## NOTICE

## SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE CARRYING US ROUTE 52 OVER THE FOX RIVER LOCATED 2.1 MILES WEST OF IL ROUTE 71 IN LASALLE COUNTY [Project Website Link]

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), DISTRICT 3 OFFICE, IS SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE CARRYING US ROUTE 52 OVER THE FOX RIVER LOCATED 2.1 MILES WEST OF IL ROUTE 71 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING US 52 BRIDGE CROSSING OVER THE FOX RIVER WHILE MINIMIZING IMPACT TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND ITS SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

THE BRIDGE (SN 050-0058) IS OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY IDOT. IT IS ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP) AND THEREFORE ACCORDED PROTECTION UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA) AND SECTION 4(F) OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1966. THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WILL REQUIRE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE HISTORIC BRIDGE WHICH CONSTITUTES A SECTION 4(F) USE. IDOT INTENDS TO COORDINATE THE ADVERSE EFFECT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA), THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), AND THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION (ACHP) THROUGH PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 OF NHPA, AS AMENDED (36 CFR 800).

IDOT IS PREPARING THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE) FOR THE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO VIEW THE PROJECT WEBSITE (LINK ABOVE) AND PROVIDE COMMENTS. MAPS, EXISTING PLANS, PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS, AERIAL EXHIBITS, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE PROJECT WEBSITE FOR REVIEW.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT THE IDOT OFFICE, MAILED TO THE IDOT OFFICE, OR SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO <u>KENNETH.BANGA@ILLINOIS.GOV</u>. THE PROJECT TEAM WILL RESPOND TO ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED. COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY [date 30 days after publication of notice) TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT TO: IDOT DISTRICT 3 ATTENTION MR. KENNETH BANGA 700 EAST NORRIS DRIVE OTTAWA, IL 61350 (FAX (815) 434-8553) OR (PHONE (815) 434-8469) (TTY 800-526-0844)