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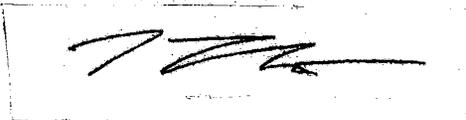
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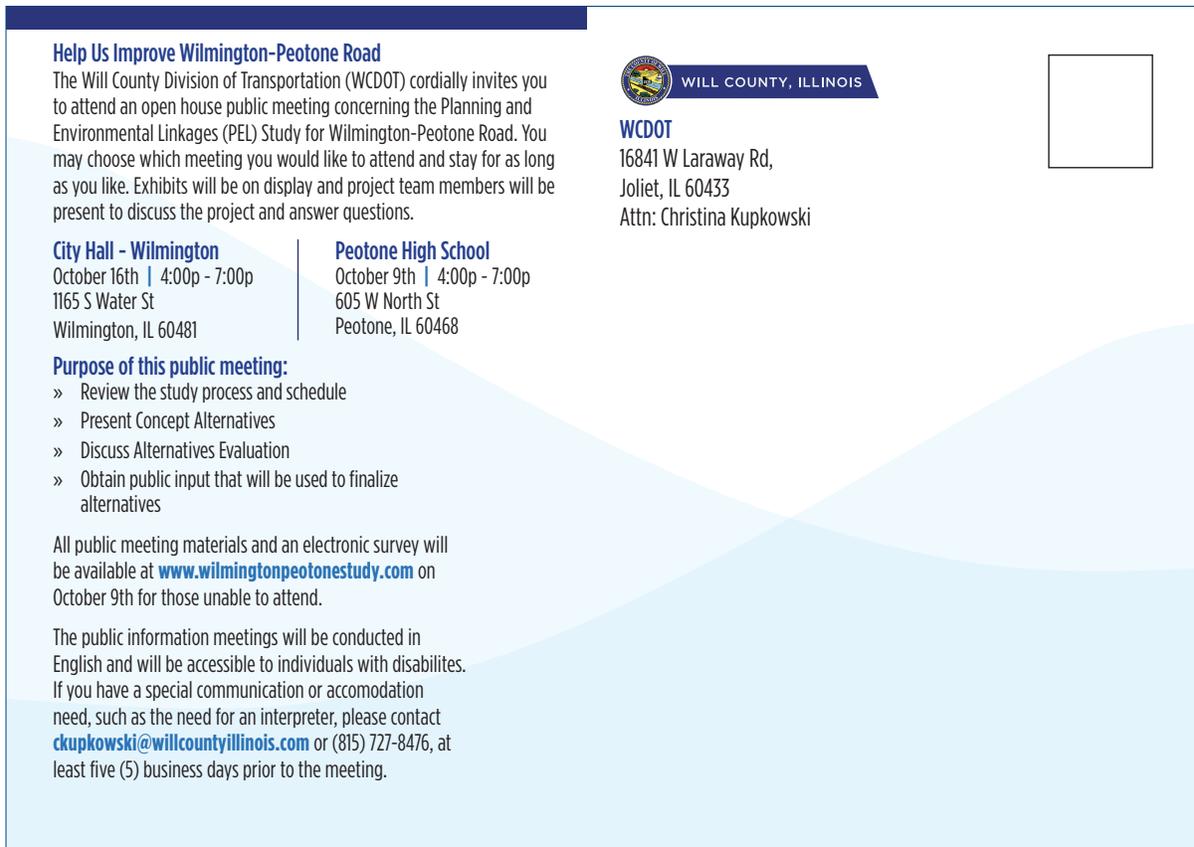
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# REGISTRATION

WILMINGTON PEOTONE  
PEL Study



## WELCOME Public Meeting #2

October 9, 2024

WILMINGTON-PEOTONE PLANNING AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY

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# Location Map



**N. River Road, IL 53, W. Peotone Road, and W. Wilmington Road to South Dreckler Road**



# Public Engagement Summary



## PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

**?** Provide input regarding your experience while traveling River Road/ Wilmington-Peotone Road between Interstate 55 and Dreckler Road.

**THE MAJORITY OF RESPONSES 80%** indicated that there are concerns about this corridor and improvements are needed now.

**?** Safety concerns identified along the corridor at Public Meeting #1



### TOPICS CONSIDERED WHEN DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES:

- Intersection Safety
- Increase in Truck Traffic
- Speeding
- Alternate roadway alignments
- Typical section
- Farmland access
- Drainage concerns







# Project Purpose and Need

## PURPOSE

- Improve safety
- Enhance mobility for all users through providing an efficient east-west connection
- Support current and future travel demand throughout the corridor

## NEED

- Address deficiencies in the existing roadway and multimodal infrastructure
- Accommodate growth in local and regional traffic to improve mobility throughout the county

## Evaluation Criteria

### ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION PROCESS

Alternatives were evaluated based on the project's Purpose and Need Statement. This information details the evaluation categories that will be used to determine the Preferred Alternative.

