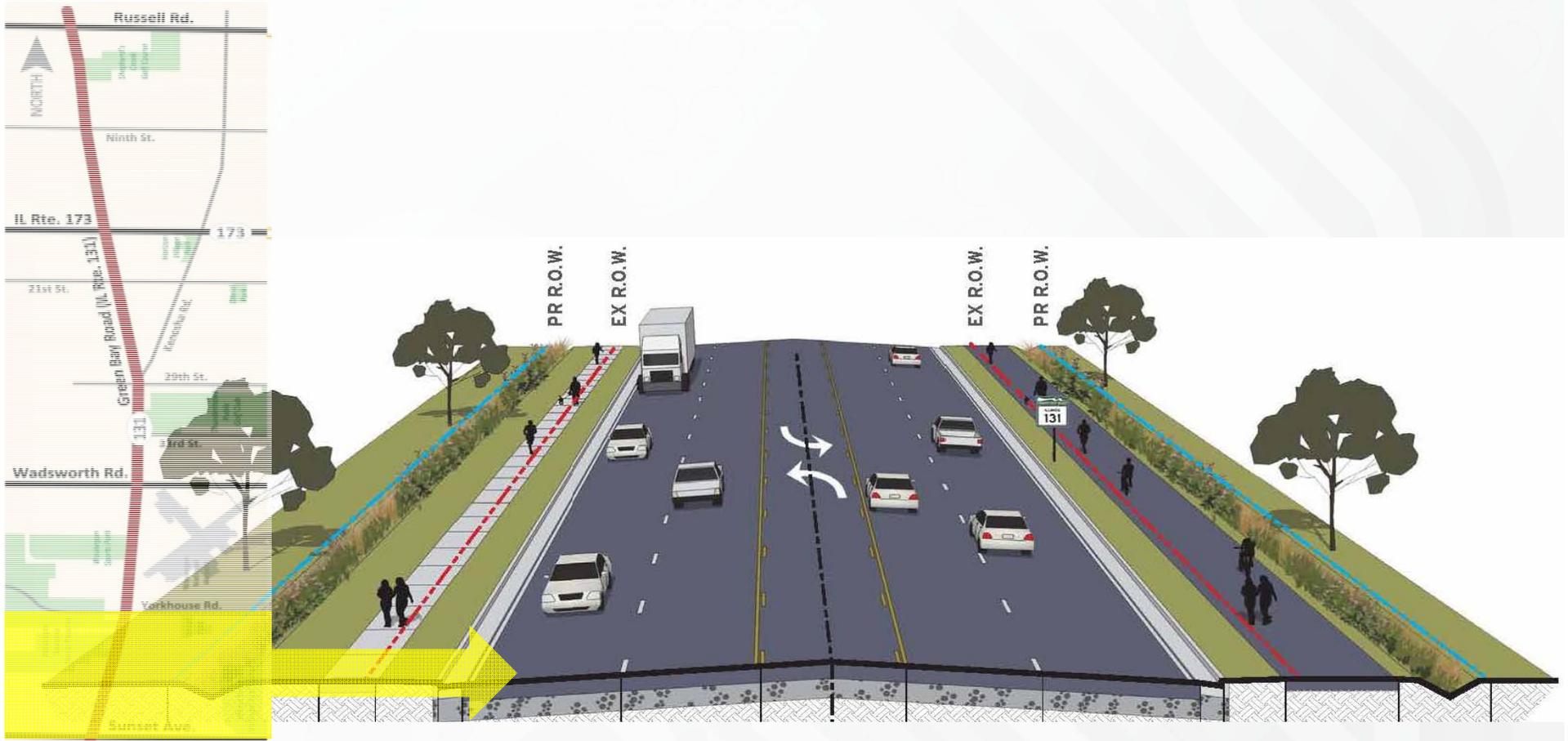
- › **IMPROVE** bicycle and pedestrian facilities





