



Plank Road Realignment
Illinois Route 23 to Lukens Road
Phase I Study

Community Context Audit

Contact information

Name:

Organization/Group:

Street Address:

City, State & Zip:

Email:

Phone:

How would you like to stay informed? Email Mail Do not send study updates to me.

How often do you use (drive, walk, ride, other) the facilities (transportation, pedestrian, or otherwise) within the study limits and for what purposes (ex: to get to work, school, shopping)?

Help us better understand the Plank Road corridor

The DeKalb County Highway Department conducts a **context audit** to collect information about the study area from the public and other stakeholders. This information helps the County and IDOT better understand community resources and values.

Think about Plank Road between Illinois Route 23 and Lukens Road and the areas that surround it. Please share your thoughts about the unique characteristics of the area by answering the following questions. If you are unsure of an answer, feel free to note "I don't know" in the comment area or leave it blank.

If you need additional space to write, please use the comment form or attach your own paper.

1. Are there any community activity centers or gathering places in the study area? If yes, please describe.

2. Are there any open spaces, bicycle trails, or greenways in the study area? If yes, please describe.

3. Are there any seasonal events or celebrations that may be affected by improvements to Plank Road (ex: festivals, concerts, sporting events)? If yes, please describe.

4. Is the study area aesthetically pleasing (nice views, landscaping)? Please describe the features or elements that contribute to your enjoyment of the scenery.

5. Are there areas of historical significance in the study area, such as historic landmarks? If yes, please describe.

6. Are visitors attracted to this area? If yes, why?

7. Are there any public safety or traffic safety issues in your community? If yes, please describe.

8. Do you think improvements to Plank Road would change your community? Please explain.

9. Are there other unique or valuable features in your community that should be considered during the study? If yes, please describe.

10. Are there areas of recurring traffic congestion and delay? If yes, please describe.

11. Are there areas that need new or improved signals (traffic, directional, or pedestrian signals)? Please list.

12. Please review the transportation-related features below and check (✓) their importance to you.

Feature	Most Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Comment
Sidewalks					
Lighting					
Pedestrian crossings (crosswalks, bridges, tunnels)					
Greenways					
Bicycle lanes, paths or facilities					
On-street parking					
Landscaping					
Transit connections (connections to bus, train)					
Transit shelters or stations					

13. Please indicate the transportation-related issues you have experienced on Plank Road between Illinois Route 23 and Lukens Road. If known, please describe the general location(s) of occurrence and provide any comments.

✓	Transportation Issue	Locations (if known)	Comment
	Traffic noise		
	Traffic congestion/backups		
	Access issues		
	Traffic crashes		
	Inconsistent travel times		
	Inadequate sight distance		
	Safety issues		
	Poor roadway conditions		
	Wildlife deaths		
	Other:		
	Other:		

14. Please review the resources features below and check (√) their importance to you.

Feature	Most Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Comment
Air Quality					
Community and social resources (facilities, community services)					
Ecology & natural resources					
Economics & business					
Energy					
Farmland					
Floodplains					
Historical & archaeological resources					
Land use					
Noise & soundscapes					
Parks & recreation					
Soils & geology					
Waste management/services					
Tribal & cultural resources					
Vegetation/plants					
Visual resources/aesthetics					
Water Quality					
Wetlands					

Please mail or scan and email your completed application by the **Thursday, June 1st, 2023** deadline to:

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