



336 Update

The Official Newsletter of The Route 336 Coalition

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336 Board Calls on Area Lawmakers and our Governor to Secure \$125 Million in Funding for 336

At the recent hearings held in Peoria, Canton, and Macomb, IDOT unveiled its estimates for construction of the portion of 336 connecting Peoria to Macomb. In today's dollars, IDOT estimates the cost to be in the vicinity of \$640 million.

\$125 million represents about 20% of the total cost of the project. Board President Mark Johann said "We've known all along the day would come when the State of Illinois would have to find the 20% match (to the Federal dollars) that it typically takes to see the highway built. It is important that we or better said, IDOT, has the funding needed to continue with the progress that has been made uninterrupted. Matching funds from the State of Illinois is what is needed as evidence of the State's commitment to build the highway. Having secured funding from Springfield will set the stage for our federal Congressmen and Senators to go to work on the funding issue in the next federal transportation bill due out in the next 2-3 years."

The Coalition Board fully understands that money is tight in Springfield. But it also knows that money has always been tight in Springfield. It is common knowledge that a new capital bill is a real possibility coming out of the spring session of the General Assembly later this year. A similar bill enabled Phase One of this project to get underway several years ago. Had 336 not received those funds, we still would have been waiting to see Phase One of the Peoria to Macomb segment get started and all of the construction between Bowen and Macomb on 336 would not have occurred.

Yes, \$125 million is a great deal of money. But these project don't come cheap and it will only cost more the longer it waits to be built. That has been known to everyone all along.

And, yes, everyone has known that the day would come when it came time for the State to step up to the plate and make their significant commitment to finish building 336. With a capital bill a real possibility in Springfield.....That Time is Now.



If you haven't done it already, stop what you're doing and do it NOW.

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What?

Send it your comments to IDOT regarding your support for 336.

How?

It's as easy as sending an e-mail to --

comments@peoriatomacomb.com

OR, if e-mail isn't your thing,

Go to www.Peoriatomacomb.org and click on "Project Contact"

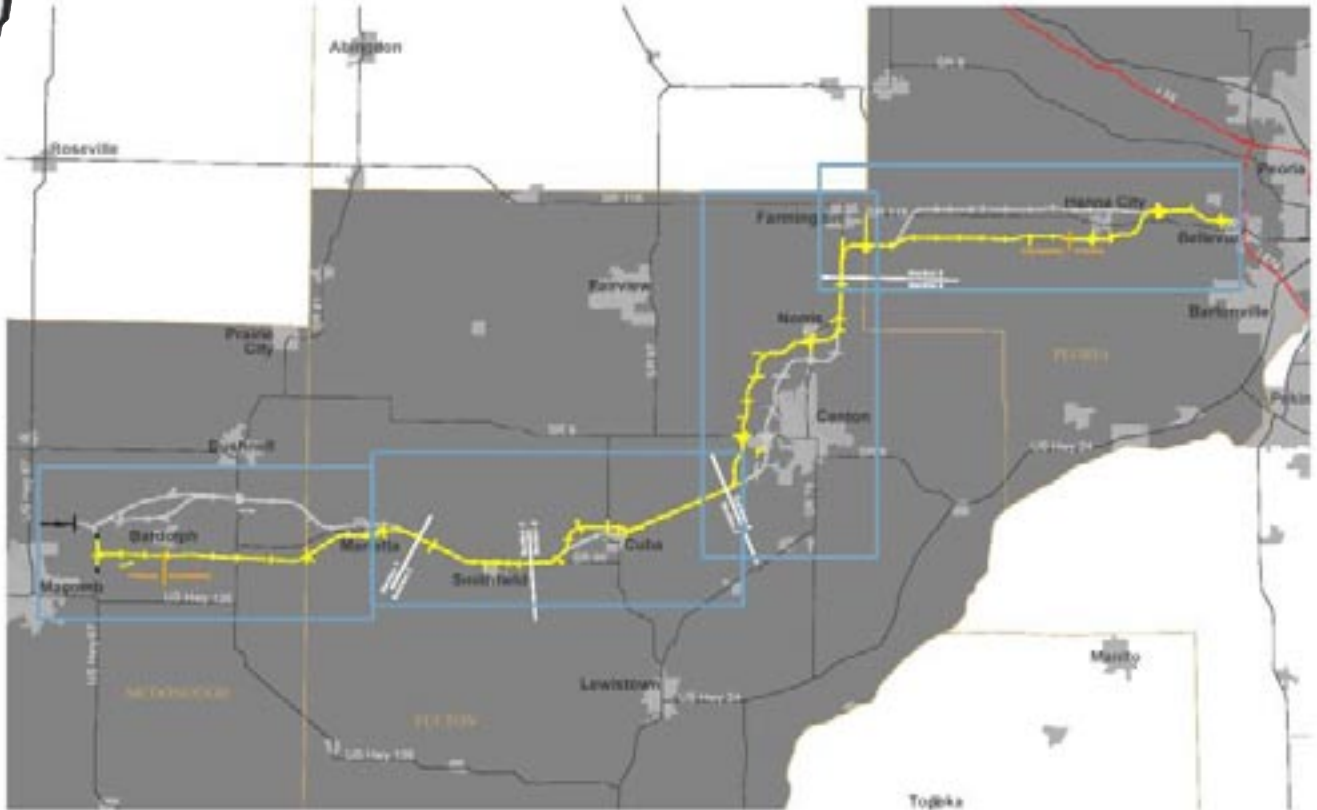
There you will find a comment section you could complete and send in from your desktop or you will also find the form and address to send in comments via mail or fax.

