

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Scheduled by the City of St. Charles, On Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation of Construction of the Red Gate Road Bridge across the Fox River.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of St. Charles will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed construction of the Red Gate Road Bridge across the Fox River. St. Charles is sponsor and the lead agency for the project, which involves review, oversight and possible funding by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposed project will extend Red Gate Road east of its current terminus at IL Route 31, across the Fox River, and will connect with IL Route 25 south of Pinelands Drive. The proposal under consideration is a two lane facility with a bridge over the Fox River. Proposed improvements include a bike trail connecting the Fox River Trail east of the river to the Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve and St. Charles North High School west of the river. The Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation will be available at the Public Hearing and are now available for review at the City of St. Charles located at 2 E Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, the St. Charles Public Library located at 1 S. 6th Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174, and on the project web site at www.redgatebridge.org.

The Public Hearing will take place on:

Date: December 15, 2009
Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.
Place: St. Charles North High School
255 Red Gate Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

Purpose of the Hearing will be to provide project information and to take any public comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or 4(f) Evaluation. Information available will include:

- the purpose and need for the improvement
- the proposed improvement plans and alternates considered
- the environmental and social project issues
- information on status of the project

A brief video presentation on the project will run through the evening. Exhibits such as maps, aerials and charts will be on display, with representatives of the City of St. Charles and their consultant team available to discuss the project information and to answer individual questions. All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this hearing to receive information and to offer comment. A hearing area with public seating will be staffed with a Hearing Officer and Court Reporter to hear and record public comment, and forms will be provided to make and submit written comments at the hearing. Otherwise, written comment must be submitted by mail or courier and delivered

or postmarked by December 31, 2009. Written comments are encouraged, as the Hearing Officer may limit time for oral comments (e.g. five minutes per person) in order to accommodate as many who wish to speak orally as practicable prior to the 9:30 pm closing time. (A commenter may comment in writing, orally, or both.) All comments received in accordance with the foregoing will be considered by the City of St. Charles and reviewed by relevant State and federal agencies involved in project approval. Written comments should be signed and identify the name and address of the person making the comment. All written comments must be sent or delivered to:

Proposed Red Gate Crossing Record
c/o Wills Burke Kelsey Associates
116 West Main Street, Suite 201,
St. Charles, IL 60174-1854

**Please note that written comments must be mailed or physically delivered,
and that no comments will be accepted by email or Internet.**

St. Charles North High School is located at the intersection of Red Gate Road and IL Route 31 in St. Charles. This hearing will be accessible to persons with a disability. Persons with a disability planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact Wills Burke Kelsey Associates, 116 West Main Street, Suite 201, St. Charles, IL 60174-1854; phone (630) 443-7755 by December 7, 2009. The contact may be by telephone or in writing.