

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #1

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Road, Grayslake, IL 60030

WELCOME

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to the first public information meeting concerning the Illinois 120 Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study. This public information meeting is an open house format, and we invite you to view the presentation, examine the exhibits on display, talk with study team members, and provide feedback.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To introduce the project
- To discuss the purpose and need for the improvement
- To obtain public input








ABOUT THE STUDY

PEL is a federal study process name that stands for Planning and Environmental Linkages and provides a collaborative approach to transportation decision-making. It brings together experts, community members, and organizations to consider potential transportation improvements, and what the resulting impacts would be. The Illinois 120 PEL study analyzes current and future traffic and safety data along with community, environmental, and economic considerations on Illinois 120 from Illinois 60 to Almond Road in Lake County. Through the PEL study, IDOT will determine project purpose and need as well as a range of improvement alternatives to be carried forward for further study as potential future projects.

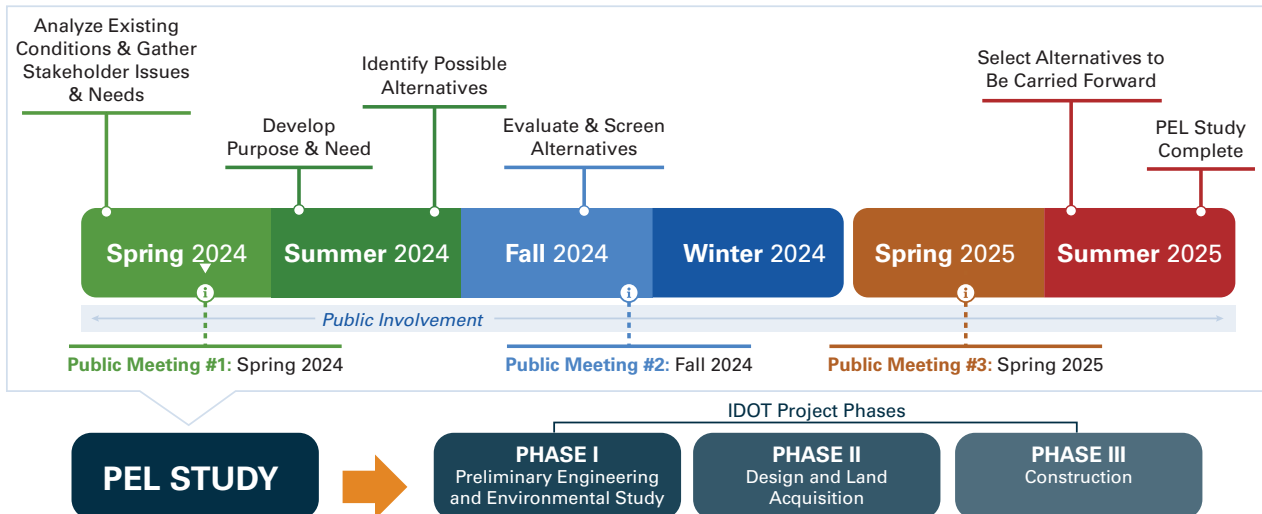
STUDY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Through stakeholder, agency, and public input, the Study Team seeks to establish a shared corridor vision and identify a range of alternatives that will:

-  Increase safety for all roadway users
-  Reduce congestion and delays as population grows
-  Provide pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
-  Accommodate future regional transportation improvements
-  Minimize impacts to environmental resources

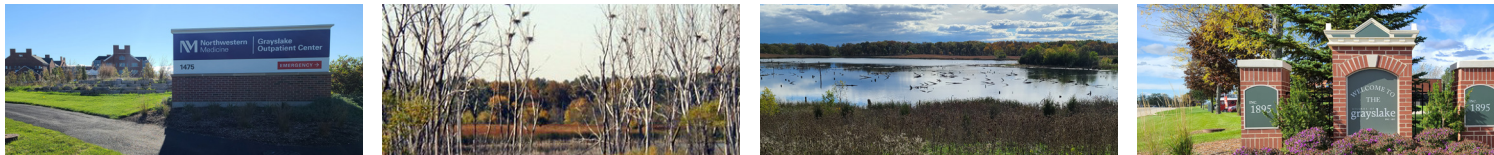
STUDY SCHEDULE

The study milestones are illustrated in the schedule below. We are currently at the first public information meeting. After this meeting, a Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be created and further data will be collected. CAG meetings and additional public information meetings will be held in 2024 and 2025. Alternatives to be carried forward will be identified and the PEL study will be completed in 2025.



