



Illinois Department of Transportation I-80 Will Reconstruction Project

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting - Contract 62F94 (Chicago Street Interchange) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, December 19, 2025 | 10:00 am

Location: Holiday Inn Joliet Southwest/Rock Run Convention Center, 1471 Rock Creek Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois

Attendees

Representatives from IDOT District 1, IDOT Bureaus of Design and Construction, IDOT Business and Workforce Diversity (Small Business Enterprise), design and construction consultant teams, and prospective prime and non-prime contractors.

Meeting Overview

The mandatory pre-bid meeting for Contract 62F94 was convened at 10:01 a.m. by Issam Rayyan, IDOT Project Implementation Engineer, Region One. Attendees were reminded that this meeting is mandatory for all prime contractors intending to bid and that sign-in was required. Copies of the presentation were provided, and meeting materials and minutes will be posted to the IDOT letting website.

Purpose of Meeting

Issam Rayyan outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- Providing an overview of the I-80 corridor and the Chicago Street Interchange project
- Emphasizing the need for coordination with adjacent contracts
- Reviewing suggested maintenance of traffic (MOT) sequencing
- Highlighting key contract requirements and interim and final completion dates
- Encouraging coordination and networking among prospective prime and non-prime contractors

Project Oversight

Issam Rayyan reviewed the project oversight structure, including the roles of the Construction Corridor Manager (CCM) and Design Corridor Manager (DCM), and explained coordination and



communication expectations between the contractor, corridor managers, construction managers and IDOT.

Corridor Overview & Upcoming Construction

Chris Bonus (GFT, Design Corridor Manager) presented an overview of the I-80 corridor, existing and ongoing construction, and upcoming contracts within the Des Plaines River Bridge area.

Three interrelated contracts were identified:

- Center Street Interchange (Contract 62R22) – was on the September 2025 letting and is currently underway
- Des Plaines River Bridge (Contract 62R23) – upcoming letting
- Chicago Street Interchange (Contract 62F94) – January 2026 letting
- Advance Steel Fabrication (Contract 80C53) – January 2026 letting

The success of the corridor work was noted as dependent on contractor coordination and adherence to interim milestones.

Maintenence of Traffic (MOT) Sequencing, Schedule

Dave Skaleski (WSP, Design Team) reviewed the suggested MOT sequencing for Contract 62F94, coordinated with adjacent contracts.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 with substantial completion by October 31, 2028.

Major sequencing milestones include:

- 2026: Inside UPRR/BNSF/Ramp B/Gardner Bridges
- 2027: Outside UPRR/BNSF/Ramp B/Gardner Bridges and westbound I-80 over Chicago Street
- 2028: Eastbound I-80 over Chicago Street and interchange completion

There will be several full ramp closures and detours are anticipated during most stages.

The Contract 62F94 letting is scheduled for January 16, 2026, with an addendum anticipated by January 6, 2026, and an expedited award is expected.

Contract Special Provisions & Requirements

David Sierakowski (Bowman, CCM) reviewed the contract Special Provisions, emphasizing the aggressive schedule and the need for extended work hours and winter work as necessary.



Key schedule requirements include:

- Baseline schedule due within five calendar days of contract execution
- Monthly schedule updates required
- Recovery schedules required if delays occur
- Winter work anticipated with no price adjustments

Work restrictions were reviewed. The contractor must submit a schedule and Maintenance of Traffic Plan at least 30 calendar days in advance of any stage changes, extended ramp closures, extended lane closures or full expressway closures.

Critical coordination items include adjacent contracts, the advance steel fabrication contract, railroad and City of Joliet coordination, permitting, utility relocation, and settlement/geotechnical timeframes.

General Construction Requirements

David Sierakowski reviewed requirements related to railroad coordination, demolition plans, Construction Access Plan, permits, Extended Life Concrete Pavement, survey control, regulated substances planning, and tree removal restrictions. Contractors were advised that all special provisions and contract requirements will be strictly enforced.

Questions and Closing

Attendees were invited to ask questions. No questions were raised. Contractors were reminded that specific contract questions must be submitted through the IDOT letting website.

Issam Rayyan thanked attendees and encouraged them to visit the Small Business Enterprise resource table.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:47 a.m.

Attachments

- Attendee sign-in sheet
- Presentation materials