Safety

Traffic Operations  
(Compared to Existing)

Environmental  
Effects

ROW  
Impacts

Stakeholder  
Input

Multimodal  
Potential

Constructability

EV  
Potential

Drainage  
Impacts

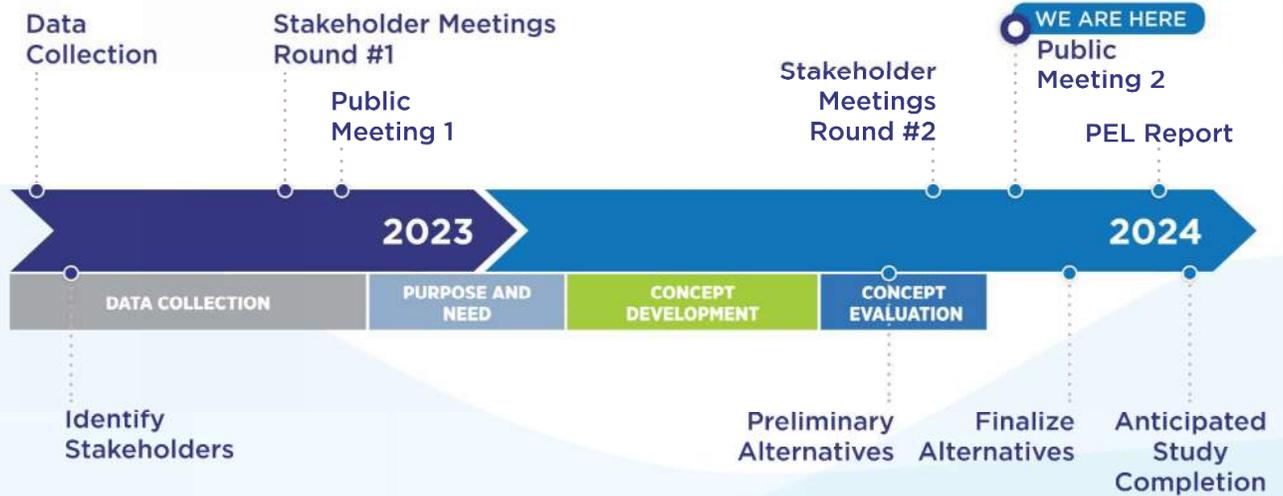
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# Project Development Process



# PEL Study



# Comments and Survey



COMMENTS DUE BY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024



COMMENT  
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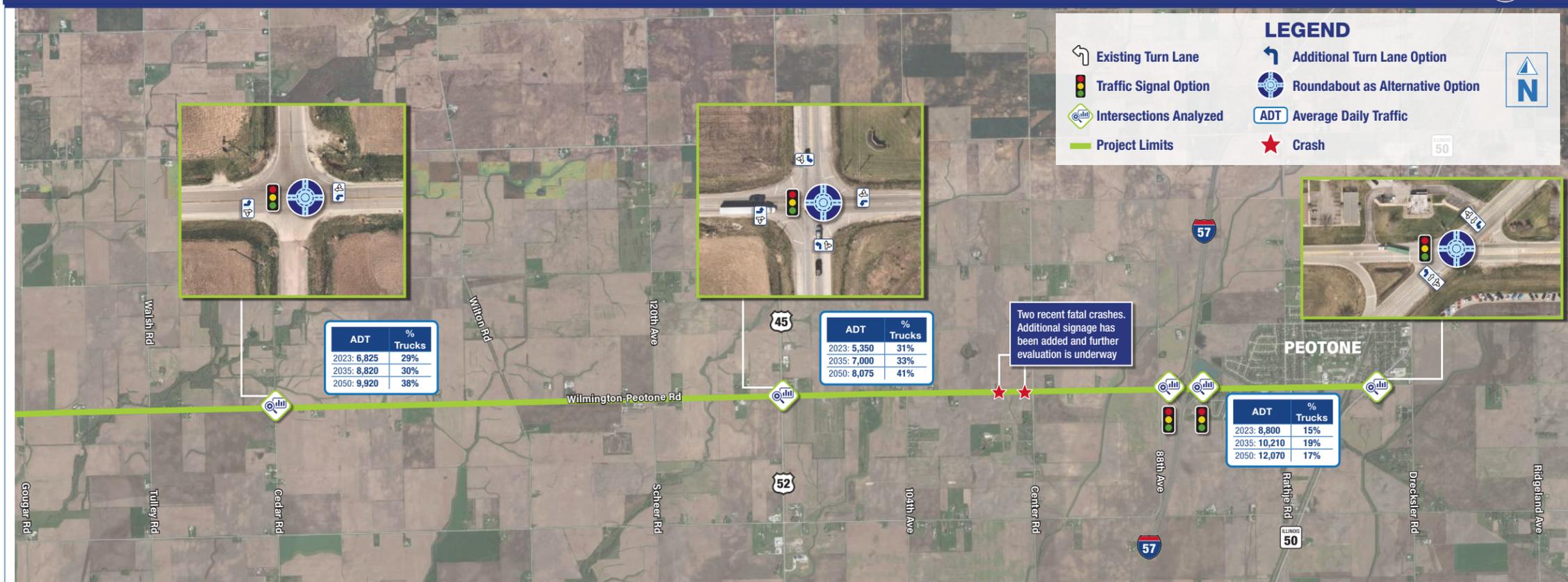
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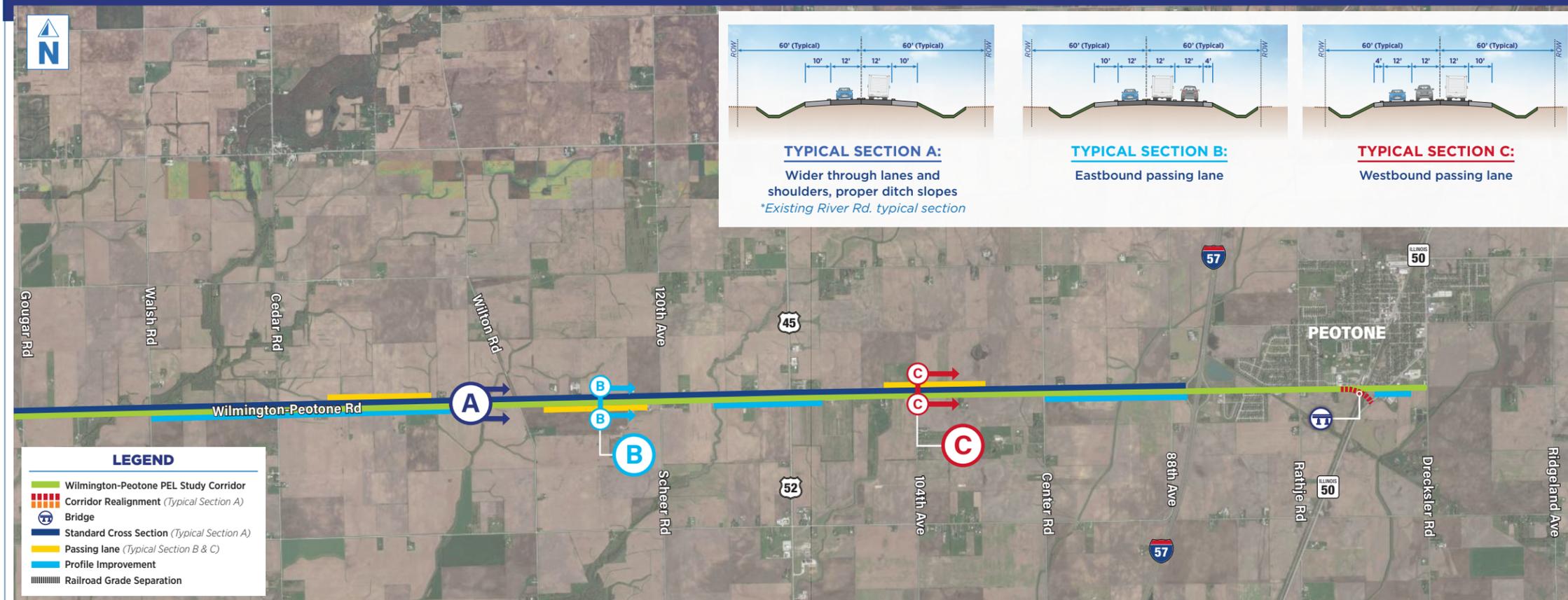
# CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT: INTERSECTIONS



# CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT: SEGMENTS



# CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT: SEGMENTS



# COMMENT FORM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____	ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____	CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

## INTERSECTION FEEDBACK

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### LOCATION 1: River Rd & I-55

**IMPROVEMENT:** Traffic signal at northbound ramp termini

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 2: IL 53 & River Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** Additional eastbound right turn lane

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 3: IL 53 & Kankakee River Dr/Peotone Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** Additional westbound right turn lane and northbound right turn lane

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 4: Indian Trail Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** Add left turn lanes on Wilmington-Peotone Rd

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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# COMMENT FORM

### LOCATION 5: Old Chicago Rd & Peotone Rd

**IMPROVEMENT 1:** Add eastbound right turn lane

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 2:** Install traffic signal

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 3:** Install roundabout

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 6: Symerton Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** Add left turn lanes on Wilmington-Peotone Rd

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 7: Warner Bridge Rd & Peotone Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** None recommended

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 8: Cedar Rd & Wilmington Rd

**IMPROVEMENT 1:** Add left turn lanes on Wilmington-Peotone Rd

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 2:** Install traffic signal

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 3:** Install roundabout

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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### LOCATION 9: US 52 & Wilmington Rd

**IMPROVEMENT 1:** Add left turn lanes on all legs of the intersection

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 2:** Install traffic signal

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 3:** Install roundabout

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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# COMMENT FORM

## LOCATION 10: Wilmington Rd & I-57

**IMPROVEMENT:** Install traffic signals at both ramp termini locations

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## LOCATION 11: IL 50 & Wilmington Rd

**IMPROVEMENT 1:** Additional left turn lanes on IL 50

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 2:** Install traffic signal

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

**IMPROVEMENT 3:** Install roundabout

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## General Intersection Improvements:

Please comment on any other locations not listed.