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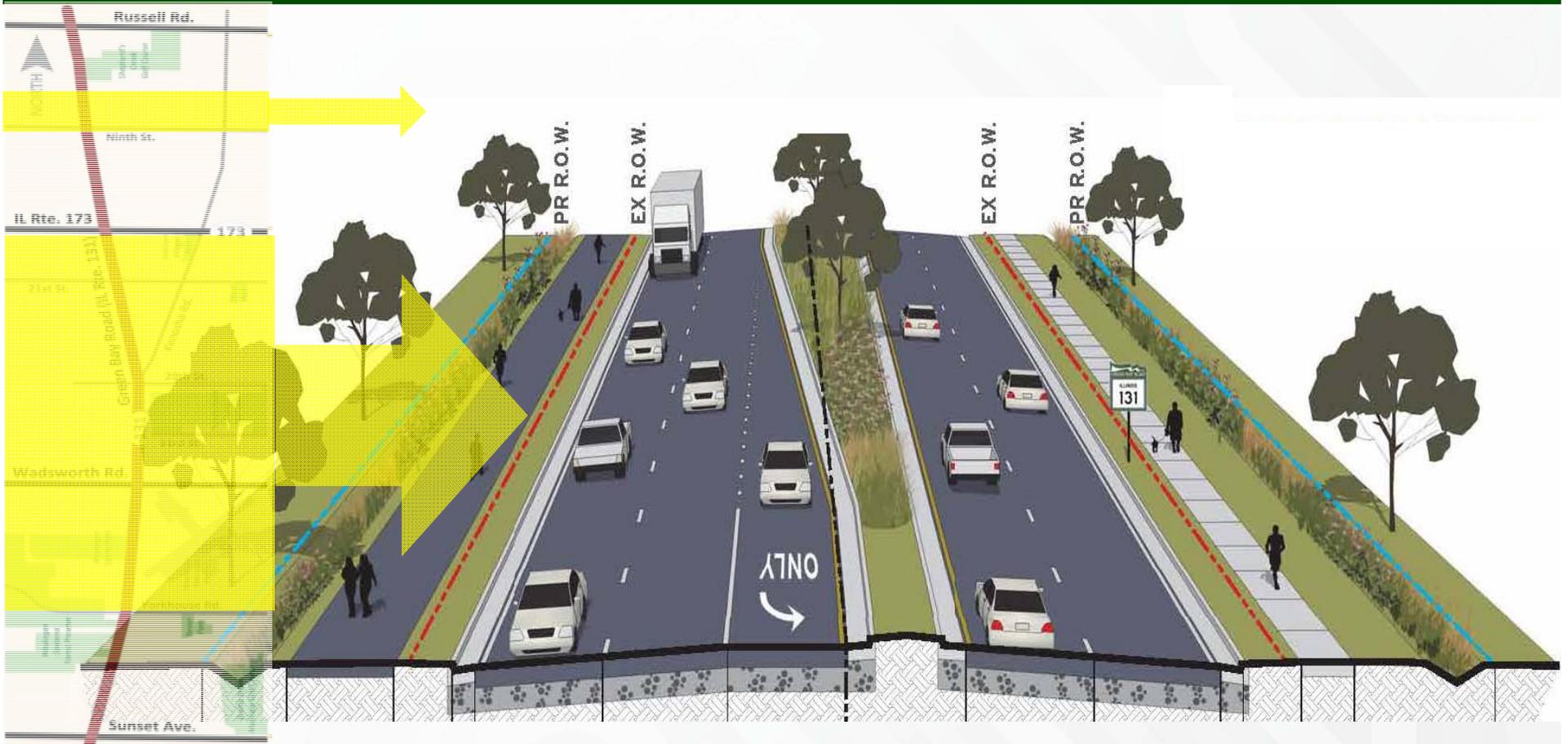
4-Lane with Flush Median, Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk and Shared Use Path



Sunset Avenue to Yorkhouse Road



4-Lane with Raised Curb Median, Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Shared Use Path

