

ERRATA

Illinois Route 47 (FAP Route 326)

Approximately 1,650 feet South of Granville Road to Caton Farm Road
Grundy and Kendall Counties, Illinois

Section (109,110)R, R-1, 110BR & BR-1

July 17, 2012

This Erratum includes corrections, revisions, and/or additions to the Environmental Assessment, May 2012 for the proposed project on Illinois Route 47 (FAP Route 326) from approximately 1,650 feet South of Granville Road to Caton Farm Road, Grundy and Kendall Counties, Illinois. The Environmental Assessment was approved for public release by the Federal Highway Administration on June 4, 2012.

Signature Sheet, 2nd paragraph of abstract, 1st sentence. Replace "...1.7 acres of permanent easements, and 3.0 acres of temporary easements..." with **"...1.9 acres of permanent easements, and 3.2 acres of temporary easements..."**

Page 19 of 61, Relocations (Business and Residential) subsection, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence. Replace "...11 residential properties..." with **"...9 residential properties..."**

Page 19 of 61, Right-of-Way Acquisition subsection, 1st paragraph. Replace the paragraph with the following:

"There are 68 parcels of land from which right-of-way will be acquired. A total of 164.7 acres of land will be acquired, plus 1.9 acres of permanent easements, and 3.2 acres of temporary easements. The total acreage sum of land acquisitions (proposed right-of-way, permanent and temporary easements) is 169.8 acres. Temporary construction easements are required for grading, driveway reconstruction, site restoration, and landscaping. The proposed land acquisitions will continue to be refined as details of the design are further developed during the Phase 2, Design Engineering efforts, subject to final revisions."

Page 21 of 61, 2nd to last paragraph, 2nd sentence. Revise from "These effects include four farm residence displacements..." to **"These effects include five farm residence displacements..."**

Page 22 of 61, Table 12, Farm Displacement (number). Revise "Residences Displaced 4" to **"Residences Displaced 5"**.

Page 25 of 61, Centennial Farms subsection. Add the following paragraph after the 1st paragraph of this subsection:

"One Grundy County Centennial Farm will be affected. It is located just north of the Morris Municipal Airport, on the east side of Illinois Route 47. This farm is 179.8 acres, of which 0.37 acres of permanent easement is expected to be acquired for the project."

Page 36 of 61, Likelihood Statement, 2nd line. Replace "CNW 47-3" with **"CNE 47-3"**. Remove the last sentence of this paragraph and include: **"CNE 47-3 is the Saratoga Community Consolidated School District No. 60C. Coordination with the school has determined that the School Board has decided against constructing a noise wall in front of the school. In consideration of the school's viewpoint, a noise wall will not be constructed at this location. See Appendix A for copies of correspondence."**

Page 38 of 61, as part of the Upland Plant Communities subsection. Replace the 2nd small paragraph with:

“A total of 0.5 acres of trees will be removed from this wooded area. Based on a density of 142 trees per acre, a total of 71 trees will be removed from this area. In addition, 52 trees within Wetland #6 adjacent to Valley Run Creek will also be removed. Aside from these two specific locations, approximately 540 additional trees will be removed along the corridor.”

Page 58 of 61, Environmental Commitments. Add the following commitment:

- **“Grace Lutheran Church, is located at the northwest corner of Illinois Route 47 and Airport Road (Site# 192). The widened right-of-way for the proposed roadway improvements threads between the church to the west and the Morris Airport across the roadway. As part of efforts to minimize impacts to the property, the church building has been avoided and will remain in place.**

A commitment was made to avoid the church building. The commitment letter dated September 14, 2006 to the church indicates the offset from back of proposed curb and gutter to the front of church is approximately 10 feet. The letter and other coordination with the church are included in Appendix A.”

Page 59 of 61, Public Involvement subsection. Remove the sentence at the top of the page and replace with:

“Coordination with the public was provided through an Open House Public Hearing held on June 26, 2012. Public notices were published in the Morris Daily Herald and the Kendall County Record newspapers on June 7 and 21, 2012 to announce that the Environmental Assessment was available for public comment and to announce the Public Hearing. Notices were also sent to public officials, area public service providers, and property owners. Additionally, a press release was sent to area media.