# COMMENT FORM

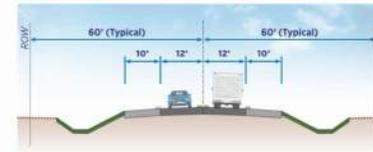
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## LOCATION: Wilmington-Peotone Rd

**IMPROVEMENT:** Proposed typical section with 12' wide lanes and 10' wide shoulders



<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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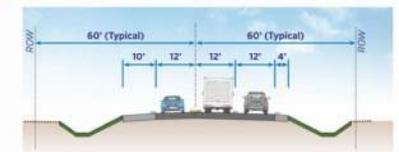
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## LOCATION: Wilmington-Peotone Rd - strategically placed locations

**IMPROVEMENT:** Passing lane section with 12' wide lanes



<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## LOCATION: Wilmington-Peotone Rd - strategically placed locations

**IMPROVEMENT:** Reduce roadway vertical profile grades and improve vertical curves to increase sight distance

<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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# COMMENT FORM

## LOCATION: River Rd / IL 53 / Wilmington-Peotone Rd

IMPROVEMENT: Realignment north of Wilmington-Peotone Rd with IL 53 grade separation



1 Does not address   
  2   
  3 (Neutral)   
  4   
  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## LOCATION: River Rd / IL 53 / Wilmington-Peotone Rd

IMPROVEMENT: Realignment south of Wilmington-Peotone Rd with railroad grade separation



1 Does not address   
  2   
  3 (Neutral)   
  4   
  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## LOCATION: Wilmington-Peotone Rd / IL 50 / Drecksler Rd

IMPROVEMENT: Realignment south of Wilmington-Peotone Rd with railroad grade separation



1 Does not address   
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  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

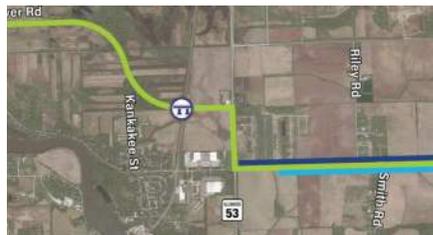
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## LOCATION: River Rd west of IL 53

IMPROVEMENT: Railroad grade separation



1 Does not address   
  2   
  3 (Neutral)   
  4   
  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

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# COMMENT FORM

## INTERCHANGE FEEDBACK

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## LOCATION: River Rd & I-55

IMPROVEMENT 1: Partial Cloverleaf



1 Does not address   
  2   
  3 (Neutral)   
  4   
  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

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## LOCATION: River Rd & I-55

IMPROVEMENT 2: Trumpet



1 Does not address   
  2   
  3 (Neutral)   
  4   
  5 Best addresses

Additional comments:

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**LOCATION: Wilmington Rd & I-57**

IMPROVEMENT 1: Diamond

**Alternative #1:  
Diamond**



<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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**LOCATION: Wilmington Rd & I-57**

IMPROVEMENT 2: Partial Cloverleaf

**Alternative #2:  
Partial Cloverleaf**



<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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**LOCATION: Wilmington Rd & I-57**

IMPROVEMENT 3: Diverging Diamond

**Alternative #3:  
Diverging Diamond**



<input type="checkbox"/>				
1	2	3	4	5
Does not address		(Neutral)		Best addresses

Additional comments:

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**Additional Comments:**  
Please include any additional comments you may have.







# PUBLIC MEETING #2 NEWSLETTER

The Will County Division of Transportation (WCDOT) is performing a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study over approximately 22 miles along Wilmington-Peotone Road between Interstate 55 and Dreckler Road. Growth is occurring rapidly across Will County as evidenced by new freight clusters along the Wilmington-Peotone corridor that are challenging the roadway infrastructure. The purpose of this project is to provide safe, efficient east-west mobility for all users throughout the corridor. A systematic approach is necessary to understand the existing and future travel demand and develop a corridor that can handle demand to support the economic vitality of the County. The second open-house public meeting for the Wilmington-Peotone PEL Study was held in-person on October 9, 2024 at Peotone High School and October 16, 2024 at Wilmington City Hall. Identical information was presented at each meeting and both meetings were held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm including presentation boards, discussion, and comment submissions. In addition to the study team, 66 residents attended the meeting and is broken down as follows:

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL HAD  
**32 residents attend**

WILMINGTON CITY HALL HAD  
**34 residents attend**



The information presented at the second open-house public meeting considered the information and feedback received from the first open-house public meeting held in December 2023. Questions and concerns at that time related to the following topics:

-  Intersection Safety
-  Alternate Routes / Roadway Realignment
-  Farmland Access and Land Acquisition
-  Concerns related to the increase in truck traffic
-  Typical Section: Number of Lanes / Passing Lanes / Turning lanes at Intersections
-  Drainage Concerns
-  Speeding



## Outreach

Advertisements for the meeting included several means of communication. The public meeting post card invitation was sent via first class mail to 263 property owners adjacent to the corridor. Twenty (20) additional invites were sent out to key project stakeholders. The meeting was also advertised in two local newspapers: The Herald News and The Vedette. Additionally, the project team gathered contact information from the project website since the first public meeting in December 2023 to develop an email distribution list. An email invitation was sent to all contacts on the distribution list.

Outreach was also held virtually on the project website [www.wilmingtonpeotonestudy.com](http://www.wilmingtonpeotonestudy.com). It included exhibits, an interactive map with an option for visitors to provide comments, and a survey for visitors to complete. The public outreach was conducted starting September 18, 2024, when postcards were mailed and the formal comment period extended from October 9, 2024 through November 6, 2024.



