

**U.S. Route 45  
Public Input Meeting**

Tuesday, December 2, 2003, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Vernon Hills Park District Sullivan Center, 635 North Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061



Illinois contains over 138,000 miles of highways, streets, and roads. This system is owned and operated by four levels of government: state, county, township, and municipal. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for the state owned and operated portion of this vast system. The following is a listing of IDOT's major responsibilities:

- Overseeing construction, operation, and maintenance of 17,000 miles of highway, including 2,050 miles of Interstate highways.
- Development and implementation of comprehensive public transportation programs for 50 public transit systems serving 600 million passengers a year.
- Development and administration of airport improvements at many of Illinois' 138 airports and other air facilities.
- Administration of state assistance for improved rail passenger service and stations, as well as preservation and improvements to rail freight service.
- Advancement of transportation safety.

**IDOT District One**

There are several principal divisions within IDOT. The Division of Highways is responsible for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the state highway systems as well as the administration of the program for Local Roads and Streets. Nine geographical districts exist within the Division of Highways. Each district is responsible for the divisional operations within its assigned area. District One encompasses six counties in northeastern Illinois including the City of Chicago, Suburban Cook County, and the five collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. The state highway system in District One supports 3,068 vehicle miles of highways. Approximately \$2.9 billion will be provided during Fiscal Years 2004-2008 for improvements to state highways in District One.

District One Fiscal Year 2004-2008 program

- 54 miles of interstate rehabilitation
- 55 interstate bridges
- 83 other bridge rehabilitation or replacement
- 101 miles of highway widening and/or resurfacing
- 64 miles of major highway construction
- 139 traffic/safety improvement locations

**Comments, Material, and Questions**

Written statements and opinions may be submitted during the Public Input Meeting or mailed to IDOT *no later than December 19, 2003*, in order to become part of the official Public Meeting Record. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Programming, Attention: John Baczek  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

All material from the Public Input Meeting, including engineering data and written comments from interested individuals, may be reviewed or copied (at the requestor's expense) at the above address. Questions regarding the project should be directed to John Baczek at (847) 705-4087.

# PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

for

## U.S. ROUTE 45

*From Illinois Route 60 to Illinois Route 22  
in Lake County*

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Time: 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Place: Vernon Hills Park District  
Sullivan Center  
635 North Aspen Drive  
Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

