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ILLINOIS ROUTE 131 PROJECT BEGINS; PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

SCHAUMBURG - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that it has initiated a Phase I Study for IL Rte. 131. The study will evaluate the future transportation needs along the project corridor that extends approximately 7.5 miles from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue, in Lake County. This study has been targeted as an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The IL Rte.131 Project has also been designated as a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) project. CSS is a collaborative approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a facility that fits into its surroundings and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility. "Through the CSS process this study will ensure responsible planning in an area with increased traffic challenges," said IDOT Deputy Director of Highways, Diane O'Keefe.

The public open house is scheduled:

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
4:00 – 7:00 PM
Beach Park Middle School
Multi-Purpose Room
40667 North Green Bay Road
Beach Park, IL 60099

This meeting will be an open house format and allow the public the opportunity to watch a PowerPoint presentation, review exhibits, and provide comments regarding the current and future needs and conditions along the corridor. IDOT and the study team representatives will be available to meet with attendees on a one-on-one basis.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Marty Morse at (847)705-4107. Individuals planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TTY/TDD number (800)526-0844/or 711; TTY Users (Spanish) (800)501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877)526-6670 at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Depending on the findings of the needs analysis, additional studies, such as the identification of alternatives to address those needs, and an analysis of engineering and environmental impacts, may be done over the next three years.

"We want people to have a first-hand look at what the Phase I project will entail," said O'Keefe.

Further information regarding the project can be found at www.IL131Project.com.

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