# Freedom Parkway and Lakeshore Drive Extensions

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## Agenda

- Project Introduction
- Project Area History
- Future Land Use Plan of the Study Area
- Proposed Plan
- Proposed Roadways in Section View
- Average Daily Traffic
- Right-of-Way Information
- Anticipated Project Schedule
- How to Provide Comments
- Questions? Comments?





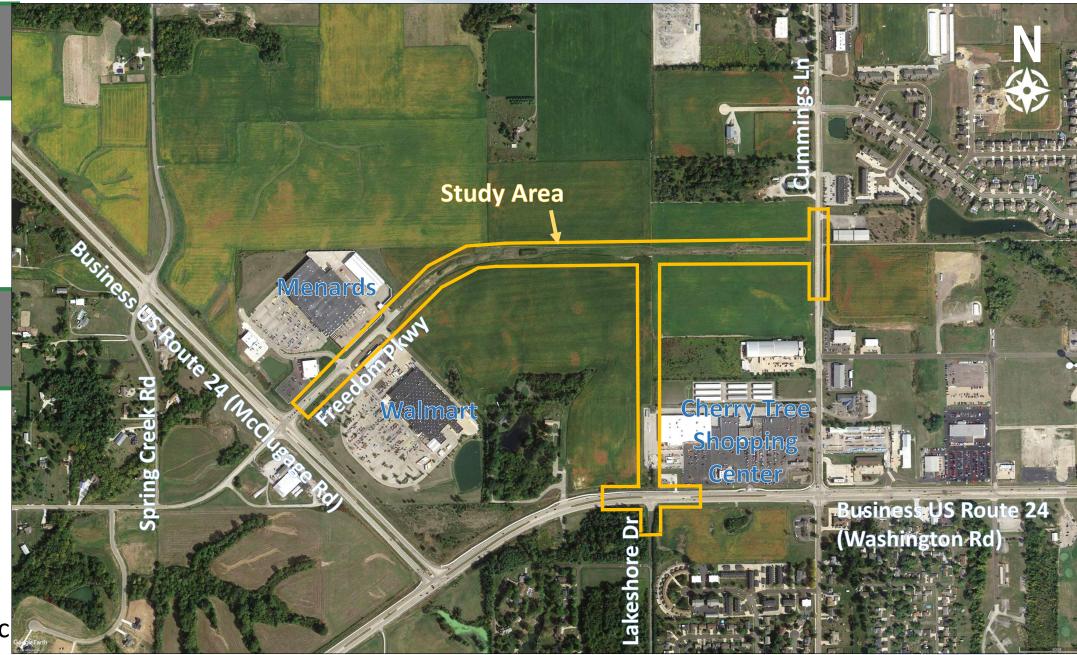
## **Project Introduction**

## What is the purpose of this meeting?

Our goal is to inform you of the planned roadway project and to hear your comments and concerns.

## What is the purpose and need of this project?

- The purpose of the project is to expand the City of Washington's transportation network by providing connectivity for all modes along new Freedom Parkway and Lakeshore Drive corridors.
- The project is needed to enable economic development in accordance with the City's land use plan.

