

Public Meeting #2 Summary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026, 5:30 – 7 P.M.

The second public information meeting for the Central Avenue Improvement was held on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 at the Matteson Community Center, 20642 Matteson Avenue, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- **Provide an update** on the project and schedule
- **Present** the preferred alternative
- **Obtain** additional feedback



COMMUNICATIONS

To notify the public of the meeting, the following communications were used: **(Attachment A)**

- **Digital Flyer & Graphic**
Shared with 4 community partners: Village of Matteson, Richton Park, Rich Township, and Matteson Community Center
- **Postcards**
Sent to 568 addresses: 519 property owners, 33 businesses, 16 officials
- **Flyers**
Distributed/pasted flyers at 9 locations: 4 supermarkets/convenience stores, 3 public libraries, USPS, and Village of Matteson
- **EBlast**
Reached 131 recipients with an average open rate of 30%. Sent 3 weeks prior, 1 week prior and day of
- **Newspaper ad**
Published in the Chicago Sun-Times and Daily SouthTown sent 3 weeks prior and 1 week prior to the meeting

The meeting was held in an open house format where attendees were able to view exhibit boards with information about the project including the safety analysis, preferred alternative, maintenance of traffic and detour during construction, and the land acquisition process.

In the center of the meeting room, attendees were able to provide feedback on an aerial roll map with any issues or concerns with the preferred alternative. Project team members were also available to discuss the project and answer any questions. Twenty seven people attended the open house and were given a project overview handout and a comment sheet ([Attachment B](#)).

Exhibits ([Attachment C](#)) can be viewed on the project website at centralavenueimprovement.org/get-involved. The project team encourages the public to submit comments regarding the project at any time but to become part of the official public meeting record, comments must be received by April 15, 2026.

COMMENTS

Three comments were received during the official comment period and several comments were added to the roll plot map during the meeting ([Attachment D](#)). Some of the comments received were related to:



**Multi-use path
(bicycle lane)**



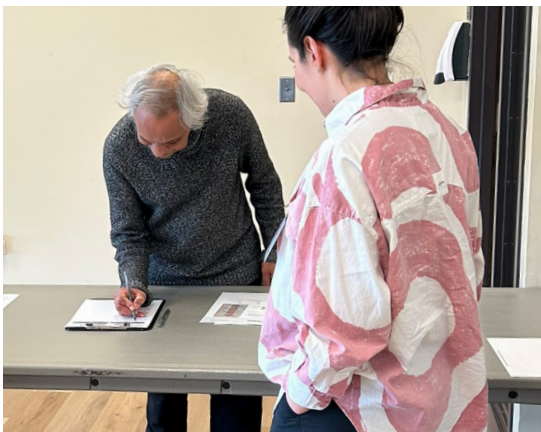
**Lighting at key areas/
access points**



**Drainage issues at the
intersection of Sauk
Trail and Central Avenue**



**Driveway access
along Central Avenue**



NEXT STEPS

The project team will consider all written and verbal comments as the preferred alternative is finalized.

All findings are being consolidated into a final report to close out Phase I and prepare the project to move into Phase II (Detailed Design and Engineering).

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Attachments

Communications (Attachment A)

CHICAGO SUN★TIMES

Certificate of Publication

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Central Avenue

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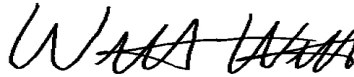
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Senior Director
Advertising

Date: 3/10/2026



Public Information Meeting

CONNECTING COOK COUNTY Beyond Transportation

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) cordially invites you to attend a public information open house regarding future improvements to transportation infrastructure along Central Avenue from Sauk Trail to US 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Cook County. The details of the meeting are as follows:

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Location: Matteson Community Center
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Interested parties may attend anytime between 5:30 – 7 p.m. Exhibits will be on display and project team members will be present to discuss the project and answer questions.

This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For accommodations, contact Veronica Cruz at (773) 799-4162 or vo@bluedaring.com by March 13, 2026.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
69 W. Washington Street, 23rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Andrew Werner, P.E.
info@centralavenueimprovement.org

or submitted through the project website: www.centralavenueimprovement.org. Comments must be submitted by April 15, 2026, to be considered part of the official project record.

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State of Illinois - Cook

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This notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 715 ILCS 5/2. 1.

PUBLICATION DATES: **Feb 25, 2026; Mar 10, 2026.**

Daily Southtown

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Chicago Tribune Media Group



Jeremy Gates

Public Information Meeting

COOK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
Transportation
and Highways



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Central Avenue: Sauk Trail to US 30 (Lincoln Highway)

