

IL 173 at Keystone Road

Public Outreach

Virtual Public Outreach Event- Detailed Summary

Fast Facts:

- The Illinois Route 173 at Keystone Road Virtual Public Outreach (VPO) event was held online at www.il173keystone.com from June 10th to July 1st, 2024.
- 725 site sessions
 - o 647 unique users
- 47 registered participants
- 7 subscribers
- 32 comments were submitted within the comment period, ending on July 1, 2024.

Overview

The first Virtual Public Outreach (VPO) event for the Illinois Route 173 at Keystone Road intersection project was held online from June 10th to July 1st, 2024. The purpose of the outreach event was to provide an overview of the study process and schedule, outline public involvement opportunities, and obtain public input on transportation needs within the study area. Approximately 650 participants visited the website page, <https://www.il173keystone.com/virtual-public-outreach-event>, during the event period.

The interactive event included a video presentation, crash analysis exhibits, and a newsletter providing information regarding the study. The video presentation provided an overview of the project and feedback opportunities. Public comments and questions were available to be submitted via the virtual comment feature. If preferred, the public could request a mailed copy of materials and write questions or comments to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 1 office. All comments received through July 1 were included in the official Virtual Public Outreach event record.

The meeting was promoted using a variety of methods, including a mailed newsletter and e-blast invitations that were sent to the stakeholder distribution list, consisting of homes, business owners, community and regional organizations and agencies, chambers, hospitals, schools, and special interest groups.

Additional meeting promotion was conducted through the project website, a newspaper display ad published in the Northwest Herald, and social media. The formal Virtual Public Outreach event lasted three weeks, from June 10th to July 1st, 2024, with meeting materials still posted on the project website for review at any time. 725 site sessions were recorded (including 647 unique users), with 47 registered participants and 7 email subscribers. 32 comments were received during the comment period, which concluded on July 1, 2024.

Participants included:

Local Government Elected Officials and Staff

- Scott Hennings, McHenry County DOT
- Toni Wardanian, Village of Richmond

Community Organization Participants

- McHenry County Bicycle Advocates

Public Outreach Efforts

Newsletter invitation

IL173 AT KEYSTONE ROAD

Location Map

WHO: The Illinois Department of Transportation

WHAT: IL 173 at Keystone Road is a transportation study being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a federal act that ensures projects undergo their impacts to the natural, social and built environments.

WHERE: IL 173 runs through northern McHenry County, near the Wisconsin Illinois border. Keystone Road Intersects with IL 173 just west of Rockwood, IL.

WHY: Historical crash data has detailed a notable pattern of crashes including severe injury crashes.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to improve safety at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection.

You're Invited!

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) invites you to attend a virtual public outreach event to learn more about the study being initiated for the improvement of the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection in McHenry County, Illinois. The public is encouraged to participate by accessing the IL173Keystone.com website anytime beginning June 10 through July 1.

The virtual public outreach event is being held to:

- ✓ Provide an overview of the study process and schedule
- ✓ Offer the public involvement opportunities
- ✓ Obtain input on transportation needs within the study area

The website will include a video about the study and other information.

IL 173 at Keystone Road is a two-way stop controlled intersection, with stop signs posted on Keystone Road until all coming from the flow of traffic on IL 173. The intersection is located on level, curving sections of roadway with visible cross-sight distance in all four quadrants. The alignment of the north and south legs of Keystone Road is slightly offset. There is no lighting at the intersection. Before a single sunrise, maximum visibility occurs in the northeast quadrant.

This study team recently performed a crash analysis that reviewed a seven-year period (2016-2022) of crash data to identify potential intersection improvements. The crash analysis identified 53 crashes in or just beyond the intersection. During the seven-year period, one fatality and seven injuries requiring medical attention have occurred at this intersection. Fatigued Yield Right of Way was reported as the primary cause for 29.3% (14) of the crashes and as a secondary cause for six more.

The crash pattern indicates that a significant proportion of the crashes involved a failure to adequately identify or observe acceptable gaps in traffic when entering or crossing IL 173, and that an evaluation of existing traffic control is needed.

Additionally, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning projected future traffic increases at this intersection. Increased conditions such as increases in traffic can be expected at the intersection if no improvements are made.

Some alternatives will be developed to address these traffic issues and will be presented for public review and comment at future outreach events.