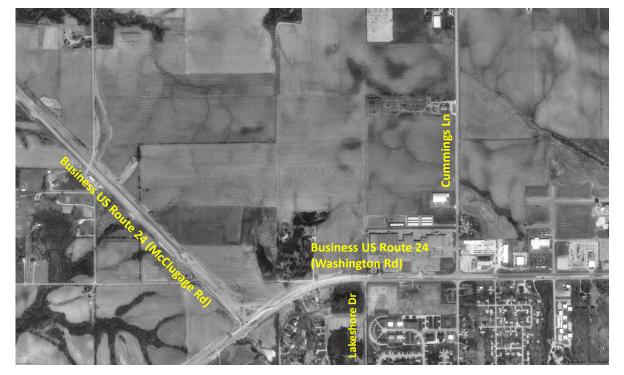


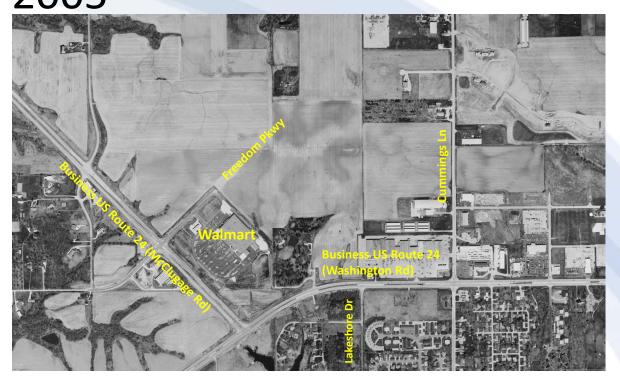




## Project Area History 2005

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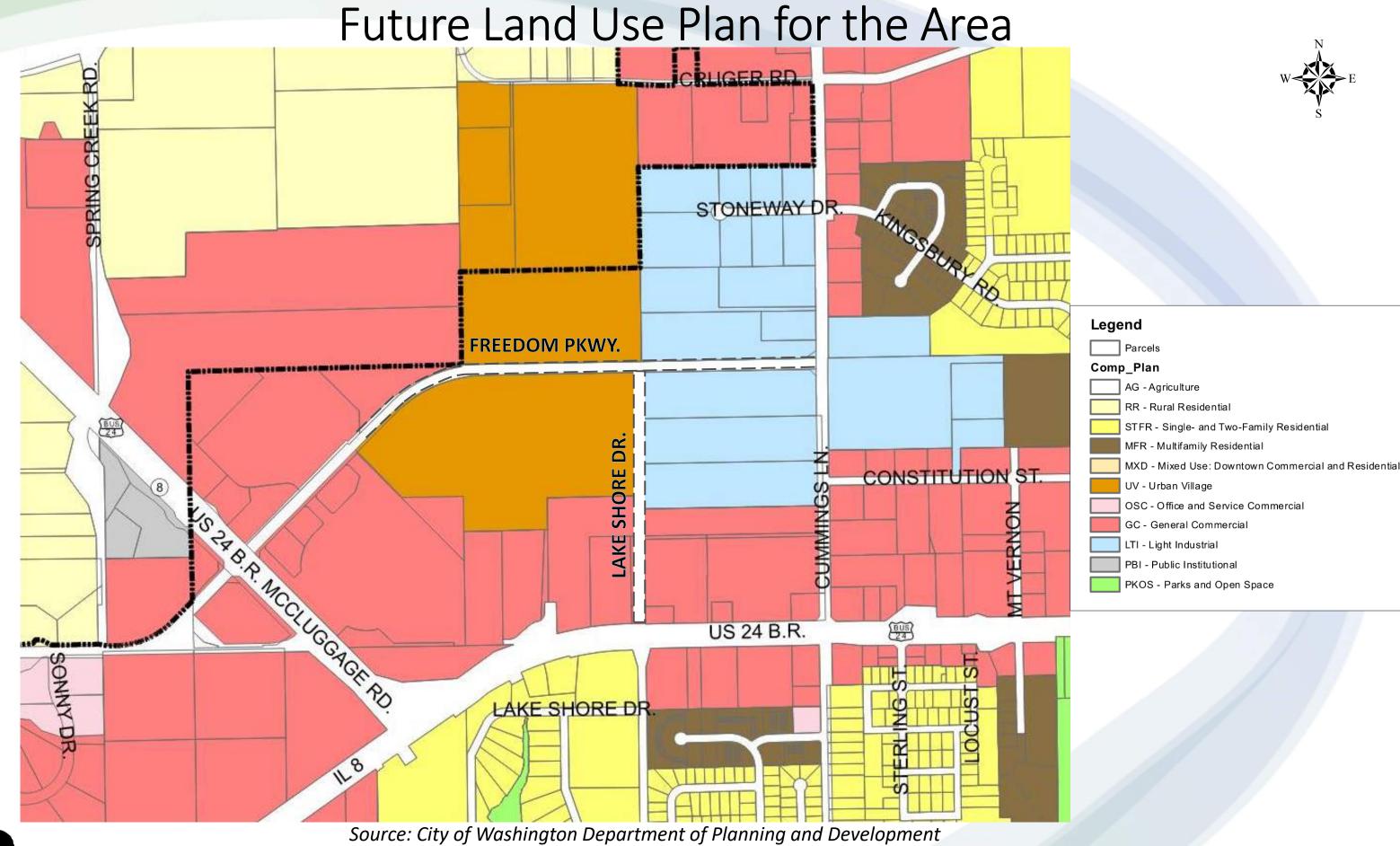


