

The Will County Division of Transportation sincerely thanks the community for its active participation and thoughtful feedback throughout the Eastern Will County Freight Mobility Corridor Study.

A public information meeting was held on June 26, 2025, in Monee, Illinois, where community members were invited to review alternatives and share their perspectives. Following the meeting, a public comment period remained open through July 25, 2025. A total of 89 comments were received through all open methods of submitting feedback.

## What We Heard

The community's input reflected a wide range of viewpoints, concerns and suggestions—demonstrating the diverse priorities of those impacted by the project.

For example, we heard that traffic and pedestrian safety was a high priority for members of the community, particularly among people who expressed concern about the proximity of truck traffic to schools. Another key focus from the feedback we heard was regarding roadway design and cross section.

We heard that people had concerns about the impact of the identified alternatives on property values in the project area and other economic impacts to the community.

Others expressed concerns about potential environmental impacts, such as increased air and noise pollution and impacts on local wildlife, farmland and natural spaces. Regarding the engagement process, we heard from several people that they would prefer a town hall-style meeting where community members could engage with the project team through a question-and-answer session.

## **Next Steps**

<u>All</u> of the feedback received from the community has been carefully reviewed and documented as part of the official public meeting record. We are taking this input seriously and will continue to meet with key community stakeholders to discuss the existing options to identify where adjustments, enhancements or new considerations may be needed to reflect community priorities and concerns.

We want to thank everyone who attended the public information meeting and engaged with the project team in this meaningful dialogue, and to those who submitted comments through our website. Public input and feedback has been and will continue to be essential to this study.

Moving forward, we remain committed to keeping the community informed and involved during every stage of this study as we work to find a consensus on how to improve traffic mobility in Eastern Will County. In NEPA, a consensus is when a majority of stakeholders agrees on a particular issue, while the remainder of the stakeholders agrees that their input has been heard and duly considered.

We welcome you to <u>subscribe to our e-newsletter mailing list</u> to receive future meeting invites and other updates as they become available.