

## U.S. Route 30 expansion plan receives \$500,000

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ROCK FALLS – The long push for a four-lane expansion of U.S. Route 30 between Rock Falls and Fulton got a little financial boost this week.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin's office announced Thursday that \$500,000 for the project is included in fiscal year 2011 appropriations for the Department of Transportation.

Rock Falls City Administrator Richard Downey said the money is earmarked for engineering

costs and would go directly to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

IDOT wants to take a 24-mile stretch of Route 30 from two lanes to four, starting at state Route 136 east of Fulton all the way to state Route 40 in Rock Falls.

All told, the project could cost upward of \$150 million.

The most recent public information open house was in January, while a public hearing is slated for January 2011. The project initiation was held in June 2007.