

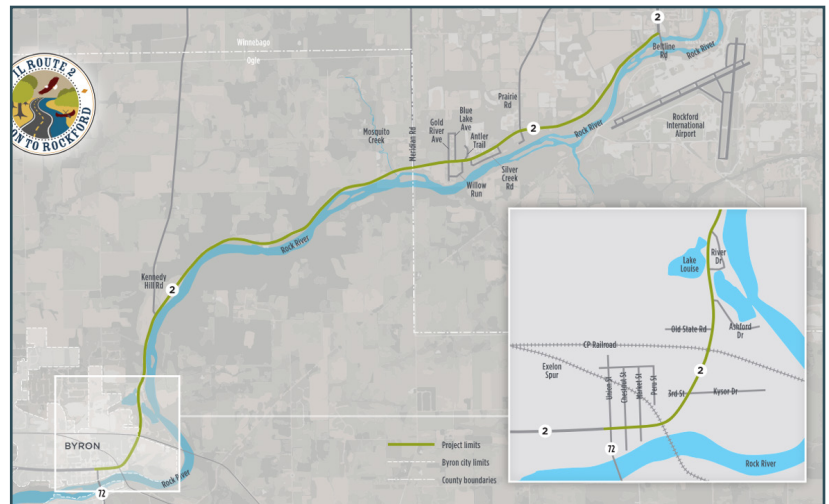
# IL Route 2 Study Byron to Beltline Road

Ogle/Winnebago Counties








The Illinois Department of Transportation is currently conducting a preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) for the improvement of Illinois 2 in Winnebago and Ogle counties. The study was initiated in Spring 2014.

The IL Route 2 corridor improvement study is examining transportation needs and solutions for the corridor which starts at the intersection of IL 2 and IL 72 in Byron and extends approximately 10.5 miles to Beltline Road south of Rockford.



## PROJECT GOALS

-  Improve safety for all users along the Illinois Route 2 corridor
-  Address existing geometric deficiencies and roadside hazards
-  Improve travel time along a corridor with a growing population and increased travel demand
-  Facilitate and enhance adjacent recreational facilities
-  Protect and preserve the existing environment and scenic values along the corridor

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Add shoulders for safe refuge and more clearance; add bicycle and pedestrian facilities where appropriate
- Straighten curves; adjust design speed to appropriate levels
- Add four passing lanes and turn lane
- Provide safe and ADA accessible access to existing facilities to accommodate all users
- Avoid impacts to the river and nearby natural resources

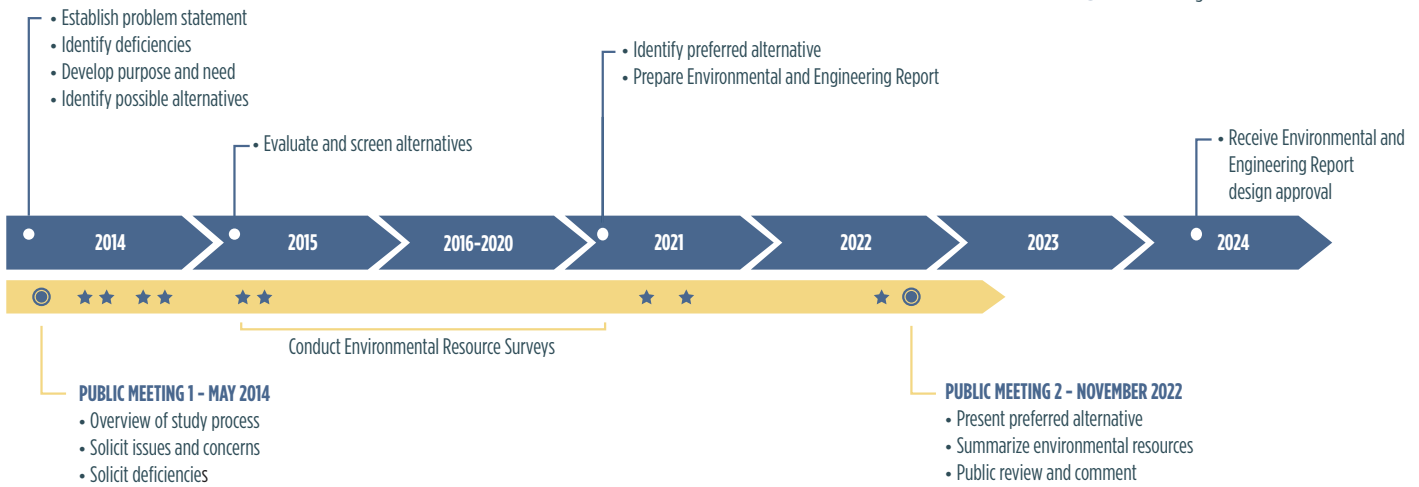


# IL 2: BYRON TO ROCKFORD

## PHASE 1 SCHEDULE

### PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

- ★ Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting
- Public Meeting



## PROJECT TIMELINE

The project is currently in Phase I which is focused on proposed highway geometry, evaluating and documenting environmental concerns, and defining property right-of-way requirements for the project.

The project is expected to advance to Phase II in 2024, which will focus on preparing contract planning documents, final design and acquire any necessary right-of-way needed for the project. Construction is anticipated to be included in the six-year, multi-year program.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings:

A community advisory group was created in 2014 and is made up of representatives from the community, local officials and other project stakeholders. The CAG has met periodically over the last eight years, most recently on October 4, 2022 which was the final CAG meeting. The CAG has assisted the project team with problem identification, defining the project need and identifying and evaluating project alternatives.

### Online Public Information Meeting:

**NOV. 17, 2022 FROM 6-8 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

The purpose of this online public meeting is to share information on the status of the preferred design option from the study phase and gather input from attendees.

All public meeting materials presented, as well as the meeting recording will be available on the project website: [bit.ly/IL2webpage](https://bit.ly/IL2webpage)

# YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

*We want to hear from you!*



### Submit your comments by mail or online:

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Attention: Chad Spreeman

Website: [bit.ly/IL2webpage](https://bit.ly/IL2webpage)

Comments due by: **December 8, 2022**. If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact Chad Spreeman by phone at (815) 284-5934 or email at [Chad.Spreeman@illinois.gov](mailto:Chad.Spreeman@illinois.gov).