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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ROUTE 336 COALITION

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Fall 2000 Rally Set For Hanna City

Mark your calendar for Sept. 18

5:00-7:30pm

**Gil's Supper Club
on Route 16 in Hanna City**

Citizens living near the eastern edge of the 336 Corridor will be showing their support for the project by hosting a Rally at Gil's in Hanna City on September 18.

"We are excited about the strong support shown by business leaders in the Farmington, Trivoli, and Hanna City areas," said Tony Rolando, Secretary of the 336 Coalition.

"This spring we had a very successful event in Canton attended by 400 supporters. We were honored to have Secretary of Transportation Kirk Brown as a guest speaker. I know the Hanna City Rally will be a great event as well."

The 336 Coalition has been gaining support steadily since its inception. The Hanna City event will continue this momentum. Supporters will be invited from Peoria, Hanna City, Trivoli, Farmington, Canton, Lewistown, Cuba, Bushnell, Macomb, and many other communities.

Numerous dignitaries will be invited to attend including Congressmen Lane Evans and Ray LaHood; Governor George Ryan; State Senator George Shadid; State Representatives Mike Smith, Ricca Slone, David Leitch;

Illinois Department of Transportation officials; numerous mayors; and county and municipal officials.

The Bank of Farmington and Heritage banks will be working hard to solicit area businesses to join the 336 Coalition and to attend the September 18th event. The banks have pledged to match the amount of the business memberships at 100% up to \$2,500 per bank. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the Coalition to be used to advance 336's cause.

Volunteers in Farmington, Trivoli, and Hanna City will be going door-to-door to solicit signatures of support for the 336 Highway.

336 Coalition President Mark Johann said, We are involved in an area-wide effort to make west central Illinois accessible geographically, which will impact us directly as we move to become more economically vibrant. That's why we are working constantly to keep this project before legislators, state road officials, and the public."

There will be a bus leaving from Bushnell's Farmer's & Merchant's State Bank on Sept. 18 for Macomb and Bushnell residents who want to attend the rally.

Call 309-772-2171 for more information.

Comments and suggestions for the Hanna City Rally may be directed to Joe Higgs at the Bank of Farmington, 309-245-2441.

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O.T. District Engineer Joe Crowe and 336 Coalition President Mark Johann address supporters at the 336 Spring Evnt (see page 3.)



Funding Status of IL336-Related Projects

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US136/Illinois 336 - Quincy to Macomb Corridor. A new four-lane highway from US 24 to Illinois 61 near Mendon was opened to traffic in 1996. Construction contracts are pending to continue the four lanes from near Mendon to the Adams/Hancock County line. The ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) in 1991 provided \$4.9 million in federal demonstration funds for this project.

Construction to complete 18.5 miles of the four-lane facility from the Adams/Hancock County line to 2 miles east of Carthage is included in Governor Ryan's FY 2001-2005 Program at cost of \$63.4 million. Of this total, \$13.5 million is programmed in FY2001 to complete 6 miles from the Adams/Hancock County line to north of Illinois 94. TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) provided \$3.8 million in High Priority Project funds for this project.

Construction of additional lanes and resurfacing on 2.3 miles from Township Road (TR) 226 easterly to Deere Road west of Macomb and a new interchange for the Macomb northwest bypass are also included in the program at a cost of \$14.5 million. Of this total, engineering for contract plans, land acquisition and utility work at a cost of \$815,000 are programmed in FY2001 for the segment between TR 226 and County Highway 18.

In addition, engineering for contract plans to complete the four-lane highway from 2 miles east of Carthage to Macomb is included at a cost \$7.2 million. Of this total, engineering for soil investigations is programmed in FY 2001 at a cost of \$700,000. Construction of this segment is not currently funded.

Definitions

Corridor - A very general location of a proposed roadway. A broad band of an area up to several miles wide.

Alignment - A specific location for a future roadway within a corridor. A typical alignment width is 250 to 350 feet for a 4-lane expressway. The alignment width includes the roadway, shoulders, median, and outer ditches.

Right-of-way (ROW) - The area of property needed to construct the proposed roadway.

Corridor Study - A corridor study is required for a major highway project in a new location of significant length and where alternative corridors are available. A corridor study will determine, in part, the selection of a specific corridor for the proposed highway. During the corridor study, potential engineering, economic, agricultural, and environmental impacts will be analyzed in each of the potential corridors. The Department will conduct an Informational Meeting at the initiation of the Corridor Study to receive public input. Near the end of the Corridor Study, the Department will hold a public hearing to present the Department's recommended corridor to the public. Once all public comments have been addressed, the Corridor Study will be completed and submitted to various agencies, including the federal government, for approval.

Phase I Study (Alignment Phase) - A Phase I Study is prepared after the corridor location has been selected and approved. The Phase I Study determines, in part, the specific

alignments, profiles, major design features such as the location of structures and interchanges, and the proposed row. During the Phase I Study, impacts of each proposed alignment to the surrounding area are analyzed in detail. Gathering and considering comments from the public, municipalities, and other governmental agencies throughout the process is an integral part of the Phase I Study. Near the end of the Phase I Study, a public hearing will be held to present the Department's recommended alignment location. Once all public comments have been addressed, the Phase I Study will be finalized and submitted for approval in the same fashion as the Corridor Study.

Phase II (Design Phase) - Once a Phase I Study is approved, the second phase can begin. Phase II involves the preparation of contract plans used to build the project. Large Phase I projects, such as IL336 from Carthage to Macomb, are broken down into smaller, more manageable sections appropriate for funding and the awarding of contracts to contractors. During this phase, contract plans, specifications, and documents are prepared for these smaller sections of the project. For example, one contract may be for the proposed grading and ditching of the first several miles, another for the proposed pavement, and another for a specific bridge or interchange.

Phase III (Construction Phase) - Once funding for construction is secured and the Phase II contract plans are complete, the Department will include the contract plans on a letting. At the time of a letting, bids from contractors are read and the lowest bidder determined. The contract is officially awarded shortly thereafter. Phase III construction is concluded once the project has received final inspection from the Department.

336 Spring Event



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The 336 Coalition held its Spring Event on Tuesday, April 25 at THE GRAND ROOM in Canton. This event was attended by over 400 supporters of the four-lane highway.

The featured speaker was Secretary Kirk Brown of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Several state legislators were also in attendance such as: Senators George Shaddid and Carl Hawkinson, Representatives Mike Smith, Don Moffitt, and Rich Myers. Letters of support were read from Congressman Lane Evans and Congressman Ray LaHood. The Secretary addressed the crowd and expressed his support for 336 and stressed the importance of continued lobbying in a long range project such as this. Mayor Don Edwards welcomed the group to Canton and expressed his support for the Coalition. Joe Crowe, the District Engineer for I.D.O.T., also addressed the assembly.

336 Coalition President Mark Johann served as the emcee for the event and expressed the Coalition's appreciation to the speaker and all in attendance for their continued support of this highway initiative.

The group was treated to a delicious buffet luncheon served by Carol Davis and Dennis DeBourbon and the staff of THE GRAND ROOM. A special thank you went out to the Fulton County Economic Development Committee for helping to underwrite the event.



Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Kirk Brown

Mark your calendars now to attend the 336 Fall Rally which will be held on Monday, September 18 at Gil's in Hanna City from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The 336 Fall Rally will underwrite the event.

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

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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