

# ERRATA

This Erratum includes corrections, revisions, and/or additions to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for US 45 (FAP 332) reconstruction project from just north of IL 142 in Eldorado to just north of IL 141 in Saline, Gallatin and White counties, subsequent to the signed approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on April 18, 2011 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) also on April 18, 2011.

## **CHAPTER 1 PURPOSE AND NEED**

Page 3, Section 1.3 *Need for the Project*. First paragraph and Table 2 have been updated to include the following information from the FY 2012-2017 Proposed Highway Improvement Program:

Land acquisition, construction engineering, utility work, and construction from IL 142 to three miles south of IL 141 are included in the Illinois Department of Transportation's FY 2012-2017 Proposed Highway Improvement Program (Table 2). The project is being funded through the Illinois Jobs Now! program, a \$31 billion dollar capital construction/economic recovery plan designed to create and maintain jobs in the state.

**TABLE 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION, FY 2012-2017 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>ROUTE</b>	<b>SECTION</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>	<b>MYP YEARS</b>
US 45	Three Miles South of IL 141 at Texas City to IL 142 in Eldorado	Reconstruction – Additional Lanes	\$26,000,000	2013-2017
		Utility Adjustment	\$750,000	2013-2017
		Land Acquisition	\$200,000	2012
		Construction Engineering	\$1,000,000	2013-2017
		Land Acquisition	\$2,300,000	2013-2017

## **CHAPTER 4 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES**

Page 77, Section 4.17 *Environmental Commitments*. Following comments by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) regarding the potential for impacts to water hickory, Wolf's bluegrass, and northern harrier, as well as potential special waste sites, two additional commitments have been added:

- Should water hickory, Wolf's bluegrass, or northern harrier be found during construction, a qualified biologist shall be contacted to identify and enact any necessary preservation measures.
- With respect to special waste surveys, a Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) was performed by the Illinois State Geological Survey. Hazards were identified and further Phase II studies will be performed prior to

construction to specifically locate and address potential contamination sites, including unknown oil and gas field pipelines.

## **CHAPTER 5 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Page 80, Add the following to the end of Section 5.2:

### **May 12, 2011 Public Hearing**

An open house public hearing was held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Eldorado Community Center located at 921 Veterans Drive in Eldorado, Illinois. The hearing site was accessible to individuals with disabilities and special assistance was offered to anyone who provided advance notice. The hearing presented Build Alternative #5A, the Preferred Alternative, as well as the approved Environmental Assessment and road closures for public review and comment.

The advertisement for the public hearing was published in the Norris City Banner, the Harrisburg Daily Register, and the Gallatin Democrat newspapers. A press release announcing the event went to all of the media outlets in the region and individual notices were sent to all area elected officials, public agencies, affected property owners, municipalities, regional emergency and transportation services, and individuals included in the compiled mailing list for the project.

The public hearing was an open house format. The preferred alternative was illustrated on an aerial photo exhibit laid out for viewing in the center of the room. Individual details at improved intersections were laid out for viewing along the perimeter of the room. A separate table was set up for the environmental information, including the approved Environmental Assessment and summary of the project noise analysis. A seating area with comment sheets and comment drop-boxes were provided with refreshments and snacks nearby. Several IDOT representatives were on hand to field questions and concerns and to record any oral comments. The approved Environmental Assessment was also available for review prior to the hearing beginning April 20<sup>th</sup> on the IDOT website [www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov), at the Eldorado and Harrisburg libraries, and at the IDOT Region V, District 9 Headquarters building located at 2801 West Murphysboro Road in Carbondale, IL.

Approximately 80 members of the public attended the hearing, including several elected officials. 65 individuals signed the official attendance register. Prior to the May 31, 2011 deadline, twenty-two written comments were received. No requests were received for oral comments to be recorded.

