



IL 47 RECONSTRUCTION **(Caton Farm Road to IL 71)**

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING:

- Present the proposed plan for reconstructing IL 47.
- Present project impacts.
- Provide land acquisition and relocation assistance information.
- Answer project questions and receive public comments.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT:

- **Purpose:** To address existing and 2040 transportation needs for 4.5 miles along IL 47 from south of Caton Farm Road to IL 71.
- **Needs:**
 - Provide the traffic capacity necessary to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes at an acceptable level of service. The 2040 projected daily traffic is between 14,900 and 18,700. Four lanes are normally considered when the average daily traffic is between 12,500 and 20,500.
 - Consider local and regional planning.
 - Provide reasonable access.
 - Improve highway safety.
 - Accommodate all appropriate users.
 - Address pavement flooding issues without exacerbating current area drainage issues.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

- Reconstruct IL 47 with two lanes in each direction and a median with cable guardrail south of Ament Road and a two way left turn lane north of Ament Road.
- Improve intersections.
- Construct outside shoulders south of Ament Road and outside curb & gutter north of Ament Road.
- Reconstruct culverts.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

- Following the public hearing, comments received by September 2, 2015 will be considered as the preliminary engineering study is finalized.
- Preparation of design plans is funded.
- Construction, Utility Adjustments, and Land Acquisition are unfunded in the Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.