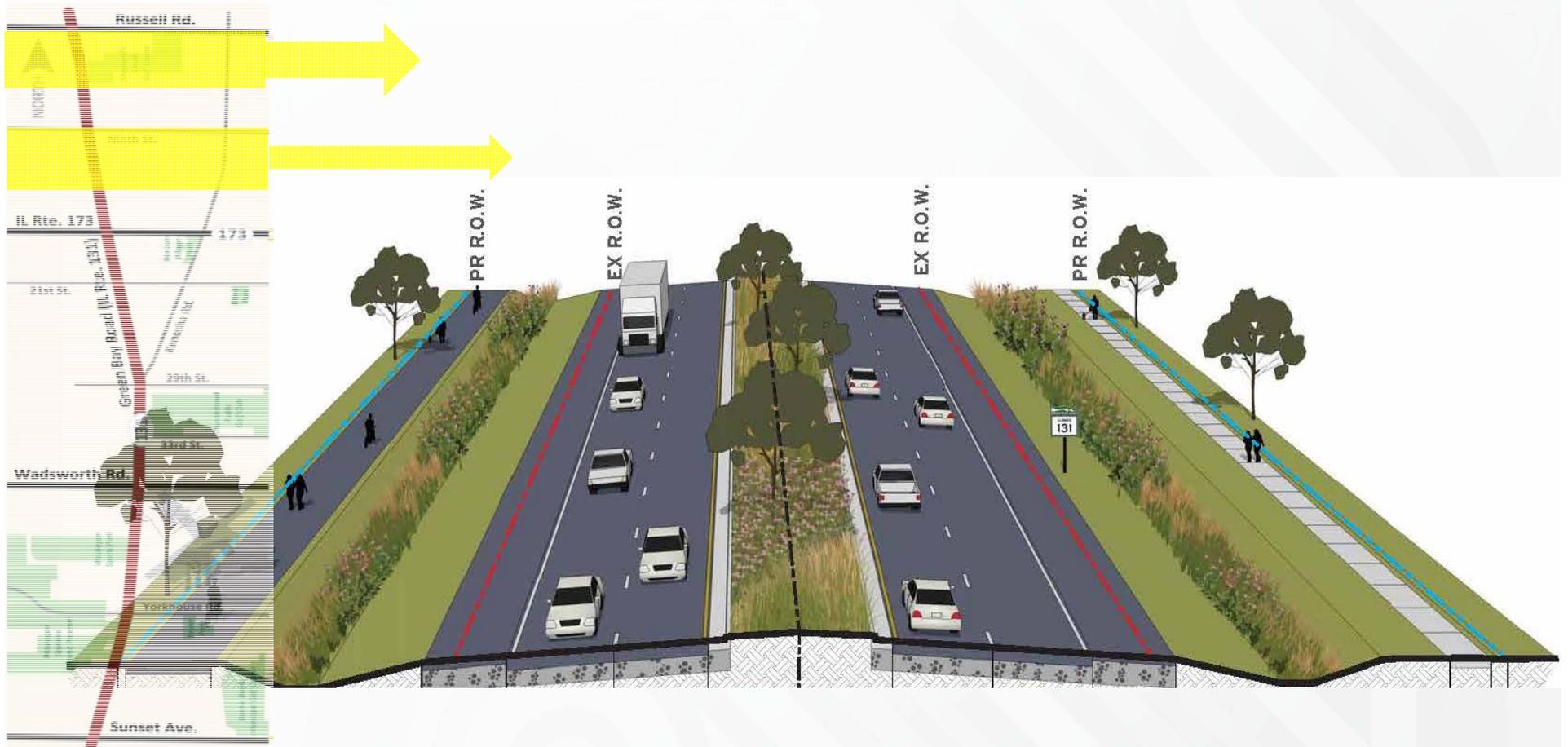


Yorkhouse Road to Stone Bridge Drive and
9th Street to Shepherd's Crook Golf Course



