



## Welcome

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to the first public meeting for the US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Study. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- ◆ Learn about the preliminary engineering process, schedule, and public participation opportunities.
- ◆ Review exhibits and materials
- ◆ Share ideas, ask questions, and provide comments.



## How to Participate

### 1 Sign in and Collect Materials

Please provide your contact information so that we can send you study updates and notify you of future public participation opportunities.

### 2 Learn about the Study and Ask Questions

Exhibits, documents and materials are available for your review. IDOT and study team members are available to answer your questions and discuss the study.

### 3 Provide Your Input

Please visit our Comments and Stakeholder Involvement stations to:

- ◆ Please complete a comment sheet.
- ◆ If you'd like to be considered, please fill out an application to participate in the Community Advisory Group (CAG).

### EXHIBIT STATIONS

- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Study Overview
- ◆ Exhibits & Aerial Displays
- ◆ Traffic & Safety
- ◆ Environmental Resources
- ◆ Land Acquisition
- ◆ Stakeholder Involvement
- ◆ Comments

## Contact Us

- ◆ For more information or to submit comments after the meeting, please visit us on the web: (<https://idot.click/us-40-troy>) or contact Sarah Wiszkon, IDOT Project Studies Engineer:

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## Study Overview

IDOT is studying potential improvements to approximately 3 miles of US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive, located in the Village of Troy as well as unincorporated Madison County. The study corridor includes residential and commercial areas, green spaces, and pockets of industrial development.

In this region, US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive serves as a main east-west corridor. IDOT has initiated this study because of the importance of this roadway in servicing the local and regional traffic. US Route 40 carries between 8,000 and 14,400 vehicles per day in the study limits. These traffic volumes are expected to increase due to continual growth and development in Madison County.

During the US Route 40 Study, IDOT will:

- ◆ Coordinate with stakeholders to better understand community issues and values.
- ◆ Identify transportation needs along the corridor.
- ◆ Collect information about a variety of existing communities and environmental resources.
- ◆ Develop a broad range of long-term transportation solutions.
- ◆ Study and document potential effects to the community and environment
- ◆ Design transportation improvements that benefit residents, businesses, and the traveling public.



**Study Corridor**

## Context Sensitive Solutions

This study will be conducted in accordance with IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that seeks effective, multimodal transportation solutions by working with stakeholders to develop, build and maintain cost-effective transportation facilities which fit into and reflect the project's surroundings (its "context"). Through early, frequent, and meaningful communication with stakeholders and a flexible, creative approach to design, the resulting project should improve safety and mobility for the traveling public while seeking to preserve and enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the settings through which they pass. CSS ensures that social, economic, and environmental issues are considered during the planning process.



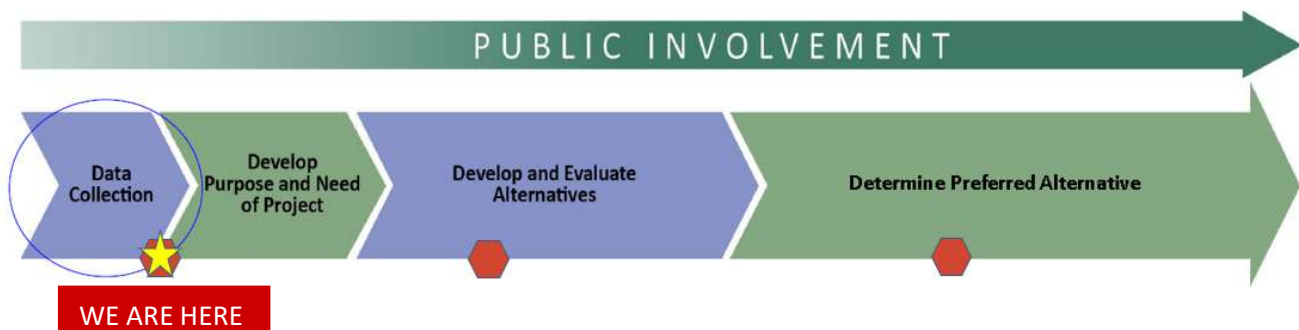
## Project Development

A typical highway improvement project is developed in three phases:

- ◆ Phase I: Preliminary engineering and environmental studies
- ◆ Phase II: Preparation of Contract Plans/Specifications and Right-of-Way acquisition
- ◆ Phase III: Construction

Funding for Phase I (US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive), approximately \$3,000,000, is identified in the Department's Fiscal 2024-2029 Proposed Highway & Multimodal Program. Future phases of engineering (\$2,000,000) and construction (\$40,000,000) are also currently identified in the Department's Multiyear Program

## Phase I Process & Schedule



The US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Study is currently at the beginning of Phase I. During this phase, IDOT will study a broad range of solutions that address the project's purpose and need, including a "No-Build" (do nothing) alternative, to improve US Route 40 in the study limits.

## Identify Stakeholders & Data Collection:

The US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Study is currently at the end of Data Collection. Activities included are:

- ◆ Identifying stakeholders in the study area
- ◆ Holding meetings with local officials, planners, and municipal staff
- ◆ Coordinating with homeowners' associations, businesses, and organizations
- ◆ Collecting information about study area resources
- ◆ Identifying existing transportation issues and needs
- ◆ Developing a Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- ◆ Conducting Public Meeting #1 and forming a Community Advisory Group

### What is a Stakeholder?

A stakeholder is any person or organization that has a direct stake in the project being considered and its outcomes.

## Stay Involved

The US Route 40 from Formosa Road to Bethany Drive Study includes multiple ways for you to participate. We encourage you to submit comments, attend public meetings, ask questions, and stay informed through the project website and newsletters.

A Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) has been developed to guide the public participation program. The plan describes the methods, tools and activities that will be used to engage stakeholders during the study. The SIP is flexible and IDOT may modify it to as the study progresses. It is available for viewing on the project website.

Public participation opportunities will be provided during each step of the planning process. IDOT will announce future public events on the project website and in notices to those on the project mailing list.

## Join the Community Advisory Group

IDOT is currently forming a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to provide insight into community issues and concerns. A CAG is a group of voluntary community representatives that meet with IDOT at key milestones to help identify potential solutions for the transportation needs within their community. The CAG will consist of property owners, business owners, residents, and other interested stakeholders. The study team will determine CAG membership to ensure that the group represents a broad range of community interests. The CAG will meet up to approximately four times during the study.

- ◆ To learn more about the CAG or complete a membership application, visit the Stakeholder Involvement station tonight, download an application from the project website (<https://idot.click/us-40-troy>) or contact Sarah Wiskon, to request an application. Applications are due by March 30, 2024.