



336 Update

The Official Newsletter of The Route 336 Coalition

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336 Unveils Revised Logo...

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At the recent 336 golf outing, the Coalition Board unveiled a revised logo. It was a big hit with all those in attendance.

With all that has been accomplished, the board felt it was time to recognize that progress and set a new goal as we push toward completion of the highway from Macomb to Peoria. With announcements from IDOT and the Governor's office that 336 is scheduled to be completed and open from Carthage to Macomb by 2008 and with the continued progress of Phase One of the Macomb to Peoria leg, a new goal is in order.

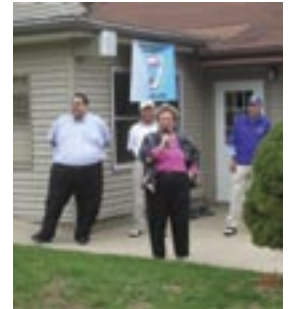
Thirty (**30**) miles open and operational by the year 2010 may be considered a stretch by some, but there were many who told us the Peoria to Macomb portion of 336 would never get as far as it has. Less than one year ago, Carthage to Macomb was in serious question and at best wasn't set to open until 2011.

It is possible but it will continue to require the focused efforts of all who have been involved in the past and the added support of many to come, especially newly elected officials.

With Phase One scheduled for completion in the next 12 to 18 months or so, continued funding is what it will take to make all or part of 30 by 2010 a reality. A strong push, and a high priority by IDOT and Springfield, is what we'll need to get us there. Keep that in mind as the elections approach and you have the opportunity to speak to candidates and incumbents running for office (all offices).



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336 Holds First Golf Outing

In early September, the Coalition held a golf outing at Wee-Ma-Tuk Country Club. The outing raised over \$12,000 in net proceeds which will be used to further the project.

Many, many thanks go to Caterpillar and STS Consultants, our major sponsors, in addition to over 50 other sponsors whose donations ranged from \$50 to \$1,000 each. Everyone had a good time and the weather was beautiful. Thanks also goes to Rod Ahitow, Chad Murphy, and the rest of the Coalition Board that logged a good numbers of volunteer hours to help make the outing a big success. A Big Thank You as well to Mr. Tim Petersen and the Wee-Ma-Tuk staff for being outstanding hosts.

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2006 Membership Renewals Just Around the Corner

The coming of the new year will find us sending out renewal notices for membership to the Coalition. Be watching and if you're not already a member, please refer to the back page for membership information. We'd love to have you join us.

The board is currently busy scrubbing our name and address data to bring it up to date.

WORD FROM IDOT

Officials at IDOT continue to report good progress being made on completion of Phase One. At the same time, the Peoria office of IDOT is making outstanding progress toward the completion of the Upgrade-74 project running through the greater Peoria metropolitan area. Check in on the website shown in the following article for added details.

IDOT Launches New Website Dedicated to Peoria to Macomb Portion of 336

<http://www.peoriatomacomb.com/>

If there's anything you want to know about 336 from Peoria to Macomb, you will likely find it on this web site.

For the most part, the web site is an accumulation of the data and information that is, and has been, gathered during Phase One of this important project. It includes information such as Frequently Asked Questions, Highlights of Public Meetings, and fairly detailed maps pertaining to the corridor and alignment studies amongst other interesting information.

Check in on it from time to time as IDOT does periodically update the information to keep it as current as possible.

Kudos to IDOT for putting this information out there for all to see and reference. We have encountered a number of individuals who have been on the receiving end of misleading, inaccurate, or down right wrong information.

Interested In Getting Your Semi-Annual Update Via E-mail????

The board voted to proceed to distributing our newsletter via a PDF file to those who would prefer e-mail to conventional US Mail.

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We hope you find this an added convenience. It will also serve to save on our printing and mailing costs.



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Looking Ahead

The Board will be making plans to visit Springfield and the General Assembly as their 2006 session gets underway in January. We have hopes of presenting Governor Blagojevich a banner from our recent golf outing.

We will also become very busy and involved in the upcoming 2006 election cycle. As always, the Coalition will remain bi-partisan as we look for support from any and all candidates running for local, state, and federal offices. Again, be **CERTAIN** to bring 336 to the attention of **EVERY** person running for office or currently holding office no matter what district or constituent they represent.

336 Coalition Membership Drive On Going

Over the past year, the 336 Coalition board has been working hard to increase the Coalition's dues paying membership.

Memberships funds are used to pay for our news-letter, sponsor rallies, and pay for other expenses all aimed at advocating the four-lane highway from Peoria to Macomb.

If you're not currently a member, please consider joining now by completing the enrollment section of this month's *Update*.



YES!

I want to keep the momentum moving for a four-lane highway in western Illinois. Sign me up for a membership in the 336 coalition.

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