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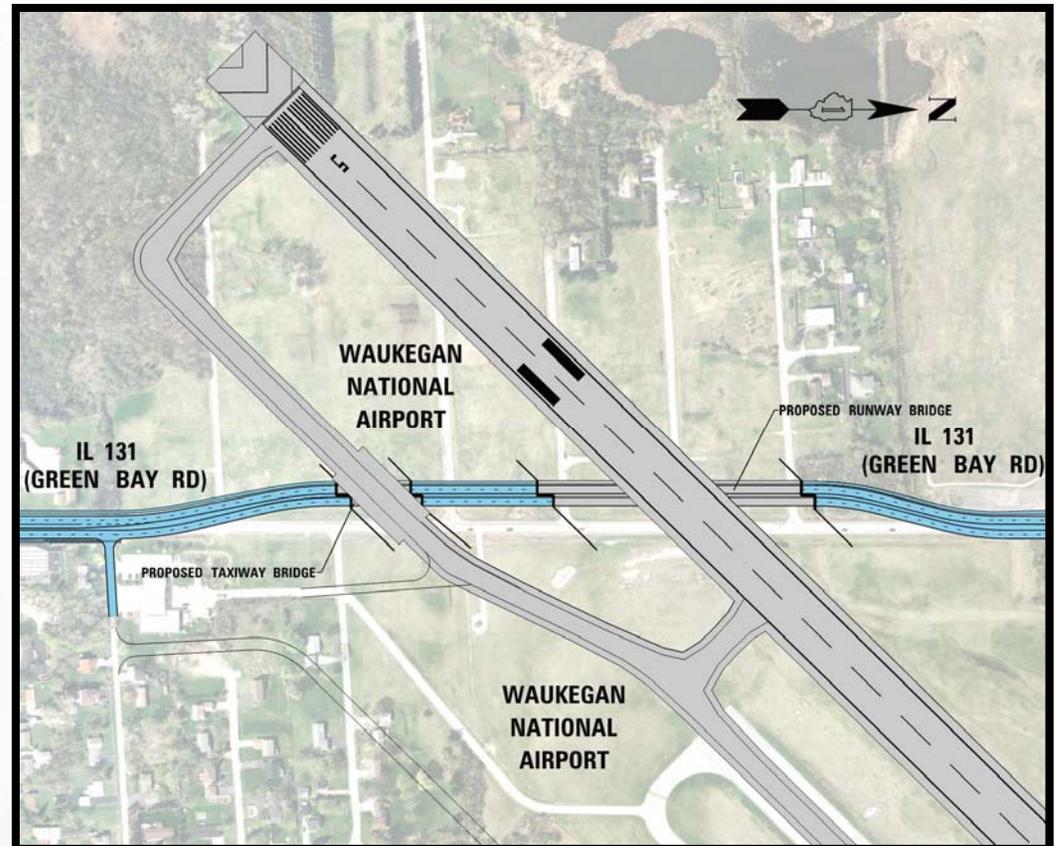
4-Lane with Raised Curb Median, Shoulder, Sidewalk, and Shared Use Path

