PROJECT BROCHURE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

For

US ROUTE 24
ADAMS ST. / WASHINGTON ST.

FEASIBILITY STUDY
PEORIA, IL

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
AT TWO LOCATIONS:

Date: July 22, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Place: Gateway Building
201 SW Water Street,
Peoria, IL

Date: July 23, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Place: Logan Recreation Center
1414 S. Livingston,
Peoria, IL

Welcome to this Public Information Meeting

The City of Peoria (COP) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcome you to this Public Information Meeting concerning the feasibility of improvements to US Route 24, Adams Street / Washington Street corridor in the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

You are invited to view project exhibits and discuss the project with staff members from the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Peoria and the project engineering consultants.

Your questions and comments are an important part of the Public Informational Meeting and you are encouraged to submit them to the COP and IDOT in writing by placing them in the comment box located in the display room. You may also send your questions or comments to the mailing address or email address shown on the last page of this brochure.

Purpose of the Public Meeting

- Explain the purpose and Need for Improvements to the US Route 24, Adams Street / Washington Street corridor.
- Present the alternatives considered in the Feasibility Study
- Provide an opportunity to discuss the projects with COP, IDOT, and consultants.
- Provide an opportunity for Public Input and Comments to be considered in future design and report preparations. All comments must be received by August 23, 2009 to be included as part of the record for this Public Information Meeting.

Project Location and Purpose

The US Route 24 Corridor provides a vital east-west link through the City of Peoria. It is a primary entrance into the city from the southwest at the I-474 Interchange. The purpose of the study is to investigate the feasibility of improving the visual and functional aspects of the US Route 24 corridor from the intersection of Adams Street and S. Oregon Street, east to the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Washington Street. Truck traffic, bicycle traffic, pedestrian and vehicle safety are critical components to the function of the corridor.

For the purpose of the study, the corridor has been separated into four distinct sections, including the Gateway District, Commerce District, Warehouse District and Business District.

Need for the Improvement

The City of Peoria plans to revitalize the downtown area by creating neighborhood based developments which are "walk-able communities" to draw people back into the downtown urban environment. Several objectives have been identified for this corridor to achieve that goal.

- Increase the pedestrian and vehicular safety while maintaining capacity and mobility through the corridor. ***Safety of the vehicular and pedestrian users of the streetscape is paramount to the success of this project.***
- Use cohesive design elements to unify the appearance of the Adams / Washington Street corridor.
- Design maintainable elements.
- Implement sustainable features to the corridor.
- Protect and enhance the character of the different sections of the project site.
- Maintain accessibility to existing businesses and enhance their appearance from the street.

Alternatives Considered

A brief summary of the alternatives that were considered:

NO.	GATEWAY DISTRICT	COMMERCE DISTRICT	WAREHOUSE DISTRICT	BUSINESS DISTRICT
1	- 4 Traffic Lanes - No Parking - Flush Median - Sidewalk both sides	- 3 Traffic Lanes - No Parking - Flush Median - Sidewalk on one side	- 3 Traffic Lanes - Offset Parking on South Side - Flush Median - Sidewalk & Landscaping, Both Sides	
2	- 4 Traffic Lanes - No Parking - Raised Median - Sidewalk both sides	- 3 Traffic Lanes - No Parking - Raised Median - Sidewalk on one side	- 3 Traffic Lanes -Offset Parking on South Side - Flush Median - Sidewalk & Landscaping, Both Sides	
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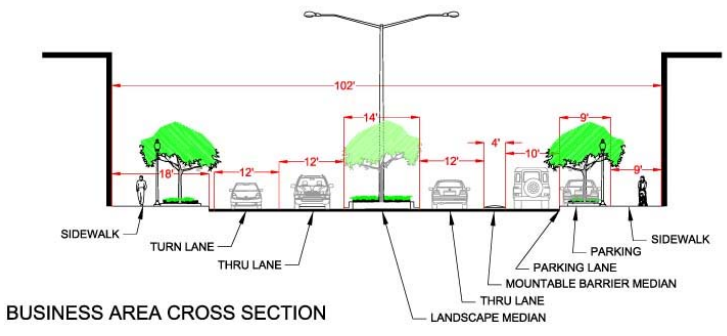
Based upon a relative comparison of the ability of each alternative to achieve the project purpose and need and a relative comparison of the associated socio-economic and environmental impacts, Option 1 emerged as the Preferred Option. Please review this Option on display at the Public Informational meeting.



Schedule:

A typical road construction project is developed in three phases as follows:

		Target Dates
Phase I	**Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Studies**	**Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2011**
Phase II	**Design Engineering & Land Acquisition**	**Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2013**
Phase III	**Construction**	**Jan. 2014 – Dec. 2015**

It is anticipated that Phase 1 for this project would be initiated after completion of the Feasibility Study. Completion of the Feasibility Study is expected in August of 2009. The project development process will follow established State and Federal procedures to ensure the project is eligible for Federal funding.

Next Steps

After this Public Information Meeting, all comments received by August 23, 2009 will be considered and any required modifications to the preferred option will be incorporated into the project. The Project will then move into the standard State and Federal procedures for the project development process which includes: Phase I Preliminary Design, Phase II Engineering and Land Acquisition, Phase III Construction.

Project Questions and Comments

Written questions and comments may be submitted during this Public Information meeting by placing them in the comment box. Questions and comments can also be submitted after this Public Information Meeting by filling out the comment sheet provided at the meeting and mailing it to the City of Peoria at the address indicated below or sending it via email to DBarber@ci.peoria.il.us. All comments must be received by August 23, 2009 to be included for the record for this Public Meeting.

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