



State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor

Illinois Department of Transportation
Gary Hannig, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 13, 2010

CONTACT:
Marisa Kollias (IDOT) 312/814.4693
Paris Ervin (IDOT) 217/558.0517

Illinois Transportation Secretary Announces Public Meetings for Future Road Program

Public Input Needed for Planning and Development of Upcoming Multi-Year Transportation Program

CHICAGO - Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig today announced that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be seeking additional public feedback on development of its proposed Multi-Year Program for Highway Improvements by holding informational and feedback sessions this month in 20 Illinois communities.

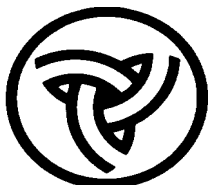
“Governor Quinn has made it clear that we need more and better community input on project plans to ensure that we at IDOT continue to meet the transportation needs of citizens throughout Illinois,” Secretary Hannig said. “As we put together what will be one of the largest multi-year programs in the state’s history, we’d like this program to address the needs that are most important to communities and citizens throughout Illinois.”

The public meetings for the Chicagoland area will be held at the locations below to give residents and businesses in the area a chance to better understand and weigh in on project priorities over the next five to seven years.

Tuesday, January 19, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
South Holland Community Center
501 E. 170th Street
South Holland, Illinois 60473

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
IDOT- Region One
201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196

Thursday, January 21, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Lincolnway Central High School
1801 E. Lincoln Highway
New Lenox, Illinois 60451



Illinois Department of Transportation

Monday, January 25, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn St. Charles
4070 E. Main Street (Route 64)
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Tuesday, January 26, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
College of Lake County
19351 W. Washington Street
Building “C”
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

Wednesday, January 27, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Hilton Lisle/Naperville
3003 Corporate West Drive
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Thursday, January 28, 2010
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Conference Center
800 South Route 31
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

The proposed Multi-Year Program (MYP) is based on conservative estimates of local, federal and state funding, including funding from Governor Quinn’s Illinois Jobs Now! capital program, enacted in 2009. The Multi-Year Program for FY 2010-2015 totals about \$11.25 billion and focuses on maintenance of the current road system.

The public meetings will be conducted on an informal basis and no formal presentation is planned. IDOT staff will be present to answer any questions related to the State highway program, planning and project development process.

The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the current MYP, the current programming procedures, and provide input on the development of the next MYP. The meeting also will provide information to prospective contractors about programs in place to assist small business enterprises, including businesses owned and operated by minorities and women, and other IDOT programs.

Comment sheets will be provided for those in attendance who wish to provide a written statement. Comments received at this meeting or sent to the Region One Headquarters by February 11, 2010, will be included in the official record. The same material will be available for review and inspection at the Region One Headquarters, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg IL 60196, after the mentioned meeting dates.

These meetings will be accessible to individuals with handicaps. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Brian Carlson at (847) 705-4081. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department’s TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY Users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864 or 711; and for Telebraille, dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