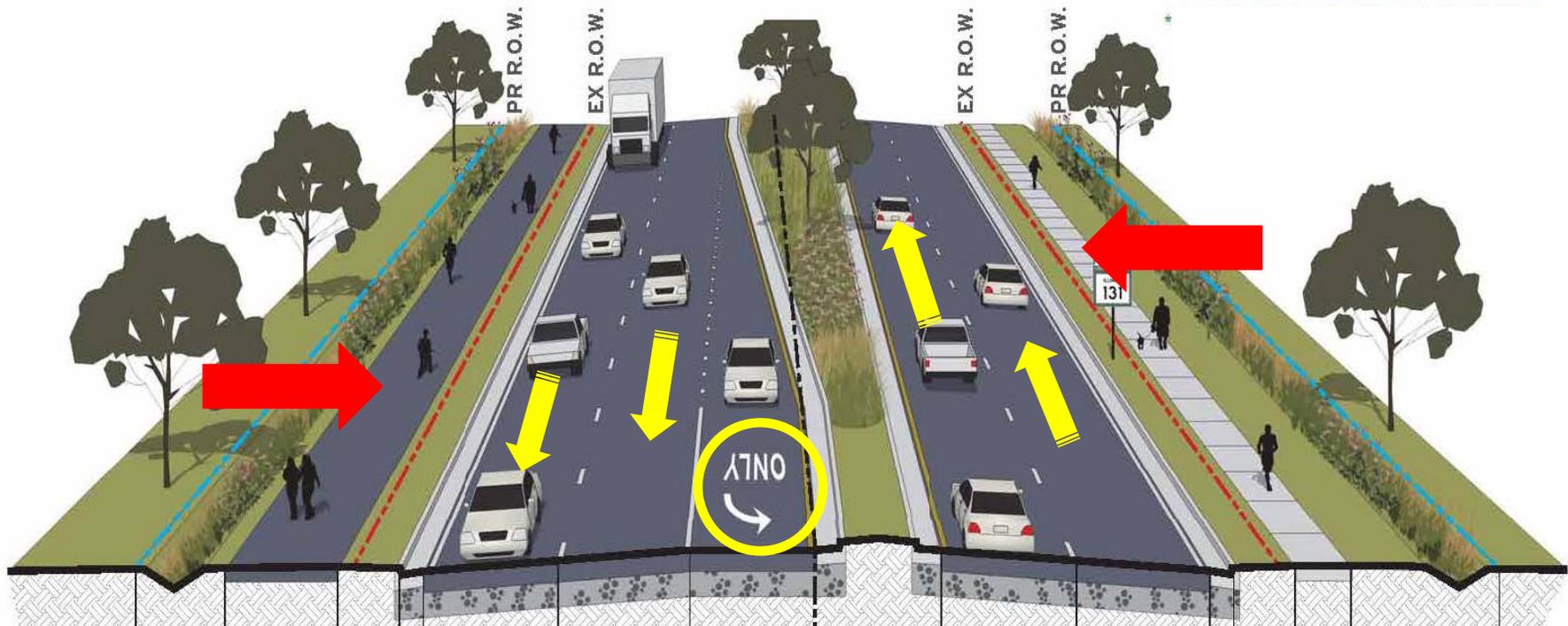


Stone Bridge Drive to 9th Street and
Shepherd's Crook Golf Course to Russell Road



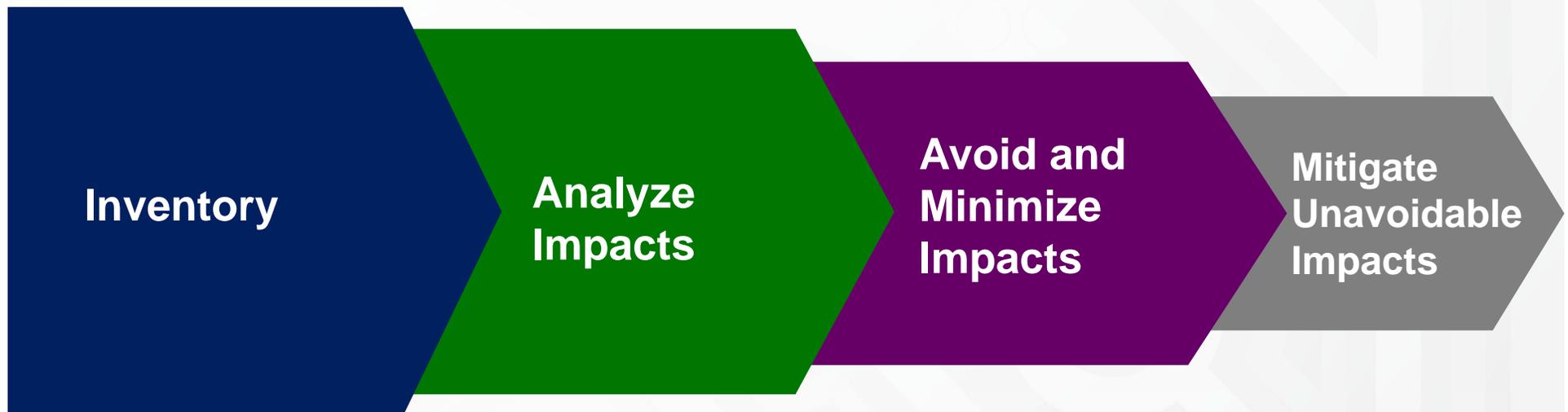
- Waukegan National Airport
 - IL 131 shifts approx. 90 feet to the west and lowers 30 feet
 - Side street closures at Illinois 131
 - Impacts 13 residences
 - Airport has been acquiring properties
 - Impacts documented through FAA NEPA process





- Improves mobility
- Improves safety
- Current Design Standards
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities*
**Subject to Local Participation*

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



Types of Environmental Resources

- **Neighborhoods**
- **Businesses and Residences**
- **Wetlands and Waterways**
- **Threatened and Endangered Species**
- **Cultural/Historic**
- **Trees**
- **Traffic Noise**
- **Public Lands**



Natural Resources

- 2.81 Acres of Wetlands
- 1.08 Acres of Waukegan Park District
- Three Unnamed Streams
- 1,660 Trees

Social, Economic, and Community Resources

- 1.11 Acres of Public Facilities (Schools, Fire, Places of Worship, etc.)
- 8.50 Acres of Agricultural Lands
- 2 Displacements (Industrial & Commercial)

*See the Environmental Assessment (EA) or a project team member for more information



Noise impacts have been evaluated for the Preferred Alternative.



