

US 20 Galena Bypass Phase II Citizens' Advisory Group

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Phase I Study of the Glacier Shadow Pass and its recommended Longhollow Alignment was granted approval by the Federal Highway Administration on September 22, 2005. The Galena Bypass is the first section of the proposed freeway to receive funding for the next phase of engineering. The proposed bypass begins northwest of Galena near the intersection of Illinois Route 84 and US Route 20. From this intersection, the proposed alignment heads east, then turns southward around Galena passing over the Galena River and Stagecoach Trail. The eastern terminus of the approximately 6.5 mile bypass is located near Horseshoe Mound, southeast of Galena.

The Phase I Advisory Council provided critical input and leadership through the EIS process. IDOT has made a commitment to continue the public involvement process through the Phase II design engineering and construction of the proposed freeway. This commitment has resulted in the formation of the Galena Bypass Citizens' Advisory Group (C.A.G.). In appreciation of the Phase I Advisory Council and the work group members who gave their time and energy towards the successful realization of the project thus far; the Galena Bypass C.A.G. has adopted the following Mission Statement:

The Citizens' Advisory Group will work to ensure compliance with the commitments made by IDOT to construct the Longhollow Alignment, and to proactively assist IDOT and other stakeholders to mitigate impacts of the new roadway during the design and construction phases of the Galena Bypass.

The Citizens' Advisory Group meets with IDOT and its engineering consultant to discuss and comment on various design elements and issues. IDOT has also established an internet web forum to facilitate communications among the group members, IDOT and its engineering consultant. The C.A.G. leadership's contact information is the provided in the **Contacts** tab in order to facilitate communications between interested citizens and the C.A.G. Telephone contacts shall be made during reasonable hours only. Note that only comments made by C.A.G. members through the discussions held at the meeting and/or web forum communications, and comments submitted by interested citizens directly to IDOT by mail, fax, the website **Comment Form**, or through public meetings will receive a response from IDOT.