



MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

From: Tom Murtha, Senior Planner

Date: April 12, 2012

Re: Strategic Regional Arterials

RTOC staff recommends the following additions to the Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) System, and requests that the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition recommend approval to the Transportation Committee and MPO Policy Committee:

Stearns Road from Randall Road to Illinois Route 25.

- This four-mile-long section of Stearns Road is a new controlled access arterial. Construction activities are still under way, but the road is open to traffic.
- This route provides unique mobility across the Fox River.
- US Route 20 is approximately three miles north of Stearns Road. IL 64, an SRA, is approximately four miles south of Stearns Road.
- Stearns Road is an existing SRA east of Illinois Route 25.
- The bridge was part of the Fox River Bridge Study, was buildable and was recommended in the Record of Decision. The road was designed to SRA standards. These studies are at <http://www.stearnsroad.com/environment.html>.
- Kane County's recently adopted 2040 Transportation Plan includes this segment of Stearns Road as an SRA.

Woodstock Bypass from US Route 14 to Illinois Route 47.

- This three-mile-long section of Woodstock Bypass is a proposed limited access highway linking US 14 SRA and IL 47 SRA.
- The road will provide additional mobility for travelers by completing a bypass around the west side of Woodstock. Truck mobility is a particular concern in the corridor. The bypass is not an alternative to improving Illinois Route 47 within Woodstock.
- Illinois Route 173 SRA is approximate eight miles north of the Woodstock Bypass. US 20 SRA is approximately two miles south of the Woodstock Bypass, on average.
- The Woodstock Bypass will provide a more continuous route for the Charles Road/Illinois Route 120 SRA, which now terminates at Illinois Route 47.
- An SRA Study has been completed for the route and is posted at <http://www.dot.il.gov/D1SRAREports.htm> as SRA Report 515.
- The Woodstock Bypass is included in the Woodstock Comprehensive Plan.