Email List

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Email
Tim		37th State Representative District	
Debbie		38th State Representative District	
Anthony		80th State Representative District	
Toni		Cook County	
Donna		Cook County	
Rick		Village of Richton Park	
Cynthia		Village of Richton Park	
Valerie		Village of Richton Park	
Julian		Village of Richton Park	
Brian		Village of Richton Park	
Monica		Village of Richton Park	
Joseph		Village of Richton Park	
Shella Y.		Village of Matteson	
Robbie		Village of Matteson	
Paula F.		Village of Matteson	
Juanita		Village of Matteson	
Andre		Village of Matteson	
Adam		Village of Matteson	
Yumeka		Village of Matteson	
Calvin		Rich Township	
Nicholas P.		Rich Township	
Steven		Rich Township	
Therese H.		Rich Township	
Jacquelyn M.		Rich Township	
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Nathan		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
Tara		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
Katie		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
Jennifer		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
Andrew		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
Natalia		Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	
James		Illinois Department of Transportation	
Chad		Illinois Department of Transportation	
Jimmy		Illinois Emergency Management Agency	
George M.		Illinois Nature Preserve Commission	
Erin		Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	
Darlene O.		Metropolitan Planning Council	
Melinda J.		Pace	
Nicholas		Canadian National Railway	
Kari K.		Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	
Regan		Village of Richton Park	
Demitrous		Richton Park Police Department	
Mick		Richton Park Fire Department	
Michael		Richton Park Department of Public Works	
Ashley		Richton Park Parks & Recreation	
Pete		Richton Park Community & Economic Development	
Ted		Richton Park Community Library	
Kenneth L.		Richton Park Homeowners Association / Community Relations Coordinator	
Anthony		Village of Matteson	
Michael		Matteson Police Department	
Michael		Matteson Fire Department	
Lisa		Matteson Recreational Services Division	
LaVern		Matteson Economic Development & Marketing	
Ernest		Matteson Community Development Department	
Gordon		Matteson Public Works Department	
Dennis A.		Rich Township Highway Department	
Amy		Active Transportation Alliance	
Dave		Ride Illinois	
Kristi		South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association	
Tom		Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce	
Nikeda		Matteson Public Library District	
N/A		Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation	
John		Old Plank Road Trail Management Association	
Alyson		Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	
Percy		Chamber 57	
Lisa		Matteson Recreational Services Department	
Tiffany		Matteson School District 159	
Blondean Y.		Matteson School District 162	
Johnnie		Rich Township High School District 227	
Paul		Daily Southtown	
Lorraine		Chicago Sun-Times	
N/A		Matteson Channel 4 or Uverse 99	
Bill		WGN Radio	
Melody		Midway Broadcasting Corp. WVON and WRLL (Spanish) Radio; VONtv	
Tom		WGN-TV	
Eileen		Illinois Bell Telephone Company	
Bob		Comcast	
Joe		MCI/ Verizon Network Services	
Sakibul		Nicor Gas	
Eric		Peoples Gas	
Blake		BP Pipelines (North America)	
Vincent		ComEd	
Gregory		Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America	
Emily		CBBEL	
Phillip		CBBEL	
Sheralyn		Resident	

Valerie		Resident	
Sermane		Resident	
Denise S		Resident	
Andy		Resident	
Robert		Resident	
Jamece		Resident	
C		Resident	
Glenda		Resident	
Michelle		Resident	
Julia		Resident	
Delores		Resident	
Bailey		Resident	
Mary		Resident	
Sabrina		Resident	
Clarence		Resident	
Patricia		Resident	
Lorrene		Resident	
Linda		Resident	
Debra		Resident	
Cynthia		Resident	
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Shanika A		Resident	
Kate		Resident	
Sonya		Resident	
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Daniela		Resident	
Rev. Deidre H.		Resident	
Raymond		Resident	
Mary		Resident	
Sean		Resident	
Vincent		Resident	
Jerone		Resident	
Kevin		Resident	
Brandon		Resident	
Marcus		Resident	
Rick		Resident	

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IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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Meeting Purpose

- Provide an overview of the project and schedule
- Present the preferred alternative
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DoTH encourages you to submit comments regarding the project at any time, however, comments must be submitted by April 15, 2026, to be considered part of the official project record.

Please visit the [project website](https://centralavenueimprovement.org) or contact the project team by email at info@centralavenueimprovement.org to reach out with questions.

CENTRAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

Sauk Trail to US 30

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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING



Provide an overview of the project and schedule



Present the preferred alternative



Obtain feedback from the community

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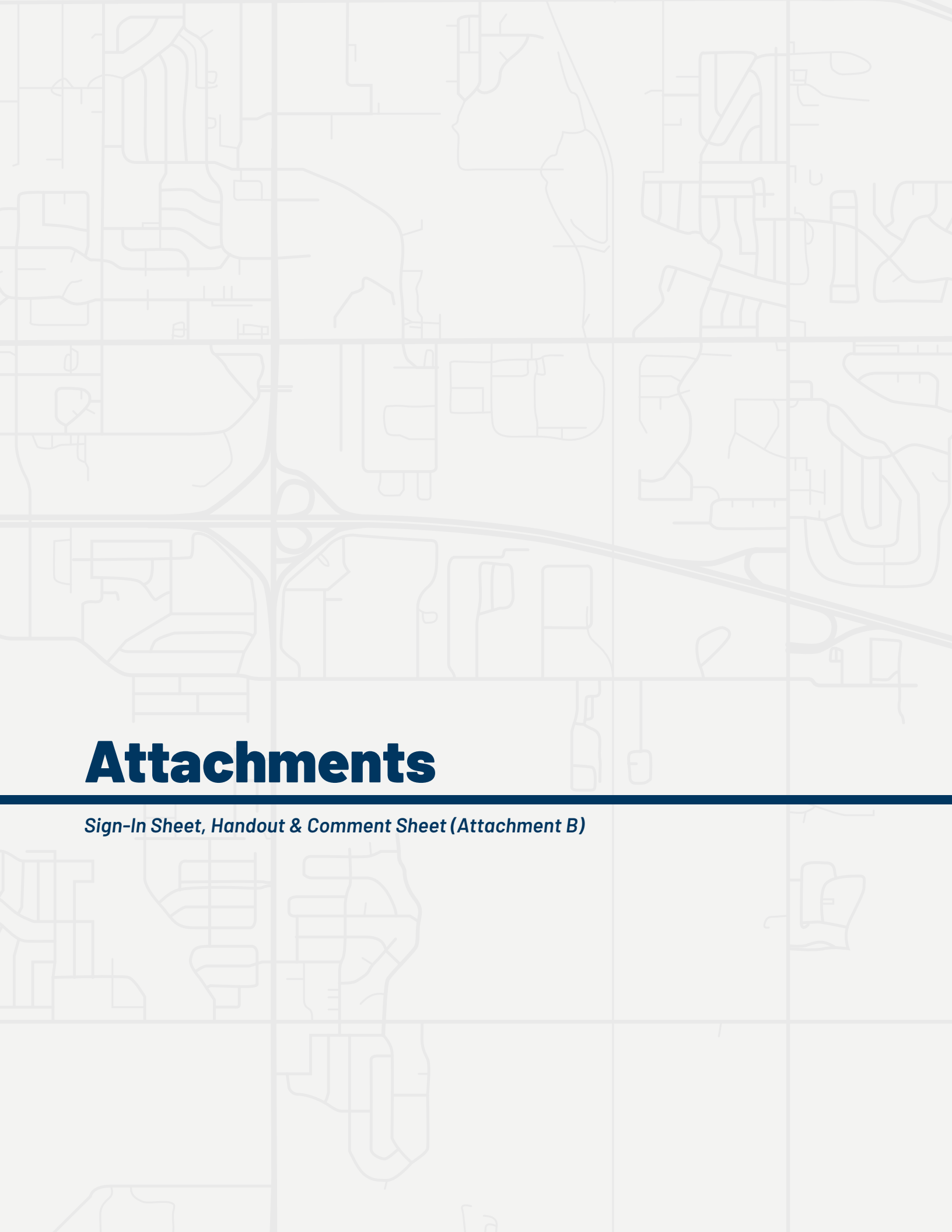
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Attachments

