



Public Open House



**Tuesday, October 4th
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

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Comments: *(Please mail/send us your comments regarding the project by October 18, 2011)*

PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the project is to provide connectivity for east-west regional travel across the southern half of McHenry County. The need for the project is based upon high travel times, low operating speeds, and crash frequency along the existing east-west corridor. To address this purpose and need, two existing County arterials, Algonquin Road and Harmony Road, will be realigned with roadway improvements that meet modern design standards. The proposed improvement will increase capacity, increase operating speeds, lower travel times, and improve safety.

MEETING PURPOSE

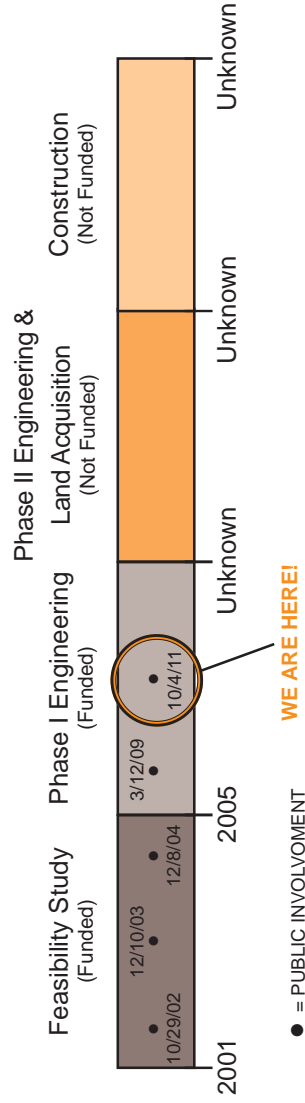
The purpose of this meeting is to present the revised Algonquin Road alignment at the H.U.M. Prairie. The McHenry County Division of Transportation and McHenry County Conservation District have worked to revise the proposed alignment based upon new information regarding this environmentally sensitive area.

PROJECT COST

- The total project cost for this adjusted alignment is estimated at \$56 million dollars. This is the same project cost as the selected alignment from the previous public meeting in 2009.
- The construction cost is estimated at \$45 million and right-of-way/engineering costs estimated at \$11 million.
- If the project was phased to only complete the section from Marengo Road to Illinois Route 47 first, then the construction of the first phase would be approximately \$34 million. The \$34 million includes a cost of approximately \$14 million for the grade separation of Algonquin Road over the Union Pacific Railroad. The construction cost of the second phase from Brier Hill Road to Marengo Road would be approximately \$11 million.



PROJECT SCHEDULE



H.U.M. PRAIRIE

- The H.U.M. Prairies are an Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) site. This is a comprehensive county by county inventory of all potential remaining high quality natural areas in the state. The INAI discovered that less than 7/100ths of 1% of the state qualified for inclusion as INAI sites.
- This section of the H.U.M. has several state endangered or threatened plant and animal species whose only remaining habitat in this area is the District's narrow site.

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