



IDOT SOUTHWEST CONNECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A PEL STUDY?



Integrative approach considers environment, community, and economy



Gathers input early to inform transportation project development



Uses collaborative approach to transportation decision-making

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A PEL STUDY?



Helps identify future project selections



Accelerates project development and successful delivery



Supports economic and community development



Finds opportunities to avoid or minimize environmental impacts



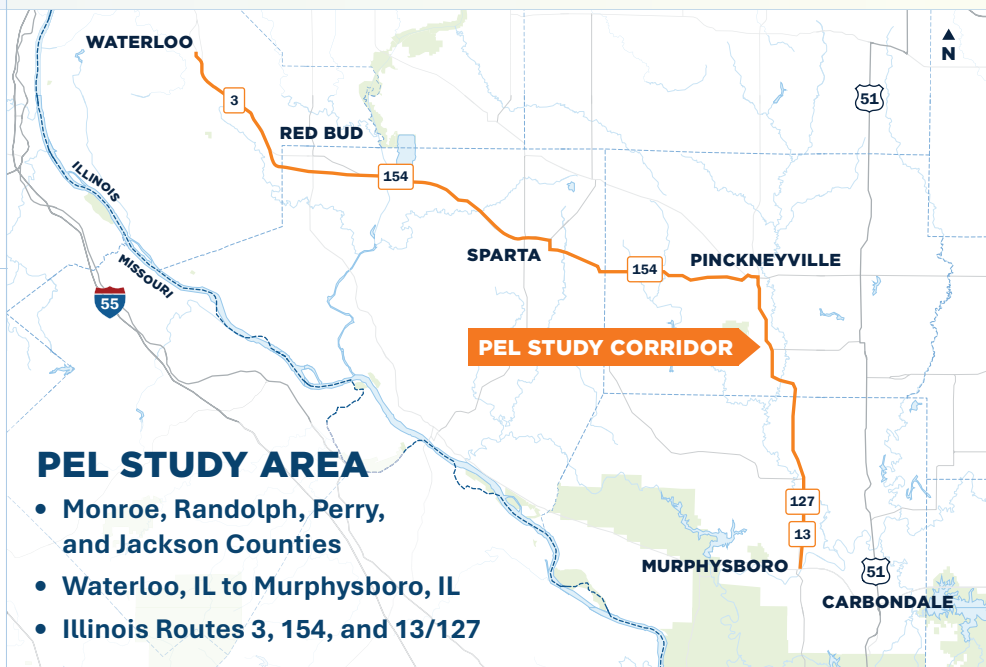
Encourages early, meaningful community and stakeholder engagement to listen, understand issues, and reduce risk and concerns

PEL STUDY OVERVIEW

The PEL study will define the Purpose and Need, identify design alternatives, and outline the likely next steps for carrying the recommended improvements forward.

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PEL STUDY AREA

- Monroe, Randolph, Perry, and Jackson Counties
- Waterloo, IL to Murphysboro, IL
- Illinois Routes 3, 154, and 13/127

PEL STUDY TIMELINE

2025			2026				2027			
SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Project Kickoff	Client Advisory Group (CAG) #1	CAG #2	CAG #3	Public Meeting #2	IDOT/ FHWA Merger Meeting #1	CAG #4	CAG #5	Public Meeting #3	IDOT/FHWA Merger Meeting #2	IDOT/FHWA Request to Submit PEL Report to IDOT/FHWA
Data Collection	Data Collection									
	Public Meeting #1									

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #1

July 28 - August 18, 2025



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