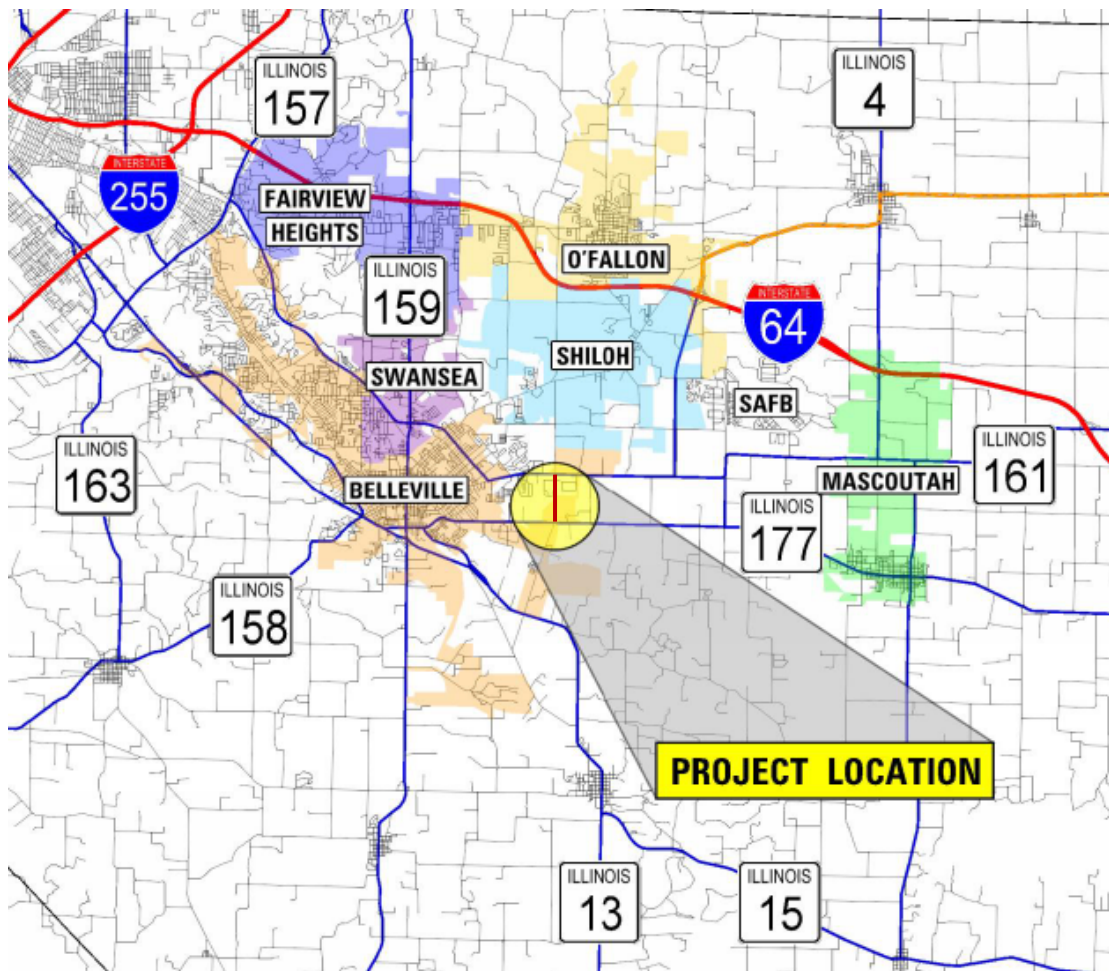


OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Green Mount Road
From Illinois Route 161 Intersection to Illinois Route 177 Intersection
Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois**

Place: SWIC/Intramural Gym
Date: April 30, 2014

City, State: Belleville, Illinois
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Division of Highways/District 8
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Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the open house public informational meeting for improvements to Green Mount Road from Illinois Route 161 to Illinois Route 177 located in the City of Belleville in St. Clair County, Illinois. Personnel from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the consulting firm of Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates are here to discuss the project, answer your questions and receive your comments regarding the proposed improvements.