## Public Feedback Summary

A summary of public feedback completed during the period of October 9, 2024 through November 6, 2024 is as follows:



### 33 surveys completed

including quantitative scoring and open-ended responses

- 26 completed online
- 7 in-person handwritten response



### 68 comments received

- 60 submitted on the project website via the interactive map
- 6 submitted at the public meetings, handwritten on the corridor roll plot
- 2 submitted via email to WCDOT



## Open House Meeting Information

Project information was provided in an open-house format without a formal presentation. Exhibit boards presented at the meetings included an overview of the study, criteria for evaluating alternatives, and different alternatives related to intersections, interchanges, and segments along the corridor. A corridor roll plot was also available with post-its available for attendees to provide comments at specific locations along the corridor. An important part of the open-house meeting was to discuss concerns and questions with visitors. The project team was available to answer questions and gather handwritten comments on the corridor map. Additionally, an area was set aside for visitors to complete a survey. The same survey was available on the project website.



# Survey Results

A 23-question survey was provided on the project website and available in-person at each of the public meetings for attendees to complete. The goal of the survey was to provide an opportunity for participants to evaluate different alternatives. The participants were able to assign a number value from one (1) to five (5) for each alternative to indicate how it best addressed the project purpose and need along with an open-ended response section. This allowed for both quantitative and qualitative responses. Selecting 1 indicated the needs of the projects are not addressed and selecting 5 indicated the needs are best addressed.

A total of 33 survey responses were recorded. It is important to note that not all respondents completed all of the questions. Therefore, the total number of responses may not equal 33 for each question. The results have been summarized in three parts, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

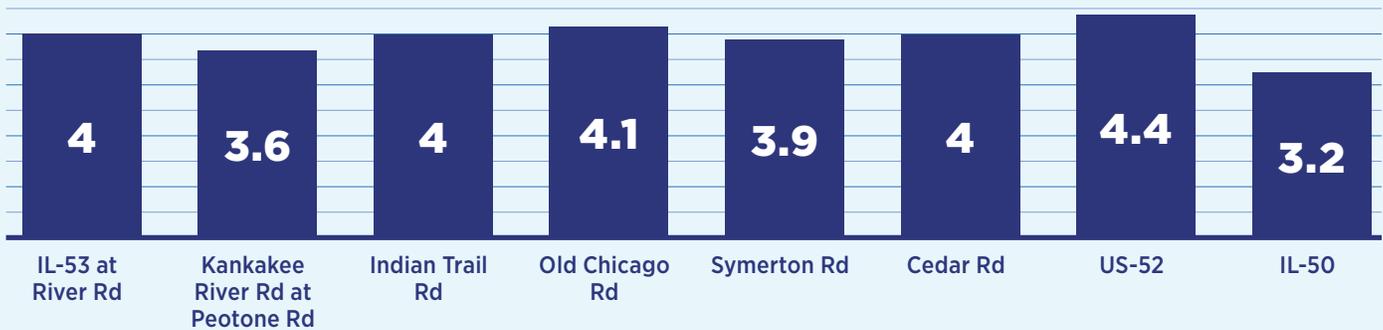
## 1. Intersection Feedback

Additional Turn Lanes

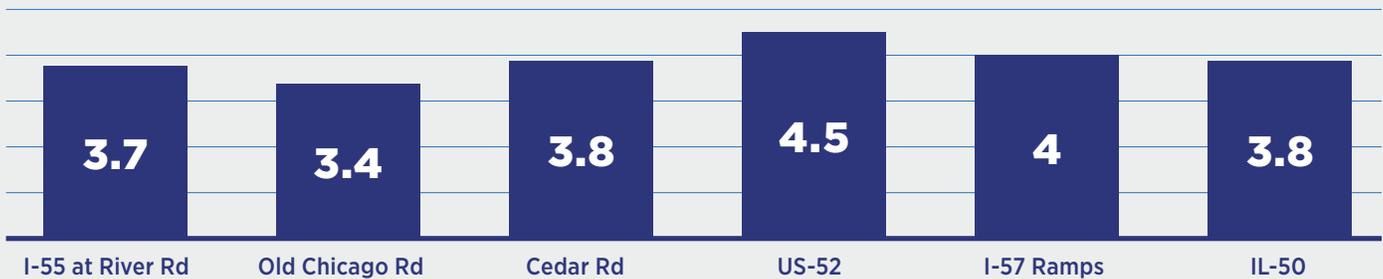
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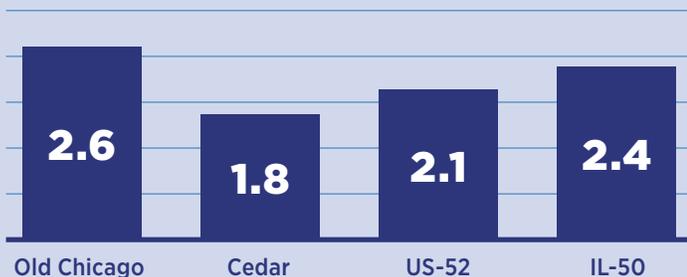
### ADDITIONAL TURN LANE



### INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL



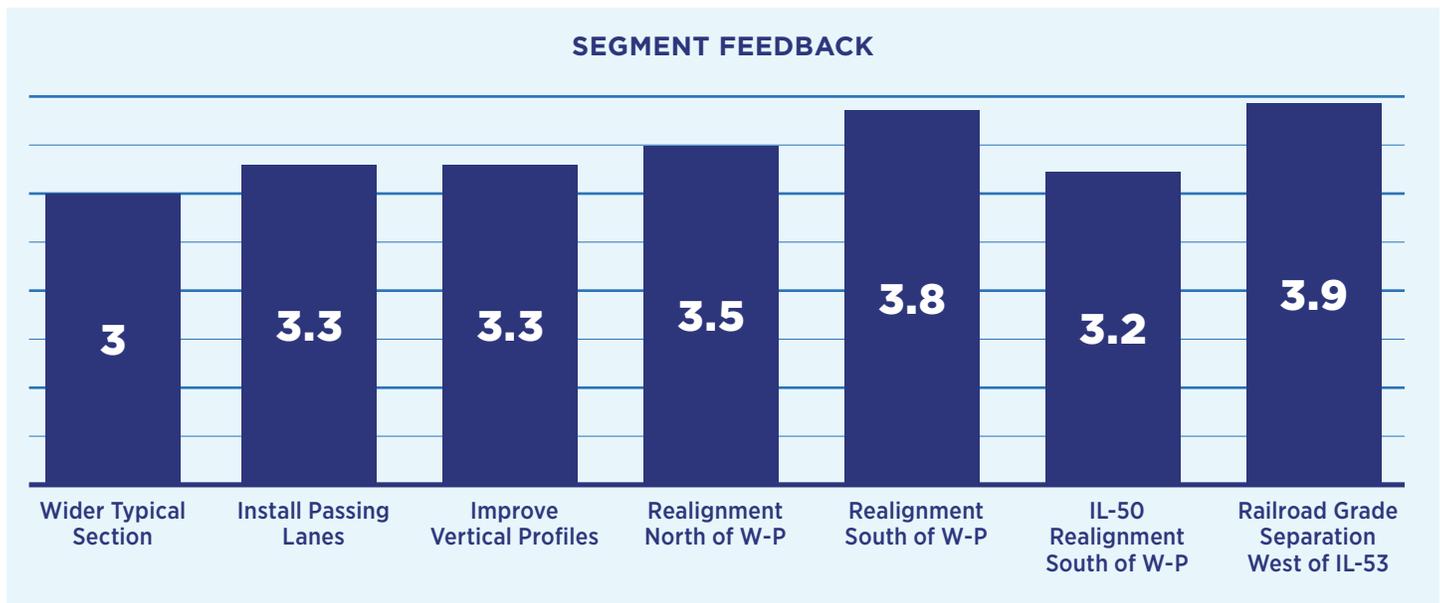
### INSTALL ROUNDABOUT



**RESULTS:** In general, responses indicated that additional turn lanes and/or installing traffic signals are preferred by public meeting attendees compared to installing roundabouts at various locations. Qualitatively, responses were mixed with several attendees requesting roundabouts and others preferring other solutions.

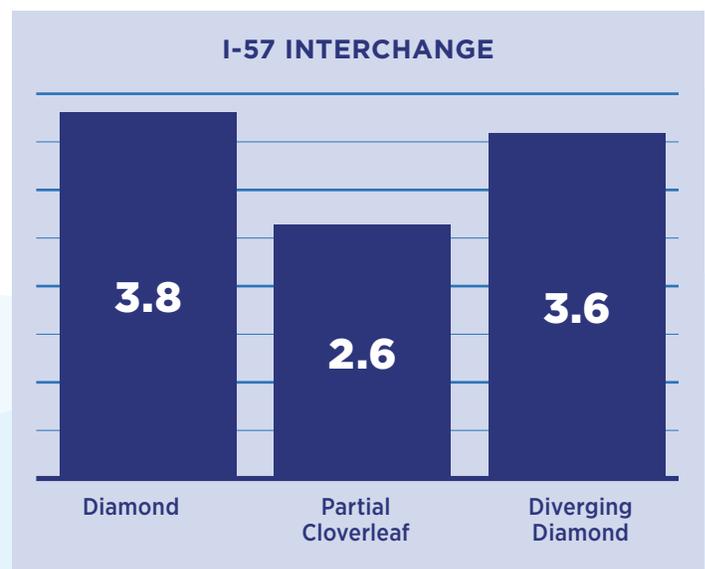
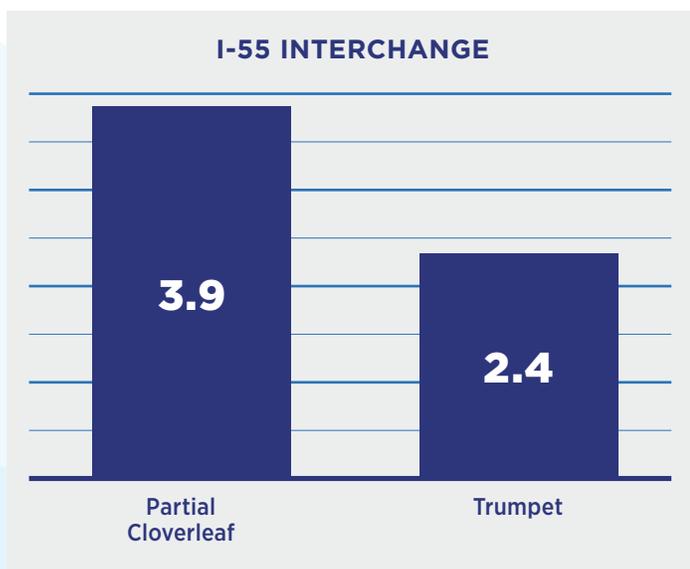


## 2. Segment Feedback



**RESULTS:** Average scores indicate that most respondents were neutral when evaluating different segment alternatives.

## 3. Interchange Feedback



**RESULTS:** At I-55, respondents overwhelmingly preferred the Partial Cloverleaf interchange option. At I-57 the Diamond option was preferred. However, qualitative responses indicated in several cases that a diverging diamond should not be considered and that it is confusing for many drivers.