Sign-In Sheet, Handout & Comment Sheet (Attachment B)

Sign-In Sheet



Name	Affiliation/Organization	Email
LEONARD		
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Sheralya		
HORACE		
Andrie S		
Richardin		
Ernest R		ero
BRUCE		
Betsy Ro		
DAWN		
Deborah		deb
LA FR		fi
Rick R		R.R.
Karen F		ktf
Gregg Abbott		gabbott
MIKE COO		

Sign-In Sheet

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Sauk Trail to US 30



COOK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
Transportation
and Highways

Name	Affiliation/Organization	Email
S. Karl		
Linda S	Wm	
Bob S		
Ryan S		
Frank		
Marvin		
CHARLE		
J. P.		

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) undertook a study to propose improvements along **Central Avenue from Sauk Trail to US 30 (Lincoln Highway)**.

The 1.5-mile project area is located within portions of the Villages of Matteson, Richton Park and unincorporated Rich Township, and it crosses the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR) and Old Plank Road Trail. The region is expected to see further population growth, commercial development and increased road usage in the coming years.

PROJECT GOALS



Improve pavement condition



Improve safety



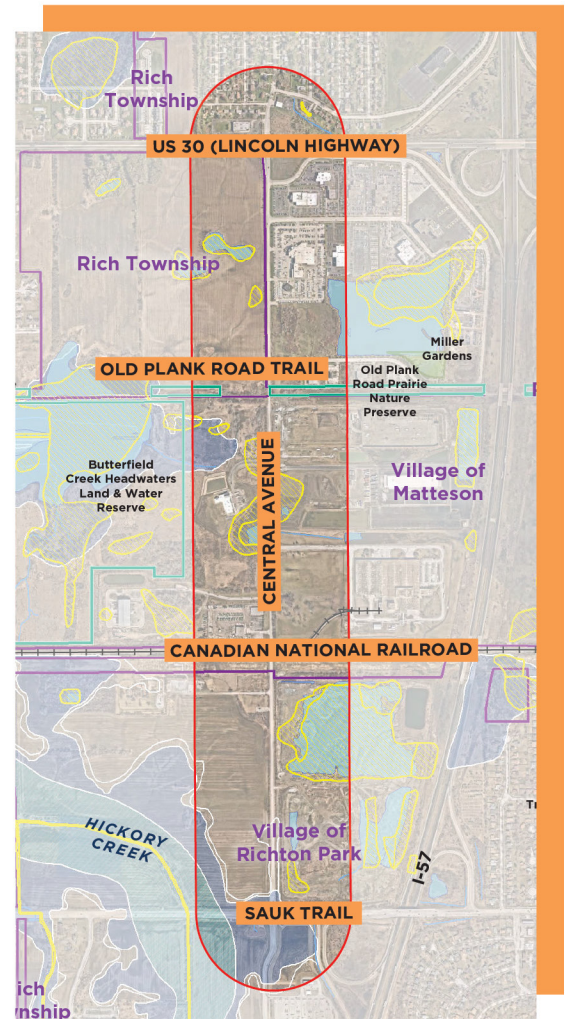
Accommodate future travel demand



Support multimodal transportation options



Accommodate future development



PHASE I

Preliminary Engineering

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION 2026

What's involved: Data collection, analysis of existing conditions, defining the project's purpose and need; developing and evaluating alternatives; conducting public meetings; identifying a preferred alternative as well as its associated impacts and finalizing a Project Development Report

PHASE II

Design Engineering

2026-2027

What's involved: Developing detailed engineering contract plans, acquiring land (if needed) and securing funds for construction

PHASE III

Construction

2028, pending funding availability

What's involved: Construction of the project

Community Engagement Recap

The project team has conducted several one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders and held one public information meeting in May 2024. The purpose of those meetings was to introduce the project, identify community issues and concerns, present a range of alternatives that meet the project goals and obtain feedback to inform a recommended preferred alternative for the corridor.



Based on the feedback received and other evaluation criteria, DoTH is recommending a **three-lane cross section with a new 10 ft. wide shared-use path** as the preferred alternative.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Safety

Predicted average crash frequency per highway safety manual

Mobility

Study area delay, corridor travel time and access to adjacent development

Impacts

Estimated right-of-way/land acquisition and environmental

Multimodal Transportation Options

Presence of non-motorized accommodations

Cost Effective

Relative cost based on roadway footprint

Stay Involved

To view past meeting materials and share additional questions or comments, visit centralavenueimprovement.org.



The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) encourages you to submit comments regarding the study at any time during the study process. In order for your comment to become part of the official public meeting record, it must be received by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

