

I-57 Access Study
from South of Wilmington-Peotone Rd. to North of Manhattan-Monee Rd.
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Will County Fair Atrium, Peotone, IL

The following is a summary of the second public meeting for the I-57 Access Study for the area South of Wilmington-Peotone Rd. to North of Manhattan-Monee Rd.

Meeting Information

Public Meeting #2 was held from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Will Conty Fair Atrium located at 710 S. West St, Peotone IL 60468. The public meeting was held in an open house format. The public meeting was advertised as follows:

- Newspaper advertisement in the Vedette on August 7 and 21, 2025
- Newspaper advertisement in the Daily Southtown (Chicago Tribune) on August 5 and 19, 2025
- Flyer was provided to the Villages of Peotone and Monee to post on their media sites
- Flyer and suggested media posts to other stakeholders to share with their network
- Postcards were mailed to the residents adjacent to the I-57 corridor in the unincorporated areas

The purpose of the public engagement effort was to provide a study update, present the Purpose and Need of the study and obtain public input to begin brainstorming potential solutions to address the transportation issues identified.

Meeting Details

91 residents and stakeholders were in attendance. At the meeting, there were links and a laptop to access the Purpose & Need survey, comment forms for residents or stakeholders, and a large aerial map that allowed attendees to provide direct comment for areas of concern and solutions within the study area. The study team encouraged all attendees to review exhibit boards discussing the study, and an audio-visual presentation was available in a separate room.

Summary of Comments

Some attendees elected to complete a written comment form and drop it in the comment box, while others elected to speak directly to the study team members to voice their comments/concerns. Many of the comments focused on the existing interchanges, crash locations along routes within and adjacent to the study area, and how the South Suburban Airport (SSA) could contribute to the location of a potential interchange. Attendees were interested in what alternatives will be considered and developed for the next public meeting.

This breakdown includes comments received via comment forms submitted on the day of the public meeting, comments on the exhibits, via email, standard mail, and an online interactive survey. The comment period was open until September 26, 2025. There was a total of 14 comments

received between submitted comment forms, emails, and standard mail. Comments were reviewed and separated based on their content and categorized into themes. Some of the commenters submitted single comments with multiple topics, and those comments have been broken into their respective themes. Comments related to:

Safety and Operations

Comments under Safety and Operations related to traffic safety, existing design deficiencies and drainage concerns, and improvements to the existing interchanges of Wilmington-Peotone Rd and Manhattan-Monee Rd.

- 15 comments were coded to Safety and included:
 - 10 comments expressing concern about a specific section of the study area or intersection.
- 8 comments were coded to Existing Design Deficiencies and included:
 - 6 comments recommending a specific section of the study area or intersection for improvements.
- 16 comments were coded to Interchange Improvements and included:
 - 8 comments recommending specific improvements and
 - 4 comments opposing the addition of a new interchange.

Future Development and the South Suburban Airport (SSA)

Comments in this category related to future development within or near the study area and the development of the SSA.

- 1 comment was coded to Future Development. It was about how Monee is working on plans to realign the Cleveland and Hamilton intersection.
- 4 comments were coded to the SSA and included:
 - 1 comment opposing the project,
 - 1 comment explaining improvements from the I-57 Access Study would likely support the SSA if it is built,
 - 1 comment explaining that the SSA will not be built in the near future,
 - and 1 comment explaining that the Kankakee Airport is 18 miles to the south.

Policies, Procedures, & Process

Comments under Policies, Procedures, and Process related to the study area, how the study was progressing forward or next steps, and the engagement approach and efforts.

- 2 comments were coded to Study Area and were suggestions on adjusting the study area.
- 2 comments were coded to Study Process / Next Steps and included:
 - 1 comment requesting more coordination with the Will County Department of Transportation and Monee
 - and 1 comment encouraged by the progress made since the last public meeting.

- 2 comments were coded to Engagement and included:
 - 1 comment calling for greater engagement efforts, and
 - 1 comment expressing confusion on why the work is needed.

Environment and Impact

Comments under Environment and Impact related to the effects of any potential improvement on the natural and human environment and how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts.

- 5 comments were coded to Environment and Impact and included:
 - 2 comments recommending the route be built in a less developed area.

No Build Condition

Comments under No Build Condition related to the no build alternative.

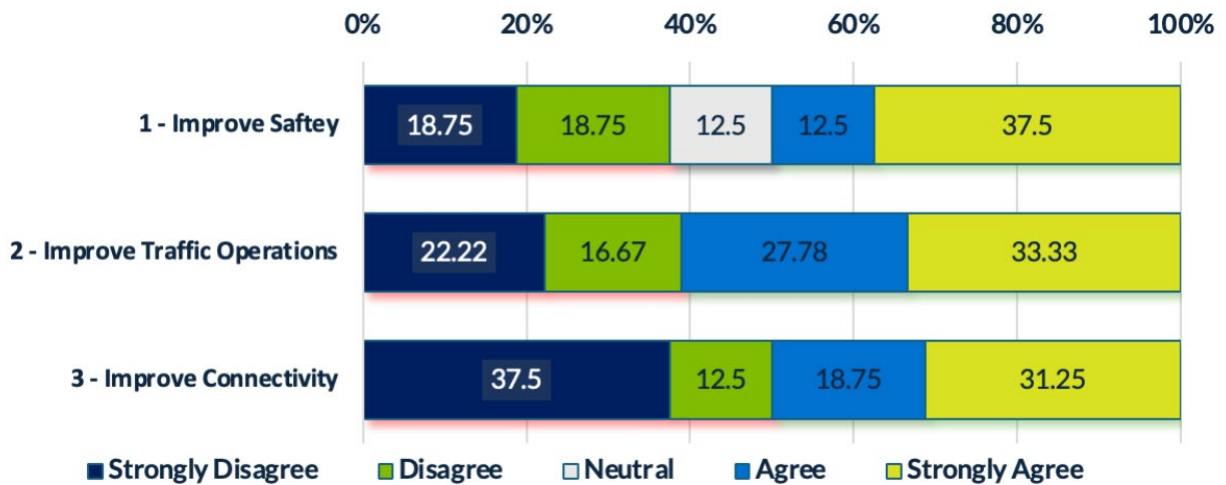
- 1 comment was coded to No Build Condition and stated that the study area is not a truck-route community.

Social Pinpoint Survey

In addition to the comment forms, emails, and comments left on exhibits, an interactive online Social Pinpoint survey was available until September 27, 2025. A total of 19 responses and 16 map markers were recorded for the online survey.

Most participants agreed safety and operations needs reflect local conditions and personal experience, while feedback on intermodal connectivity was mixed, largely due to the uncertainty around the SSA. Some residents questioned the airport's timeline and impact on freight activity.

Do the Proposed Problems Reflect Local Experience?



The interactive mapping activity offered respondents an opportunity to highlight areas of concern and offer potential solutions. Locations and areas of concern identified in the interactive map will be reviewed against the Purpose and Need and considered as part of the range of alternatives, as needed.

Markers from Interactive Mapping Activity

