

I-55 Improvements at Airport Road/Lockport Street and at IL 126 Public Hearing Summary

The Public Hearing for the I-55 Improvements Phase I Study was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at the Ovation Center, 2001 Rodeo Drive in Bolingbrook, from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 PM.

The meeting was held in an open house format. Participants were invited to view the power point presentation in an adjacent room and to view numerous exhibit boards and roll plots. The display boards included the Phase I study process, population and employment growth, project purpose and need, environmental inventory maps, round 1 and 2 alternative screening results, round 3 evaluation matrix, the preferred alternative, summary of environmental impacts, 2050 traffic projections, Section 4(f) impacts, East Frontage Road Closure, land acquisition, and next steps. A viewing station in the center of the room included large roll plots of each interchange for the preferred alternative. Meeting attendees were encouraged to view the preferred alternative and provide any comments for the public record.

The meeting was attended by **215 people**. A total of **13 comment forms** were received at the meeting. The public comment period is open until October **16**, 2024.

The following public officials signed-in at the meeting:

Illinois House of Representatives

- Noah Martinez representing State Representative Natalie Manley, 98th District
- Bri Jackson Webber representing State Representative Dagmara Avelar, 85th District
- Jessica Wimbley representing State Senator Rachel Ventura, 43rd District
- Michelle Westerhoff representing State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel, 49th District

Village of Bolingbrook

• Lucas Rickelman, Director of Public Services and Development

Village of Plainfield

- John Argoudelis, Village Mayor
- Josh Blakemore, Village Administrator
- Richard Kiefer, Village Trustee
- Margie Bonuchi, Village Trustee
- Scott Threewit, Director of Public Works
- Cally Larson, Village Trustee

Village of Romeoville

- John Noak, Village Mayor
- Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager
- Mike Shurhay, Assistant Planner
- Dave Richards, Village Trustee

Plainfield Township

- Al Tinsley, Plainfield Township Supervisor
- Chuck Willard, Township Administrator
- Doug Shreve, Plainfield Township Road Commissioner

Will County Board

• Mica Freeman, District 8

Will County Executive Office

• Elaine Bottomley, Deputy Chief of Staff

Will County Division of Transportation

- Eric Wesel, Project Manager
- Christina Kupkowski, Project Manager

Will County Governmental League

Jada Porter

Plainfield Park District

- Carlo Capalbo, Executive Director
- Bob Collins, Director of Planning
- Josh Hendricks, Director of Marketing and Community Outreach
- Heather Caldwell, Executive Assistant

Lockport Township

• Alex Zapien, Township Supervisor

Will County Land Use

• Colin Duesing

The following Media were represented:

The Herald News

• Bob Okon