Illinois Department of Transportation

IL120 STUDY

IL60 to Almond Road

Illinois Route 120 Planning & Environmental Linkages Study

ABOUT THE STUDY

The IL 120 PEL Study is evaluating transportation improvements along IL 120 (Belvidere Road) from west of IL 60 to east of Almond Road in Lake County. The study examines transportation needs and potential solutions to improve safety, reduce congestion and travel delays, enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and improve mobility throughout the corridor.

A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study combines transportation planning, environmental considerations, and community input early in the decision-making process. Information developed during the PEL Study may be carried forward into future phases of project development.

MEETING PURPOSE

- Learn about the IL 120 PEL Study and work completed to date.
- Understand how public and stakeholder input informed study.
- Review alternatives that have been developed and evaluated.
- Learn about the screening process used to compare alternatives.
- View a presentation video that provides an overview of the study and key findings to date.

Public Meeting #2

Thank you for attending the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Public Information Meeting for the Illinois Route 120 (IL 120) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. This guide will help you understand the study, navigate the meeting, and learn how your feedback can help inform future decisions.

STUDY PURPOSE

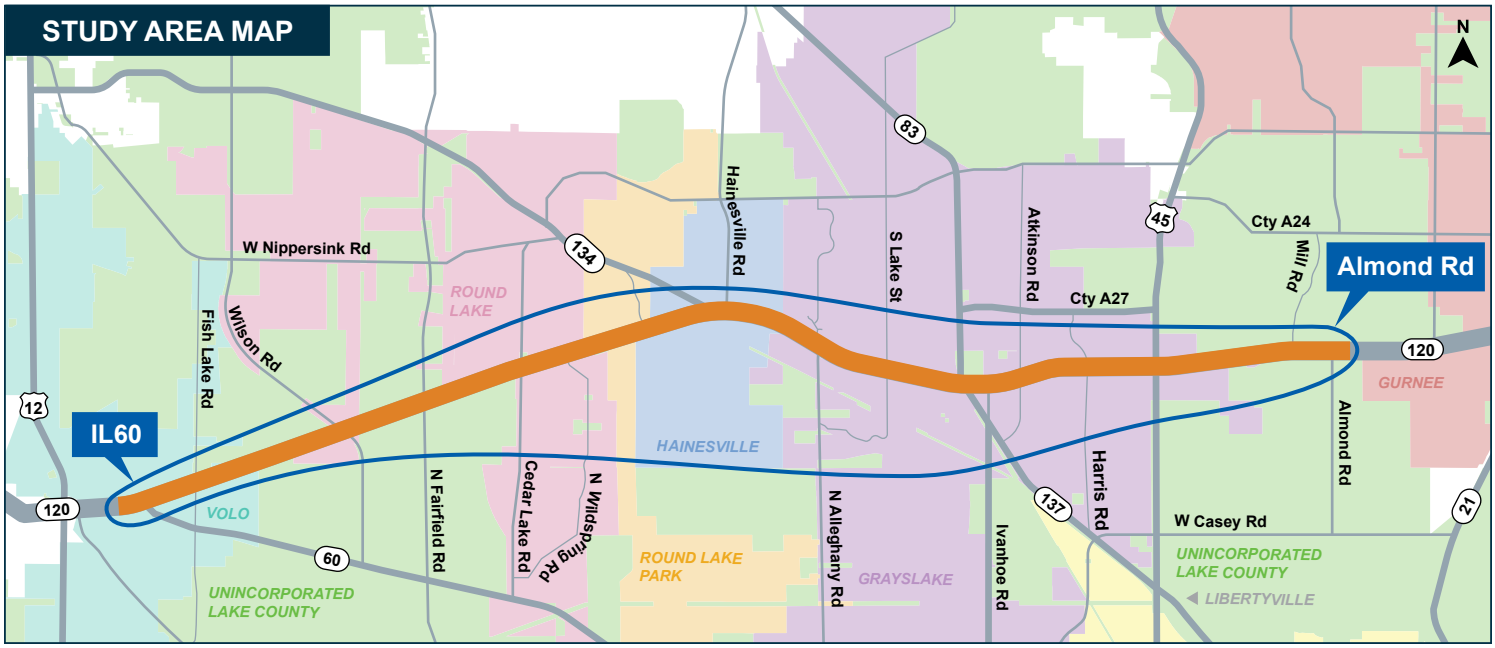
- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion and travel delays
- Enhance modal interrelationships

STUDY NEED

Transportation system improvements are needed to address:

- Crashes on IL 120
- Travel delays and decreased traffic flow
- Gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network
- Limited transit connectivity

STUDY AREA MAP



UNDERSTANDING THE DISPLAYS

ALTERNATIVES EXHIBITS

The study team evaluated traffic operations, roadway safety, bicycle and pedestrian needs, environmental resources, and community considerations to identify a range of potential improvements called alternatives. Through the screening process, alternatives were evaluated and refined to identify those with the greatest potential to meet the study's Purpose and Need.

- **Spot Improvements** - Targeted improvements like roundabouts, additional turn lanes, traffic signal modifications and grade separations.
- **On-Alignment Alternatives** - Located along the existing corridor and include additional travel lanes, access improvements, safety enhancements and improved roadway operations.
- **Off-Alignment Alternatives** - New roadway alignments outside of the existing corridor including like new roadway routes, bypass concepts and new corridor connections.