IDOT launches study to improve IL 173 at Keystone Road

Learn more at IL173Keystone.com

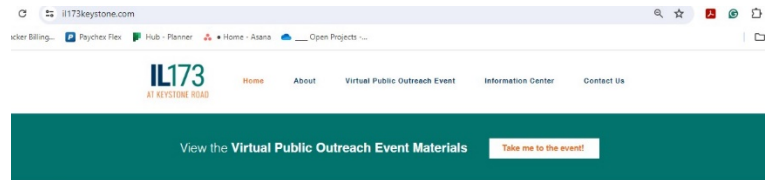
Newsletter invitations were mailed to homes and business owners, municipal, county, state, and federal officials and staff, as well as a broader group of community and regional organizations and agencies, chambers, hospitals, schools, and special interests on Friday, June 7th.

Eblast

An e-blast invitation was created and distributed to announce the VPO event. It was sent to stakeholder list members on June 7th. The communications included a link to the website and an overview of the project.

Website / VPO platform

The Virtual Public Outreach event was hosted on the project website, <https://www.il173keystone.com/>. The project website serves as the information hub for the project. All VPO communications directed recipients to the website to participate in the event and provide the opportunity to comment. Following the end of the VPO event, all materials continued to be posted for public review and comment.



"At a glance" study facts



WHAT
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WHERE
IL 173 runs through northern McHenry County, near the Wisconsin/Illinois border. Keystone Road intersects with IL 173 just west of Richmond, IL.



PURPOSE
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WHY
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- The virtual public outreach event is being held to:
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The website will include a video about the study, a project newsletter and other information.

A graphic for the "Virtual Public Outreach Event IL 173 at Keystone Road". It features a laptop with a question mark, a checkmark, and an exclamation mark on its screen. Below the laptop is a button that says "Access the Event HERE".

Virtual Public Outreach Event
IL 173 at Keystone Road

The public is encouraged to review the materials at any time and submit questions and comments to the study team. Submissions are welcomed at any time, however those received by July 1, 2024 will become part of the official public outreach event record.

Provide your feedback!

After reviewing materials at [IL173Keystone.com](https://www.il173keystone.com), please provide your feedback or comments by:

WEBSITE: [IL173Keystone.com](https://www.il173keystone.com)

EMAIL: IL173KeystoneProject@gmail.com

PHONE: Call (847) 706-4084

MAIL: Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Programming
Attn: Valeria Duhon, M.S.
201 Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196

The outreach efforts are accessible to people with disabilities. Persons needing special assistance regarding Spanish interpretation should contact Valeria Duhon at (847) 706-4084. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TTY/TDD (847) 213-2861 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Illinois Department of Transportation Visit the event webpage [HERE](https://www.il173keystone.com)

Newspaper advertisement

A newspaper advertisement was created to announce and promote the VPO event. The ad was published in the *Northwest Herald* on Saturday, June 8, 2024, and Saturday, June 15, 2024. The newspaper has a print circulation of approximately 33,000 households.

Social Media

The McHenry Department of Transportation (McDOT) created a social media post, sharing information regarding the VPO event and project details on their Facebook and Nextdoor pages, including a link to the VPO page.

Illinois Department of Transportation PUBLIC MEETING

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) invites you to attend the first virtual public outreach event concerning the improvement of IL 173 at the Keystone Road intersection in McHenry County. Instead of hosting a regular public meeting, IDOT will share details on the study and encourage public participation until July 1, 2024, through an interactive website.

The website is available now through July 1, 2024, and can be accessed at: www.IL173Keystone.com

The purpose of the outreach event is:

- To provide an overview of the study process and schedule
- To outline public involvement opportunities
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On the website, the public can watch a video about the study, view exhibits, and provide feedback. In addition to the website, IDOT's outreach efforts will include a newsletter mailed to residents within the study area and the opportunity to ask questions to IDOT staff over the phone by calling (847) 705-4084. Comments received by July 1, 2024, will become part of the official public outreach record.

Individuals without internet access may contact Valentina De Fex, P.E., Project Engineer, at (847) 705-4084 for more information about the project.

All written correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

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Attn: Bureau of Programming
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Email: IL173KeystoneProject@gmail.com
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McHenry County Division of Transportation
June 10

IL 173 at Keystone Road Transportation Study

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is focusing on the intersection of IL 173 and Keystone Road, near Richmond. IDOT is looking for your input through their virtual public outreach event.

Visit <https://www.il173keystone.com> to provide your input from 6/10/24 to 7/1/24.