The Public Hearing was held at the Saratoga Elementary School in Morris. Sixty- four individuals signed the hearing register, including three reporters, one state representative, the Morris Mayor and other area officials. The meeting displays included: a Purpose & Need exhibit, an environmental impacts summary exhibit, aerial photography exhibits showing the proposed project and required land acquisition, the approved environmental assessment, the draft project report, proposed typical sections, traffic projections, and crash history.

The comment period ended on July 6, 2012. A total of 49 comment sheets, letters, emails, and meeting minutes were documented. The Department sent written responses to all comments received. Copies of the comment forms and response letters are included in the *Project Report* and are available at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 Offices in Ottawa. A Summary of the comments received is listed in Table 27.

Table 27
Summary of Public Hearing Comments

Comments	Number
Saratoga School (Many of these were form letters)	
▪ Traffic signal needed and longer turn lane at Granville Road (north school entrance).	15
▪ Concern about the school's south entrance becoming right-in/right-out.	14
▪ Concern about the school's traffic (buses, parents, and employees) circulation plans.	12
▪ Illinois Route 47 speeding or speed limit concerns.	12
▪ Saratoga School Board is against proposed noise wall.	1
Resolutions, letters, & comments favoring the project.	12
Limited median opening spacing negatively impacts access to driveways, businesses, and fields and is less safe.	9
Relocate, remove, combine or add entrances and/or median openings.	6
Side road improvements, such as left turn lanes and driveway entrances, are not needed and negatively impact properties and businesses.	5
Question the project need or against the project.	3
Appreciate meetings on this project.	2
Drainage tiles are in the area.	2
Suggest drainage improvements near Prologis Drive.	2
How will property value be impacted and how will it be compensated?	2
Road too close to residence.	2
Question the proposed alignment which reduces farmland.	2
Question why a centennial farm was not identified on the exhibit.	1
Question the project limits.	1
Frustrated with property impacts due to the airport.	1
Suggest that the city of Morris coordinate for water main casings under IL 47.	1
Appreciate not impacting a home.	1
Not using the existing highway as much as possible is a waste of money.	1
What will be done with any surplus public right of way?	1
What will be done with any surplus topsoil?	1
Why not a 5-lane roadway instead of 4-lanes with median?	1
Switch mail delivery locations.	1
Reduce tree impacts.	1

Page 59 of 61, Agency Coordination section. In the last paragraph, second sentence, remove the word "two" and replace with "three".

Page 59 of 61, Section V. Comments section. Remove the sentence and replace with:

"Comments received from the Public Hearing are summarized in Table 27. Copies of the comment forms and response letters are included in the *Project Report* and are available at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 Offices in Ottawa."

FIGURES

Figure 5, Sheets 6 and 7 of 26, replace with the attached revised sheets. Revisions have been made to show the centennial farm boundaries on the east side of Illinois Route 47 north of the Morris Municipal Airport.

APPENDIX A

Additional coordination and follow-up documentation is being included for the following subsections:

Airport Coordination

- 5/21/12 Letter from City of Morris to IDOT, Division of Aeronautics
- 6/6/12 Letter from IDOT to FAA

FHWA/IDOT Coordination Meetings

- Replaced minutes to include 6/12/12 coordination meeting

Grace Evangelical Church Coordination

- 6/28/12 Letter from IDOT to Grace Church

IDOA & NRCS Coordination

- 7/11/12 Letter from IDOA to IDOT

Noise Coordination Letters

- 6/1/12 Letter from IDOT to Saratoga School
- 6/21/12 Letter from Saratoga School to IDOT
- 7/10/12 Letter from IDOT to Saratoga School

Public Outreach & Coordination

- 5/25/12 Letter from Saratoga School to IDOT (re., Speed Limit & School Zone)
- 6/1/12 Meeting Minutes and Agenda for meeting with Saratoga School
- 6/12/12 Letter from IDOT to Saratoga School
- 6/26/12 Public Hearing Summary

Support Letters & Resolutions

- 11/23/11 Letter from GLCEDC to the Grundy Economic Development Council
- 11/29/11 Letter from Grainco FS, Inc. to the Grundy Economic Development Council
- 12/2/11 Letter from Prologis to the Grundy Economic Development Council
- 12/5/11 Letter from Office of Sheriff Grundy County to the Grundy Economic Development Council
- 12/8/11 Letter from Duke Realty to the Grundy Economic Development Council
- 1/30/12 Letter from Grundy County Farm Bureau to the Grundy Economic Development Council