



336 Update

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Governor to Address 336 Coalition

Make Reservations Now for June 14 Event



Illinois Governor George H. Ryan

Governor George H. Ryan will be the featured speaker at a 336 Coalition luncheon Thursday, June 14 at noon at the Canton Country Club. This will be one of the first major events held at the new clubhouse.

336 Coalition members will have an opportunity to thank the Governor for the important role he played in securing \$7.5 million for phase I funding of the 336 four-lane project between Peoria and Macomb. The Governor will give a luncheon address, and will be presented with a rendering of the 1993 Federal Junior Duck Stamp drawn by Jason Parsons of Canton.

RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED to the first 200. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 for Coalition members and \$20 for non-members. One discounted reservation is allowed per membership. Fill out the attached form and mail it to the Coalition office with your payment.

Mayors/Supervisors Project Update set for June 11

The 336 Coalition has extended an invitation to the Mayors and Township Supervisors in Fulton, McDonough, and Peoria Counties for an after hours get together on Monday June 11, 2001 at the Grand Room of the Heritage Inn in Canton.

Mr. Joe Crowe, District 4 Engineer, will be the guest speaker for the evening. There will also be a brief presentation that will depict our activities to date. The aim of the evening is to provide an opportunity for the many new (and existing) officials to be brought up-to-date regarding what the 336 Coalition has accomplished and what we are working toward.

Mayors and Supervisors are encouraged to invite aldermen, councilmen, or trustees to join in the event.

Lunch with the Governor Reservation Form

Name _____

Company _____
(if applicable)

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_____ Coalition Member @ \$15 \$ _____
(Limit 1)

_____ Non-Members @ \$20 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to the
"336 Coalition" and mail to:

336 Coalition, P.O. Box 761,
Canton, IL 61520

Aerial Photography and Topographic Mapping in Corridor Studies

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Topographic mapping and aerial photography are the primary media used for selecting a corridor and developing alternatives in the planning phase of a design study for the Route 336 four lane project.

IDOT has already done the initial photography for the Peoria to Macomb study. These photographs were taken in bands across the entire study area at approximately a 1":700' scale and later will be combined to create a comprehensive digital mosaic of the study area. This initial flight is uncontrolled and therefore does not provide the specific elevations needed to finalize the study. The mosaics will show existing topographic features, such as cities, rivers, lakes, woodlands, agricultural areas, and existing roadways. When the actual study begins, IDOT will commission environmental studies to delineate environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands and endangered or threatened species. Existing Geographic Information System (GIS) data and additional surveys will help determine the location of such features as parklands, abandoned mines, hazardous waste areas, and historical structures.

The results of these surveys and studies will be incorporated into a database, which can be electronically

laid upon the digital aerial mosaic. This will give the engineer an exact aerial view of the entire area with all the physical features visible and labeled. With this tool, IDOT can begin examining various corridors and alternatives through the study area. IDOT will identify the positive and negative points within each corridor and then determine where feasible alignments can be located. These aerial mosaics will be taken to the public at various stages so IDOT can elicit public comment on the possible corridors. These comments along with the engineering studies will eventually determine an approved corridor and an approved alignment within that corridor.

Once IDOT has an approved corridor and alignment they will go back out and do controlled aerial photography for the alignment.

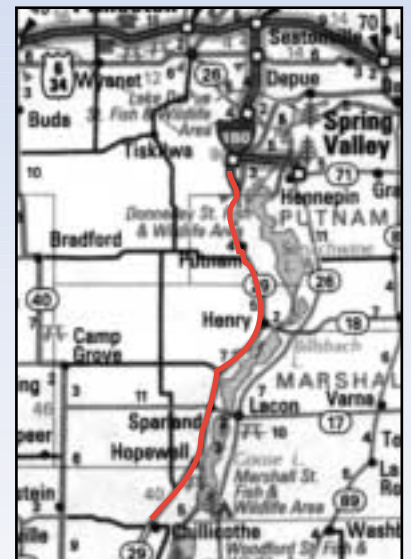
Advancements in technology have taken these aerial photographs from pictures to accurate computerized tools that save countless hours in preparing a study. This has enabled IDOT to fine-tune their designs to address each unique feature along the way and public and environmental concerns on a given project.

Congressman LaHood Announces Peoria to Chicago Route

Congressman Ray LaHood, along with State Senators George Shadid and Carl Hawkinson, State Representatives Mike Smith, Ricca Sloan, Keith Sommer, David Leitch, and ID.O.T. officials determined that the preferred route for the Heart of Illinois Highway would run along existing Route 29.

The Congressman and the Representatives stressed the need for cooperation. They emphasized that this announcement may also enable the consideration of a bridge crossing the Illinois River on the northern edges of Peoria as well as an eastern bypass sometime in the future.

The 336 Coalition has stated publicly that any highway improvements that are made related to the Heart of Illinois Highway are very favorable to the future of Route 336 from Peoria to Macomb. Cooperation between all the various constituents that have a stake in central Illinois is essential for progress to be made on highway projects such as Route 336 and HOI Highway.



Proposed Route from Peoria to I-80 highlighted in red.



It's Time To Renew Your 336 Membership

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It's 336 Coalition Membership renewal time! The majority of our dues paying membership joined two years ago and were given two years dues for their initial membership. The 336 Board of Directors has decided to adopt an annual dues structure; this means it's renewal time for all of us.

The Coalition needs to stay financially strong to be able to continue to work, fight, and lobby for this critical transportation artery we all agree is vital to the life-blood of our communities.

Please send in your renewals now to save the Coalition the expense of sending billing statements. If you have not joined the 336 Coalition, we would greatly appreciate your financial support. Please review the membership categories below and send your check today to:

336 Coalition P.O. Box 761, Canton, IL, 61520

Join The 336 Coalition **TODAY!**

It's extremely important that individuals and organizations join the efforts of the 336 Coalition. For this project to become a reality, a strong and consistently committed effort must be shown to state and federal agencies. Your support facilitates effective communication with these agencies, and keeps you informed on the progress being made to benefit our region through economic development.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

- * *You and your company are concerned about the future of western Illinois*
- * *You want to provide a high quality of life, both in the near future and for years to come*
- * *You acknowledge the need for safe and efficient travel in the area*
- * *You want to see business and industry grow in this region*



YES! I want to keep the momentum moving for a four-lane highway in western Illinois. Sign me up for a two year membership in the 336 Coalition.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Company (if applicable) _____

**Donations of all sizes will be accepted. Please make checks payable to the "336 Coalition" and mail to:
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual - \$25 • Business and Industry under 20 employees - \$100 • Business and Industry over 20 employees - \$200 • Cities, Townships and Municipalities - \$500 • Counties - \$1,000
Memberships are renewable every two years

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