

CHANGES COMING

to Pioneer Road Bridge over I-80 in Morris

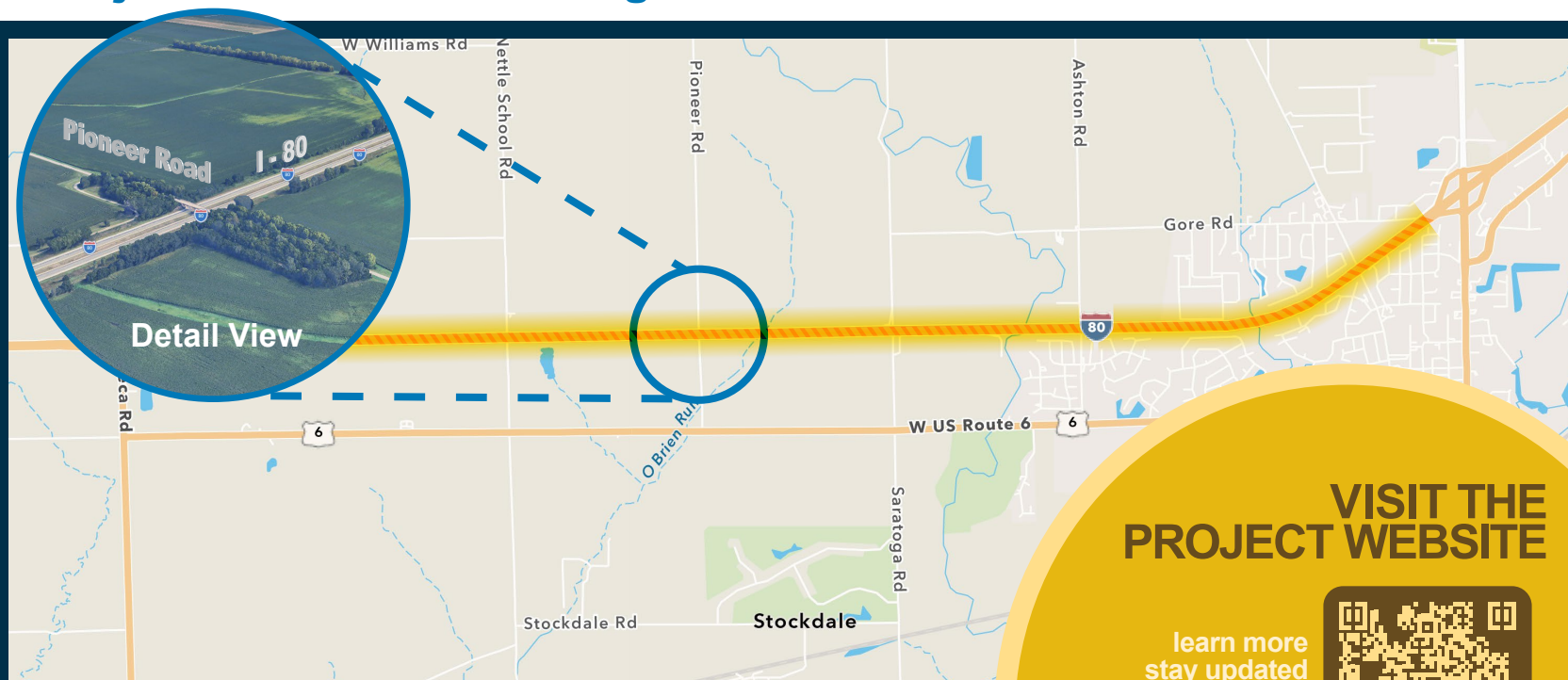


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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is proposing the removal of the Pioneer Road Bridge over Interstate 80 as part of the Interstate 80 corridor changes from Seneca to Morris. The project is intended to address the bridge's poor condition while improving safety and reducing costs for both local and interstate traffic. The proposed changes include:

