Briefing Paper

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**US Route 52 (Jefferson Street) From River Road to Houbolt Road**

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Will County, Village of Shorewood, City of Joliet, Troy Township

**Background**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) in partnership with the City of Joliet is completing preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for I-55 at IL 59 Access Study in Will County. The study area is bounded by Interstate Route 80 (I-80) to the south, US Route 52 (US 52) to the north, River Road to the west, and Houbolt Road to the east. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve regional mobility, local connectivity, and to improve system linkage. Through an extensive public involvement process based on Context Sensitive Solutions, the preferred alternative was developed which included four separate transportation improvements. On August 9, 2018 the FHWA concurred with the findings of logical termini and independent utility for the four improvements. This concurrence allowed each project to move forward independently and with separate NEPA documentation. The Department intends to complete a Phase I study for each of the projects. US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road was identified as one of the independent studies.

**Project improvement**

Provide two lanes in each direction with a curbed median, Pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations for the length of the project. Provide channelization at intersections. Repair, widen or replace the IL 59 bridge over the DuPage River and the US 52 bridges over I-55 and over the DuPage River.

**Project benefits**

Improve operation and safety along US 52. Provide pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations including ADA compliance. Improve condition of bridges.

**Funding**

The improvement is included in the Department's FY 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Phase I Engineering $6,768,059

Phase II Engineering $7,400,000

Land Acquisition $3,000,000

Phase III Engineering $ 9,880,000

Construction $77,000,000

Total Project Cost = $104,048,059

**Special funding considerations, i.e. grants, bonded program, etc.**

Rebuild Illinois Capital Program provided $96.5 million in the FY2022 to 2027 Highway Improvement Program for this project.

**Project timeline**

Estimated Phase I Design Approval late 2024

Phase II and Land acquisition to begin early 2025

Phase III dependent on land acquisition, plan readiness and future appropriations

**Impact to traffic during construction**

Stage construction, possible lane closures.

**Green/sustainable project components**

Bicyclist and pedestrian improvements

**Stakeholders, i.e. local elected or prominent employers**

* Cullinan Properties
* Village of Shorewood
* City of Joliet
* Troy Township