

Intersection of IL 13 / IL 127 / IL 154 – Pinckneyville Square

Introduction

Welcome to the Public Information Meeting conducted to discuss the proposed improvement to the intersection of IL 13/IL 127/IL 154 by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The project is in the Phase I planning stage and is currently unfunded. This meeting is a part of our public involvement process which provides project information and an opportunity for public comments and suggestions on the proposed improvements.

The success of this meeting depends on citizen participation. Please examine the displays presented today and discuss the proposed project with IDOT staff members. They will listen to your comments, explain details, and answer questions.

If you wish to provide additional comments after the meeting, an enclosed pre-addressed comment sheet is provided for your convenience. This sheet can be folded and stapled or taped. Mailing requires proper postage. If you write your comments at this meeting, you may leave the sheet in the box provided at the comment table.

Purpose of this Meeting

The purpose of this informational meeting is to discuss proposed improvements to the intersection of IL 13/IL 127/IL 154 in Pinckneyville, IL. Today's meeting will present the alternatives considered as well as preliminary findings of the planning process. Engineering and environmental studies are being conducted to examine the engineering, environmental, and socio-economic impacts of the project. Comments received today will be included in the evaluation process of the various alternatives. Land acquisition personnel from the Illinois Department of Transportation will be available to discuss acquisition procedures.

Today's meeting also serves to notify the public that Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 process is underway. At this meeting we will identify and seek public input on potential historic properties and effects to the Perry County Courthouse which is National Register eligible.

Need for the Project

The proposed improvement at IL 13/IL 127/IL 154 will improve highway safety, reduce travel time, and provide safe and efficient access to and from the existing side roads and nearby businesses. Improvements in safety for motorists and pedestrians as well as traffic mobility will also enhance the economic development potential of the intersection.

Proposed Project Details

The proposed project is located at the intersection of IL 13/IL 127/IL 154 at the Square in Pinckneyville. The current traffic circulation of the Pinckneyville Square is cumbersome to travelers causing confusion, backups and safety concerns. The project involves realigning IL 13/IL 127 from Mulberry Street to Laurel Street. Alternatives under consideration are listed below:

Alternative 1: Roundabout

The roundabout option provides the best level of service (ease of travel with minimal delay) of all three options. It does however have the highest impacts to right of way and is the least friendly option for pedestrians. McDonald's business operations and parking would need to be reconfigured. There would be severe operations and access impacts to

the county jail. The southeast corner of the courthouse lawn would be affected. The preliminary cost estimate for this alternative is \$4,000,000 which includes \$1,900,000 for construction and \$2,100,000 for land acquisition.

Alternative 2: 4 way stop intersection

The 4 way stop option provides the least impact to right of way but the worst level of service (ease of travel with minimal delay). The jail and McDonald's circulation could operate without any changes (some loss of parking at McDonalds) and the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn would have minimal modifications. Safe crossing could be provided on three of the four legs of the intersection, but pedestrian signals would not be provided so caution would be needed in crossing. Capacity analyses do indicate long and unacceptable backups in all directions with this alternative. The preliminary cost estimate for this alternative is \$2,350,000 which includes \$1,600,000 for construction and \$750,000 for land acquisition.

Alternative 3: Signalized intersection

The signalized intersection provides acceptable levels of service (ease of travel with minimal delay) for all legs of the intersection. The jail and McDonald's circulation could operate without any changes (some loss of parking at McDonalds). Pedestrian crossings and signal heads will be provided for all legs of the intersection. A small corner of the courthouse lawn will be needed for sidewalk and the widened radius. The preliminary cost estimate for this alternative is \$3,100,000 which includes \$2,100,000 for construction and \$1,000,000 for land acquisition.

Parking impacted by any of the three alternatives will be mitigated by providing additional off-street parking lots or compensation. Private parking impacts will be mitigated during the land acquisition process. All three alternatives involve the removal of two properties, located at 6 E. Water Street and 14-16 S. Main Street. While none of the alternatives impact the courthouse building all three alternatives do impact courthouse lawn, sidewalk, curb and gutter and parking.

Access to the alley just west of Shamrock Real Estate from the north leg of the square will be closed for all alternatives. The alley can be accessed via Laurel Street. The roundabout alternative causes closure of the alley to the west of the Perry County Jail.

Inquiries, Comments, and Information

All attendees at today's meeting are encouraged to take a few minutes to write down their comments regarding the proposed improvements. The alternatives and materials presented can be further reviewed by visiting www.idot.illinois.gov and clicking on the Studies and Projects section. The preferred alternative will be presented on the IDOT website by December of 2018.

Written comments may be submitted during the meeting or later mailed to:

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Proposed Illinois 13 / 127 / 154 Intersection Project

Comment Sheet

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Pinckneyville Jr. High School

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Residential Owner
Residential Tenant
Business Owner
Commuter

Business Operator
Business Employee
Farm Owner

Farm Tenant
Other (please specify)

- **Please Mark the Appropriate Box(es)**

IL 127 / IL 154 Intersection

I favor:

Alternative 1: Roundabout Intersection

Alternative 2: 4-way Stop Intersection

Alternative 3: Signalized Intersection

- **Please Use This Space for Additional Suggestions, Comments, or Measures to resolve adverse effects to the historic property.**

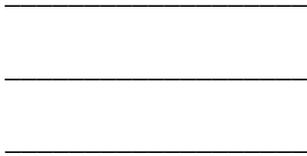
- **Please Include Your Name, Address, and Phone Number**

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In order to be considered, comments should be received no later than October 15, 2018.

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