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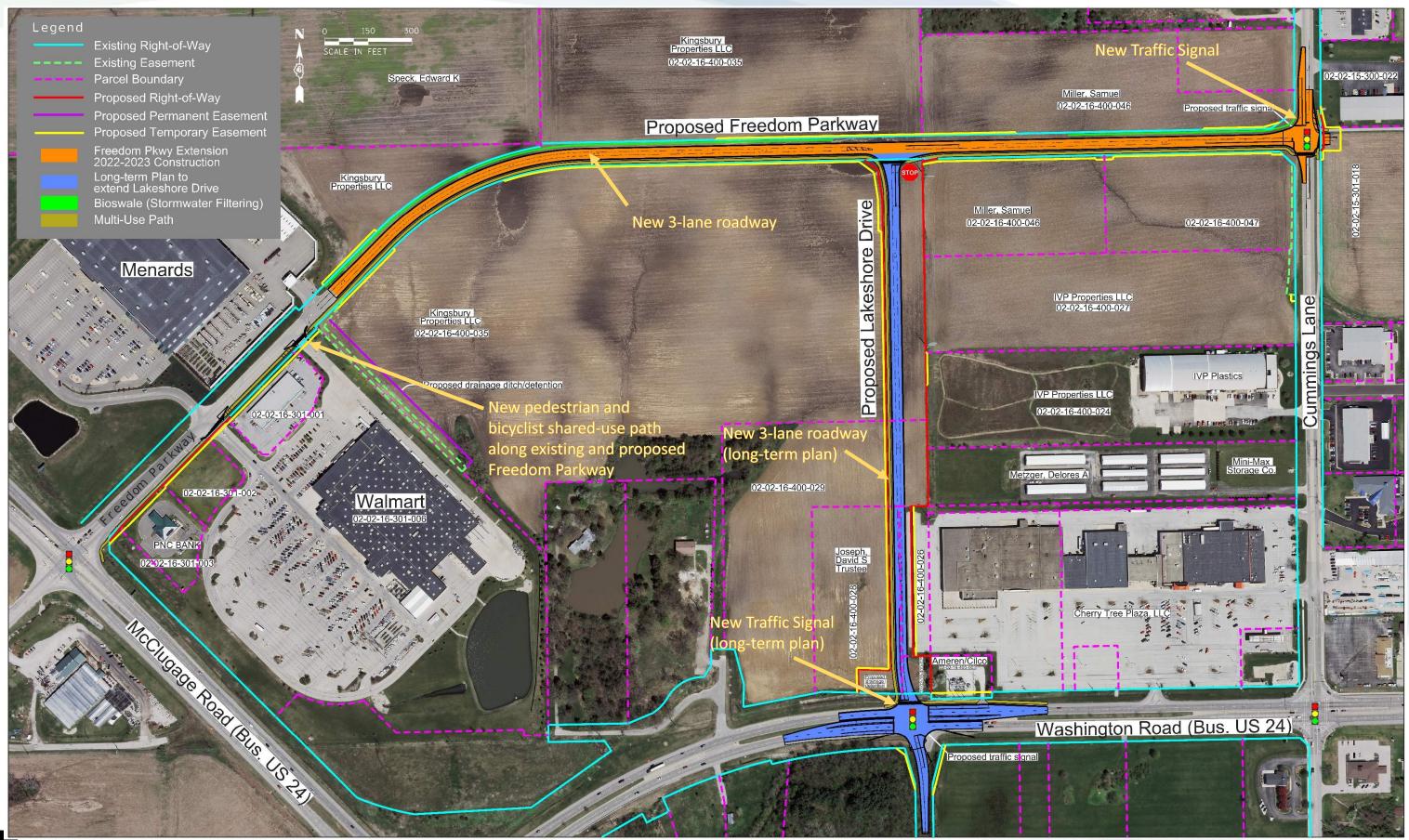








