

# RECONSTRUCTION OF I-57 INTERCHANGE AT IL 17

## PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Present the preliminary proposed scope of work.

Answer questions about the project.

Receive public comments.

## NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT

Existing interchange ramp geometry does not meet current policies.

Existing IL 17 vertical clearance (14'-2") under I-57 is less than desired (16'-6") but does accommodate legal load heights (13'-6") and meets policy to remain in place (14'-0").

Existing bridges were constructed in 1955, rehabilitated in 1989 and have sufficiency ratings of 82.3 (southbound) and 93.5 (northbound) on a scale of 100.

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Reconstruct the existing interchange using a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) that will be compatible with possible future expansion of I-57 to six lanes.

Reconstruct Interstate 57 pavement and shift east to avoid impacts to Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Widen or reconstruct Illinois 17 to provide necessary turn lanes at the interchange.

Make Intersection, drainage and safety improvements as needed.

Replace bridges carrying Waldron Road and the KB&S Railroad over I-57.

Permanent and temporary closure or relocation of some local streets and entrances will be necessary to accommodate the new interchange and maintain traffic flow.

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Preliminary engineering study will take at least one more year to complete.

- Following the public meeting, IDOT will consider comments received as environmental and engineering studies continue.
- A public hearing will be held late in the study portion of the project to present the preferred alternative for public comment.

Design plans, land acquisition and construction of the interchange are unfunded in the Department's Fiscal Year 2013-2018 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

The Waldron Rd. overpass is programmed for improvement in the Department's Fiscal Year 2013-2018 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.