



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Project Brochure



Public Hearing

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

TIME: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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



Welcome

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to this Public Hearing for the removal and replacement of the eastbound McClugage Bridge (US 150) over the Illinois River in Peoria and Tazewell County. (See *Project Location Map*)

This Public Hearing is being held to provide information to you about the project and address any comments you may have. You are invited to view the exhibits, drawings and aerial photos and discuss the project with IDOT staff and the project engineering consultants.

Purpose of this Public Hearing

The purpose for conducting this Public Hearing is to:

- Explain the purpose and need for the improvements to the eastbound McClugage Bridge and connecting interchanges;
- Present the alternative alignments considered and the selected preferred alignment alternative;
- Present the alternative bridge types and the selected preferred bridge type; and
- Provide an opportunity for you to view and discuss the project.

What is the purpose of the US 150 eastbound project?

The purpose of the project is to accommodate eastbound US 150 traffic across the Illinois River on a transportation system that is structurally sound, meets current design standards and is designed for future traffic capacity. Also, to provide a safe crossing for multiple modes of travel, including pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.

Why is this project needed?

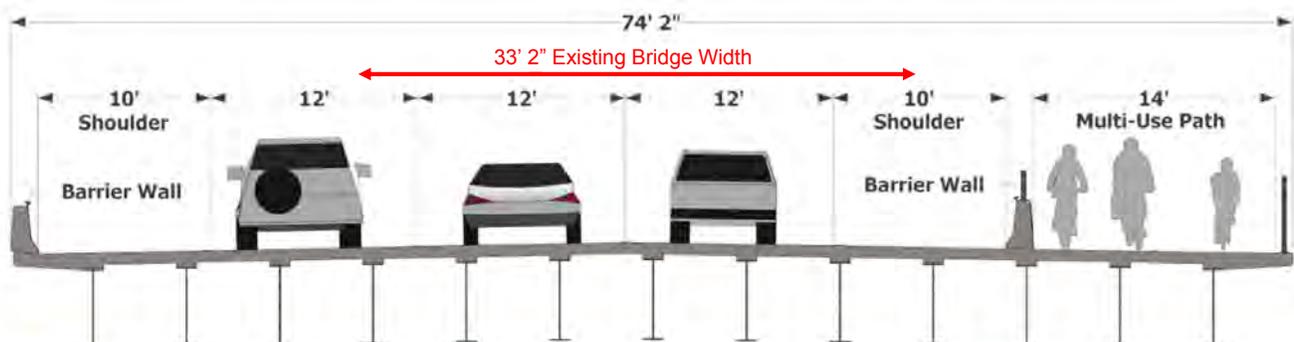
The existing eastbound McClugage Bridge is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, will not be able to accommodate future 2040 traffic projections, and is nearing the end of its expected service life. Replacement of the existing structure will be required to address the aging condition and underlying deficiencies and traffic capacity issues.



Project Description

The eastbound McClugage Bridge was completed in 1948. It conveyed eastbound and westbound traffic over the Illinois River until 1983 when westbound traffic was moved to the new bridge immediately north of this bridge. Traffic was re-established as eastbound only on the bridge at that time and remains that way. The bridge has been rehabilitated several times throughout its life with the last major rehabilitation completed in 2000. The average daily traffic is currently over 20,000 vehicles per day. The existing bridge is not up to date with current design standards or safety criteria. It was determined that the existing 2 lane bridge will need to be updated to 3 lanes to accommodate the future traffic needs. In addition, the need for pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations has been considered because this bridge is a major crossing point over the Illinois River. To accommodate the projected increase in traffic lanes, shoulders and the pedestrian and bicycle accommodation, the existing 30 foot wide bridge will need to significantly increase in width. The combination of all of these factors indicates the need for complete reconstruction of the eastbound bridge.

Proposed Bridge Section for New Bridge Option





Stakeholder Advisory Group

A Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was established by IDOT for this project. Members of the community, which included 33 volunteers from the City of Peoria, City of East Peoria, Village of Peoria Heights, Peoria County, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, police departments, fire departments, emergency responders, area businesses, residential communities, and various clubs, met and discussed the project.

The purpose of the SAG was to serve in an advisory capacity to IDOT to ensure the concerns of the communities were identified and that the selected alternative is a solution that addresses those

concerns. Three meetings of the SAG throughout the course of this study assisted with identifying and evaluating the alternatives considered. At the meeting on June 24, 2015, the SAG concurred with the selected alignment presented at this Public Hearing.



Next Steps

Following this Public Hearing, all comments received by April 15, 2017 will be reviewed and addressed. The Environmental Assessment Report will be updated and approved through a Finding of No Significant Impacts. Phase II engineering and plan development along with land acquisition will commence and will require approximately 18 months to complete. Construction on the new bridge is expected to begin in Summer 2019 and take approximately four years to complete.

Project Questions and Comments

Your questions and comments are an important part of this Public Hearing. Written questions and comments may be submitted during this Public Hearing by placing them in the comment box, or providing them verbally to the court reporter. You will be able to enter questions and comments electronically, by using the iPads provided at this Public Hearing. Questions and comments can also be submitted after this Public Hearing by filling out the comment sheet provided and mailing it to IDOT at the address indicated below. All comments must be received by April 15, 2017 to be included as part of the record for this Public Hearing.

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