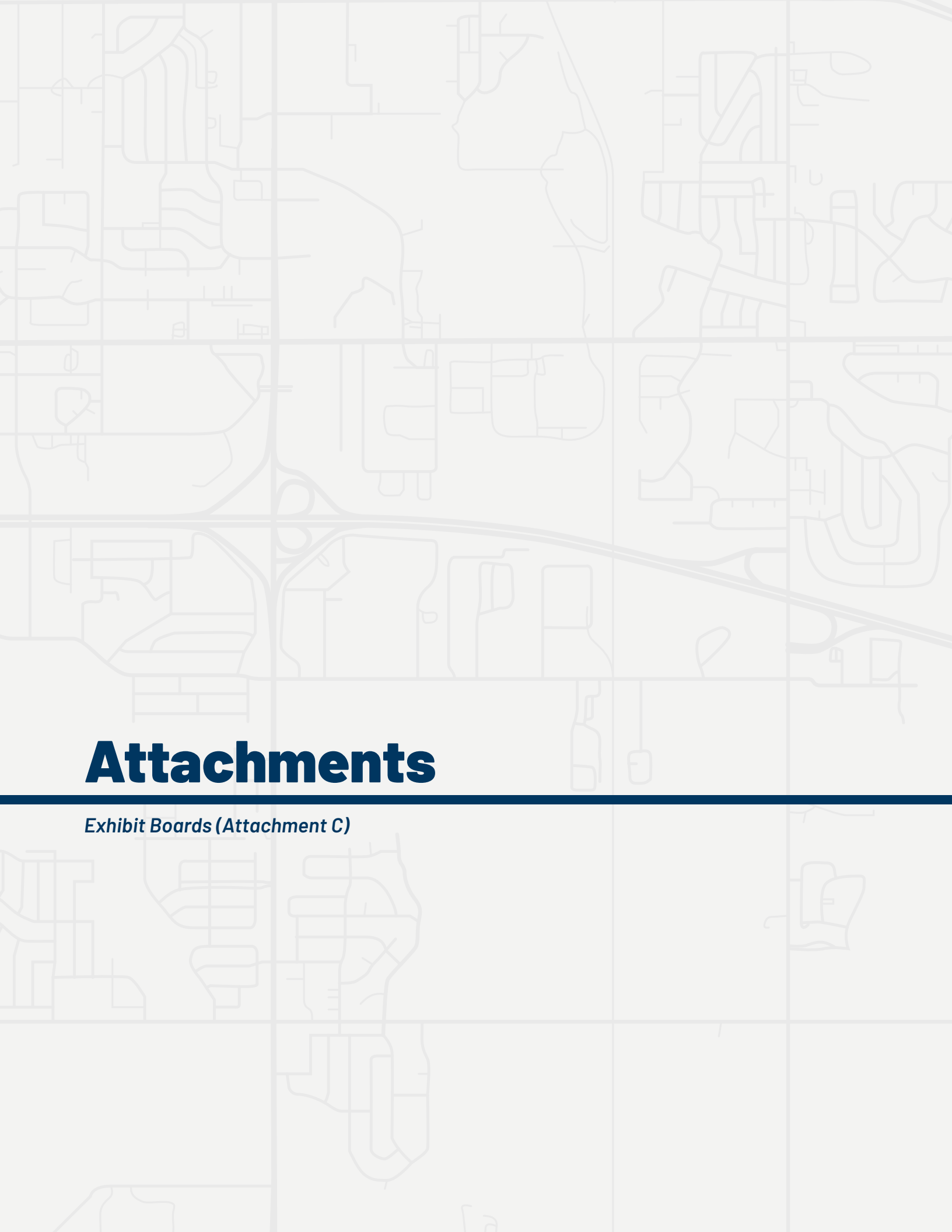
Submit this form at this public meeting, by mail, or online at centralavenueimprovement.org.

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Place
Stamp
Here

**Cook County Department of
Transportation and Highways**

Attn: Andrew Werner, P.E.
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Chicago, IL 60602

The background of the entire page is a light gray map of a city grid. A prominent road winds diagonally from the upper left towards the lower right. Various blocks and street patterns are visible across the map.

Attachments

Exhibit Boards (Attachment C)



COOK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
**Transportation
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WELCOME!

Public Information Open House #2

March 18, 2026

About the Study

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Improve safety



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Project Development Process

DoTH projects are typically divided into three phases

PHASE I: Preliminary Engineering

24 months / Anticipated completion 2026

What's involved: Data collection, analysis of existing conditions, defining the project's purpose and need; developing and evaluating alternatives; conducting public meetings; identifying a preferred alternative as well as its associated impacts and finalizing a Project Development Report

PHASE II: Design Engineering

18–24 months / 2026–2027

What's involved: Developing detailed engineering contract plans, acquiring land (if needed) and securing funds for construction

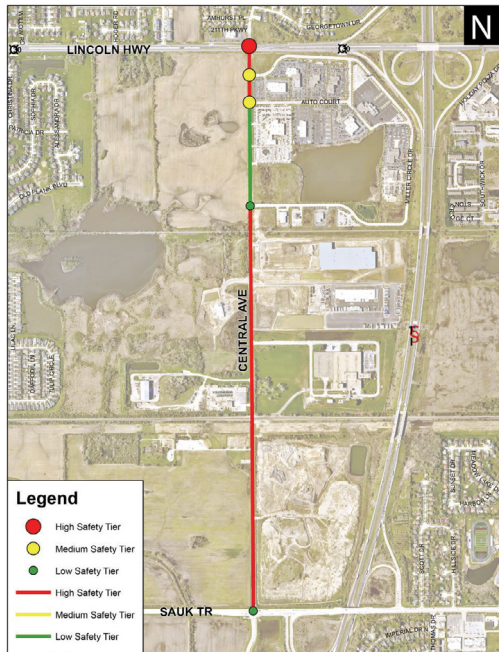
PHASE III: Construction

18–24 months / 2028, pending funding availability

What's involved: Construction of the project

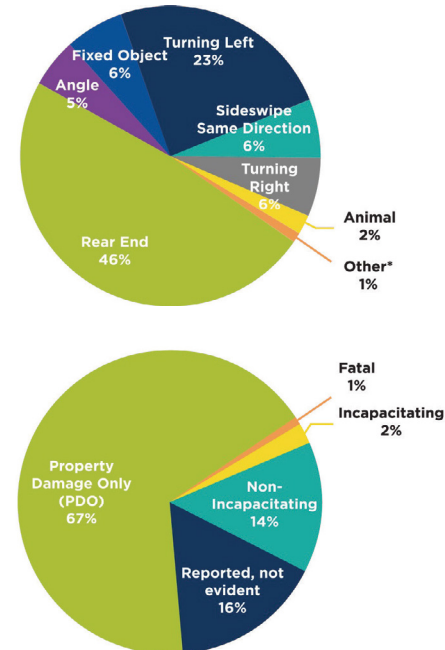
Crash/Safety Analysis

The project team reviewed crash data along the corridor from a recent five-year period and found there were **108 crashes**, resulting in **35 injuries** and **1 fatality**.