- ✓ Removal of the existing Pioneer Road bridge over I-80
- ✓ Construction of cul-de-sacs on each side of the former bridge location
- ✓ Elimination of ongoing bridge maintenance needs
- ✓ Improved safety for I-80 motorists by removing overhead bridge elements
- ✓ Reduced long-term costs associated with bridge rehabilitation
- ✓ Maintained access for local residents and emergency services

Project Location and Existing Conditions



As part of IDOT's commitment to community-centered planning, the project evaluates access, safety, and circulation needs for local users while minimizing impacts to surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed changes are designed to maintain local connectivity, improve safety, and provide a clear and efficient roadway layout following the bridge removal.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

This project followed the NEPA guidelines for environmental considerations. It was determined the proposed changes will have no adverse effects on threatened or endangered species, or historical properties.

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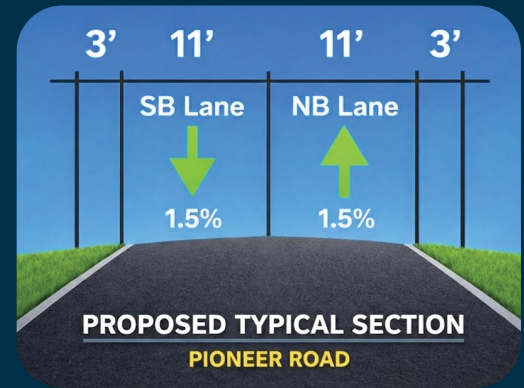
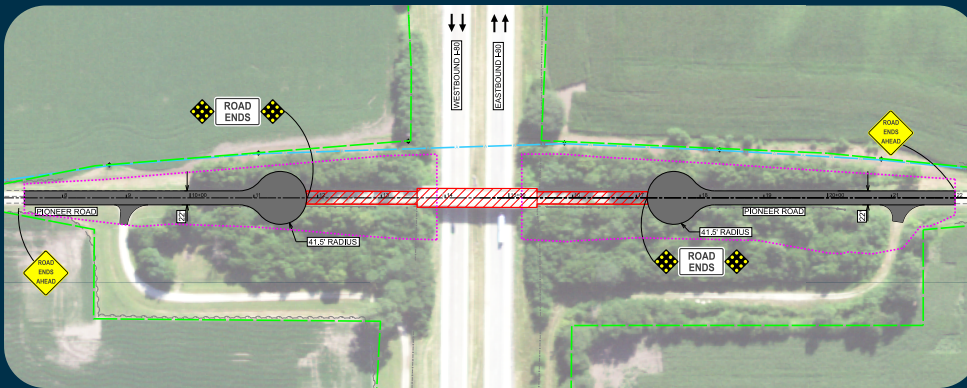
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Proposed Changes

Under the proposed plan, the Pioneer Road Bridge over I-80 will be removed, and Pioneer Road will terminate on each side of the interstate with new cul-de-sacs. No direct crossing of I-80 will remain at this location. The updated roadway layout is designed to maintain neighborhood access while reducing future maintenance costs.



Bridge Cost Options

The project also considered the long-term financial implications of maintaining or replacing the existing bridge. Continuing to invest in the structure would require substantial future expenditures for rehabilitation and ongoing maintenance. Removing the bridge eliminates those long-term obligations and represents the most cost-effective solution over time.

	Construction Costs (Roadway & Bridge)	Maintenance Costs (100-Year Life Expectancy)	Total Cost (100-Year Life Expectancy)
Bridge Removal and Replacement	\$5,000,000	\$7,685,000	\$12,685,000
Bridge Removal and Roadway Construction	\$1,750,000	0	\$1,750,000
		Total Savings	\$10,935,000

Note: Maintenance costs include all condition-based, routine-based, schedule-based, and associated traffic control costs anticipated to be incurred by IDOT.

Project Timeline



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Public Hearing

Phase 1
Completion
Approval of
Preliminary Design

* Start of construction is contingent upon project readiness and availability of funding