

Summary of Final Public Involvement I-57 and US 45/52 Interchange Reconstruction

ROUTE: I-57 and US 45/52 **PROJECT LENGTH:** Approx. 1.0 mile on I-57 and 0.3 mile on US 45/52
D3 NO: 2910 **SECTION:** (46-4HBK)R
CONTRACT NO: 66F89 **JOB NO:** P-93-025-17
COUNTY: Kankakee

Public involvement was sought by posting exhibits to the project website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-57-at-us-45-52-interchange.html>.

The exhibits were posted on March 1, 2022 and public comments were accepted through March 31, 2022. The purpose of the public involvement was to provide information on the proposed improvements, answer questions about the project, and receive public comments. The public involvement was announced by advertisement in local newspapers, through a press release to local media, through the IDOT website and by letters to interested parties, local officials, public service providers, legislators, and property owners along the study length of I-57 and US 45/52

A total of 3 comment sheets and two phone calls were received. All comment sheets were responded to in writing. A summary of comments and responses was posted to the project website and is attached.

The display materials included a video presentation providing an overview of project information as well as individual aerial exhibits depicting the preferred alternative as developed to date, the project purpose and need, a project location map, current and future traffic volumes, typical sections, level of service maps, information regarding the land acquisition process and other informational documents.

A summary of comments and responses is attached.

I-57 and US 45/52 Interchange at Kankakee Public Involvement March 2022 Comments/Phone Calls and responses

Effective as of 05/04/2022

Comment received 04/04/2022 from Barbara J. Spencer (property owner):

I live on 2740 S. Rd. it's a short road with about 25-30 houses on it. The only outlet is on US 45/52. Please consider another outlet (Margitte Road). or a stop light at current intersection. How will we ever be able to get out of our homes? The current way it is now is very hectic at times. A very dangerous intersection!! I know because I have lived here 61 years as of this May 7th, 2022.

Response dated 05/03/2022

The project study limit for this improvement extends past 2470 S. Rd. intersection. During the study the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will study 2470 S. Rd. intersection to determine if traffic signals are warranted and any other improvement necessary at this intersection and within the project study limits. This process follows state and federal guidelines to determine where traffic signal installation is appropriate based on many factors. If the study determines that a Traffic Signal is warranted, IDOT may include the improvement with this project, or consider the warrant as a standalone project.

Comment received 03/29/2022 from Karen Slager (Route User):

My husband and I live on the east side of rural Clifton (Chebanse Township), and I travel US Route 45/52 and drive over I-57 to commute back and forth to work at Kankakee Community College. There is no other convenient route or one that is passible during the winter months. In addition, we get gas at Love's and speedway, as well as shop and eat at the Riverstone Parkway business. The interchange is also our lifeline to commercial establishments in Kankakee County and to family further north. A prolonged disruption of I-57 with US Route 45/52 interchange would be inconvenient and stressful, particularly since the area has already been worked on numerous times over the last few years at the taxpayers' expense.

Response dated 05/03/2022

Transportation Management Plan (TMP) will be prepared during the project study. An analysis of safety and mobility impacts to road users will be performed during this study. Moving road users efficiently through and around the project limit with minimum delay compared to baseline travel when no work zone is present will be the focus of the TMP. During construction, a plan that consists of a strategy to inform the affected road users, including the surrounding community of the expected impacts of the project, changing condition of the roadway and available travel options will be provided. **Comment received 03/21/2022 from Ron O'Connor (Business Owner):**

Mr. Oconnor returned a comment sheet indicating that he talked to Jacob Oyier the project engineer on 3/21/2022. Mr. O'Connor also corrected his address on file for future correspondences.