



# PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

## IL ROUTE 4/15 OVER THE KASKASKIA RIVER BRIDGE STUDY

St. Pancratius Church Hall 2213 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St Fayetteville, IL  
June 15, 2022



### WELCOME!

Welcome to the Public Informational Meeting for the IL Route 4/15 Kaskaskia River Bridge project near Fayetteville in St. Clair County, Illinois.

The purpose of the public meeting is: to show why the IL Route 4/15 bridge over the Kaskaskia River needs to be replaced; to provide information about the existing conditions on IL Route 4/15 within the project limits; inform the public of the project schedule; and to receive public input.

By providing your input, IDOT can determine the most feasible options for replacing the bridge. Please submit your questions and comments this evening, mail in the provided comment form, or submit online via the project website. Comments can be submitted until June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting format is informal; no presentation will be made. Please browse the available materials at your leisure. Representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and IDOT's consultant team, Horner & Shifrin and Quigg Engineering, are available to answer any questions that you may have.

### WE ARE HERE



### Study Purpose

IDOT is conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies, referred to as the Phase I study, to determine the replacement options for the bridge that carries IL Route 4/15 over the Kaskaskia River. During Phase I, proposed geometry, environmental concerns, and required right-of-way will be identified. At the end of Phase I, a report will be completed that documents the studies and the overall process.

### Project History

The existing bridge was constructed in 1946 and carries two lanes of traffic. Because the bridge is nearing the end of its design life and due to the rising maintenance costs and age of the bridge, IDOT has determined this bridge needs to be replaced.

### IDOT Project Process

IDOT has a three-phase project development process, as shown on the timeline graphic below. All three phases are currently included in IDOT's FY 2022-2027 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose is to evaluate the need to replace the bridge due to its deteriorating condition and age and to develop a preliminary design.

#### How will construction of this project be completed?

This has not yet been determined. IDOT strives to manage traffic during construction to minimize inconvenience to the motoring public.

#### Will the project impact the bike trail?

IDOT will take all precautions to protect the trail from impacts during construction and to keep the trail open during construction.

#### What is the current stage of the project?

The project is currently in Phase I, which means environmental concerns, public involvement, and preliminary engineering are defined.

#### Will the bridge be closed during construction?

While the study is in its early stages and too early to know if the bridge will be closed, IDOT strives to manage traffic during construction to minimize inconvenience to the motoring public.

#### Will bike and pedestrian accommodations be considered for this project?

Yes, bike and pedestrian accommodations will be considered during the study.

## How Can You Get Involved?

### Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

The IL Route 4/15 Kaskaskia River Bridge Study will be using Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is "a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach involving all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility." For more information about the CSS Process, visit the project website at:

[www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/IL-4-Kaskaskia-River-Bridge-Study.html](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/IL-4-Kaskaskia-River-Bridge-Study.html)

### Do you want to be considered for the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for this project?

One highlight of CSS is the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG). The purpose of the CAG is to provide input on various elements of the study, including developing a problem statement, identifying issues important to the public, and providing feedback on alternatives. The CAG will function as a liaison between IDOT and the public as a whole and will help generate interest in and knowledge about the study. **Application forms are available upon request from the IDOT or the Consultant Team staff. IDOT will review applications to select a CAG that represents a balanced cross section of stakeholders.** You may fill out the CAG application and return it today, mail it to the address on the form, or fill out an application via the project website by June 25, 2022.

## WANTED! YOUR INPUT

We also seek your input on the user experience of the existing IL Route 4/15 bridge over the Kaskaskia River. From your personal experience traveling the bridge, please let us know what you see as problems with the bridge and related roadway and what improvements could be made. Your questions, comments, and input are greatly appreciated! **You may fill out the comment form and return it today, mail it to the address on the form, or complete via the project website by June 25, 2022.** All comments received will become part of the permanent record for the project and included in the final project report.

## Project Website

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