## Summary of Comments

In addition to the quantitative survey responses, a total of 68 qualitative comments were received in-person at the public meetings, via email, and via the project website. Comments and questions received were primarily related to the following topics, several of which aligned with the feedback received at the first open-house public meeting in December 2023. It was abundantly clear that addressing **safety** along the corridor is the primary concern, expressed in the comments.

### Intersection Safety

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** *A majority of the comments were consistent with comments received at the first public meeting. Respondents indicated that adding an option for stop-control, signal or other intersection improvements is needed at several locations. There are concerns that it can be confusing to drive along the corridor because some intersections are two-way stops, while others are four-way stops. In particular, the recent fatal accidents in the vicinity of Center Road were of utmost concern. Several respondents were concerned that roundabouts are not a good solution given the amount of truck traffic and should not be considered.*

**RESPONSE:** The variety of alternatives presented including additional turn lanes, option for a traffic signal, or option for a roundabout are measures that address safety concerns at the intersections. These alternatives were developed based on crash analysis and intersection operational analysis. Alternatives will be prioritized based on existing crash data, traffic analysis, feedback from the public, and the ability to implement in the near term compared to long-term objectives. The recent fatal crashes near Center Road have prompted the County to install short term safety measures in the interim before a more permanent solution can be implemented including additional signage and beacons. Roundabouts can be designed for higher speed locations that account for large trucks and farm equipment. Please visit the project website for videos showing examples of how larger vehicles successfully navigate roundabouts: <https://wilmingtonpeotonestudy.com/study-documents/>. Future phases of the project will be identified by the Preferred Alternative that best meets the needs of each individual intersection.

## Typical Section: Wider Shoulders, Number of Lanes, and Passing Lanes

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** *Most respondents agreed that wider shoulders would provide the following benefits: a safer area for disabled vehicles, a safer area for law enforcement, and additional space for farm equipment to utilize Wilmington-Peotone Road.*

**RESPONSE:** Implementing wider shoulders to meet current design standards was presented at the public meeting and can be accommodated throughout most of the corridor.

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** *Many respondents indicated that a four-lane cross section (adding one through lane in each direction) would help accommodate future traffic volumes and give passenger vehicles the ability to pass slower moving trucks. On the contrary, some attendees expressed concerns about adding additional through lanes that could attract more traffic and increase speeds.*

**RESPONSE:** A four-lane cross section is not warranted based on future traffic demand for the corridor. A travel demand model was developed using data from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and a calibration process utilizing on-demand travel data to understand travel patterns along the corridor and surrounding area. The project team coordinated with the Will County Center Economic Development so known future developments could be incorporated into future traffic projections. As a result, the future traffic projections through 2050 do not meet the threshold for additional lanes along the corridor.

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** *Respondents noted that there are limited existing safe locations for vehicles to pass slower moving vehicles. This is due to limited visibility because of the rolling hills or maintaining access to private driveways while not impacting existing intersections.*

**RESPONSE:** The passing lane options were presented at the public meeting at several locations. The possible locations were determined by meeting current design criteria for length and spacing, ensuring that sight distance criteria is met, and minimizing the impacts to residents. Future phases of the study will determine the optimal placement of passing lanes if they are to be included along Wilmington-Peotone Road.

## Sight Distance Issues

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** *Rolling hills present several major issues*

- *Affects the ability for motorists to see oncoming traffic when attempting to pass another vehicle*
- *Makes it more difficult for trucks to either accelerate when turning onto Wilmington-Peotone Road or slow down when approaching an intersection*
- *Affects the ability of motorists to see stopped vehicles over the crest of a hill, causing consistent severe accidents*

**RESPONSE:** The project team has evaluated the existing roadway profile and identified locations where there are deficiencies in profile grade and/or sight distance. Profile improvements have been included in the segment alternatives to address these areas. Improving vertical curves by flattening the slopes of rolling hills can present challenges with additional earthwork and right-of-way needs associated with the grading. The initial evaluation of passing lane locations also considered profile deficiencies. Both options are included in the concept evaluation as part of this PEL study. Future Phase I studies will determine if they will be included in the Preferred Alternative for the corridor.



## Alternate Routes / Roadway Realignment

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** Public feedback included a variety of alternative routes. Some aimed to achieve a more efficient flow of traffic along the existing corridor while other options explored diverting truck traffic away from Wilmington-Peotone Road.

**RESPONSE:** Realignment options and alternative routes are potential long term solutions that, in some cases, require approvals from outside agencies. This study is only focused on roadways under County jurisdiction. The implications of some alternative routes have high impacts and must be further evaluated.

## Drainage Concerns

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC:** Given that farmland is the primary land use in the corridor, several responses indicated drainage concerns at a variety of locations along Wilmington-Peotone Road.

**RESPONSE:** Each alternative will have to consider how drainage patterns are affected. Drainage impacts are part of the scoring criteria for each concept that has been presented. Future detailed design will address drainage impacts. The project team has coordinated with the Will County Farm Bureau to identify existing drain tiles and to better understand existing drainage patterns and localized flooding.