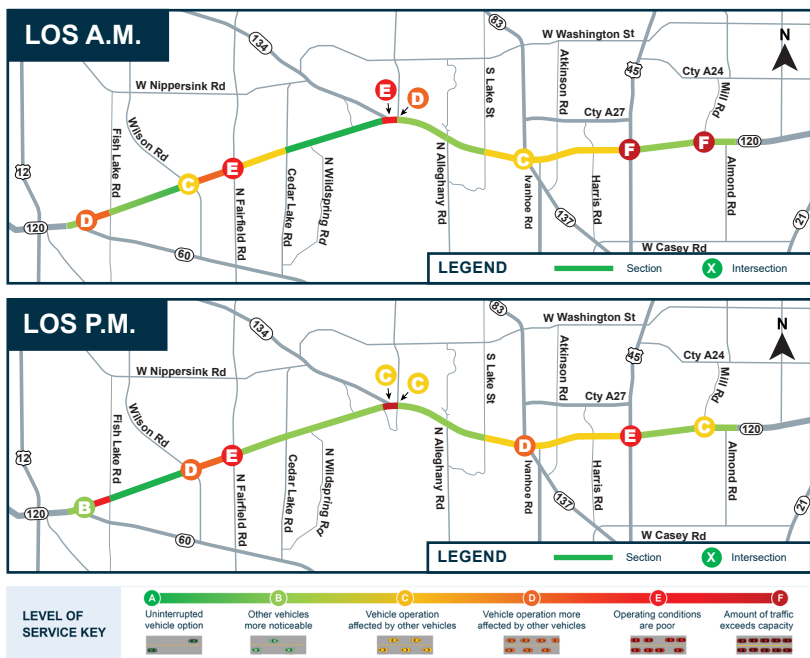
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Study Team is identifying environmental resources such as parks, wetlands, and historical resources and collecting data on considerations including air quality and noise to develop alternatives that will improve mobility and safety on Illinois 120 while limiting impact on the built and natural environment.



TRAFFIC DATA

The maps below indicate how roadway sections and intersections operate along the corridor in the morning peak and evening peak. Level of Service (LOS) is shown from Level of Service A and B in green, experiencing little to no congestion, to Level of Service D, E, and F, colored in orange and red, experiencing poor operating conditions and severe congestion due to exceeding capacity. *Current Traffic Volumes on Illinois 120 Range from 17,000 to 28,000 vehicles per day. 2050 Projected Traffic Volumes on Illinois 120 Range from 19,000 to 32,000 vehicles per day.*



CRASH DATA

There were **1,263 total crashes** in the study area between 2017 and 2021. Of those crashes, **358 involved injuries**, and **one involved two fatalities**. The red shading on the map below indicates the density of crashes in given sections along Illinois 120. The predominant crash type in the study area is rear-end crashes, accounting for **57 percent of total crashes**. A high number of rear-end crashes can be an indication of insufficient capacity along a roadway.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) is being formed as a key component of the Illinois 120 Study. Potential CAG members include residents, business owners, elected and community officials, neighborhood representatives and users of the facility. CAG members should be able to attend all or most of the CAG meetings and provide input as requested, in order to maintain familiarity with study findings and to provide timely input. The objective for the CAG is to include broad and equal representation from the study area and be effective with respect to size and structure. The CAG membership form is available at this public information meeting or on our project website.

CAG membership forms must be returned to the Study Team by May 5, 2024.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT AUDIT

The Community Context Audit helps the Study Team to identify unique community, cultural, and historic resources in the study area. You can help to inform the Audit by completing the Community Context Audit form at this public information meeting or on our website at www.IL120Study.com.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Please visit the project website at www.IL120Study.com for materials shown at the public information meeting. Questions and comments may be submitted during this public information meeting using the comment form provided, mailed to IDOT at the address indicated below, sent to the project email address Connect@IL120Study.com, or sent through the project website, www.IL120Study.com. Comments received by May 24, 2024 will become part of the official public information meeting records.



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