



**Thank you for visiting the U.S. 51 project page.** The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the design stage (Phase II) of this road improvement. The project will take place on U.S. 51 from Park Street to Stacy Street in Du Quoin. The project is 0.75 miles in length and is estimated to cost \$8.3 million. Anticipated duration is one construction season, pending the relocation of utilities.

The purpose of this project page is to provide a virtual open house public meeting in addition to our in-person public meeting on Oct. 25 to give the public an opportunity to comment on proposed improvements and related issues in this area that may require attention.

Exhibits, maps and aerial photography of the proposed project area are available for viewing. Interested persons should view all material provided with links below to learn more about the project, review anticipated proposed improvements and provide comments. Comments may be submitted online or in person at our public meeting on Oct. 25.

The proposed improvements are anticipated to include the removal and replacement of the existing U.S. 51 pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm sewers. Entrances and sideroads will also be removed and replaced to the back of the radius returns. During construction, U.S. 51 will be closed in stages and traffic will be detoured to Maple Street in Du Quoin. At the conclusion of the U.S. 51 construction, Maple Street will be resurfaced with asphalt.

After reviewing the material, please fill out a [comment form](#) and return it to the department by Nov. 17.

Questions about the project may be directed to:

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Note: IDOT projects typically have three distinct phases. Phase I (Project Study) consists of developing the project scope, environmental studies and preliminary design of a project. Phase II (Design) consists of refining the design to develop contract plans and land acquisition. Phase III (Construction) consists of the actual construction of the project.