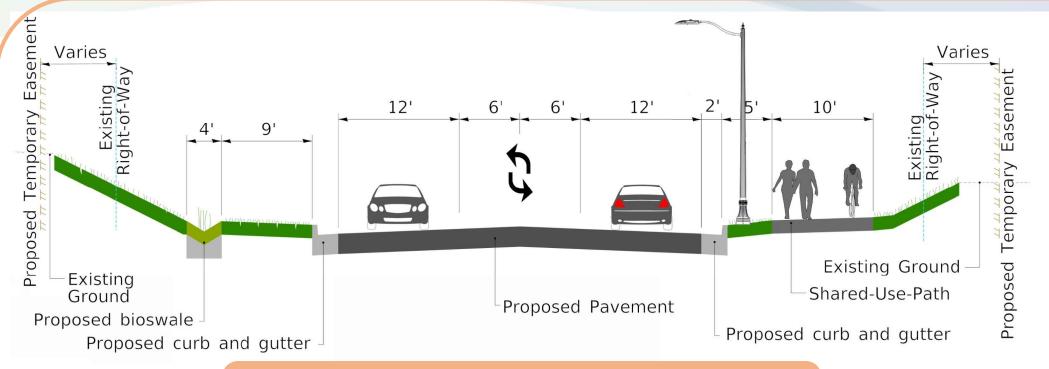
## Proposed Plan







## Proposed Roadways: section view



#### **Short-Term Plan: Freedom Pkwy Extension**

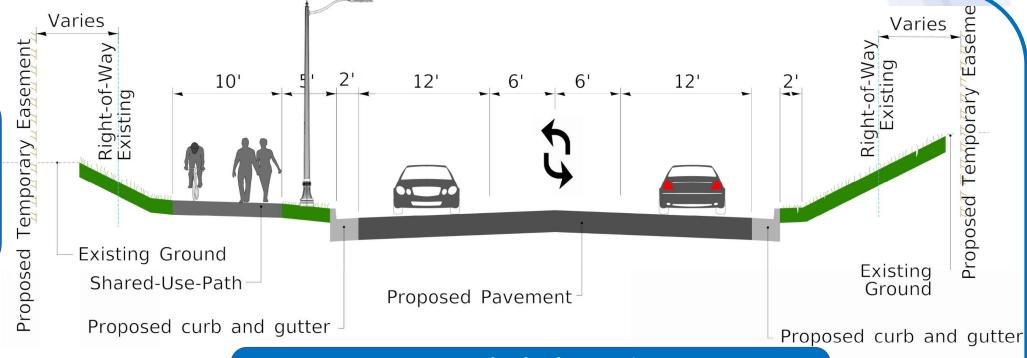
- Construction start year: 2022
- Includes Freedom Parkway extension and Freedom/Cummings intersection

#### **Proposed Freedom Parkway**

From existing Freedom Parkway to Cummings Lane (Looking East)

#### **Long-Term Plan: Lakeshore Drive Extension**

- Future Construction
- Includes Lakeshore Drive extension,
   Freedom/Lakeshore and Lakeshore/Washington intersections



