

I-64 Under IL Route 111 Public Meeting

Welcome

The purpose of tonight's meeting, which is hosted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is to get your feedback on the the I-64/IL Route 111 interchange project.

The existing IL Route 111 bridge is old and its condition has deteriorated. Addressing these deficiencies and improving traffic operations, safety and mobility will allow I-64 to continue to serve as a vital link to the interstate highway system in the St. Louis metropolitan region and improve access to the Village of Washington Park and surrounding communities.

Cemetery Findings

At the first (August 2019) public informational meeting, an attendee notified IDOT of the presence of former cemeteries at the project location – the Douglas-Lawnridge and St. Clair County cemeteries. IDOT conducted background research and preliminary archaeological work at the project site, and it appears likely that some burials within the interchange's footprint had not been relocated before the interstate's construction in 1968. To complete its commitment to relocate all burials, IDOT will employ professional archaeologists to detect and recover remaining burials within the project footprint. IDOT proposes to secure a location in another cemetery for the remains to be reinterred.

At tonight's meeting, we want your input on how to memorialize the former Douglas – Lawnridge and St. Clair County cemeteries.

You can submit your comments at tonight's meeting in writing or electronically, or you can mail your comments to the address below. Thank You!

Illinois Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Matthew Meyer
1102 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234



I-64 / IL Route 111 Interchange

Overview & Scope

Funding Status

All engineering and construction is included in the Department's FY 2022-2027 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Crash History

Crash history in this location reflects that the clearance distance between Interstate 64 and the structure that carries IL Route 111 over the interstate is not sufficient as this structure has been struck by trucks traveling on Interstate 64. In addition, the tight curves on the existing ramps has resulted in some run off the road type crashes.



PROJECT TIME LINE

We are here



Phase I

Public Involvement, Preliminary Design and Environmental Study

Estimated Time:
24-48 Months

Phase II

Final Design, Construction Bid and ROW Acquisition Documents

Estimated Time:
24 Months

Phase III

Construction of the Project

Estimated Time:
36-48 Months

Public Involvement - Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) will be utilized for the public involvement for this project. An inclusive, responsive public involvement program is an essential part of this project. The CSS process, developed by IDOT, helps ensure that any recommended transportation improvements will enhance the quality of life for those who have a stake in the system. This collaborative approach also preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility. For more information on CSS please visit: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/context-sensitive-solutions/index>

Project Study Group (PSG)

This project is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). IDOT's consultant team, led by Hanson Professional Services, Inc., is assisting with environmental studies, preliminary engineering and design, and public involvement using the CSS process. The PSG oversees the development of the study, makes decisions on the project design and considers input from the public in making these decisions.

Get Involved / Provide Comments

Your input remains an important part of this project. Comment forms are available at tonight's meeting and included in this handout. They can be returned to the comment form box when completed, or mailed to Matthew Meyer at 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. If you want to comment outside of tonight's open house or if you have any questions about the public involvement for this project, please contact Matthew Meyer at (618) 346-3160 or e-mail him at matthew.meyer@illinois.gov.

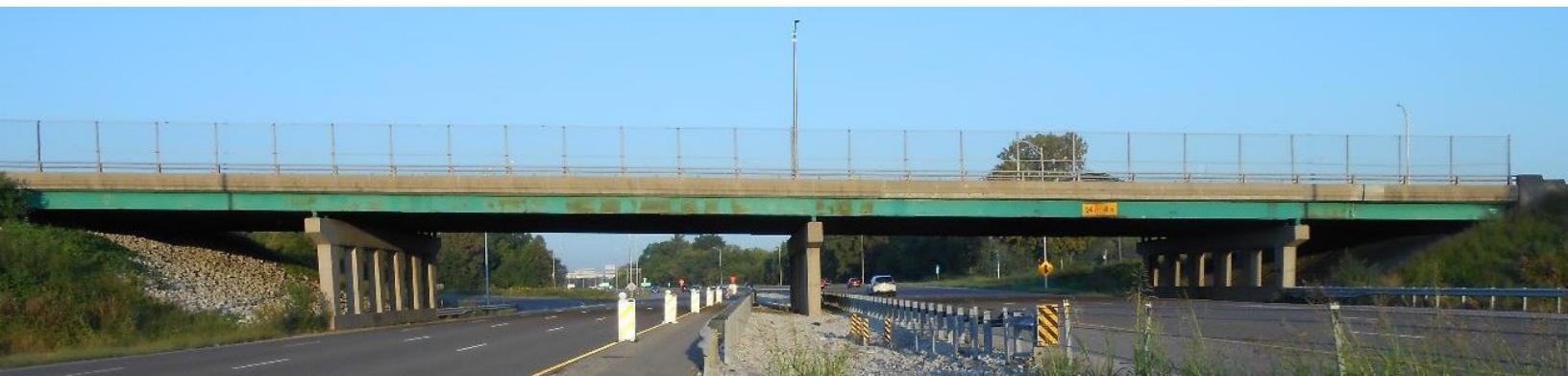
What's Next?

The PSG will consider your comments regarding the proposed interchange design concept and your thoughts on memorializing the former Douglas-Lawnridge and St. Clair County cemeteries.

The PSG will then write a report that documents the project and overall process. After Phase I has concluded, Phase II can begin, which will include preparing the final design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition documents. It is estimated that Phase II will take approximately 24 months to complete.

For the latest information on the I-64 Under Route 111 Project, visit the project website at idot.illinois.gov/projects/I-64-under-IL-111

Thank You for attending this meeting and assisting in our efforts to make sure this project is a success.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Why is this project being done?**

The existing bridge that carries IL Route 111 over I-64 in Washington Park, Illinois was built in 1973, making it nearly 50 years old and reaching the end of its useful service life. The clearance between the bridge and the interstate is 14'-2" which is well below the current minimum of 16'-0". Thus, on numerous occasions, trucks and equipment hauled by trucks have struck the bridge resulting in frequent repairs.

2. **Will IL Route 111 or the interchange be closed during construction?**

This question cannot be answered at this time since the project design has not been developed yet. However, efforts will be made to keep IL Route 111 open to traffic and minimize inconvenience to the motoring public. IDOT is currently at the early stages of Phase I for this project. As more detailed information becomes available, we will update the community accordingly.

3. **Is there funding available to build this project?**

All engineering and construction costs for this project are included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2022-2027 Proposed Highway Improvement Program (MYP). \$3 million is included in the MYP for Phase II engineering and land acquisition. \$26.5 million is included in the MYP for construction utility adjustments and construction engineering.

4. **Will property be acquired for this improvement?**

It is too early in the Phase 1 process to determine if any right-of-way is needed from properties located in the project study area.

5. **How can the community, families and loved ones of those interred in the cemeteries formerly at the project sight provide input to IDOT on how to memorialize the cemeteries?**

The community is invited to share their ideas via a written or online comment form. Paper comment forms can be submitted at this meeting, mailed or emailed. Virtual comments can be provided by scanning the QR code below. IDOT will accept comments through August 19, 2022.



6. **When does IDOT anticipate the relocation of any burials from the project site?**

To complete its commitment to relocate all burials, IDOT will employ professional archaeologists to detect and recover remaining burials within the project footprint. IDOT proposes to secure a location in another cemetery for the remains to be reinterred and expects this process to be completed prior to and during construction activities.

