



I-94 at 111th Street Study Overview

The Illinois Department of Transportation is holding a second Public Meeting for the I-94 at 111th Street study to present the study's Purpose & Need, present potential improvement alternatives and obtain public input.

The preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) was launched in late 2022 to coordinate with stakeholders to identify existing and future transportation needs and concerns in the area. That discussion results in a study Purpose and Need statement, which is the basis for developing potential improvements, or "alternatives."

The Purpose and Need defines why the study was initiated and what it aims to achieve. It is critical for establishing criteria for assessing environmental impacts of potential improvements within the study area.

Specifically, this study area covers approximately 1.5 miles along I-94 from south of 115th Street to the Stony Island Feeder ramps, as well as 111th Street from Corliss Avenue on the west to Doty Avenue on the east, in the city of Chicago.

Based on the review of collected data and public input to date, the following Purpose and Need was developed:

The purpose of this study is to improve safety, mobility and multimodal connectivity, as well as address deficient infrastructure condition.

Based on that Purpose, the needs to be addressed include:

- High safety tier locations along 111th Street at I-94 and at the intersection of 111th Street and S Corliss Ave/S Doty
- More efficient access between I-94 and the local roadway network
- The lack of bicycle and pedestrian connectivity on the east side of I-94
- The deficient vertical clearance of the 111th Street bridge and flooding along I-94

Using the Purpose and Need as a baseline, a range of potential improvement alternatives have been identified, and will be evaluated and narrowed throughout the study process, ultimately leading to the recommendation of a preferred alternative at the conclusion of this study.



I-94 at 111th Street Potential Improvement Alternatives:



> ALTERNATIVE 1: Tight Diamond, I-94 Under 111th Street

- · 111th Street runs over I-94
- · Potential removal of existing right-in/right-out access points north and south of 111th Street
- · Most similar to existing design



> ALTERNATIVE 2: Tight Diamond, I-94 Over 111th Street

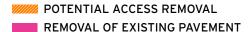
- I-94 runs over 111th Street
- · Similar to Alternative 1
- · Potential removal of existing right-in/right-out access points north and south of 111th Street

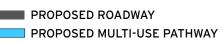


ALTERNATIVE 3: Diverging Diamond Interchange, I-94 Over 111th Street

- · Eastbound and westbound traffic along 111th Street would cross at a signal, shifting traffic to the opposite side of the road
- · Proposed shared-use path would be placed between eastbound and westbound traffic and equipped with pedestrian signals
- · Potential removal of existing right-in/right-out access point south of 111th Street
- · Redesign of existing right-in/right-out access point north of 111th Street

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ALTERNATIVE 4: Tight Diamond and Collector Distributor, I-94 Over 111th Street

- · Collector-distributor road (C-D) is proposed to act as a buffer for traffic entering and exiting the interstate
- · Removal of northern most right-in/right-out access point
- Redesign of right-in/right-out access point south of 111th Street
- 111th Street extended to E Doty Ave with access to Harborside Golf Course



ALTERNATIVE 5: Tight Diamond and Roundabout, I-94 Over 111th Street

- · Includes a collector-distributor road and roundabout for access and connections east of I-94
- Removal of two existing right-in/right-out access points north and south of 111th Street

Each of the alternatives provide a connection to the proposed Lake Calumet trail east of I-94.

Public meeting materials and other study information are available on the study webpage on the IDOT website: https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/featured-projects/cook-county---i-94-at-111th-street/study.html

These alternatives will be further analyzed and refined through the alternatives evaluation process which will be discussed at the future CAG and public meetings.



Your input is critical to the success of this study. Comments are welcome any time, and those received by September 11, 2025, will become part of the official meeting record.



IN-PERSON: Fill out a comment form at tonight's public meeting



EMAIL: Submit your comment to i94at111study@gmail.com



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Study Timeline



Held

Oct. 12, 2023

Purpose and Need

Held

Aug. 7, 2024



Nov. 7. 2024

Alternatives Analysis





Preferred Alternative







Public Meetings and Hearings

Overview of study process



Solicit public input



Public Meeting

- Present project purpose and need
- Present reasonable preliminary alternatives
- Solicit public input



- Present alternatives to be carried forward
- Present alternative evaluation
- Solicit public input



- Present preferred alternative
- Solicit public input

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings



CAG Meeting 1



CAG Meeting 2



CAG Meeting 3



CAG Meeting 4



Study Phases

The I-94 at 111th Street study is currently in Phase I, which includes data collection, identification of the study's Purpose & Need, and public review and consideration of potential improvement alternatives prior to selection of a preferred alternative. Phase I is expected to conclude late 2027.

Upon conclusion of Phase I, the study proceeds to Phase II which consists of contract plan preparation and land acquisition. Phase II typically takes 24-36 months and is followed by Phase III, construction, which takes 24-36 months.

*This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region.

