



Interstate 80 – Ridge Road to U.S. Route 30 Phase I Study
Public Meeting #2 Summary
July 28, 2011

The second public meeting for the Interstate 80 Phase I Study was held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Victorian Ballroom at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate, 15 S. Richards Street, Joliet, Illinois from 4 – 7 PM. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous PowerPoint presentation, exhibit boards for review, and large scale aerials of the study area to which meeting attendees were encouraged to provide comments and suggestions for project alternatives. The meeting was attended by **69 people**, and **15 comment forms** were received.

The following public officials were in attendance:

- City of Joliet: Tom Giarrante, Mayor; Jim Haller, Community Development Director; Greg Ruddy, Public Works Dept.
- Bill Molony: City of Lockport
- Will Nash: Village of New Lenox Engineer
- Seth Jansen: on behalf of Congressman Adam Kinzinger
- Todd Koehn: on behalf of State Representative Pam Roth
- Will County Highway Department: Christina Kupkowski
- Will County Land Use Department: Colin Duesing
- Kendall County Planning, Building, and Zoning Dept.: John Sterrett

The following local contractors were represented:

- PT Ferro: Doug and Ray Ferro
- Illinois Chapter of American Concrete Partners: Randell Riley, Jimmie Wheeler

Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- ComEd (Public Relocation): Lucy Anderberg
- OOIDA (Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association): Bob Knoop

Local businesses included:

- Joliet Slammers: Bill Waliewski
- East Side Realty: Lem Nelson
- Robert E. Hamilton Engineering: Jim Testin

The following Media were represented:

- WJOL Radio: Marilyn May
- Morris Daily Herald: Kris Stadalsky
- Ledger Sentinel/Kendall County Record: Tony Scott
- New Lenox Community Reporter: Amanda Battaglia

The **15 comment forms** submitted covered a variety of topics, with the most predominant themes including:

- Inclusion of noise walls at various locations along the corridor**
- Realignment of Des Plaines River bridge**
- Need for traffic light north of the Briggs Road interchange**
- Concerns with truck traffic and impact**

Additional singular comments included:

- Extending study area 1 mile to the west of Ridge Road
- Increase the length of the eastbound entrance ramps to I-80 from Ridge Road
- Strict enforcement of the 45 mph speed limit on the Des Plaines River bridge will help with reduction in crashes
- Drainage problems
- Pollution concerns
- Bridge over frontage road needs replacing (location?)
- Land acquisition questions
- Make I-80 six lanes from I-355 to I-55
- Problems with snow plows throwing snow into/onto house
- Use better construction materials to help reduce noise, improve longevity of facility
- Install "Points of Interest" signage for Silver Cross Field, Rialto, etc.