



Welcome

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to the first public meeting for the Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps Preliminary Engineering Study. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- ◆ Learn about the planning process, schedule, and public participation opportunities
- ◆ Become familiar with the project area
- ◆ 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 Review the Exhibits

The exhibits provide an overview of the study, including current efforts and next steps.

3 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.

4 Provide Your Input

Please visit our Comments station to:

- ◆ Complete a comment sheet.

EXHIBIT STATIONS

- ◆ Sign In
- ◆ Study Overview
- ◆ Traffic & Safety
- ◆ Environmental Resources
- ◆ Aerial Display
- ◆ Comments



Study Overview

IDOT is studying potential improvements to three miles of Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to the Westbound I-64 Ramps located within the City of Nashville in Washington County. The study corridor includes residential and commercial areas, agricultural lands, and industrial development.

In this region, Illinois 127 serves as a main north-south corridor. IDOT has initiated this study because of the importance of this roadway in servicing the local and regional traffic. Illinois 127 carries between 4,000 and 10,600 vehicles per day in the study limits. These traffic volumes are expected to increase due to continued growth and development in Washington County.

During the Illinois 127 Preliminary Engineering 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 community and environmental resources.
- ◆ Develop a broad range of long-term transportation solutions.
- ◆ Study and document potential effects to the community and environment.
- ◆ Recommend transportation improvements that benefit residents, businesses, and the traveling public.



Study Corridor

Phase I Process & Schedule

The Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps Preliminary Engineering Study is currently at the beginning of Phase I. During this phase, IDOT will study a broad range of solutions, including a "No-Build" (do nothing) alternative, to improve Illinois 127 in the study limits.

IDOT will also conduct an environmental analysis to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA is a federal law that requires federally funded proposed or future actions, such as the Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps Preliminary Engineering Study, to be carefully analyzed for all impacts to natural and cultural resources and to the human environment. The term "environment" refers not only to the natural environment (e.g., air, water, ecology), but also to the human environment (e.g., social, cultural and economic issues). These efforts help to ensure that environmental values and other factors are integrated into project decisions.



The results of this study will be presented in a NEPA Federally Approved Categorical Exclusion (CE). Phase I is anticipated to take three years to complete.

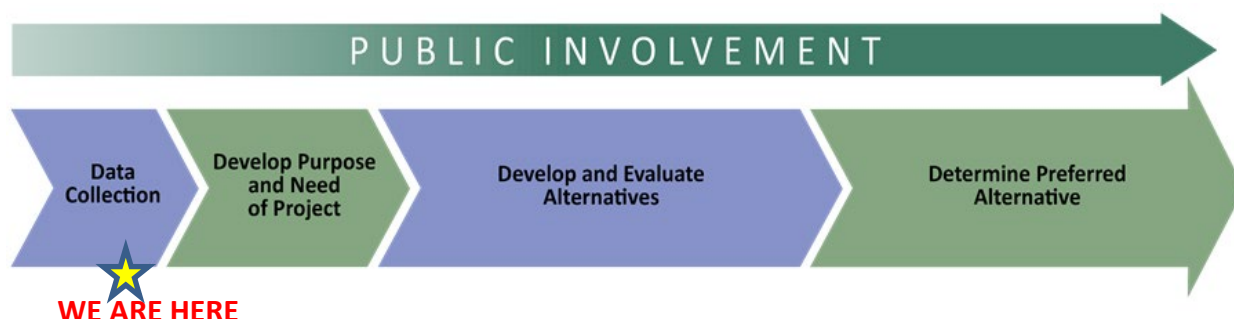
Step 1: Identify Stakeholders & Data Collection:

The Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps Preliminary Engineering Study is currently at the beginning of Step 1. Activities in Step 1 include:

- ◆ Identify stakeholders in the study area.
- ◆ Hold meetings with local officials, planners, and municipal staff.
- ◆ Collect information about study area resources.
- ◆ Identify existing transportation issues and needs.
- ◆ Develop a Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP).
- ◆ Conduct Public Meeting #1.

What is a Stakeholder?

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



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: Design
- ◆ Phase III: Construction

Funding for Phase I (Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps) was identified in the Department's Fiscal Year 24-29 Proposed Highway Multimodal Improvement Program. Future phases are subject to fund availability.

Stay Involved

The Illinois 127 from Illinois 15 to Westbound I-64 Ramps Preliminary Engineering 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) is being developed to guide the public participation program. The plan will describe the methods, tools and activities that will be used to engage stakeholders during the study. The SIP is flexible and can be modified to meet stakeholder needs.

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 newsletters.

- ◆ View the SIP at the Resources/Documents station. The SIP is also available on the project website.

Contact Us

- ◆ For more information or to submit comments after the meeting, please visit us on the web: (<https://idot.click/il-127-washington-co>) or contact Sarah Wiskon, IDOT Acting Location Studies Engineer:

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