SCREENING CRITERIA EXHIBITS

The Screening Criteria boards explain how alternatives are evaluated using established screening criteria related to safety, transportation performance, environmental considerations, and community impacts. The screening process helps identify which alternatives should be carried forward.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY EXHIBITS

These displays summarize traffic conditions, travel patterns, and crash data used to identify transportation challenges and help define the study's purpose and need.

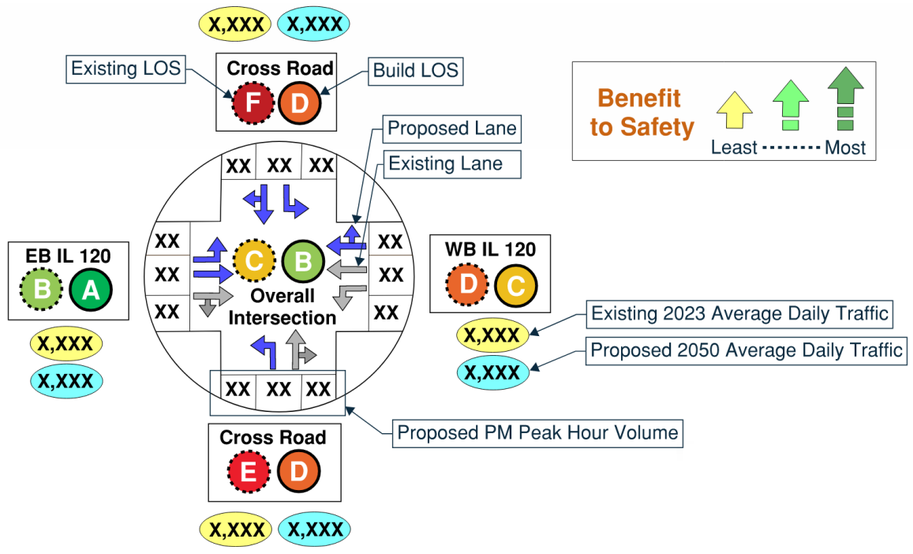
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES EXHIBITS

These exhibits identify natural, cultural, and community resources that are considered as part of the study process.

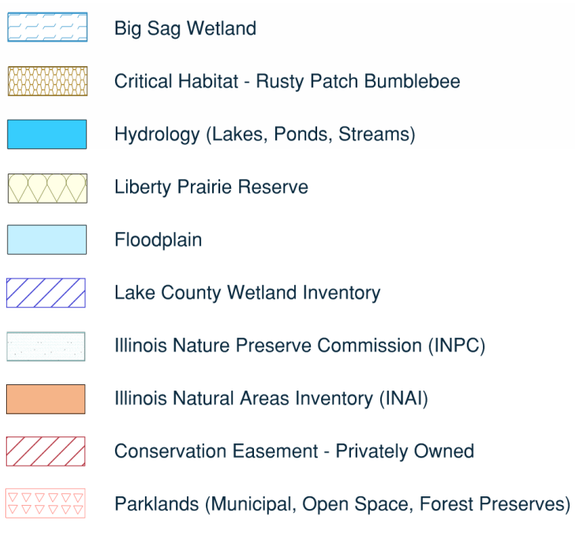


MAP LEGEND

TRAFFIC & SAFETY LEGEND



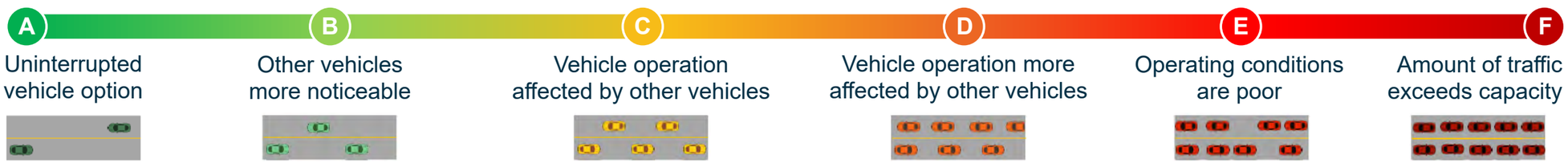
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES LEGEND



ROADWAY FEATURES LEGEND



LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) KEY



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring 2024

- Analyze Existing Conditions & Gather Stakeholder Issues & Needs
- **Public Meeting #1**

Summer 2024-2026 (1 2 3 4)

- Develop Purpose & Need
- **COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) MEETINGS 1-4**

Fall 2026

- Identify Possible Alternatives
- **Public Meeting #2**
- **WE ARE HERE**

Winter 2026 (5)

- Evaluate & Screen Alteratives
- **COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) MEETING 5**

Spring 2027

- **Public Meeting #3**

Summer 2027

- Select Alternatives to be Carried Forward
- PEL Study Complete

PEL STUDY — **Alternatives recommended to be carried forward for evaluation in Phase I.**

PHASE I
Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study

PHASE II
Design and Land Acquisition

PHASE III
Construction

YOUR INPUT MATTERS

We want to hear from you about transportation and community needs in this area!
The comment period is open until **Thursday, December 10, 2026.**

Fill Out a Comment Form

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