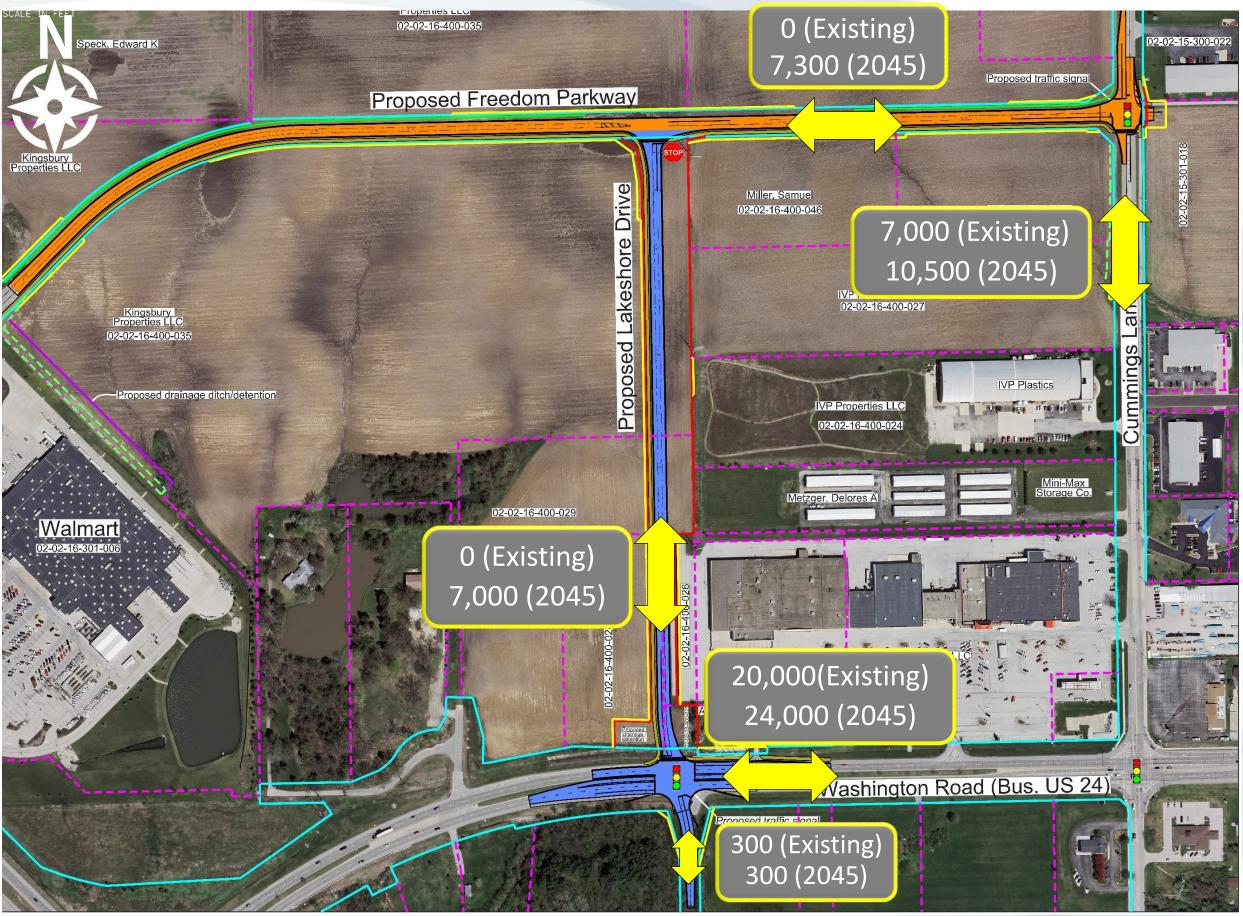
#### **Proposed Lakeshore Drive**

From Washington Road to Proposed Freedom Parkway (Looking North)





## Average Daily Traffic: Existing and Projected Year 2045







## Right-of-Way Information

#### Types of Right-of-Way

- Existing Right-of-Way:

   Current land for the public's use (typically the current roadway and sidewalk)
- Temporary Easement:
   "Rent" the use of the property for 3 to 5 years.

   Temporary use during construction.
- Permanent Easement:
   Purchase permanent rights to use property.
   Allows City access to sewer structures on private property.
- Fee Simple (new permanent right-of-way):
  Purchase all or portion of a property by Warranty
  Deed. Expands the right-of-way.

Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedure for Highways

#### **Determine Right-of-Way Acquisition Needed**

Determined by the proposed design

#### **Establish Value of Right-of-Way**

3<sup>rd</sup> party appraisal

#### Make an Offer

In writing, to owner

**Owner to Decide on Offer** 





### Right-of-Way Information

#### Steps in the land acquisition process

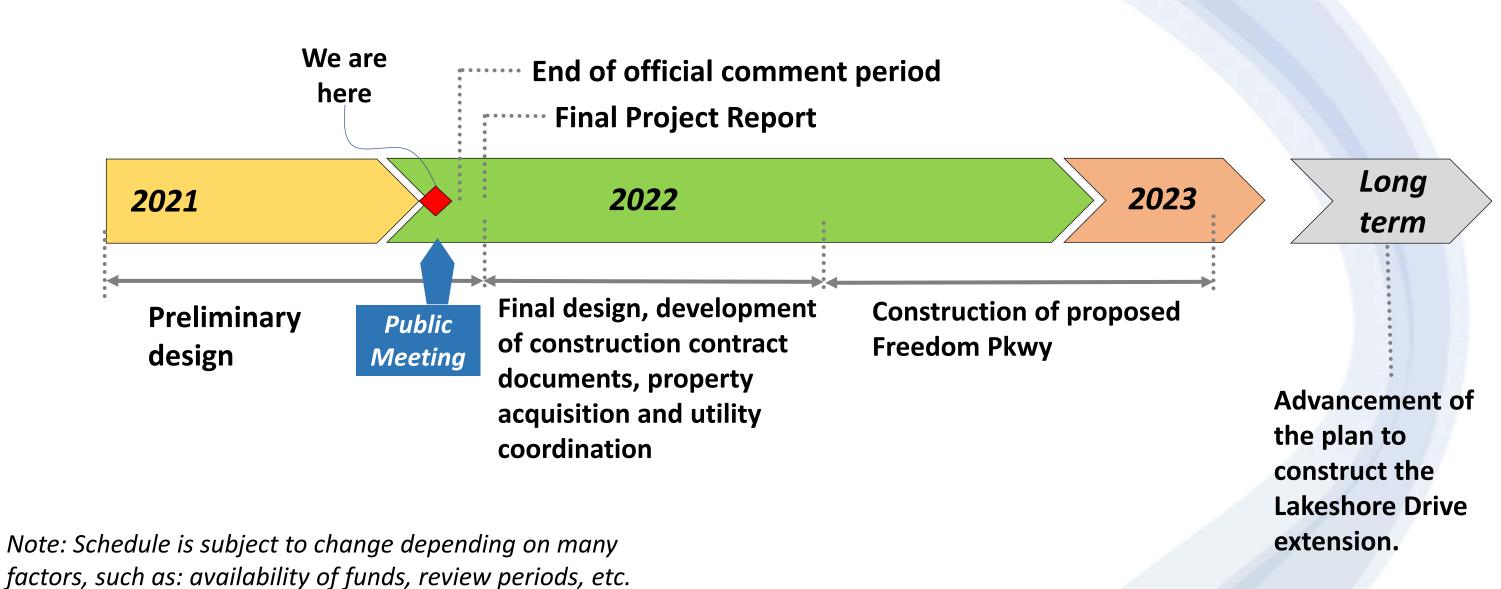
- 1. Selection of right of way: after the public meeting is held and the route location has been established, right-of-way plans are completed based on the construction requirements for the particular type of improvement. Detailed plans are then prepared.
- 2. Establishing a property value: Real estate professionals assist IDOT with determining compensation, which is based on an analysis of the current real estate market. All appraisals are reviewed by a review appraiser in each IDOT district.
- 3. Informing property owners: A professional real estate person contacts each property owner, pointing out the area to be acquired, construction features, other pertinent data and answering any questions.

- 4. Making an offer to purchase: The purchase offer will be made in writing and will match the established property value. This offer will not be modified unless items affecting the real estate value were overlooked. An IDOT representative will be available for any questions.
- 5. Deciding on the offer: Each property owner will have a reasonable amount of time to consider the offer. The sale is concluded in a similar manner to other real estate transactions.
- 6. Receiving relocation assistance: If displaced, the occupant of an improved property, e.g., a house or business, may be eligible to receive relocation assistance and payments.





## Anticipated Project Schedule







### How to Provide Comments

- Comments can be stated verbally at this meeting
- Comments can be mailed or emailed
- Comments received before January 25<sup>th</sup> will become part of the official project record
- The draft Project Development Report is available upon request for additional information
- Email comments to:

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