

The U.S. Route 45 & Millburn Bypass Public Hearing is scheduled for 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, March 21, 2013 at Millburn Middle School, 640 Freedom Way, Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

The time period for reviewing the Environmental Assessment (EA) has been extended. The EA is now available online for public review and comment. Hard copies of the Environmental Assessment will also be available starting on March 6, 2013 or earlier at the following locations:

- Illinois Department of Transportation
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196,
- Lake County Division of Transportation
600 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

To be included in the official public hearing record, all comments must be received by April 8, 2013 as described on the public hearing announcement inside this newsletter.

We hope to see you at the hearing!

Environmental Assessment
U.S. Route 45 (FAP 0344)
IL Route 132 to IL Route 173
And Millburn Bypass
Lake County, Illinois

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
U.S. ROUTE 45 AND ROUTE 132
TO ROUTE 173 AND MILLBURN BYPASS
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Environmental Assessment is now available online!
Visit:
<http://www.route45project.com/studydocuments/>

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Public Hearing Invite Notice

You are invited to the final Public Hearing concerning the Phase I Study for the Improvement of U.S. Route 45 from Illinois Route 132 to Illinois Route 173 including the Millburn Bypass project.

The full Environmental Assessment is now available for review! Go to www.route45project.com to download.



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Illinois Department of Transportation Public Hearing

You are invited to attend an Open House Public Hearing held by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in conjunction with the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) concerning U.S. Route 45 from Illinois Route 132 to Illinois Route 173 including the Millburn Bypass located within the Villages of Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek in Lake County. The public hearing is an open house format, meaning interested individuals can attend any time during the hearing. The hearing will take place on:

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013
Time: 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Millburn Middle School
640 Freedom Way
Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046

Purpose of the Hearing:

- Present the results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for U.S. 45, from IL 132 to IL 173.
- Present the planned improvements for the selected west Millburn Bypass alternative.
- Present the likely future improvements for U.S. 45 north and south of the bypass area.
- Provide an opportunity for public comment.

Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown approximately every 15 minutes beginning at 4:30 P.M., with the last showing at 7:15 P.M. IDOT and LCDOT representatives and project team members will be present to answer questions regarding the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be on display at the public hearing for review, and will also be available on the project website (www.route45project.com) starting on March 6, 2013 or earlier. IDOT is seeking public comments on the proposed use of property from the Raven Glen Forest Preserve associated with the likely future improvements to U.S. Route 45 north of Miller Road. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Forest Preserve District and is protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. IDOT intends to seek a *de minimis* impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the project not adversely affecting the features, attributes, or activities qualifying this property for protection under Section 4(f). IDOT will process any permits that may be required for construction within the designated floodway of Hastings Creek as part of future improvements to U.S. Route 45.

This hearing is accessible to handicapped individuals. For special assistance contact Marie Glynn at (847) 705-4073. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TDD number (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY Users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864 or 711; and for Telebraille (877) 526-6670 or 711 at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

To be included in the public hearing record, comments must be received by April 8, 2013. Comments can be submitted at the hearing in writing or to a Court Reporter, submitted via the project website, or mailed to:

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