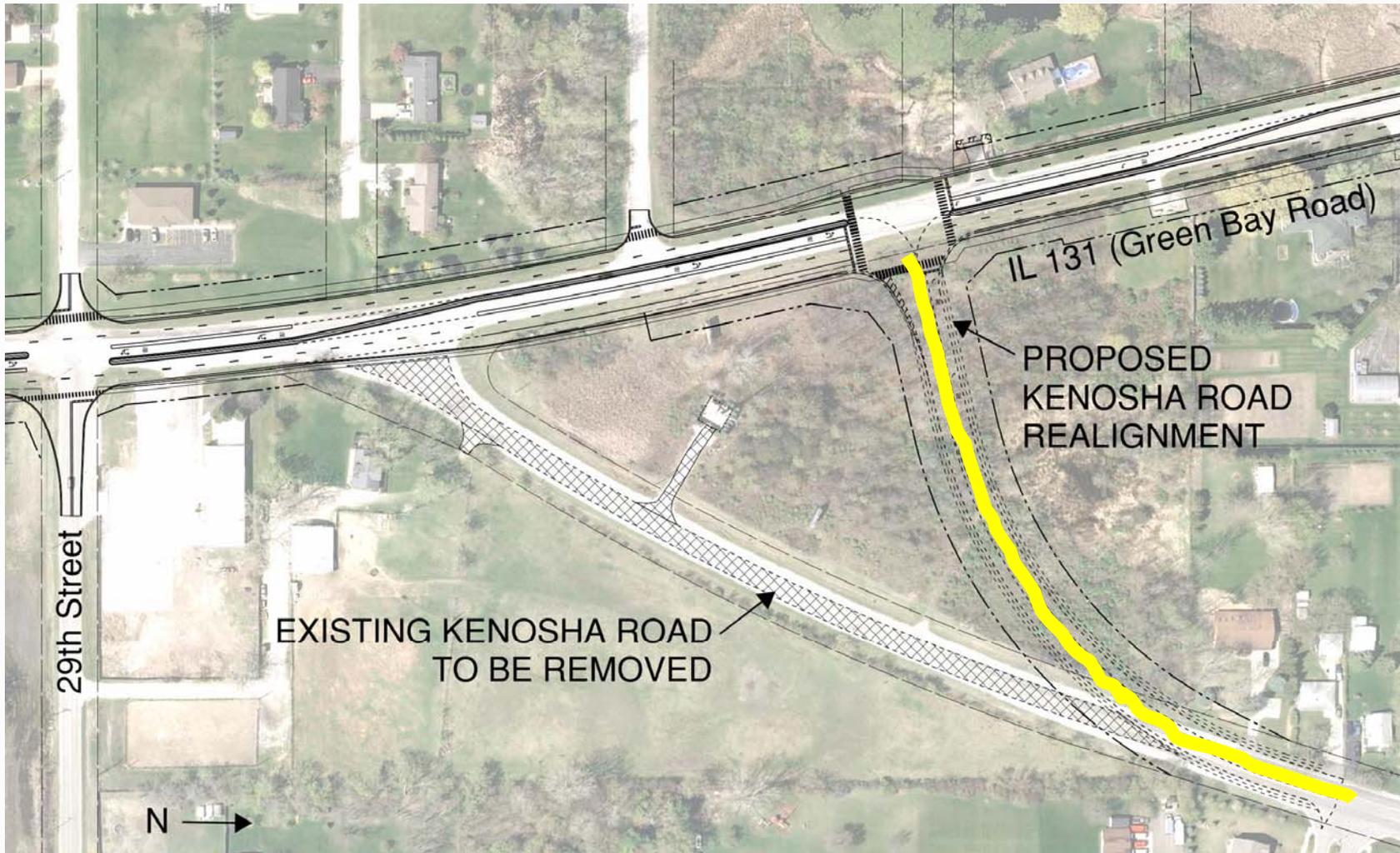
- ✓ **Future traffic noise levels predicted**
- ✓ **Impacts were determined**
- ✓ **Mitigate impacts**
- ✓ **Noise walls to be considered for Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition (Phase II)**