The comments focused primarily on issues of overall geometry. Responses were issued to all comments. The comments are divided into issue areas and summarized as follows:

#### **Issue #1 – Road Closures**

*Residents living on or around Two Mile Road would prefer to not see it closed. The roads that will now provide access to US 45 and subsequently connect to Two*

Mile Road such as Cook and Gandertown Roads are unimproved unlike Two Mile Road which is paved.

IDOT's Rural Freeway Access Control Policy states that crossroad locations are to be limited to every ½ mile. Therefore, Gandertown Road and Two Mile Road will be closed at US 45. New access can be achieved by South Cook Road and North Cook Road. In an effort to shorten the route needed for some residents to access their property, Two Mile Road will now be connected to Gandertown Road (see attached exhibit). IDOT will work with East Eldorado Township in an effort to provide a better driving surface on Gandertown and Cook Roads.

A Resident living on or around Grumley Access Road would prefer to not see it closed. The roads that will now provide access to US 45 and subsequently connect to Grumley Access Road are unimproved and cause the resident to travel further to access their property.

IDOT's Rural Freeway Access Control Policy states that crossroad locations are to be limited to every 0.5 mile. Therefore, Grumley Access Road will be closed at US 45. New access can be achieved by Shain Cemetery Road. IDOT will work with Omaha Township in an effort to provide a better driving surface on Shain Cemetery Road.

#### **Issue #2 – Median Crossovers**

A few residents asked if it would be possible to construct a median crossover near Station 460+00 to allow agricultural machines to access each side of the road without the need to travel down the road and turnaround.

The distance to the next crossover is barely less than 0.5 mile and IDOT policy allows for median crossovers without turning lanes for such purposes. Therefore, a median crossover will be constructed in this location.

#### **Issue #3 - Sidewalk**

Requests for sidewalk to be constructed on both sides of the urban section of the project.

This issue was evaluated and most likely will be executed. The current design has sidewalks only on the north side of the road. Sidewalks can be constructed on the south side of the roadway without much damage to existing property owners. This will be further examined in Phase 2 design.

#### **Issue #4 - Access**

Several residents requested that their entrance be maintained during construction to allow them to keep their business open.

The Department assured the residents that everything will be done to try to maintain access during construction including contacting them when construction neared their property to determine the best times for interruption. Also stated that commitments can be discussed during the land acquisition process.

Others wanted to their access to be in a different location than what was shown on the preliminary plan.

The Department changed the access to locations requested by the property owner where feasible.

#### **Issue #5 - Drainage**

Residents were concerned that the new project would worsen drainage problems that already existed.

The Department took note of problem areas and assured the residents that these areas will be thoroughly investigated and the problem areas alleviated by construction.

#### **Issue #6 – Access Control Fence**

Residents wanted to know whether the right-of-way would have an access control fence.

The Department informed them that there would be access control fence beginning just north of town close to where the open median began. Before this area, the project is not in access control.

#### **Issue #7 – Bicycle Path**

Property owners wanted to know about the bicycle path shown on the typical sections and why it proposed for the future.

The policy regarding appropriate accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian ways was explained. The Department shall provide adequate on-road or off-road accommodations for bicycle travel in highway projects when the highway or street is designated as a bikeway in a regionally or locally adopted bike plan or is published in a regionally or locally adopted map as a recommended bike route. This route has a planned bikeway along US 45. The Department explained that sufficient right-of-way will be purchased to construct the bikeway and it will be constructed when funds become available.



Added connection between Gandertwon Road and 2 Mile Road

Legend	
	Prop. Centerline US 45
	Exist Property Line
	Existing R.O.W. Line
	Existing R.O.W. & Prop. A/C
	Prop. R.O.W. Line
	Prop. R.O.W. and Access Control Line
	Edge Of Shoulder
	Disturbed Limits

**ALTERNATE 5A**

**SHT. 3** Illinois Department of Transportation

**U.S. 45 EXPANSION**  
FROM JUST NORTH OF IL 142 TO IL 141

**GEOTECH**  
ENGINEERING & TESTING, INC.

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SCALE: 1"=100'