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MacArthur Boulevard meeting to be held August 11

Public is invited to learn and comment on the goals of the project

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation will be hosting an open house informational meeting for the public to learn and provide their input about proposed improvements to MacArthur Boulevard from Wabash/Stanford Avenue to South Grand Avenue. Funding of up to \$30 million has been approved for this project.

The event will be held:

Wednesday, August 11
4-6 p.m.
South Side Christian Church
2600 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704

The public is invited to stop by at any time during the meeting to review the draft Purpose and Need statement, view exhibits, and watch an informational video that will run continuously throughout the event. IDOT staff and project team members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. The meeting will be conducted on an informal basis, no formal presentation is planned.

“MacArthur Boulevard has a long, rich history in Springfield dating back to its roots when it was originally West Grand Avenue,” said Jeff Myers, IDOT Region Four Engineer. “As we move forward with this important project, not only to Springfield, but the surrounding area, I encourage anyone to attend this meeting to learn more about the work IDOT is doing to work with the community to improve this area.”

Comments on this study can be submitted at the meeting, mailed in after the meeting or submitted through the project website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/Sangamon-county--MacArthur-Blvd>. If you are unable to attend the meeting, all materials will be posted to the project website.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is

investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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