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Public comment sought on proposed I-57, Illinois 17 interchange improvements in Kankakee

KANKAKEE – The Illinois Department of Transportation is inviting the public to learn more and comment about proposed improvements to the Interstate 57 interchange at Illinois 17 (Court Street) in Kankakee. Instead of hosting a regular public meeting, IDOT will share details on the project and encourage public participation Oct. 1-31 through the project website, idot.illinois.gov/projects/i57-interchange-at-il17.

The project is expected to include reconstructing the interchange with drainage, intersection and safety improvements. Alignment changes are proposed along I-57 and will require replacement of the bridges carrying Waldron Road and Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern Railroad over the interstate. Permanent and temporary closure or relocation of some local streets and entrances will be necessary. Acquisition of additional right of way and easements also will be required. Noise barriers found to be reasonable and feasible for potential highway traffic noise impacts will be shown in the website exhibits.

This public participation opportunity also will seek comment regarding wetland impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

At idot.illinois.gov/projects/i57-interchange-at-il17, beginning Oct. 1, the public can watch a presentation about the project, view exhibits and download a comment sheet to return via email or mail. The project team will respond in writing to all comments received. Completed comment sheets and responses will be posted to the project website for viewing.

All comments received by Oct. 31 will become part of the public record.

Comments may be sent via mail or email to:

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To request accommodations for those with disabilities, please contact Mr. Alexander by Sept. 25 at (815) 434-8468 or 800-526-0857 (TTY: 800-526-0844).

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