The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) categorizes the following intersection and segments as **High Safety Tier**, which means they are within the top 5–10% of roadways with safety concerns when compared to similar roads:

- US 30 intersection
- US 30 to Auto Court
- Miller Circle Drive to Sauk Trail



41 of the crashes occurred at the US 30 intersection, including the fatality involving two eastbound vehicles.

**Other crash types: Sideswipe opposite direction, overturned, train, bicyclist, other, non-collision, other object*

Preferred Alternative

DoTH is recommending a three-lane cross section with a new 10 ft. wide shared-use path as the preferred alternative



DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

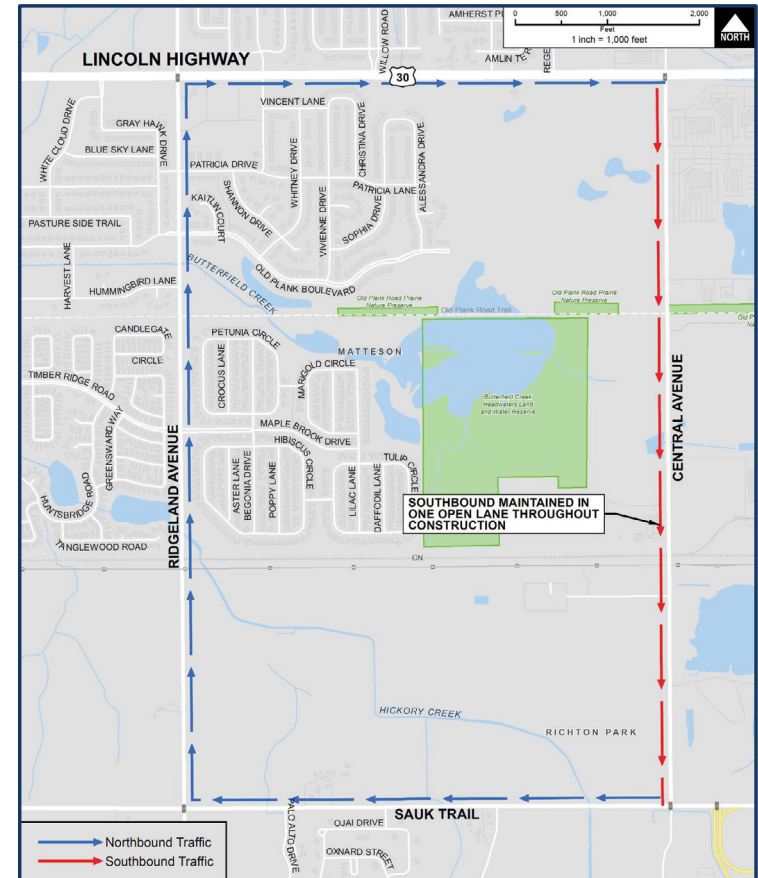
- **Reconstruct pavement** in poor condition
- **Add a center two-way left turn lane** to improve mobility and safety
- **Provide exclusive northbound left, through and right turn lanes** on the south leg of Central Avenue at the US 30 intersection to meet future travel demand and reduce delays
- **Add a new multi-use path** along the east side of Central Avenue to connect with existing paths at US 30, Old Plank Road Trail and a future path along Sauk Trail
- **Improve Old Plank Road Trail crossing** with a median refuge island, advanced signage and lighting
- **Upgrade the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR) crossing** to meet current IDOT and railroad standards
- **Improve roadway drainage** by converting the existing open ditch drainage system to a closed drainage system with curb and gutter
- **Avoid impacts to Old Plank Road Nature Preserve** on the east side of Central Avenue by widening the roadway toward the west
- **Minimize wetland and other environmental impacts** by “right-sizing” road design elements

Maintenance of Traffic and Detour During Construction

To minimize the duration of impacts to the motoring public and provide adequate access to existing properties, DoTH is planning to implement a **ONE-WAY DETOUR** throughout construction and construct one half of the roadway at a time.

ACCESS TO DRIVEWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN POSSIBLE and closures will be limited to periods when pavement, driveway aprons and/or the multi-use path is being reconstructed in front of those driveways. Construction impacts will be minimized to the extent practicable.

Generally, at least **ONE-WAY TRAFFIC** will be maintained throughout construction. But a **FULL DETOUR** may be required at the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR) while the railroad crossing is reconstructed (to be further coordinated with CNRR).



Land Acquisition Process

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Land Acquisition Process

The land acquisition process involves the following steps:



The ownership of the property is confirmed



A plat of survey drawing is prepared to show the dimensions and amount of property that is being acquired



An independent appraisal is made to determine the fair market value of the property to be acquired



Negotiations begin with an offer to acquire the necessary property at the appraised value



If a purchase agreement cannot be reached, the matter is referred to the courts for acquisition under the law of eminent domain

3 Types of Land Acquisition

FEE SIMPLE ACQUISITION

The acquisition of all rights and interest of real property (i.e. right-of-way).

PERMANENT EASEMENTS

Underlying ownership is retained by the property owner, but access is permanently allowed to DoTH during and after construction for the purposes of maintaining facilities such as drainage structures or ditches.

TEMPORARY EASEMENTS

Underlying ownership is retained by the property owner, but access is temporarily allowed to DoTH only during construction for items such as grading work, driveway construction and other minor improvements.

Submit Comments

Fill out a comment form and
drop it off in the comment box.

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

Andrew Werner, Project Manager
info@centralavenueimprovement.org

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The image shows a 'Public Information Meeting Comment Sheet' for the Central Avenue Improvement project, dated March 18, 2026. The form includes a header with the project name and logos for Cook County and the Department of Transportation and Highways. Below the header, there is a section for 'COMMENTS' with several lines for writing. At the bottom, there is a section for 'JOIN OUR MAILING LIST' with fields for Name, Address, and Email. A note at the bottom states: 'Submit this form at this public meeting, by mail, or online at centralavenueimprovement.org'.

