

IDOT Announces Public Meetings to Help Plan Future Road Programs

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) cordially invites you to attend a Public Open House seeking early input into the development of its upcoming Multi-Year Road Program for Highway Improvements for Fiscal Years 2013-2018 through informational and feedback sessions to be held in communities throughout the state.

"With road construction moving full speed ahead, IDOT is proactively planning for the next multi-year road program to be announced in Spring 2012," said Acting Secretary Schneider. "Public input is a vital and extremely beneficial component of the Multi-Year Program for highway improvements, and our hope is that all interested elected officials, residents and businesses will participate."

The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Provide information relative to the Department's Multi-Year Program development process
- Highlight elements of our current FY 2012-2017 Proposed Highway Improvement Program
- Define the various data used to identify highway improvement needs
- Illustrate how our agency has been addressing the needs of our highway transportation system during this current economic climate

Details regarding the first of seven meetings to be held throughout the six county region is as follows:

**Friday, August 5, 2011
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606**

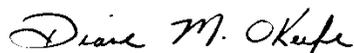
Information regarding the remaining six meetings, anticipated to be held in South Cook, Will, DuPage, Kane, McHenry and Lake Counties, will be communicated to you by mid-August.

The meeting will be conducted in an Open House format that you can attend anytime between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. A continuous audio-visual presentation will be available for viewing. Participants will have the opportunity both during and for a period following the meeting to provide input and comments. IDOT staff will be present to answer any questions related to the state highway program, planning and project development process.

Your input is important to us and your local perspective will guide the development of future highway improvement programs affecting the region and we look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the upcoming Open House, please contact me or Mr. John Fortmann, Engineer of Program Development, at (847) 705-4118.

Very truly yours,



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