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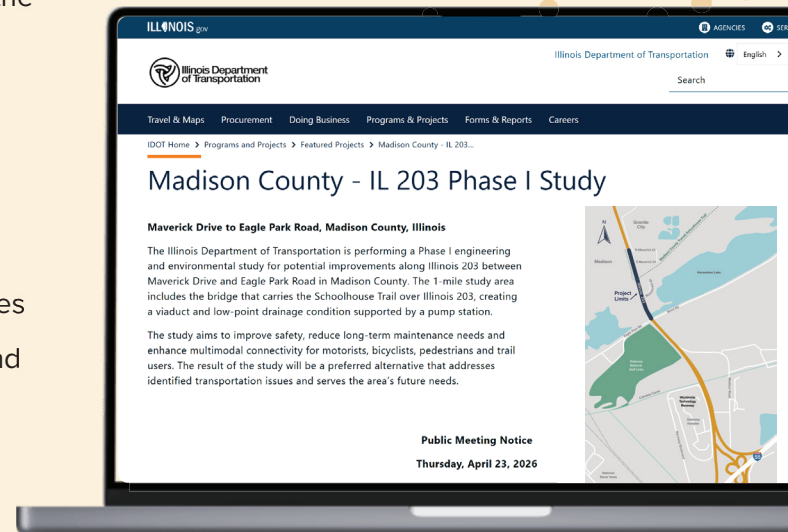
Public participation is an important part of the Phase I study.

Opportunities for involvement include:

- Public meetings
- Stakeholder briefings
- Project website updates
- Online and written comment opportunities

Your feedback will help inform the study and guide next steps.

- ✓ Continue technical evaluations
- ✓ Ongoing coordination with stakeholders and agencies
- ✓ Incorporate feedback into the study process
- ✓ Develop initial project solutions
- ✓ Public Meeting #2



YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!



Fill out a comment form



Submit a comment online



Public comments received by May 14, 2026 will be part of the public meeting record.



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ILLINOIS Maverick Drive to Eagle Park Road 203

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is conducting a Phase I Engineering and Environmental Study to evaluate potential improvements along Illinois 203 between Maverick Drive and Eagle Park Road in Madison County.

This study will specifically evaluate existing conditions, identify key issues, and develop potential solutions to improve safety, drainage, and roadway reliability for all users.

The approximately one-mile study area includes the Schoolhouse Trail bridge over Illinois 203.



STUDY AREA AND CONTEXT

- Illinois 203 from Maverick Drive to Eagle Park Road (approximately 1 mile)
- Includes the Schoolhouse Trail crossing over Illinois 203
- Approximately **13,000** vehicles travel this roadway each day
- Nearly **1 in 10** vehicles is a **truck**

IDOT PROJECT PHASES



As part of Phase I, IDOT will:

- Inventory existing infrastructure and drainage conditions
- Assess roadway geometry, shoulder widths, structural integrity of the bridge and drainage system performance
- Evaluate the operational and maintenance history of the pump station
- Identify potential constraints, right-of-way issues and future multimodal connectivity needs

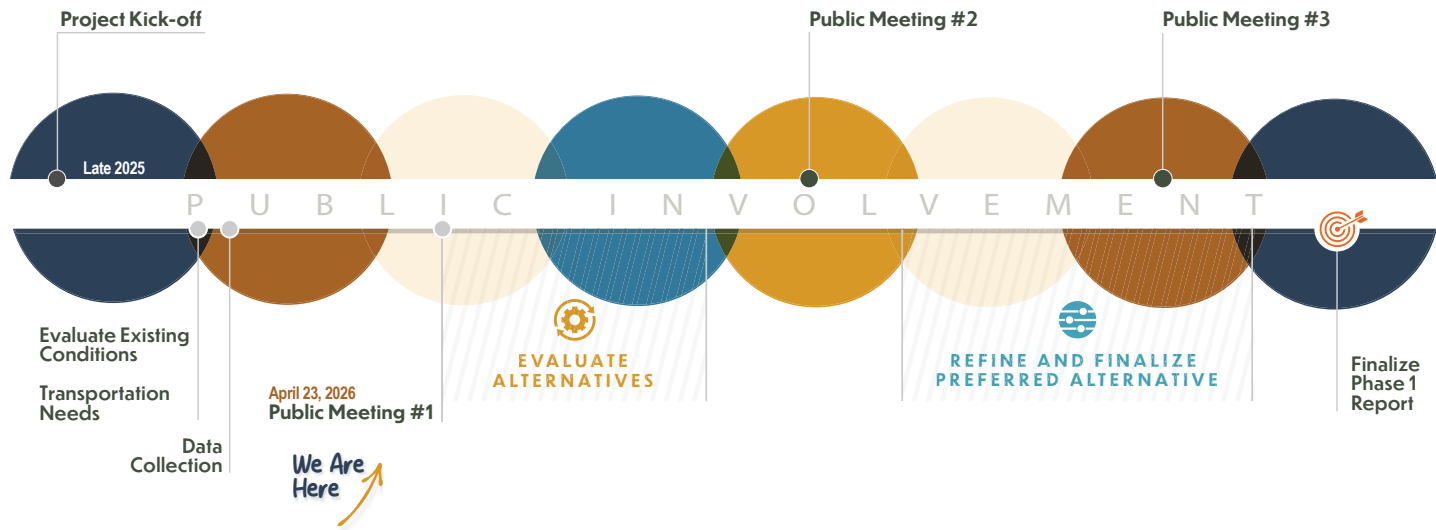
The study will follow a process similar to other IDOT corridor studies, with stakeholder engagement informing solutions that balance safety, mobility, sustainability and community context.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Low roadway elevation limits natural drainage
- Roadway floods frequently
- Bridge and roadway do not meet modern design standards
- Limited right-of-way restricts improvements

PHASE I TIMELINE



GOALS OF THIS STUDY

The goal of this study is to:

- Improve safety and reliability along Illinois 203
- Reduce or eliminate flooding at the low point
- Improve vertical clearance to modern standards
- Reduce long-term maintenance needs
- Maintain connectivity for roadway users and the trail

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS

During Phase I, IDOT will develop and evaluate potential improvement concepts. These may include:

- An at-grade alignment bringing the roadway and trail to similar elevations
- A raised roadway profile with a modified Schoolhouse Trail crossing
- A trail underpass concept with Illinois 203 elevated and the trail routed beneath

Concepts will be evaluated based on:

- Safety
- Feasibility and constructability
- Cost
- Environmental considerations
- Community input

The project is anticipated to be processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



NEPA is a Federal Act to ensure consideration of impacts to the natural, social, and built environment.

