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Public Hearing
For
Illinois Route 56
at Hanks Road

Village of Sugar Grove
Kane County



Date: April 14, 2010

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Sugar Grove Community House
141 South Main Street
Sugar Grove, Illinois 60554



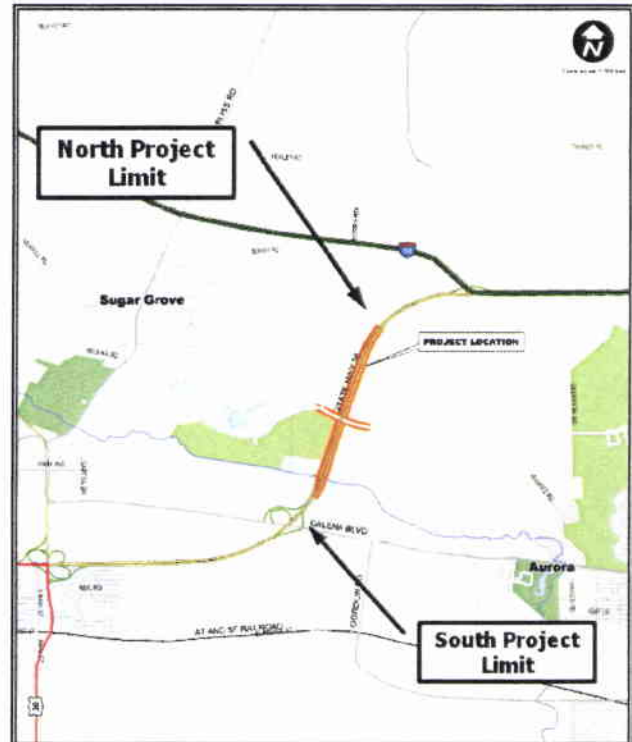
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Welcome to this Public Hearing

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to this Public Hearing concerning the proposed improvement of IL Route 56 at Hankes Road in the Village of Sugar Grove, in Kane County, Illinois. The proposed improvement limits are from Galena Boulevard on the south to approximately 2,800 north of Hankes Road on the north, a distance of 1.4 miles.

An audio-visual presentation will be shown every half-hour beginning at 4:00 P.M. with the last showing at 6:30 P.M. We invite you to view the audio-visual presentation which will provide a project description and overview, and then inspect the detailed project exhibits in the adjoining room. Staff members from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the engineering consultant are in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

Your comments are an important part of this Public Hearing. You are encouraged to submit comments to IDOT by sharing them with the Court Reporter in attendance, or placing written comments in the comment box located in the display room. You may also send your comments to IDOT at the address shown on the last page of this project brochure by April 28, 2010.



Purpose of this Public Hearing

- Explain the Purpose and Need for Improvements to IL Route 56 at Hankes Road.
- Present the Proposed Improvement Plan .
- Provide an opportunity for interested parties and affected property owners to review project plans and documents, and discuss the project with IDOT and Engineering Consultant Staff.
- Provide an opportunity for Public Comment to be considered with final plan and report preparation.



Purpose for the Improvement

The purpose of this project is the reconstruction of IL Route 56 and Hanks Road to raise the elevation of IL Route 56 up to seven (7) feet in some areas, and to construct new ramps connecting Hanks Road to IL Route 56 to and from the north.

Need for the Improvement

Raise Elevation of Illinois Route 56

IDOT's Bureau of Maintenance reports that since 1991, IL Route 56 within the project limits has been impassable on three occasions (1991, 1996, 1997) during separate flooding events. IL Route 56 has had water cover the pavement on other occasions, but the roadway was not closed. IL Route 56 has to be raised up to 7 feet in some areas to meet IDOT design standards for flood protection.

Improve Roadway System Connectivity

IL Route 56 connects the local roadway network with the regional expressway system through connections to Galena Boulevard, IL Route 47, and US Route 30. Traffic studies show a predominant eastbound travel pattern during the morning and a predominant westbound travel pattern during the evening attributed to access to employment opportunities east of the project area via Interstate 88. For much of the residential area of Sugar Grove, this results in circuitous travel patterns requiring additional travel distance of 3.5 miles in each direction on average, for a total adverse travel distance of 7.0 miles on a daily basis for motorists bound to/from Interstate 88 to the east.

