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Mr. Richard Skillings  
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Mr. Skillings:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) *FY 2017 – 2022 Proposed Highway Improvement Program*. Every year, IDOT develops a six-year plan for how to prioritize the state's highway and bridge transportation assets. The multi-year plan includes a modest increase in federal funds coming to Illinois due to the passage of a new federal transportation bill last year and low gas prices fueling a momentary uptick in driving, resulting in slightly greater motor fuel tax revenues. Once again, this latest multi-year program will have a positive impact on many of our communities; but, given the existing levels of funding, the state will continue to be challenged to maintain its existing assets and even more restricted from taking on new projects that expand its transportation system and support economic growth.

With this in mind, funding for construction of the Alton-Godfrey Transportation Study has not been included in the multi-year plan. Funding for preliminary engineering (Phase I and II) was previously included in FY 2012. This contract was authorized in 2011 and is still active. The Department is considering the input we received from the public and local leaders in response to our public meeting held in 2015. To date, it has not been determined if the study should be continued. While there is no deadline for when this determination will be made, we anticipate it will be in the near future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this project. Should you have any additional questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Cindy Stafford, our Location Studies Engineer, at 618-346-3151 or Ms. Gwen Lagemann, our Programming Engineer, at 618-346-3150.

Sincerely,

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Kirk H. Brown, P.E.  
Program Development Engineer

cc: District 8 Location Studies