AGENDA

This meeting is being held in an “open house” format to allow informal discussions between stakeholders and the Project Study Group (PSG) throughout the session. Participants are also encouraged to submit written comments about the project. Written statements may be given to us today or may be mailed to the Green Mount Road PSG, c/o Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways/District 8, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois 62234-6198 Attn.: Matt Meyer. A comment form is provided in this handout for your use. All comments should be submitted to the PSG by May 15, 2014.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to give stakeholders an opportunity to share their transportation concerns and provide input regarding Green Mount Road from Illinois Route 161 to Illinois Route 177.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The one mile section of Green Mount Road from Illinois Route 161 to Illinois Route 177 is located within IDOT’s jurisdiction. The remaining sections of Green Mount Road to the north and south of the project limits are within St. Clair County’s jurisdiction. Improvements are needed to address an increasing number of vehicles utilizing Green Mount Road within the project limits and the high number of crashes along this section of roadway. The current Average Daily Traffic (ADT) along Green Mount Road, within the project limits, is approximately 19,000 vehicles, in the year 2037 it is anticipated that the amount of vehicles will increase approximately 30% to 25,000 vehicles.

Level of Service (LOS) is a measure of how well an intersection or roadway operates and is related to the speed, density and measurement of delay of vehicles traveling through an area. LOS A is the best level of operation and a LOS of F is the worse. The Illinois Route 161 intersection currently operates at an acceptable LOS while the intersections of Illinois Route 177 and SWIC/Weatherstone perform poorly. For the design year of 2037, if no improvements are made, all the signalized intersections will perform poorly, with LOS F commonly experienced. During the years 2008 through 2012, there were a total of 375 crashes in this section of roadway. Approximately 57% of the crashes were rear-end crashes and 29% were turning crashes. Typically these types of crashes can be associated with large volumes of traffic, improper signal timing, insufficient lengths of turn lanes, etcetera.

The intersection of Green Mount Road and Illinois Route 161 has been identified as a 5% selected intersection. This designation means that this location, when compared with intersections of this type throughout the State, is within the top 5% of intersections for severe crashes. For the five years studied, there were 222 crashes resulting in 87 injuries at this intersection. A detailed crash analysis will be conducted as part of this project to determine the contributing factors and proposed counter-measures for the crashes.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

IDOT is applying its Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) policy to this project. The formal policy may be reviewed online at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/css/home.html>. The basic tenets of the CSS policy require that IDOT:

- Involve all stakeholders early and often in the project development process
- Consider the “context” of the community when making roadway improvements
- Consider multi-modal solutions to transportation problems

IDOT is working to identify and include all of the stakeholders for the Green Mount Road project. Some of the stakeholders have been identified and meetings with them have been held to inform them about the project and obtain input from them. After this first Public Involvement Meeting a Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be formed. The CAG will be formed from representatives from a variety of stakeholder groups with an interest in the project and will include representatives from surrounding residential neighborhoods, schools, businesses, local government and other groups. The CAG will work with the Project Study Group (PSG) to help define the community’s context, assist in the development of a Problem Statement, communicate the community’s various perspectives on proposed alternatives, and help prioritize the community’s needs. In addition, the CAG will disseminate information back to their respective groups regarding the status of the project. The CAG’s efforts are critical to the success of the project. It should be understood that the PSG is the decision making group for this project. The PSG consist of representatives from IDOT, FHWA and the consultant.

WHAT’S NEXT?

The Green Mount Road project from the Illinois Route 161 intersection to the Illinois Route 177 Intersection is currently in the Location and Environment Study (Phase I) phase of the project. This phase will involve evaluation of potential alternatives to address mobility and safety issues within the project area. Potential alternatives will be evaluated on how well they address the project’s purpose as well as potential environmental impacts, residential and commercial impacts, and feedback from the public.

It is anticipated that Phase I of the project will require approximately 18 to 24 months. A number of public involvement activities will be scheduled during this phase of the project. Public involvement meetings will be conducted to solicit input from the public regarding issues to be addressed by the project, input on various alternatives, and input on a recommended alternative.

After Phase I has concluded, Phase II (Detailed Design), Land Acquisition and Contract Plans Preparation can be begin which generally takes 12 to 18 months. This project is currently funded for Phase I and II and Construction in the Governor’s FY 2015-2020 Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Should you have any additional questions, you may contact Mr. Matt Meyer of IDOT at 618-346-3160 or by e-mail at matthew.meyer@illinois.gov or Ms. Cindy Watters of Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. at 618-288-4665 or by e-mail at CWatters@blainc.com.