#McHenryCounty #IL173Keystone

IL 173 AT KEYSTONE ROAD

PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT

WWW.IL173KEYSTONE.COM

6/10/24 TO 7/1/24

7 likes, 2 shares

Like Comment Share

Comment Summary

A total of 32 comments and questions were submitted during the VPO comment period, which ended on July 1, 2024. A full list of comments received can be viewed in Appendix A.

Comments and questions were reviewed and categorized for consideration and response, with feedback including:

- General Comment, Experiences
- No improvement necessary
- Improvement needed
- Traffic signal needed
- Roundabout needed
- Roadway realignment needed

Responses were sent to all who submitted questions or comments, confirming receipt of the submittal and addressing applicable questions.

APPENDIX A

Submission Record	Record Date	Source	Comment	Final Response	Response Date
1	6/10/2024	Website	Thanks for doing this! The intersection is difficult since Keystone road is not aligned at that area and many times drivers do not signal their intentions when crossing 173. When I am driving North/South and another driver suddenly turns in front of me at the stop sign, it is very frustrating. Drivers on 173 seem to be travelling much faster than the speed limit and it is difficult to find a gap in traffic that provides enough time to cross 173. Many time I misjudge the speed of oncoming traffic and narrowly make it across. A roundabout would be nice.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
2	6/10/2024	Website	Seems to me that people are terrible at judging time and distance of cross traffic. Failure to yield is a driver error not a 2 way stop issue that needs correction. Other than maybe a flashing sign to look both ways or cross traffic does not stop, the intersection is fine the way it is.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
3	6/10/2024	Website	The intersection of Route 173 and Keystone road does not need significant improvement. This intersection has Route 173 with the right of way and that is how it should be considering it is a major road of travel. A slight improvement to this intersection could be warning lights surrounding the stop signs in both directions on Keystone Road to help drivers become aware of the intersection. I frequently travel on Keystone Road and know that there are right of way signs to let drivers know who has the right of way as well as a caution sign indicating a stop sign ahead. There are also caution signs on Route 173 to let drivers be aware that there is an intersection approaching. Every precautionary step is ensured to let drivers know of this intersection if traveling on these roads.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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5	6/11/2024	Website	I find myself practically coming to a stop when I'm traveling on Rt 173 going through the intersection of Rt 173 and Keystone Rd. because I'm so afraid of it. I also believe that there shouldn't be bushes planted in the yard on the corner of the house on that intersection.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
6	6/11/2024	Website	Wouldn't a round about almost eliminate all severe crashes? Crashes will still happen, but it should almost eliminate deadly incidents, shouldn't it?	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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7	6/11/2024	Website	I would like a copy mailed to me of the information for the proposal.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>In regard to your request for the study proposal, we are still in the early stages of the study and no specific improvement alternatives have been determined, therefore we are not able to send a proposal to you at this time. Your feedback and comments relating to the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your interest and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
8	6/11/2024	Website	In my 40 years on Earth and lived in Hebron there has been way too many crashes here so fatal. I've been saying there needs to be a round about there for years to help reduce the number of crashes. Its about time you figured this out, sad it's taken this long	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
9	6/11/2024	Website	Just line up Keystone with itself. I have gone through that insection for 40 years.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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10	6/11/2024	Website	After having worked with Richmond Fire Rescue and MABAS Division 5 Rehab for many years, this intersection is one of the most dangerous and deadly locations in our area, I would highly recommend that this intersection would be a prime candidate for a roundabout. The speed at which the gravel trucks and other traffic proceeds with along Northbound Keystone Road is totally unacceptable. It is a prime location for multiple personal injury and fatal accidents.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
11	6/11/2024	Website	As Fire Chief of Richmond Fire for 14 years, I personally responded to that intersection for far too many serious accidents. The loss of life and pain and sufferings that accompanied these MVAs was excessive. I am encouraged by the prospects of what the new engineered intersection can offer those who travel it.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
12	6/11/2024	Website	This intersection is long overdue for life safety improvements. At the very minimum, traffic signals and turn lanes should be added, although I believe the best solution would be a Roundabout, forcing traffic to slow s[down] and yield to oncoming traffic.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
13	6/11/2024	Website	Put up a 4 way stop, with flashing red lights on the stop signs. I see these solar lights on other intersections in the area. If that does not work, then consider stop/go lights or a roundabout. Try the least expensive way first.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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14	6/11/2024	Website	I had a car totaled by a driver that thought that intersection was a four way stop. Luckily my family were transported but not seriously injured. After that I became hyper aware of all of the casual and sometimes fatal accidents at that location.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
15	6/11/2024	Website	There should be traffic light at this intersection, as there should be at keystone and Tryon grove rd.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
16	6/12/2024	Website	Speeds are too high for vehicles on 173. I would support a roundabout. A stoplight would still allow people to turn right on red and turn in front of oncoming traffic. The roundabout would lower all speeds for traffic interactions.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
17	6/12/2024	Website	I've almost been hit at this intersection numerous times. A light or a roundabout would not be opposed by myself.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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18	6/12/2024	Website	I have witnessed drivers not stopping for the stop signs and making a right turn onto rt173 many times. What your study does not indicate are the types of vehicles involved in the accidents. There are gravel trucks coming and going from the gravel pit on Burgett Rd and travelling on both sides of that intersection on Keystone Rd, and of course there are trucks travelling on 173. Slowing traffic on 173 at Keystone is necessary to avoid collisions. A roundabout is needed, not a traffic light. With a traffic signal, someone could still make a right turn on red onto 173.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
