



Press Release - Public Hearing Notice

Randall Road Improvements Study

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Public Hearing Notice

- Public Comment Sought -

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) is hosting a Public Hearing on the Randall Road Improvements Study on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the H.D. Jacobs High School located at 2601 Bunker Hill Drive in Algonquin, Illinois** to present the preferred alternative for improvements to Randall Road. For more information on the Randall Road Improvements Study, visit the project website at www.randallroad.info. Please join the MCDOT at the upcoming Public Hearing and help us "Get Randall Going!" For more information on MCDOT and the role it serves, please visit www.mchenrycountydor.org. Connect with the Randall Road Improvements Study Facebook page at www.facebook.com/getrandallgoing.

Project History

The Randall Road Improvements Study is a Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study for Randall Road between County Line Road and Ackman Road. The project was initiated by McHenry County in the spring of 2007. The purpose of the project is to identify transportation system improvements that will enhance mobility and local access while addressing safety issues, community values, and environmental impacts within the study area.

The Study incorporated an expanded Stakeholder Involvement Program based on the principles of a context sensitive solutions (CSS) approach. This approach is an enhanced process that McHenry County used to ultimately develop a transportation solution that best meets the stakeholders' needs and goals. The McHenry County Division of Transportation has held meetings with local agencies and stakeholders, as part of the study's Community Advisory Council (CAC), to help define a Preferred Alternative for the Randall Road corridor through an extensive alternative evaluation process. After three levels of evaluations, the four resulting alternatives were presented to the CAC for review and comment.

The four alternatives to meet these objectives were presented at a public meeting on September 23, 2008. Further analyses were conducted to address public comments and refine the four alternatives to the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative provides a comprehensive solution that addresses stakeholders' needs and reduces vehicular delay throughout the corridor. Improvements proposed as part of the Preferred Alternative will be presented at this upcoming Public Hearing.

In the early 1990s, Randall Road was designated as a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA). SRAs are a network of highways designed to accommodate long distance regional traffic, to complement a region's major transit and highway facilities, and to supplement the freeway system. Randall Road is a primary north-south arterial in southern McHenry County that many residents use for Interstate 90 (I-90) access through Kane County, since McHenry County does not have direct access to I-90. Over the last five years numerous new developments along the Randall Road corridor have contributed to the congested traffic conditions that motorists are faced with today. McHenry County Division of Transportation recognizes these conditions and began this study to address the situation.