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## Public Hearings for Eisenhower Improvement Project

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will host two public meetings to solicit feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for proposed improvements to the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290).

The public hearings will be held in an open-house format at the following times and locations:

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Proviso Math and Science Academy  
8601 Roosevelt Road  
Forest Park, Ill. 60130

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Marriott Chicago  
625 S. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill. 60607

The purpose of the public meetings will be to solicit feedback on the draft environmental report which was released for public comment on Friday, Dec. 30.

Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the hearing. Project team members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions, with a Q&A session beginning at 7 p.m. both nights. CTA staff also will be present to discuss findings from the CTA's Blue Line Vision Study. Written comments can be submitted at the hearing, mailed afterward or submitted through the project website, [www.EisenhowerExpressway.com](http://www.EisenhowerExpressway.com). Comments received by Feb. 13 will be part of the official record.

The proposed improvements include reconstruction of the Eisenhower Expressway to add one lane in each direction between Mannheim Road and Austin Boulevard. Currently, there is no funding identified to complete the final design and construction phases of the project.

The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should call Lisa Mentzer at (630) 812-1734. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800)526-0844 or 711; TTY users (Español) (800)501-0864 or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877)526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

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