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Telephone Town Hall Meeting Aug. 15 for proposed improvements to Illinois 2 in Ogle and Winnebago counties

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation will host a telephone town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15, to discuss proposed improvements for Illinois 2 in Ogle and Winnebago counties. To register to attend, please visit: bit.ly/registerillinois2.

IDOT is finalizing a study that is examining transportation needs and solutions for 10.5 miles of Illinois 2 from Illinois 72 in Byron to Beltline Road south of Rockford. The project will provide a safe, more accessible corridor by addressing existing geometric deficiencies and roadside hazards, enhancing adjacent recreational facilities, and protecting the environment and scenic values along the route.

As part of the study process, IDOT wants to hear from the public to better understand how the project may affect the community and environmental resources along the corridor.

Residents can participate in the town hall meeting through landline or mobile phone. No call in is required. Instead, the project team will directly contact the participants on the night of the meeting. The format is similar to a live talk radio show - participants can listen, ask questions, share concerns and participate in live polling.

Among the proposed improvements in this project are additional shoulders, bicycle and pedestrian facilities where appropriate and additional passing lanes. A construction date has not yet been determined.

For more information, contact Chad Spreeman with IDOT at 815-284-5934 or Chad.Spreeman@illinois.gov. More information is available on the project website at http://idot.click/n34.

Over the <u>next six years</u>, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,200 miles of highway and nearly 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of Rebuild Illinois, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. <u>Accomplishments</u> through Year Five of Rebuild Illinois include approximately \$16 billion of improvements statewide on 6,541 miles of highway, 686 bridges and 986 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on X at <u>@IDOTDistrict2</u> or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

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