Please, Please, Please.....do it now. It really will make a difference.



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Below is the project overview map shown at the recent hearings.



The impact Matrix below was also shared by IDOT at the recent Hearings.

IMPACT TABLE

The table below lists selected impacts for the preliminary preferred alignment presented in this meeting and illustrated on the map. The alignment and impacts are broken into five sections.



Impact Description	Section 1: Macomb Bypass to 1.5 Miles East of Marietta	Section 2: 1.5 Miles East of Marietta to 1.5 Miles East of Smithfield	Section 3: 1.5 Miles East of Smithfield to 2.0 Miles South of Canton	Section 4: 2.0 Miles South of Canton to 2.5 Miles South of Farmington	Section 5: 2.5 Miles South of Farmington to I-474 at Peoria	Entire Project Totals: Macomb to Peoria
	Middle	IL95	North	West	South	Totals
Existing Road ROW Used acres	127	66	113	87	65	458
New ROW Required acres	498	139	285	522	920	2,364
Total ROW acres	625	205	398	609	985	2,822
Severances (Parallel & Diagonal) each	9	0	9	14	32	64
Land Locked Parcels acres	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wetlands number	3	1	15	6	2	27
Wetlands acres	0.2	0.1	1.4	2.8	0.5	5
Cropland acres	422	99	185	407	878	1,991
Wooded Land acres	39	22	6	47	0	114
Grass Land acres	29	13	73	61	28	204
Other Land acres	8	5	21	7	14	55
Residential Relocations each	6	1	4	5	11	27
Commercial Relocations each	0	3	0	1	0	4
Stream Crossings each	6	3	0	3	0	12
Floodplain Encroachment acres	0	9	0	0	5	14
Length miles	14.4	5.1	9.8	12.1	18.8	60
Construction Cost \$ Million 2005 \$	\$168	\$47	\$109	\$148	\$168	\$640

You can visit Peoriatomacomb.org for more information. It is maintained by IDOT and is an outstanding website to view and study all that has happened on 336 to this point.



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Stats from our www.336Coalition.com website were reviewed at our recent board meeting. We thought you might find them of interest. Here are some key numbers for the month of February 2007.

Total Hits	21,829
Total files	16,442
Total Visits	1152
Total Pages	3,170
Average # of visits/day	41+
Average # of pages viewed/day	113

It appears to be working quite well. Drop in and take a look at it when you have time. Be sure to look at the video that features our area lawmakers following our recent summit. It's there along with all of our past editions of this newsletter.

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