

## High-Speed Rail Construction Update: Public Meeting in Alton on April 12

ALTON - The Illinois Department of Transportation will host a public meeting Wednesday, April 12, to discuss the upcoming construction schedule for the Chicago-to-St. Louis high-speed rail program. Detailed information on construction impacts - including where and when work will take place - and subsequent benefits of the completed project will be available for the public to review and ask questions.

The meeting will focus on improvements to be made in the Metro East area and be an openhouse format:

Wednesday, April 12 5 to 7 p.m. Atrium Hotel & Conference Center 3559 College Ave. Alton, Ill. 62002

Attendees can view a video presentation, review exhibits and meet with IDOT staff and representatives working on the project.

The Illinois high-speed rail program is improving safety at crossings, adding new sidings, replacing bridges and building new or improving stations. New locomotives are arriving soon. The corridor improvements are tentatively scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

For additional information, <u>visit idothsr.org</u>. Comments and questions also can be submitted by calling (855) IDOT-HSR (436-8477). You also can receive updates on Facebook at Facebook.com/IllinoisHighSpeedRail.

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