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Public comment sought on proposed improvements at Illinois 37 and Wildcat Drive in Marion

CARBONDALE – Following an initial virtual public meeting on Illinois 37, the Illinois Department of Transportation is inviting the public to learn more and comment about a proposal to construct a new roundabout at Illinois 37 and Wildcat Drive in Williamson County. IDOT will share details on the project and encourage public participation from Feb. 4 to Feb. 18 through the project website, <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/IL-37-to-IL-148.html>.

The initial project improvements involve milling and resurfacing the existing two-lane road, constructing two 8-foot shoulders, grading new ditches, and extending or replacing culverts from Wildcat Drive and continuing to the south, ending near Illinois 148. IDOT will also construct a right turn lane at Lake of Egypt Road.

Additionally, a new roundabout will be constructed at Illinois 37 and Wildcat Drive. The proposed roundabout will impact Pyramid Park in Marion, which has protection under section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Because the impacts will not adversely affect the features, attributes or activities that qualify the park for protection, IDOT intends to seek a section 4(f) “de minimis” finding from the Federal Highway Administration allowing the work to proceed.

At <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/IL-37-to-IL-148.html>, the public can find project details, view aerial photography with proposed improvements, get a safety overview and comment online.

Physical copies of the project materials will be on display at the District 9 office at 2801 W. Murphysboro Road in Carbondale. Comments received by or postmarked before Feb. 25 will become part of the official public meeting record.

Written comments not submitted via the website should be sent to:

**Illinois Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 100, Carbondale, IL 62903
Attn: Carrie Nelsen, IDOT Program Development Engineer**

Those without internet access can contact IDOT District 9’s Project Engineer Valerie Rolla at 618-549-2171, ext. 15214 for more information about the project.

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