

Public Comments

Throughout the 30-day comment period, IDOT received and replied to more than 200 comments from both local units of government and individuals throughout the state. Comments were received in three ways: in-person verbal comments were taken at nine public forums held in the IDOT districts, including forums at the Illinois State Fair and the Du Quoin State Fair; letters were mailed to IDOT's Office of Planning & Programming; and emails were sent to DOT.STIP@illinois.gov.

District 1 outreach meeting produced several letters from local units of government, including Beecher and Niles, concerning specific routes throughout their respective boundaries. Other comments received from this district discussed new bike paths.

District 2 outreach produced no written or emailed comments.

District 3 outreach produced no written or emailed comments, but Grundy County mentioned it would like further discussions.

District 4 outreach produced several letters from individuals in support of expanding US 34 as well as comments regarding issues that Fulton County has with the current highway system.

District 5 outreach produced the majority of comments IDOT received. Roughly 100 of the comments IDOT received and replied to focused on the Kirby Avenue structure in Champaign. The comments all supported a widening and/or replacement of the bridge. As the structure mentioned is neither on the NHS system, nor considered structurally deficient, the program remained unchanged. IDOT also received roughly 10 comments requesting widening and resurfacing on the Bradley Avenue structure. Because this structure is in the FY 2019-2023 portion of the FY 2018-2023 IDOT Proposed Highway Improvement program, the STIP remained unchanged.

District 6 outreach held at the Illinois State Fair produced roughly 40 comments from the public. The comments focused on the individual locations and upcoming work to be done in their areas. The areas of concern were I-39, I-55, I-72 and I-80. Other areas of concern were IL 4, IL 29, IL 161, US 40, US 51, US 67 and Route 66. Other comments IDOT received were in regard to local roads, rail and airports. All above-mentioned comments were received in person and replies were given by the various personnel working the MYP/STIP table.

District 7 outreach produced no written or emailed comments.

District 8 outreach produced a few written comments that mainly focused on the new Mississippi River Bridge project and the projects that are occurring because of the major new construction.

District 9 outreach occurred at the Du Quoin State Fair. While no written or emailed comments came from the fair, several comments were received on site concerning roadways within the area.