

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

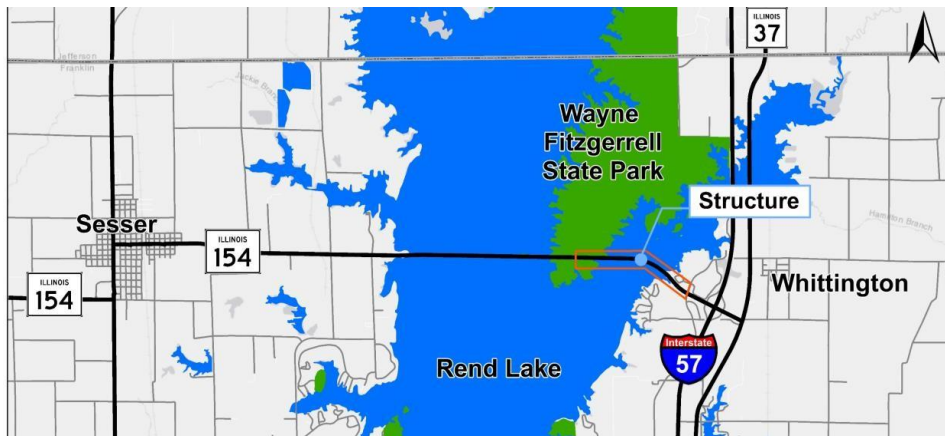
WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

IL Route 154 at Rend Lake



THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is hosting a **virtual** public meeting for the proposed improvements along IL 154 at Rend Lake.



IDOT is performing an Environmental and Preliminary Engineering Study to analyze the work proposed for the reconstruction of the bridge carrying IL 154 at Rend Lake. The study also includes the addition of a multi-use path along IL 154 for approximately 1.6 miles from Larry Foster Parkway to Fitzgerald Park Road in Franklin County, Illinois.

This project will include impacts to Rend Lake Recreation Area and Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area. As such, it is subject to protection under Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966. For this project, IDOT intends to seek a section 4(f) "de minimis" impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration based on a determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities that qualify these recreational areas for protection under section 4(f). Effects of the recreational areas will include the construction of a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path and embankment in Rend Lake to widen the IL 154 causeway across Rend Lake between Fitzgerald Park Drive and Larry Foster Parkway. Mitigation will include improved access for alternative modes of transportation to the recreational areas. This public meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the effects of the project on the recreational areas.

The purpose of this virtual public outreach is to provide an overview of the study process and schedule. Maps and exhibits will be available on the project website for viewing and comment starting July 20, 2023. Interested persons should view all materials on the project website and provide comments by July 31, 2023. <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/illinois-154-at-rend-lake-bridge-replacement-project.html>

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