19	6/13/2024	Website	I cross 173 at Keystone many times a week, both in a car and on a bucycle. This looks like a perfect place for a traffic circle.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
20	6/13/2024	Website	Subscribing to Study Updates. We will provide formal comments after we learn more about the proposed study.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
21	6/16/2024	Website	YES YES YES...WE NEED A STOP LIGHT THERE..I HAVE SEEN DOZENS OF ACCIDENTS ON THAT INTERSECTION! I LIVE IN ALDEN AND WORK IN RICHMOND...I TRAVEL THAT ROAD AT LEAST 2X A DAY! PLEASE PUT A LIGHT IN BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE LOSES HIS LIFE JEANNE	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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22	6/17/2024	Website	If the alignment of Keystone is the problem, realign either the north or south approach of Keystone (not both) so they do line up. Otherwise, a roundabout would solve the problem and minimally slow traffic. But it's more expensive the realigning Keystone, so I'd recommend the Keystone alternative first.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
23	6/19/2024	Website	When would construction begin? How would lights vs roundabout differ in the flow of traffic? What are the pros and cons to a roundabout	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study, and for your questions regarding the potential construction schedule and improvements at the intersection. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. The study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Construction is not funded at this time, however this project will be included in IDOT priorities for future funding consideration. If funding was available, the project would proceed to Phase II, contract plan preparation and land acquisition, which typically takes 24-36 months. Phase III, which is the actual construction of the project, would start after Phase II is concluded. The specific benefits of traffic lights vs a roundabout will be examined for this intersection as part of the evaluation of potential improvement alternatives.</p> <p>Your feedback and comments relating to the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection are critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your interest and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
24	6/19/2024	Website	In 2019, I was involved in a car accident at this intersection. I was headed eastbound on 173, and a pickup truck looking to turn left onto westbound 173 from northbound Keystone Rd; pulled into the intersection and hit my passenger side between the front tire and the passenger door. Thankfully, no one was injured, but my car was totaled; and I was surprised that the other driver said she didn't see me (or apparently hear me as I honked and moved into the opposite lane in hopes of avoiding the crash). As is my nature, I have ruminated over this accident frequently in the time since, and trying to determine not only my own event; but several others including a fatality that had occurred within a week of my incident. Here are the initial things that make this intersection more dangerous than most... 1. The intersection is not a true 90 degree intersection. The northbound portion of Keystone is a little left of the southbound portion and sits at a slight diagonal. 2. There is a slope between the railroad tracks on 173 west of the intersection as well as a slight curve on 173 in this area which may make it harder to see for drivers approaching the intersection from northbound Keystone Rd. It may also mess with a driver's timing as cars 'pop' out from the slope or the curve if they are driving significantly over the speed limit. 3. From my experience, it isn't uncommon for drivers to drive 10-20 mph over the speed limit in both directions on 173. It is rural and aside from the railroad tracks, there are no natural reasons that slow drivers down here. Also, there doesn't appear to be a safe place for law enforcement to enforce a safe speed zone... or to have a safe approach to interact with a pulled-over vehicle. 4. There is a tree/bush located west of the intersection which may obstruct the view of someone driving southbound on Keystone to reach the intersection to go through or to make a left turn to go eastbound on 173. 5. Northbound drivers may have a comparable concern with a rectangular road sign located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. In further thought, lowering the speed limit makes sense; but only if it is enforceable and safe for law enforcement... otherwise it's just a sign and a notion. People fly along that stretch of Ringwood Rd. west(?) of Spring Grove Road with it being a 45 mph zone near a rural subdivision. One where police can radar speed from the safety of an infrequently used subdivision entry street... I do not know if there need to be a few paved cutouts placed on 173 between Greenwood and Broadway to aid in such enforcements? A traffic signal at Keystone and 173 may be overkill. It seems like the majority of traffic is going east-west here, and that the types of accidents will change from failure to reduce speed or failure to yield to right of ways; to accidents caused by people trying to get through late-stage yellow (amber) lights. If I had a choice, I would ask for roundabouts to be constructed not only for the Keystone Rd/IL-173 intersection; but also for the crooked intersection of Keystone Rd and Tryon Grove Road. While I recognize the hatred people have for roundabouts (especially sleeping passengers); it does create a need to slow down on approaching the intersection; and gives people the best opportunity to 'see' the traffic around them and maneuver correctly. Either way, I am appreciation that a deeper look is being taken at the Keystone Road and IL-173 intersection; and genuinely hoping that whichever resolutions are decided upon will make it safer for everyone.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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25	6/21/2024	Website	173 and Broadway intersection also dangerous...more so than keystone crossing	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>At this time, the study has been initiated for the intersection of IL 173 at Keystone Road based on identified safety issues. The overall frequency and severity of crashes at IL 173 at Broadway is low compared with similar locations statewide. However, IDOT will continue to monitor this intersection and prioritize improvements among similar needs throughout the region.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	9/12/2024
26	6/21/2024	Website	My comments: - I would be willing to participate in the CAG as representative of the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates. - I will send you more detailed information via the project email. - In short the options I see: Do nothing A central stop island to only cross one lane of traffic at a time better A traffic circle (Roundabout) as the best solution.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
27	6/21/2024	Website	Please pursue a traffic circle at this intersection; they're the most efficient and safest option	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
28	6/22/2024	Website	I agree that a traffic circle is probably the best alternative. I cross this intersection by car and on a bicycle frequently and the E-W traffic on 173 can be heavy at times and the angle makes it hard to look left when heading N on Keystone. I doubt the traffic on 173 will appreciate the change.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024