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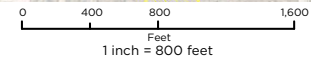
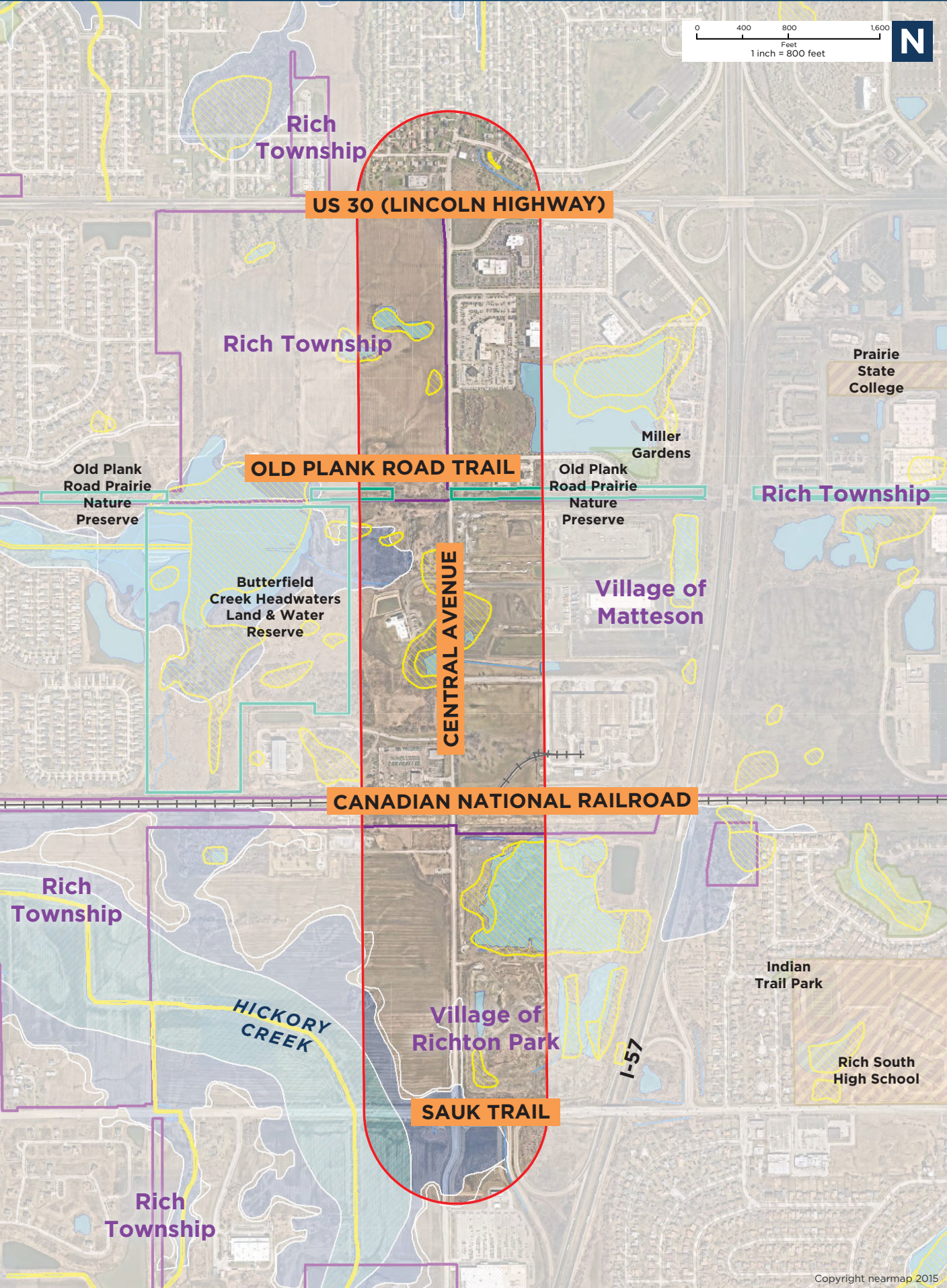


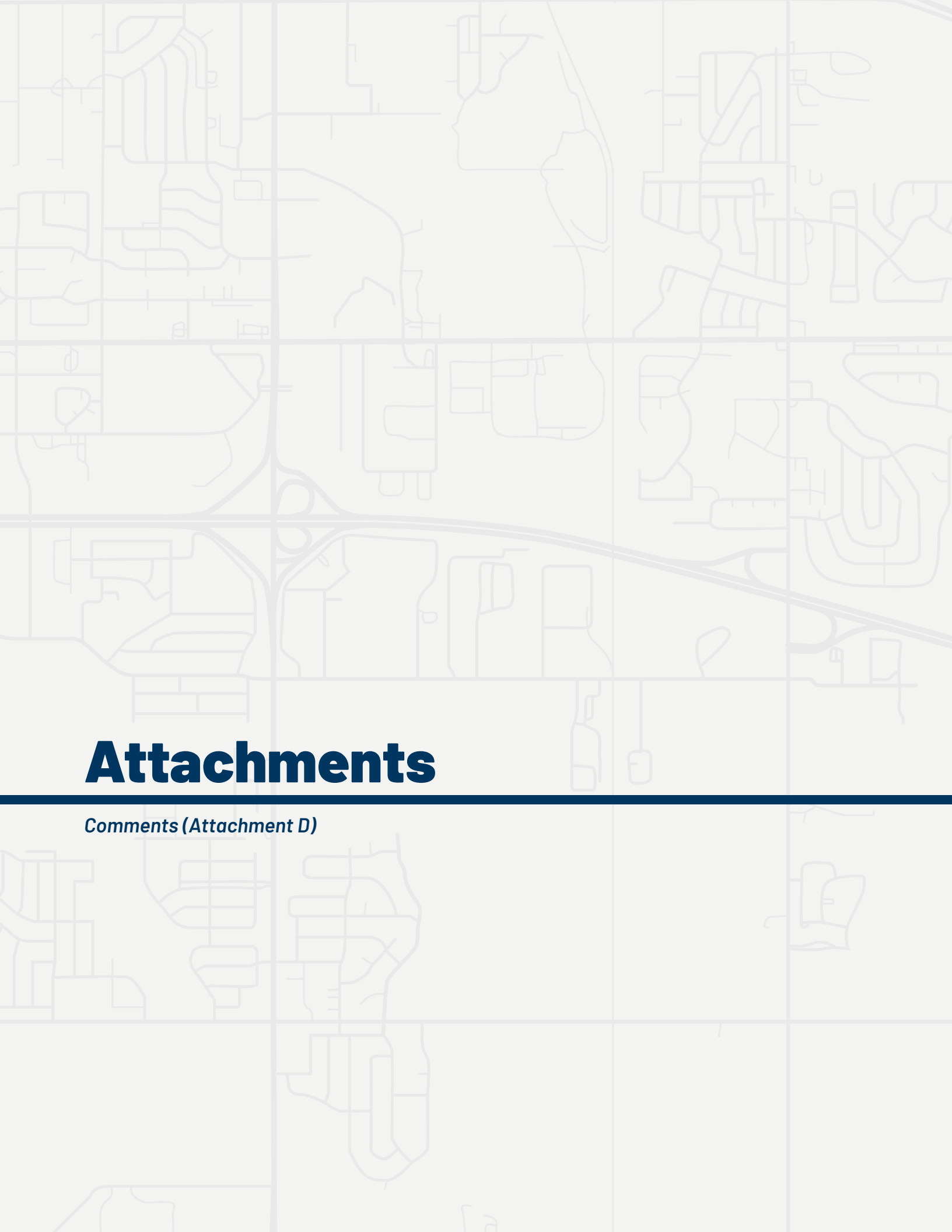
Thank you!

