



336 Update

The Official Newsletter of The Route 336 Coalition

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Mark your calendars for **Thursday September 28th** from 5:00-7:00 to attend the 2006 336 Rally.

This year's rally will be held **at the Canton Ingersoll Airport** located on Route 9 just west of Canton. If you're not familiar with where the airport is, just head to downtown Canton and travel west on Locust St. from the intersection of Main and Locust. It is about 1 mile outside of Canton, just prior to passing the Illinois Correctional Facility.

This year's event will be very special in that we will be honoring retiring State Senator George Shadid for the critical work he has done since our inception to help us make 336 from Peoria to Macomb possible. But we ask that you please keep in mind that this event, as are all of our rallies, are structured to be Bipartisan affairs. Everyone is welcome.

Our rally will give everyone running for statewide office the opportunity to briefly address the audience. It will also give all that attend a chance to meet many of the candidates that will appear on the November ballot and visit with them one on one on all issues of importance to them.

Finally, food will be provided so plan on joining us for a picnic. We will be providing everything at no cost to those attending. The Airport facilities will enable us to hold the event rain or shine (those airport hangers really are multi-purpose structures).

The 336 Board is working diligently to make this the best and biggest rally we've ever had. As a famous person once said... "80% of success in life is just showing up". We hope you can join us. Your attendance at these events is what helps motivate the Board to keep moving forward toward our final goal.



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Tri-State Development Summit

Over the past 20 years, there has been work going on in the transportation arena that many in Central Illinois are unaware of. But to those in Western Illinois, Northeastern Missouri, and Southeastern Iowa, their work **AND RESULTS** have been evident and undeniable.

We're speaking of the efforts of the Tri-State Development Summit. Their stated goals are to make advancements in the areas of Agriculture, Media, River Issues, Tourism, Transportation and Workforce Development.

The transportation committee, chaired by Mr. Tom Boland of Hannibal has made great strides over the years. Their group has been the driving force in the new four lane highway that will one day become the Avenue of the Saints (St. Paul to St. Louis). They have been active and supportive of many other highway improvements such as US 67, US 34, and, of course 336 from Quincy to Macomb. Three years ago, they graciously incorporated the efforts of the 336 Coalition into their own agenda and are staunch supporters of 336 continuing from Quincy all the way to Peoria. See the map on page 3.

Of great importance (and accomplishment), they periodically convene a summit which, in the past, has been attended by the governors of the states of Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri along with many of the congressional delegations from each state and their respective state assembly persons. To have up to three governors, 6 senators, and numerous members of congress all in the same place at the same time focusing on issues like transportation is quite **POWERful**.

Their next summit is set for April 4, 2007 on the campus of Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. Please mark that date on your calendar. Shelby Schoonover is the Summit Coordinator. She can be reached at 217/223-8380 for additional details.



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UPGRADE 74 -The District IV office of the Illinois Department of Transportation continues to be very busy.

A spokesman for IDOT reports that work on UPGRADE74 continues to track right on schedule with completion of the entire project slated for November of this year. Considering that this was the largest downstate road/highway project in IDOT's history AND keeping in mind the enormous number of affected constituents in and around the greater Peoria metropolitan area, we think all would agree that it has been a tremendous success.

CONGRATULATIONS for a job extremely well done!!!

336 Peoria to Macomb -They also report that work on Phase one of the Peoria to Macomb portion of 336 continues to progress as planned. They continue to meet with various groups that have a stake in the project and have done whatever they could do to address their concerns.

Another set of advisory meetings/hearings will be convened later this year. Those meetings will have maps that depict the recommended alignment for the new highway. Be watching for announcements of the dates and locations.

Once Phase I is complete, over \$9 million in funds in the recently passed federal transportation bill will be put to work on Phase II on one or two sections of the highway and on soil tests.

336 Macomb to Carthage - Finally, work on 336 from Carthage to Macomb is right on track. Anyone in the vicinity of Carthage knows that the exit from 336 into Carthage is nearing completion and it doesn't look like it will be long before another section of the highway is open to public use (from ~2 miles east of Carthage to the existing open 336 highway ~4 miles south of Carthage).

All but 5 miles of the remaining work to be done connecting Carthage to Macomb is under contract with work set to commence later this year. The bids for the last 5 mile section (near the Hancock County line) will be let in November.

Oakley Recognized

At the July 25th meeting of the Tri-State Development transportation meeting, 336 Coalition president Mark Johann, representing the Coalition, conveyed the title of Honorary Chairman of the 336 Coalition to Mr. Tom Oakley of Quincy.

The honor was given to Mr. Oakley for the instrumental role Tom has played on behalf of the Coalition. He was invaluable in helping the Coalition set its agenda as it formed and in lending a helping hand along the way behind the scenes in Springfield. Tom was also the individual that invited the 336 Coalition to become part of the Tri-State Development's program(s).

Thanks Tom for all you've done and we know we can count on you being there going forward.



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.

We'll do our best to make this happen, so if this is your preference, please forward your name and US Mail address along with your e-mail address to us by first going to our www.336coalition.com web site. There is contact information at the web site that you can access to send us this information. By providing your US Mail address too, we will be able to ensure to discontinue mailing the newsletter to your US Mail address.

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

2006 Memberships

While we send out over 3500 of the **336 Update** to a list of recipients across the state, we have over 200 dues paying members that annually help us by belonging to the Coalition and paying a yearly membership fee. We like to think of it as more of an investment in the future of the area than dues.

The 2006 statements are in the works and may arrive prior to this update or shortly thereafter. If you are not a member of the 336 Coalition, please take this opportunity to join us by completing the information below. The dues are very modest, especially in light of the potential benefits that the successful completion of 336 will have on our area.



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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Company (if applicable) _____

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