Improve Illinois Route 56 Access Control

Within the project limits, IL Route 56 is a fully accessed controlled expressway facility with the exception the access point at Golfview Road. This access point violate "driver's expectancy" for an expressway and is a potential safety concern as travel demand continues to increase on IL Route 56 due to projected area growth and development. This access is replaced by the proposed Hanks Road interchange.

Proposed Improvement Plan

- The proposed improvement plan includes reconstructing IL Route 56 from Galena Boulevard to approximately 2,800 feet north of Hanks Road to raise IL Route 56 as much as 7 feet in elevation. As a result, Hanks Road will also be reconstructed and raised as much as 7 feet in elevation.
- New ramps will be constructed to provide access between IL Route 56 and Hanks Road via a northbound on-ramp and a southbound off-ramp.
- The existing access point from IL Route 56 to Golfview Road will be removed.
- The bridges carrying IL Route 56 over Blackberry Creek, and Hanks Road over Lake Run will be replaced.
- Regrading on Kane County Forest Preserve property to the east is proposed to provided compensatory floodway storage.
- The existing stormwater retention pond in the northwest corner of the proposed interchange will be reshaped for this project.

Environmental Impacts

- 4.64 acres of right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, 7.12 acres of temporary construction easement (TCE) acquisition, and 1.64 acres of permanent construction easement (PCE) acquisition will be required from private property owners to construct this project.
- 5.97 acres of ROW acquisition and 12.39 acres of TCE acquisition will be required from the Kane County Forest Preserve District to construct this project.
- 6.55 acres of fill will be placed in wetlands, with 13.1 acres of wetland mitigation to be provided off site via wetland banking.
- Tree removal is required for the proposed improvement. Trees will be replaced per IDOT policy to the extent practical and feasible.
- The increase in roadway elevation is considered fill within the designated floodways of Blackberry Creek and Lake Run. A compensatory flood storage area will be provided on Kane County Forest Preserve property to offset this fill.
- IDOT will process the permits for construction within the designated floodways of Blackberry Creek and Lake Run.



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Illinois has over 138,000 miles of highways, streets and roads. This system is owned and operated by four levels of government which include State, County, Township and Municipal agencies. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for the State owned and operated portion of this vast system. The following is a listing of some of IDOT's major responsibilities:

- Overseeing construction, operation and maintenance of 17,000 miles of highway, including 2,050 miles of Interstate highways.
- Development and implementation of comprehensive public transportation programs for 50 public transit systems serving 600 million passengers a year.
- Development and administration of airport improvements at 138 Illinois airports and other air facilities.
- Administration of state assistance for improved rail passenger service and stations, as well as preservation and improvements to rail freight service.
- Advancement of transportation safety.

There are several principal divisions within IDOT. The Division of Highways is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the state highway system as well as the administration of the program for Local Roads and Streets. Five regions and nine geographical districts exist within the Division of Highways. Each district is responsible for the divisional operations within its assigned area.

Region One/District One

Region One/District One encompasses six counties in Northeastern Illinois including the City of Chicago, Suburban Cook County and the five collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will. The state highway system in Region One/District One consists of 2,799 miles of highways. Approximately \$4.38 billion will be provided during Fiscal Years 2010-2015 for

improvements to state highways in Region One/District One.

District One Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Program

- 73 miles of Interstate Rehabilitation
- 626 miles of Non-Interstate Rehabilitation
- 219 Bridge Rehabilitation Projects
- 81 miles of Congestion Mitigation Projects
- 15 miles of System Expansion Projects

Project Schedule

- Public Hearing comments will be considered and the proposed design will be revised and finalized as appropriate.
- The engineering and environmental reports will be finalized and processed to IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval by Summer 2010.
- Funding for Phase II (Contract Plans Preparation and Land Acquisition) and Phase III (Construction) is not currently included in IDOT's Fiscal Year 2010 to 2015 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, it will be considered in future programs as funding becomes available.

Project Cost

The 2010 estimated construction cost is approximately \$39 million, with additional costs for contract plan preparation and land acquisition.

Questions and Comments

Written questions and comments may be submitted during the Public Hearing or to IDOT no later than April 28, 2010. The correspondence should be sent to the address indicated below. Questions and comments may also be sent to IDOT at the following email address:

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