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Virtual public meeting for Illinois 38 at Interstate 39 interchange project in Ogle County set for May 3

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation will host a virtual public meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, to present information and seek input on the Illinois 38 over Interstate 39 interchange project in Rochelle in Ogle County.

The public meeting will be held online at:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84951580688>
Call in to the meeting at: 309-205-3325.
The webinar ID is: 849 5158 0688

The meeting is part of the ongoing Phase I Engineering and Environmental Study to identify and examine potential improvements to the interchange. At the public meeting, the project team will present a project overview, discuss improvements and receive public feedback. The meeting will conclude with a question-and-answer session with IDOT representatives and the project team.

Meeting materials and a recording of the public meeting will be posted to the project website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/illinois-38-over-interstate-39-interchange-project.html>. Comments and questions are encouraged at any time. Comments received by May 17 will be included in the public meeting record. People with limited internet access and/or who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Steven Robery by telephone at (815) 284-5958 or by email at Steven.Robery@illinois.gov for further assistance.

IDOT launched the Illinois 38 over I-39 interchange project study in late 2020 to improve safety, mobility, condition and design of the interchange. The study limits extend from the Illinois 38 at Dement Road intersection to the Illinois 38 at I-39 interchange (exit 99), within the city of Rochelle and Dement Township.

The interchange was constructed in the early 1980s and provides access to the city of Rochelle, the village of Creston, and numerous industrial, agricultural, and commercial properties in the area. Since the construction of the interchange, traffic volumes have increased, leading to safety and mobility concerns. In addition, portions of the structure need repair, replacement, or modernization.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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