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For more information on other Cook County transportation projects, please visit cookcountyil.gov/service/transportation-projects

Project Location Map





Attachments

Comments (Attachment D)

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AVENUE

SAUK TRAIL

Leveled
Flooding

MEET EXISTING CONCRETE JOINT
PROPOSED 10' MULTI-USE PATH

2201 CENTRAL AVENUE, RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
PIN: 31-28-300-011

PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY

THIS KUTS
ROAD WAY
WIDE 6.0' AWAY

22250 CENTRAL AVENUE, RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
PIN: 31-29-400-006

EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY

N PARK, IL 60471

EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY

THIS ACCESS
ROAD WAY
NEED 60' ROAD
↓

PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY

HTON PARK, IL 60471
00-011

CAN THIS DRIVEWAY
BE MOVED
SOUTH

DID THE
PW VOG
HERE?

EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY

WETLAND 5

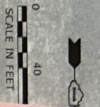
CAN WE PUT
IN ANOTHER
DRIVEWAY IN
THIS PARCEL?

ALL PROPOSED RIGHT
PRELIMINARY AND SU

LEGEND

LEGEND

- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
- PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
- TEMPORARY EASEMENT
- PROPERTY LINE
- PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE MEDIAN OR CURB
- WETLAND
- LANDSCAPING OR GRASS
- WETLAND IMPACTS



CENTRAL AVE

STON PARK, IL 60471
6010

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD

WM - PRAIRIE LAKES
TRANSFER STATION

UPGRADE CNRR CROSSING



EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY



PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY

21901 CENTRE

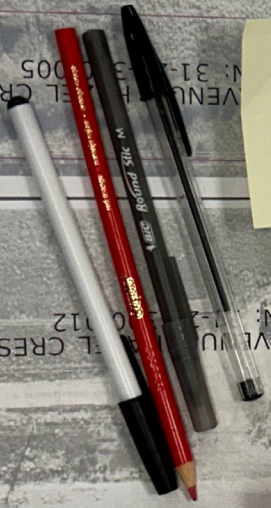
AVENUE, MATTESON, IL 60443
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WHY DOES THE
PE ROW JOG
HERE?

ROUGH PE
CROSSING

ALL PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY AND
PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHAN

AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS SHOWN ARE
CHANGE AS DESIGN IS FURTHER REFINED



This Area is ~~partly~~
CLEARED!

21220 CENTRAL AVENUE
MATTESON, IL 60443
PIN: 31-20-401-003

LEGEND	
	EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
	TEMPORARY EASEMENT
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STOP
PROPOSED
RIGHT-OF-WAY
21249 CENTRAL AVENUE
MATTESON, IL 60443
PIN: 31-21-301-001

MILLER CIRCLE
DRIVE

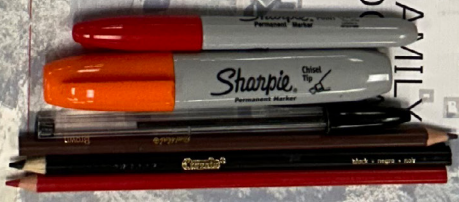
AUTO COURT

GERALD
TOYOTA

LINCOLN HIGHWAY/ U.S. 30

CENTRAL AVE

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TRAILER CRANE SUBDIVISION
SIGNAL REQUEST!



Public Information Meeting Comment Sheet | MARCH 18, 2026

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COMMENTS

I work in the auto mall and live right across 30 and think this project looks great overall. I ride a scooter in the summer and have trouble getting the light to sense I'm there. Hopefully the new right turn lane ~~at~~ onto 30 doesn't make this worse.

My main concern is with traffic between 30 and Vollmer. There are already a lot of cars who "cut" through the residential area, speeding and blowing stop signs. Is something being done to prevent this getting worse?

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Name _____

Address _____

Submit this form at this public meeting, by mail, or online at centralavenueimprovement.org.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Central Avenue (Sauk Trail to US 30) Public Information Meeting #2 (3/18/26)
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026 2:14:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH), we thank you for attending the Central Avenue Improvement Public Information Meeting hosted by the DoTH on March 18, 2026. We also thank you for your comment in support of proposed improvements.