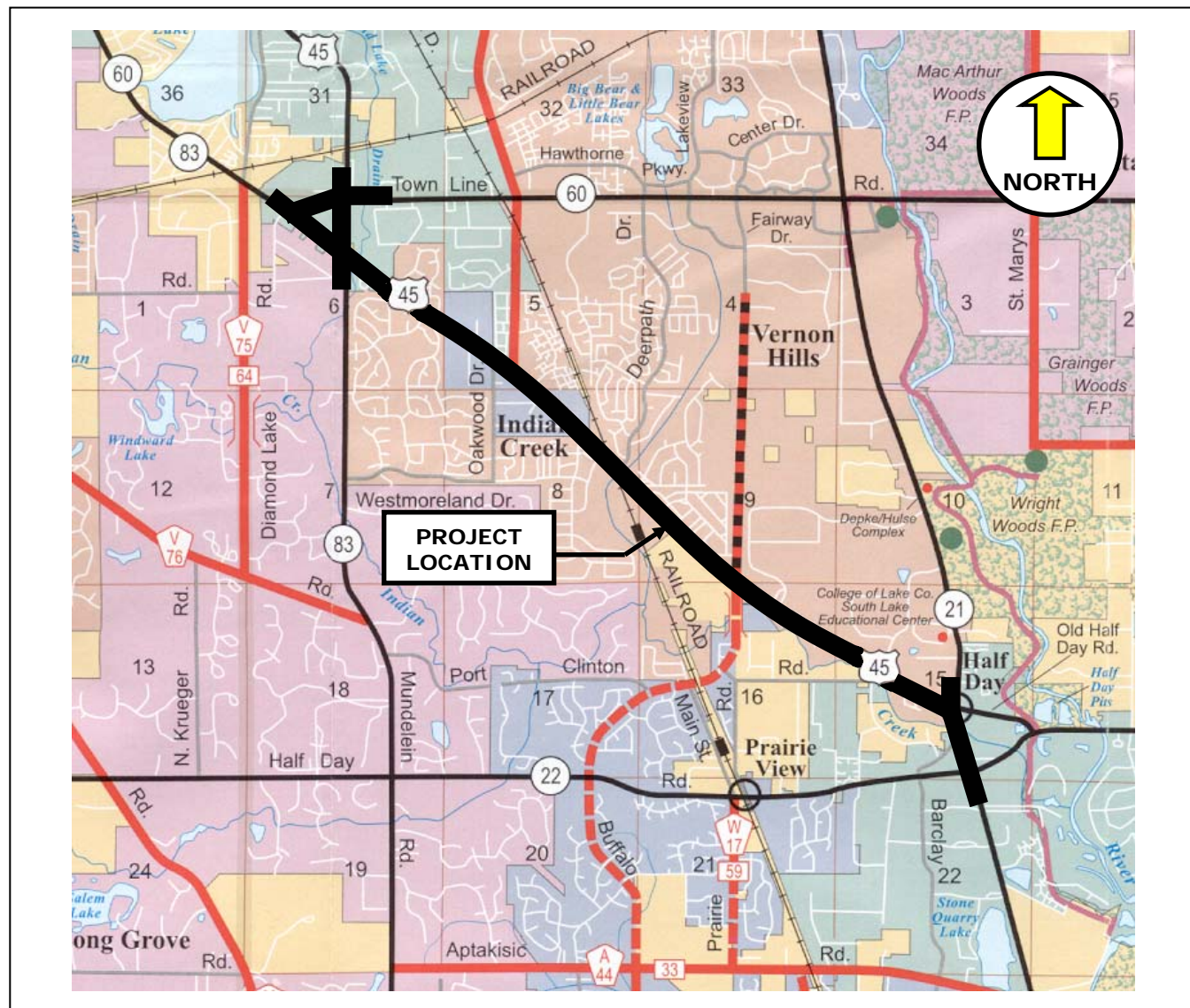


## Welcome to this Meeting

welcomes you to this Public Input Meeting for the proposed improvement of U.S. Route 45 from Illinois Route 60 to Illinois Route 22 in Lake County. IDOT is pleased to display the preliminary information and early study finding for the improvement of U.S. Route 45 and would like to gather public input on the project before developing the roadway layout and conceptual plans.

An audio-visual presentation will be shown every half-hour beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the last showing at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to view the video presentation, inspect the project exhibits on display, fill out the questionnaire / comment sheet, and visit with personnel from IDOT and their consultant, who are in attendance at today's meeting.

Your comments and opinions are an important part of this meeting. Written questions or comments should be directed to IDOT and placed in the comment box or mailed to the address shown on the last page of this brochure. The deadline for all correspondence is December 19, 2003, for it to become a part of the official record of this public meeting.



## U.S. Route 45 From Illinois Route 60 to Illinois Route 22

### Purpose of the Project:

- Improve highway safety
- Improve traffic flow
- Improve intersection efficiency
- Improve configuration and condition of roadway

### Identified Roadway Needs:

- Accidents due to many closely spaced commercial driveways, insufficient number of travel lanes, lack of exclusive turning lanes and inadequate site distance.
- Traffic congestion due to high traffic volumes and insufficient number of travel lanes
- Limited pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Deteriorating pavement and drainage structures

### Possible Proposed Improvements:

- Reconstruct U.S. Route 45 to provide two travel lanes in each direction for added capacity
- Provide a grass or landscaped barrier curb median with separate left turn lanes at side streets for improved safety
- Provide additional pedestrian and bicycle paths at select locations
- Improve intersections by modernizing traffic signals and providing separate turn lanes
- Construct curb and gutter and storm sewer
- Replace eight box culverts (drainage structures)
- Replace the existing Milwaukee Avenue bridge over Indian Creek

### Seeking Public Input On:

- *Safety* – known accident problems and desired safety improvements
- *Lane Addition Requirements* – desired traffic and turn lane additions
- *Intersection Problems* – desired turn lane needs and intersection improvements
- *Median Type* – desired median type, locations for barrier median and median openings
- *Access Needs* – desired access requirements, permitted u-turns, and consolidated driveway locations
- *Pedestrian and Bicyclist Needs* – desired locations for sidewalks and bicycle paths or other accommodations
- *Flooding Problems* – locations of existing flooding problems
- *Environmental Concerns* – wetland issues, water quality, traffic noise, business and parking impacts, or other concerns
- Other concerns or preferences with regards to the roadway improvement

### Project Schedule:

- Comments will be incorporated and the conceptual improvement plan will be developed
- Engineering and environmental reports will be prepared.
- Public Hearing is anticipated to be held in Fall 2004
- Design approval (study completion) is anticipated in 2005
- Project is not currently included for construction in IDOT's 2004 – 2008 Proposed Highway Improvement Program
- Project will be considered for inclusion in future programs as funds become available