



PUBLIC MEETING #1 SUMMARY

FLORENCE BRIDGE PHASE I STUDY/IL 100-106 RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

NIMROD FUNK 4H & COMMUNITY BUILDING. WINCHESTER IL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

A Public Meeting was held at the Nimrod Funk 4H & Community Building in Winchester, IL from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on September 15th, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Phase I Study for the IL 100-106 Illinois River crossing at Florence, and to solicit membership in a Citizen's Advisory Group. The meeting was conducted as an open house format with no formal presentation; however, a continuous loop video presentation was shown that attendees could watch at their convenience.

A meeting handout and comment form was provided to all attendees. IDOT and consultant team representatives were available throughout the meeting to answer questions and receive comments. There were three display boards set up around the room depicting:

- The project timeline;
- A general location map; and
- A review of the alternatives that were evaluated in the previous Lower Illinois River Regional Crossing Study (LIRRCS).

There were also three aerial maps laid out on tables (1" = 200' scale) representing the general areas covered by the previous LIRRCS study which included:

- The existing bridge at Florence;
- County Highway 14 from Detroit to Interstate 72; and
- The area from Pearl to Hillview across the Illinois River.

There were 40 individuals that attended the meeting, who represented print and broadcast media, local businesses and business organizations, agriculture, governmental agencies, elected officials, schools, and interested citizens (see Attachment A - Attendance). All comments were requested by September 29, 2016. Four written comments were received at the meeting, and two additional comments were received by IDOT District 6 via mail. A summary of the comments received is tabulated below:

- Keep the bridge close, south of the existing bridge.
- The Florence Bridge is a huge asset for ease of access for Winchester and Pittsfield
- Do not close the bridge; build a new one at the present location.
- A new crossing will serve community needs though the year 2100; a new crossing at another location is possibly unacceptable.
- Residence is approximately one mile south of the current bridge.

- The current route of Illinois 106 is an established and critical route that local businesses depend on; past closures have affected delivery and cost of materials; keeping the connection open is important now and in the future.

18 individuals expressed interest in joining the Citizen's Advisory Group at the meeting.