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## Public hearing for Illinois 18 bridge at Henry set Feb. 28

Preferred alternative will be unveiled, public input welcome

**HENRY** – The Illinois Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, is evaluating potential improvements to the Illinois 18 Bridge over the Illinois River at Henry and is holding a public hearing set for:

Wednesday, Feb. 28 5-7 p.m. Henry-Senachwine High School 1023 College Ave., Henry

The study limits extend along Illinois 18 from the intersection of School and Third streets on the west to the intersection of Illinois 18 and Illinois 26 on the east. The Illinois 18 bridge is a critical transportation link across the Illinois River for Henry, Marshall and Putnam counties, as well as the surrounding region. The bridge is 90 years old and is approaching the end of its repairable life.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide an update on the project, present the preferred alternative, receive public comments on the project and the removal of the historic bridge as a result of the project, and address questions. Conducted in an open house format, the hearing is open to the public between 5 and 7 p.m.

In addition to exhibits and maps, the hearing will include personnel from IDOT and representatives from the study team. A court reporter will be available to take public comment. No formal presentation will be given.

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