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29	6/24/2024	Website	I did not see anything that stated how many of the accidents were during daylight and how many at night. This would seem to me to be a very important factor in determining what type of action, IF ANY, should be taken. The number of accidents, especially with only one death, does not seem to me to support any type of action involving taxpayer dollars. IF a majority of accidents happened at night, then address THAT issue. Otherwise, leave things as they are	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
30	6/25/2024	Website	My comments are concerning the intersection of Keystone Road and route 173 (West of Richmond,IL) I have serious concerns about this intersection for a number of years now. I use the Keystone/173 intersection frequently traveling back and forth to family in Trevor, WI. I was first hand witness to the fatal vehicle accident at this intersection on Oct 7, 2019 where the driver of the vehicle in front of me got hit by a truck with a crane on the front . The driver (Ray Seney) died. His passenger lived. The accident altered my perception of life and how fragile it is. I did counseling after the experience because I couldn't sleep at night. I do believe that a round about would be a viable answer to solve the irregularity in how Keystone rd misaligns at the intersection of 173. I hope my input helps to create the changes that are desperately needed at this intersection. We shouldn't have to wait for more accidents to happen there before change happens.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
31	6/28/2024	Website	I think a traffic circle would be a good option for that location. However, according to your materials, any solution could take up to 10 years to complete. There have already been far too many accidents at that location for a solution to take that long. Something needs to be done immediately.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024
32	6/28/2024	Website	This is an alternative N-S route to avoid 12/31 in Richmond to get to Route 12 in Wisconsin. Short term options rumble strips and better advance warnings on N & S approaches. Long term options RAB or signals.	<p>Thank you for your participation in the IL 173 at Keystone Road study Virtual Public Outreach Event. Your submission has been included as part of the official public outreach record.</p> <p>As detailed at the Virtual Public Outreach Event, the Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies, also referred to as Phase I, for the improvement of IL 173 at Keystone Road in McHenry County. This study will evaluate a range of improvement alternatives and conclude with a recommendation to address safety at the intersection.</p> <p>Your feedback, comments and sharing of experiences at the IL 173 at Keystone Road intersection and its surroundings is critical in identifying and considering improvement alternatives. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to submit additional questions and comments at https://www.il173keystone.com/ at any point of the study process. You have also been added to the IL 173 study stakeholder list and will receive notifications of future public outreach events.</p> <p>Sincerely, IL173 at Keystone Road Project Team</p>	8/30/2024