



Illinois Department
of Transportation

Project Brochure



Public Informational Meeting

EASTBOUND McCLUGAGE BRIDGE (US 150) OVER THE ILLINOIS RIVER
PEORIA AND TAZEWELL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

DATE: Tuesday, August 26, 2014

TIME: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

PLACE: Washington School Gymnasium
3706 N. Grand Boulevard
Peoria, Illinois 61614



Welcome

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to this Public Informational Meeting for the study of the rehabilitation or removal and replacement of the eastbound McClugage Bridge (US 150) over the Illinois River. (See *Project Location Map*)

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the proposed improvement and to obtain your comments. This meeting will address the need for the project, potential locations for the new bridge, possible bridge types if the current bridge is removed, and potential impacts to the community as well as cultural and environmental resources. Exhibits, drawings and aerial photos are available for your review throughout the meeting. You are invited to discuss the project with IDOT staff and the project engineering consultants.



Project Purpose

The preliminary purpose of the McClugage Bridge Project is to accommodate eastbound US 150 traffic across the Illinois River on a transportation system that is structurally sound, meets current design standards, accommodates future traffic, and provides a safe crossing for the public.

Stakeholder Advisory Group

A Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) has been established by IDOT for this project, which includes volunteers representing Peoria County, Tazewell County, the City of Peoria, the City of East Peoria, the Village of Peoria Heights, Peoria Park District, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, CityLink, the League of Illinois Bicyclists, Illinois Sierra Club, Illinois Central College, and regional law enforcement. Participants serve as liaisons between the communities they represent and IDOT, providing deeper insight into community conditions and values so the project process is well-informed and responsive to community needs. Two SAG meetings have been held since the McClugage Bridge Project began earlier this year.

Project Description

Although the eastbound McClugage Bridge (US 150) over the Illinois River has been rehabilitated several times, the basic structure is over 70 years old and is approaching the end of its serviceable life. The existing structure is not up-to-date with current design standards or safety criteria, plus weather, vehicle use, age, and salt used in snow removal have caused deterioration. The average daily traffic use of over 20,000 eastbound vehicles predicts that the current two-lane bridge will need to be upgraded to three lanes to accommodate future traffic needs. Furthermore, the needs of cyclists and pedestrians must be considered since this bridge is a major crossing point over the Illinois River. The additional lane and pedestrian/bicycle accommodations could mean the current 30-foot wide bridge could significantly increase in width. The combination of all these factors indicates the need for another rehabilitation, or complete reconstruction, of the eastbound bridge structure.

IDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is sponsoring the project for the rehabilitation or removal and replacement of the eastbound McClugage Bridge. IDOT has contracted with the joint venture project team of T.Y. Lin International and Hanson Professional Services Inc. to complete the McClugage Bridge project preliminary engineering and design, which includes public engagement throughout the process.

The McClugage Bridge Project is estimated to cost approximately \$210 million. The funding comes from the “Major Bridge Funds” for Illinois; thus, the project is already funded as part of IDOT’s current Multi-Year Program (2015-2020).

Proposed Project Schedule

Project Phase	Phase Description	Spring 2014	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	See Below
1	Purpose and Need for the Project	✓	✓				
	Roadway Alternatives to be Carried Forward	✓	✓				
	Preferred Roadway Alternative		✓	✓			
	Bridge Type Preferred Alternative		✓	✓			
	Environmental Assessment Approval				✓		
	Public Hearing				✓		
	Report Approval					✓	
2	Prepare Construction Plans						2016-2017
3	Construction						2018-2021



Next Steps

Following this Public Informational Meeting, all comments received by September 16, 2014 will be reviewed and addressed as the project moves forward. An analysis of the alternatives will be conducted through the Spring of 2015 including all potential environmental impacts. A public hearing to present the preferred alternative is anticipated to be held in the fall of 2015.

Project Questions and Comments

Your questions and comments are an important part of this meeting and can be submitted in writing on the comment form provided, or in electronic format through the digital survey. Written correspondence regarding this project can also be mailed to the address below.

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Proposed Bridge Section for New Bridge Option

