### **Preferred Improvement**



#### **Other Information**

Written comments may be submitted during the public meeting. Additionally, comments may be mailed, emailed or faxed to the contact information to the right by Friday, February 21, 2014.



Any questions or comments regarding the study should be directed to:

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## Fairmont Neighborhood Meeting Open House



## Caton Farm - Bruce Road Phase I Study

Meeting Location
January 28, 2014 • 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Fairmont Community Center
525 Barry Avenue
Lockport, IL 60441



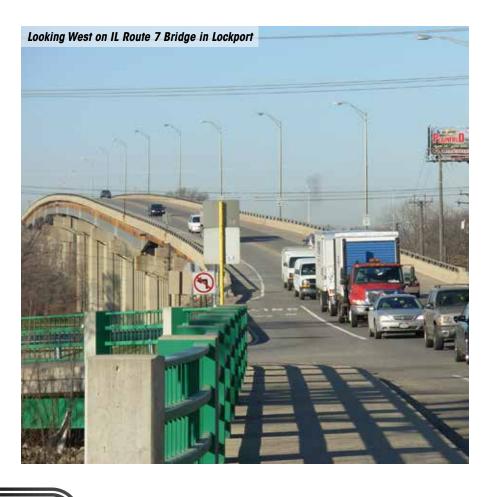
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#### **Purpose of the Meeting**

- To present the Preferred Improvement Plan and Associated Impacts.
- To obtain input from the Fairmont Neighborhood.
- To explain Land Acquisition Procedures.

#### **Need for Improvement**

- Provide new Des Plaines River Valley Bridge.
- Provide for east-west regional mobility.
- Address safety and operational deficiencies of existing roadwork network.
- Accommodate future travel demand.



#### **Scope of Work**

- Construct new bridge over Des Plaines River Valley.
- Provide 2 lanes in each direction and left turn lanes from Caton Farm Road / U.S. Route 30 Intersection to 159th Street / Cedar Road Intersection.
- Install new traffic signals as necessary.

# Benefits of Improvement to Fairmont Neighborhood

- Regional connectivity across Des Plaines River.
- Improved roadway and drainage infrastructure.
- Increased pedestrian safety with sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Off-street bicycle facilities allow for connections to regional trails.
- Increased community safety through roadway lighting.
- Opportunities for gateway and aesthetic enhancements to corridor.

#### **Right-of-Way Acquisition**

Construction of the preferred improvement plan will require acquisition of private property in many areas. Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance for all Federal-aid projects is governed by Public Law 91-646: Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987.

The law provides for consistent treatment of property owners and requires payment of fair market value for the property acquired, taking into account partial takings, damages and benefits to the remaining land.

Right-of-Way acquisition cannot begin until the Phase I Preliminary Engineering studies are complete and Phase II Design Engineering studies are underway. Although Phase I Engineering for this project is estimated to be complete in 2015, no funding is currently available for Phase II Design Engineering or Construction. Due to funding constraints, this project will be constructed in stages and over a number of years. There is currently no defined schedule for when Right-of-Way Acquisition would begin.

