

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announces a Public Hearing and Public Comment Period for the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement** for the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th St. CIP).

The 75th St. CIP was initiated to find solutions to relieve rail and road congestion in the Chicago neighborhoods of Ashburn, Englewood, Auburn Gresham, and West Chatham. The 75th St. CIP is one of the largest projects in the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) discusses the alternatives that were evaluated, including the Preferred Alternative, and the project's potential impacts on the natural and man-made environments in the study area.



THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE:

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

4:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Freedom Temple Church
of God in Christ
1459 W. 74th St., Chicago, IL

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to:

- Provide an overview of the 75th St. CIP and the DEIS
- Review alternatives developed to address project purpose and need
- Present the benefits, impacts, and mitigation measures for the project
- Obtain public comment on the 75th St. CIP and the DEIS

4 p.m.–6 p.m. OPEN HOUSE. View a recorded audio-visual presentation, examine project exhibits, and speak directly with team members. Give your comments on the project in writing or by speaking to a court reporter.

6 p.m.–7 p.m. FORMAL SESSION. Present your comments on the 75th St. CIP to an agency representative.

In case of a weather emergency, the Public Hearing will be held at the same time and location on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014.**

Implementing the Preferred Alternative would involve residential displacements and the closure of one study area viaduct; Union Avenue at 75th Street. A representative from the City of Chicago or the State of Illinois with knowledge of the property acquisition process will be present to answer your questions.

Noise abatement measures are being investigated for potential implementation as part of the 75th St. CIP.

The DEIS will be available for public review beginning on March 28, 2014 at the locations listed below and at the websites www.75thcip.org, www.createprogram.org, and www.dot.il.gov.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Wrightwood-Ashburn Branch, 8530 S. Kedzie Ave.
Thurgood Marshall Branch, 7506 S. Racine Ave.
West Englewood Branch, 1745 W. 63rd St.
Sherman Park Branch, 5440 S. Racine Ave.
Brainerd Branch, 1350 W. 89th St.
Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

HOMETOWN LADWIG LIBRARY

4331 Southwest Highway #3, Hometown, IL

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Attn: Jakita Trotter
100 West Randolph, Suite 6-600, Chicago, IL

Comments on the DEIS may be given at the Public Hearing or at any time during the Public Comment Period, March 28 to May 22, 2014. Comments can be submitted by email at info@75thcip.org, on the project website at www.75thcip.org/contact.php, or by mail to:

75th St. Corridor Improvement Project
525 W. Monroe, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60661
Attn: Tom Underwood

All comments received during the Public Comment Period will become part of the public record for the project.

This meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Gretchen Wahl at (312) 612-7294. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.