- **Fee Simple Acquisition**
- **Permanent Easement**
- **Temporary Easement**





Design Approval 2018

**Contract Plan Preparation &
Land Acquisition – Unfunded**

Construction - Unfunded



- **Environmental Assessment**
- **Preferred Alternative**
- **Impacts to Waukegan Sports Park**



Participate in the Public Forum *at 6:00 PM*



***IL 131 Green Bay Road Project
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Public Forum Sign-up***

** All public comment speakers will have a maximum of 2-minutes each to present their comments to a court reporter.*

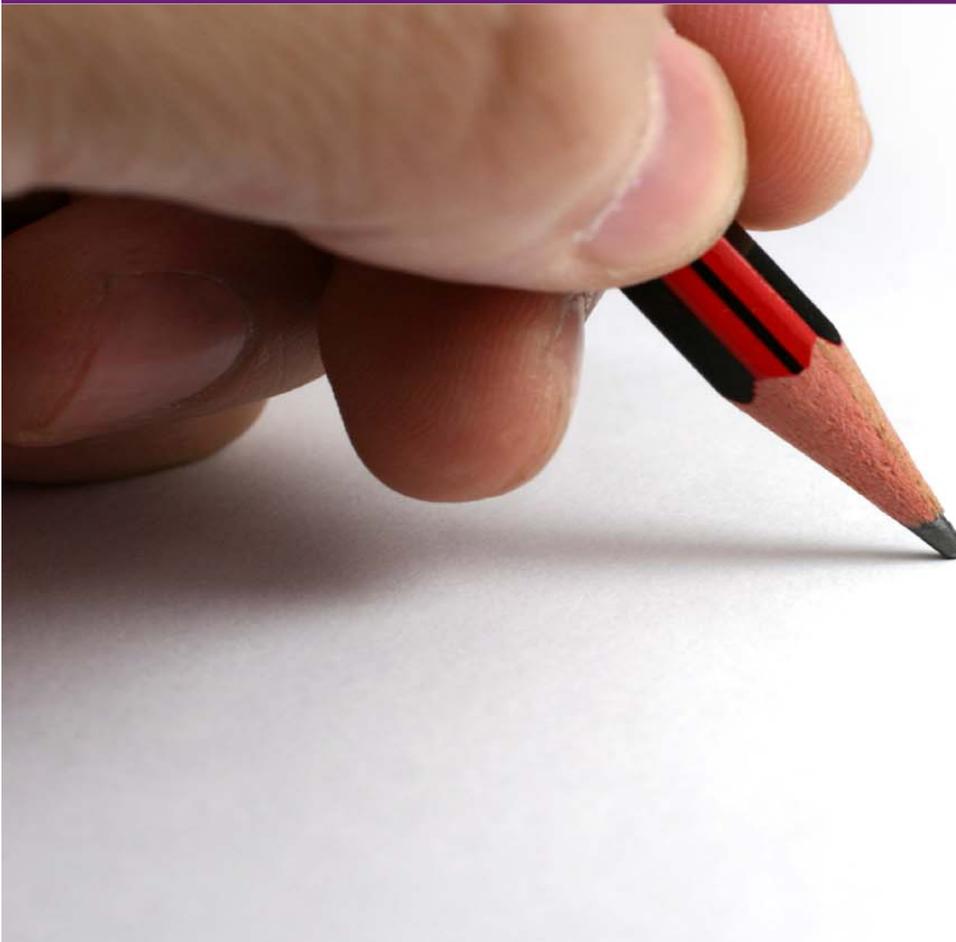
The Illinois Department of Transportation welcome your comments and request that you present your remarks in a respectful manner, within the established 2-minute time limit.

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you would like to participate please complete and place in the Public Forum box near the sign-in area.





COMMENTS PLEASE

- **Written comment forms**
- **Online comment forms at IL131Project.com**

Comments received through December 16, 2017 will become part of the public hearing record.





Thank you for your on-going participation and input on creating a Plan for Your Community!

