

REALIGNING ILLINOIS ROUTE 1 WITH A BRIDGE OVER THE CSX RAILROAD

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Present the Department's proposals for realigning IL 1 with a bridge over the CSX Railroad north of Milford.
- Answer questions about the project.
- Explain land acquisition procedures.
- Receive your input.

BACKGROUND

- Construction of the existing bridge (SN 038-0024) over IL 1 began in 1939.
- The bridge was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

PROJECT PURPOSE

- To address the condition of the bridge.
- To address IL 1 clearances and flooding issues.

NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT

- Deteriorated condition of the bridge carrying the CSX Railroad over IL 1.
- Sag vertical clearance under the bridge (13'-8") does not meet the minimum vertical clearance (14') for bridges to remain in place.
- Oversize vehicles hitting the bottom of the bridge.
- Occasional road closures due to flooding under the bridge.
- Narrow roadway under the bridge.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Realigning IL 1 with a new 44' wide roadway bridge over the CSX Railroad approximately 200' northwest of the existing bridge. Work includes:
 - Relocating the CH 25 intersection to the north.
 - Removing, consolidating, or relocating entrances.
 - Constructing ditches and other highway drainage improvements.
- Maintaining traffic under the existing bridge until the new bridge is built.
- Removing the existing bridge over IL 1 and filling the underpass.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- Following the public meeting, IDOT will consider comments received while finalizing the Phase I preliminary engineering study this year.
- Phase 2 Design and Land Acquisition will begin after Phase I study approval.
- Construction (\$9 Million) is listed in the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.