

PUBLIC *meeting #1*

I-94 AT 111TH STREET STUDY

OCTOBER 12, 2023

I-94 at 111th Street Study Overview

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is holding a public meeting to introduce the I-94 at 111th Street study, present public involvement opportunities, and receive feedback on the transportation concerns and needs in the area.

Serving the Pullman neighborhood in Chicago, the 111th Street bridge over I-94 was initially built in 1960 and underwent a deck replacement in 1986. Now more than 60 years since its construction, there are safety and structural condition needs present at the interchange, in addition to flooding issues.

The bridge design presents safety risks to traffic exiting and entering the interstate, and in 2020 a portion of the area was identified as a “critical safety tier segment.” 111th Street does not carry traffic east of the Interstate. Instead, Doty Avenue East acts as a frontage road for the interstate – but there is no direct connection between 111th Street and Doty Avenue East. As a result, vehicles must utilize right-in, right-out access points to make that connection.

In addition to lacking sidewalks or shared use paths infrastructure on the bridge, existing conditions lack the connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians to access recreational areas and the lakefront to the east.

Another known concern in this area is poor drainage. I-94 is susceptible to flooding because of its proximity to the Doty Ditch and Lake Calumet, with 11 recorded flooding incidents occurring between 1998 and 2020.

Additional factors will be considered as there are a number of environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic resources in the surrounding area including, but not limited to, the Pullman Historic District, Lake Calumet, and surrounding parks and businesses.

Study alternatives will be developed to address these challenges, and be presented for public review and comment at future public meetings.

Public meeting materials and other study information are available under *Cook County - I-94 at 111th Street* at idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/featured-projects.



SCAN
to view the study
webpage



Ways TO COMMENT!



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



EMAIL: Submit your comment to i94at111study@gmail.com



PHONE: Call (847) 705-4084



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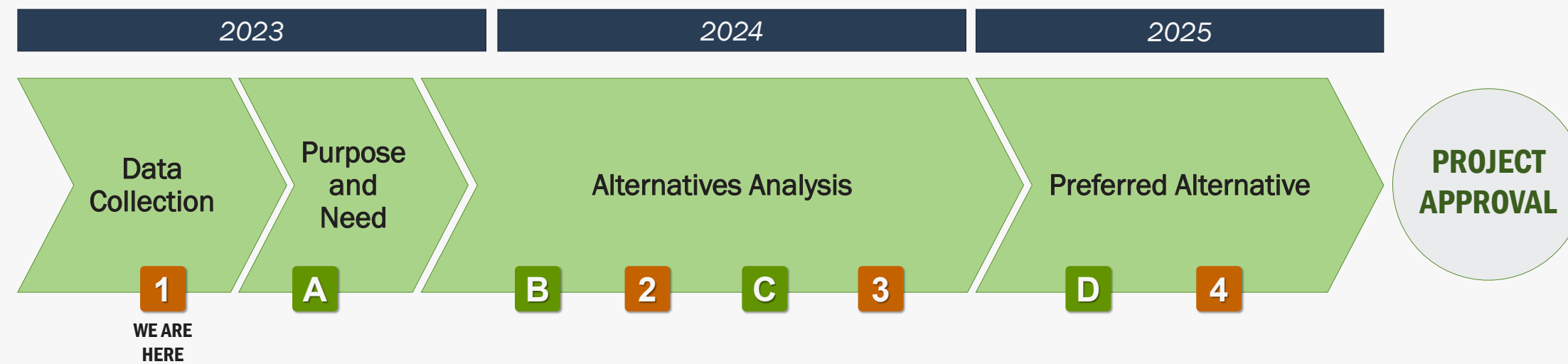
Study Phases

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 mid 2025.

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 2024-2029 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.*

Study Timeline



Public Meetings and Hearings

- 1 Public Meeting**
 - Overview of study process
 - Solicit public input
- 2 Public Meeting**
 - Present project purpose and need
 - Present reasonable preliminary alternatives
 - Solicit public input
- 3 Public Meeting**
 - Present alternatives to be carried forward
 - Present alternative evaluation
 - Solicit public input
- 4 Public Hearing**
 - Present preferred alternative
 - Solicit public input

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings

- A CAG Meeting 1**
- B CAG Meeting 2**
- C CAG Meeting 3**
- D CAG Meeting 4**



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

You are invited to join the study's Community Advisory Group (CAG)! The CAG serves as a liaison between the study team and the community, providing input on issues that are important to the community and contributing to the decision-making process. Meeting at key milestones throughout Phase I, the CAG is intended to represent a cross-section of the community, including residents, businesses, elected officials, transportation professionals, school and health care organizations, houses of worship and first responders.

WAYS TO APPLY:

- ➔ Fill out an application at today's public meeting
- ➔ Submit your request at i94at111study@gmail.com

QUICK FACTS

Location Map

WHAT:

An early-stage transportation study that will coordinate with stakeholders to identify existing and future transportation needs in the study area, and identify improvement alternatives for public review.

WHEN:

The study is expected to conclude in 2025 with the selection of a preferred alternative for the improvement.

WHERE:

The I-94 at 111th Street study area stretches approximately 1.5 miles, extending along I-94 from south of 115th Street to the Stony Island Feeder and along 111th Street from Corliss Avenue to S. Doty Avenue East.

WHY:

Presence of safety and structural conditions needs at the interchange, in addition to flooding issues.

