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IDOT Listening Tour Continues Next Week in 12 Illinois Communities

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that listening sessions being held throughout Illinois to discuss the state’s infrastructure needs and priorities will be in 12 communities next week.

Meetings will be in Mount Vernon and Peoria on Monday, followed by Collinsville, Carbondale and Godfrey on Tuesday. The other locations the remainder of the week are Quincy and Effingham on Wednesday, wrapping up with Wheeling, Danville, East Hazel Crest and Taylorville on Thursday and St. Charles on Friday.

Held in coordination with the Illinois Capital Development Board, the meetings are designed to engage residents, businesses, local leaders and various stakeholders in identifying the infrastructure challenges we face and setting the priorities for investing now and for future generations. Among the topics that will be addressed are establishing needs and priorities, improving deteriorating roads, bridges and transit systems, providing better access across multiple transportation modes and reinvesting in state facilities, such as airports, schools and parks.

“I continue to be impressed and encouraged by the turnout and thoughtful comments since we started this listening tour,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. “Working together, I look forward to coming up with solutions that create more opportunities, improve the quality of life and strengthen communities throughout our great state. These listening sessions are an important first step.”

Meetings next week will be held at the following locations:

Mount Vernon
May 4
10:30 a.m.
Mount Vernon City Hall
1100 Main St.

Peoria

May 4

1 p.m.

Gateway Building
200 N.E. Water St., Room 201

Collinsville

May 5

9 a.m.

Gateway Convention Center
1 Gateway Drive

Carbondale

May 5

1 p.m.

Carbondale Civic Center
200 S. Illinois Ave.

Godfrey

May 5

2 p.m.

Lewis & Clark Community College (Advance Technology Center)
Trimpe Building
5800 Godfrey Road

Quincy

May 6

11 a.m.

Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center
300 Civic Center Plaza

Effingham

May 6

4 p.m.

Effingham City Hall
201 E. Jefferson Ave.

Wheeling

May 7

9 a.m.

Village of Wheeling
2 Community Boulevard

Danville

May 7

9:30 a.m.

Vermilion County Board Room
2nd Floor, County Annex
6 N. Vermilion St.

Taylorville

May 7

1:30 p.m.

Taylorville City Hall

115 N. Main St.

East Hazel Crest

May 7

4 p.m.

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association

1904 W. 174th St.

St. Charles

May 8

3 p.m.

St. Charles City Hall

2 E. Main St.

For those who cannot attend, an online survey is available at www.idot.illinois.gov. Future dates and locations also are listed and updated regularly on the website.

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