## Next Steps

The goal of the second public meeting was to obtain feedback on options that address the project purpose and need. The results of public input will be included in the scoring criteria for each alternative considered. Results for the different alternatives will be included in the final PEL Report at the conclusion of this study.



## Stay Involved

The project website will continue to be updated throughout the study. Sign up for updates or send comments via the study website at [www.wilmingtonpeotonestudy.com](http://www.wilmingtonpeotonestudy.com).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christina Kupkowski, WCDOT, at 815-727-8476 or via email at [ckupkowski@willcountyillinois.com](mailto:ckupkowski@willcountyillinois.com).

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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the homepage for the Wilmington-Peotone Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study conducted by the Will County Division of Transportation.

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**UNDERSTAND THE EXISTING AND FUTURE TRAVEL DEMAND**

**PROVIDE EFFICIENT EAST-WEST MOBILITY FOR ALL USERS THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR**

**DEVELOP A CORRIDOR THAT CAN HANDLE TRAVEL DEMAND IN A SAFE MANNER TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE COUNTY**

The Will County Division of Transportation (WCDDT) is performing a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study over approximately 22 miles along Wilmington-Peotone Road between Interstate 55 and Dreickler Road. Growth is occurring rapidly across Will County as evidenced by new freight clusters along the Wilmington-Peotone corridor that are challenging the roadway infrastructure. The purpose of this project is to provide efficient east-west mobility for all users throughout the corridor. A systematic approach is necessary to understand the existing and future travel demand and develop a corridor that can handle demand in a safe manner to support the economic vitality of the County.



### PROJECT UPDATE

The next round of public meetings will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> as follows:

**Peotone High School**

October 9th | 4:00p - 7:00p

905 W North St  
Peotone, IL 60468

**City Hall - Wilmington**

October 16th | 4:00p - 7:00p

1185 S Water St  
Wilmington, IL 60481

The purpose of the meeting is:

- Review the study process and schedule
- Present Concept Alternatives
- Discuss Alternatives Evaluation
- Obtain public input that will be used to finalize alternatives

[Public Meeting Materials](#)

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# PEL PROCESS

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

This project will be completed as a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, a "pre-National Environmental Policy Act" (NEPA) planning study method to streamline the subsequent NEPA process developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Work completed in the PEL study carries over into NEPA process, which provides additional time for Purpose and Need development, data collection, alternatives identification, alternatives assessment, and providing more opportunities for involvement of the agency, stakeholders, and the public. It is anticipated that the Will County Division of Transportation, with the assistance of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bureau of Local Roads, will proceed with a formal NEPA study (Phase I) for the Wilmington-Peotone Corridor following the completion of the PEL study to satisfy NEPA requirements.

## PEL STUDY SCHEDULE



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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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# INTERACTIVE MAP

Comments can be made by navigating the project map and adding comments to specific locations.

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Wilmington-Peotone PEL Study

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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES

The Will County Division of Transportation (WCDOT) has initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study over approximately 22 miles along Wilmington-Peotone Road between Interstate 55 and Drecksler Road.

Our public outreach program will be extensive with the goal of understanding the key issues and concerns from those utilizing the corridor and improvements to best address it's unique needs. The project team has continued to work with stakeholders and the general public since November 2023 to develop, build, and maintain cost effective transportation facilities that reflect the project's surroundings.

The second round of Public Meetings was held in October 2024 and the comment period has now closed. Please utilize this interactive map to reference the concept alternatives presented at the public meetings.

**Comment Legend:**

	Potential Signal		Potential Roundabout
	Intersection		General Comment

For more information, visit the project website at: [WilmingtonPeotone24746.com](http://WilmingtonPeotone24746.com)

Legend:

- South Option Realignment
- North Option Realignment
- Realignment at I. 55
- Existing Conditions

# STUDY DOCUMENTS

Study documents will be updated throughout the project development process.

## CLICK TO VIEW STUDY DOCUMENTS

  
**STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN**  
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**CITY HALL - WILMINGTON | DECEMBER 6, 2023 Public Meeting**  
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**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL | DECEMBER 13, 2023**  
Public Meeting  
[Public Involvement #1 Newsletter Summary](#)  
[Click here for meeting materials](#)

  
**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL | OCTOBER 9, 2024**  
Public Meeting  
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**CITY HALL - WILMINGTON | OCTOBER 16th, 2024**  
Public Meeting  
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**Public Meeting #2 Newsletter**  
Newsletter  
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Additional Roundabout Information

- [How Roundabouts Are Used by Large Vehicles](#)
- [How Trucks and Other Large Vehicles Use Roundabouts](#)
- [Alaska Double Trailer Truck Navigates Danby Wombley Roundabout](#)

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# PROJECT TEAM INFORMATION

## MEET THE TEAM



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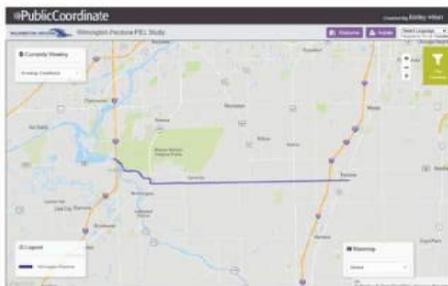
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## CORRIDOR FEEDBACK

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