Depending upon your scooter category, the proposed bike path crosswalks may be able to assist you crossing the west leg of US 30 and the south leg of Central Avenue. If you are on road, adding a right turn lane onto US 30 would not impact the thru lane road sensor and the proposed traffic signal timing would be adequate for all movements.

The Central Avenue study area is located between Sauk Trail and US Route 30 with this segment under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. Central Avenue between US Route 30 and Vollmer Road is north of the project study area and is under the jurisdiction of the Village of Matteson. This project south of US 30 is not anticipated to help or hinder the roadway north of US 30. We recommend reaching out to the Village of Matteson Police Department for any observed speeding and the disobeying of stop signs between US Route 30 and Vollmer Road.

We appreciate your interest in the study. You have been added to our project email list. Updated information will also be posted to the project website: <https://www.centralavenueimprovement.org/>

Please reach out if you have any other comments or questions. All correspondence shall be directed to info@centralavenueimprovement.org.

Thank you,
Central Avenue Improvement team

Regards,
Phillip R. Santos, PE

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COMMENTS

Thank you for considering alternate transportation modes in the design.

Central Ave is a popular bicycling road, and a path along side

Central to connect to Old Plank Rd trail is a welcome

design addition.

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Subject: Central Avenue Improvements - NEC Central Ave. and Sauk Trail



Emily –

It was a pleasure meeting and speaking with you at the Public Meeting on March 18, 2026 to discuss the Central Avenue widening project proposed by the Cook County Highway Department from US 30 to Sauk Trail. Cook Engineering Group has been working with the property owner, Sexton Properties, RP for a number of years on their 80-acre site located at the NEC of Central Ave. and Sauk Trail in the Village of Richton Park.

The ongoing operations dating back to 2008 was a Clean Construction and Demolition Debris (CCDD) fill operation permitted by the Village and IEPA to raise up the existing site. This fill operation was completed around 2024-2025. Various siteplans and commercial / industrial uses have been contemplated over the years working in close conjunction with the Village of Richton Park. We have gone back and forth with Michael Sterr and his staff at the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways on a preliminary access plan along Central Ave.. Our office made submittals to Cook County most recently in November 2020 and had received concurrence with two (2) driveway locations from Cook County. These submittals included a traffic study, preliminary geometry, preliminary plan & profiles, and site distance exhibits

At this time, the future land use, timing for development and construction has not been determined by the Owner but as we discussed, two (2) access locations along Central Ave. are critical to the viability for this site. Based on past correspondence, IDOT will not allow direct access from Sauk Trail into project site due to the off-ramp configuration from I-57.

On the Preliminary Access plans, the south driveway centerline was located approximately 1,150 feet north of the centerline of Sauk Trail. The north driveway centerline was located approximately 1,875 feet of the centerline of Sauk Trail. Initially, the north driveway centerline was set further south due to the required southbound approach taper, left turn taper and storage length beginning at the RR crossing since the pavement section for Central Ave. was for 2-lanes of traffic.

We are asking as part of the Phase II work on the Central Ave. project, these two (2) proposed driveway access locations be provided as part of the County's design plans. Now that the future widening includes a continuous three (3) lane pavement section, there is some flexibility on our end in the exact location of where these driveways fall since we are no longer limited with the southbound approach taper. Due to the size of our property, and the potential future land uses (either commercial or industrial), our driveway widths will require 3-lanes for ingress / egress for our site which would include a right in entering, and both a right out and left out leaving the site. The existing driveway location shown entering the site from Central Ave. can be abandoned.

Another item of note includes the future stormwater design for the site. Since the site has been filled over the years, the perimeter side slopes of the property need to be collected as best as possible on our end to limit undetained site runoff and routed thru a stormwater facility located in the NEC of the site which was permitted by MWRD in 2013.

I recall from our discussion last month this dedication was likely greater than 50 feet and a jog was shown along our west property line. If CBBEL can provide the desired ROW dedication Cook County is asking for from our owner, we would like to overlay that information onto our site to see what potential impacts we might have. We are hoping that the future ROW can be continuous and limit the amount required for the future widening to allow maximum use for our project site.

Finally, as part of the ongoing IEPA permitting involving the CCDD operation, we are required to provide annual reporting to IEPA showing the volume quantities and fill placement locations on the site. A recent aerial topography was completed in 2025 showing the existing surface that I've attached for your use. The aerial map is on Illinois State Plane horizontal and NAVD 88 vertical datums. We also have this aerial survey in CAD format.

As Cook County and CBBEL move forward thru the Phase II design plan process for Central Avenue, please share what you can so we can properly include into any documents we prepare moving forward. I wanted to make sure we responded on the record to Cook County before the 4/15/26 as a follow up to our meeting last month.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. [REDACTED]



ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONTROL POINTS

LINE LEGEND

MAJOR (13) CONTOUR
MINOR (2) CONTOUR

Subject: RE: Central Avenue Improvements - NEC Central Ave. and Sauk Trail



Emily Anderson <eanderson@cbbel.com>

Apr 16, 2026, 10:56 AM

to [REDACTED]

Received, thank you [REDACTED]

It was great to be able to talk with you at the meeting and we'll ensure your comments get added to the Public Information Meeting #2 record. Do you have a CADD file of the proposed driveway locations we could add to our design file?

Otherwise, we could add something rough based on your description below to send for CCDOTH concurrence. We can share our design file as well with you but let us review the proposed right-of-way (PR ROW) first based on our discussion. As you mention, we had a jog and some steeper side slope grading than design standards in the south area to avoid impacts to your adjacent access road. Based on your indication that the access road does not need to remain, please use the more conservative assumption as a straight line from the north PR ROW through your access road which is 60' from the section line or 30' from the EX ROW line. As discussed in the meeting, this currently accommodates a drainage ditch to capture offsite flow from your property which might be reevaluated if your site is capturing all the stormwater from the east instead. Do you have any plans or other information that shows the site's internal drainage system we can include with our Drainage submittal to CCDOTH for review? The draft proposed drainage plan is attached for reference currently showing offsite area drainage toward Central Avenue.

Please let me know if you have any questions, etc.

Kind regards,

Emily

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