



Illinois Department of Transportation

January 12, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Prairie Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will hold an additional public hearing on February 13, 2007, for the purpose of presenting and requesting comments on the Prairie Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS documents the needs for transportation improvements for north-south travel between Interstate 80 (I-80) and Interstate 88 (I-88) in Grundy, Kendall, and Kane counties, and the selection of alternatives for detailed study. The benefits and impacts of two build alternatives and the No-Action Alternative are assessed in detail. The two proposed build alternatives include both a freeway between I-80 and I-88 and widening IL-47 between I-80 and Caton Farm Road.

All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing and provide comments. The public hearing will be held at:

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.*
Location: Historic Kendall County Courthouse
110 West Madison Street
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

* Presentation and question and answer session at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend at any time during the public hearing. The public will be able to review exhibits, discuss the study with representatives from IDOT, provide oral or written testimony that will be included as part of the public record, and make comments. A presentation by IDOT representatives, followed by a question and answer session, will start at 6:30 p.m. The presentations and exhibits will be the same as presented at the public hearings held on December 6th and 7th, 2006.

Specific project-related information that will be available for public review at the hearing includes aerial photos and other exhibits showing the proposed improvements and copies of the DEIS. This information continues to be available for inspection in advance of the public hearing, as well as after the hearing, at the following locations: at the IDOT District 3 Office, 700 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, IL; at the IDOT District 1 Office, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL; at the office of Smith Engineering, 759 John Street, Yorkville, IL; and at public libraries throughout the study area. This data and other information about the Prairie Parkway Study also can be viewed on-line by visiting www.prairie-parkway.com. You also may request a CD-ROM copy of the DEIS from Rick Powell at the IDOT District 3 Office. The address and phone number are presented below.

Information also will be available at the hearing regarding flood plain impacts, wetland impacts, potential road closures, and noise abatement measures. Land acquisition specialists also will be available to answer questions about right-of-way acquisition and residence or business relocation that may be required as part of the project. The Division of Highways will process permits for construction in regulated floodways where applicable.

The public also is invited to submit written comments about the project before the hearing, at the hearing, or after the hearing. Written comments related to the project will become part of the official DEIS hearing record and will be accepted until the end of the extended DEIS comment period on February 28, 2007. This date has been extended from the original comment ending date of January 16, 2007. Submit your written comments to:

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Regional Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
District 3
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Ottawa, IL 61350

Public comment and other study findings will be considered to develop the preferred alternative. All comments submitted to date, including those submitted at the December 6 and 7, 2006 public hearings, continue to be a part of the hearing record.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons planning to attend the meeting needing a sign language interpreter, bilingual interpreter, or other special accommodations should notify the District 3 office three days prior to the meeting by telephone at 815-434-8423, or by TDD at 815-434-8510.

For more information, or to request a CD copy of the DEIS be sent to you, contact Rick Powell at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3, 700 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, telephone 815-434-8423.