

April 29, 2014

**RE: High Cross Road (IL Route 130) Improvements
(University Avenue to south of Washington Street)**

Dear Resident/Business:

Improvements to High Cross Road have been scheduled to start around the middle of May 2014 and end November 2014. The contractor for this \$7,700,000 project is Open Road Paving from Urbana, Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation--District 5 (IDOT) will oversee the construction of this project.

The proposed improvements consist of widening, resurfacing and fully reconstructing some segments of High Cross Road (IL Route 130) from University Avenue (US Route 150) to approximately 3,900 feet south of Washington Street, for a total length of 1.27 miles. When completed, High Cross Road will have two thru lanes in each direction and a center raised median, as well as concrete curb and gutter on both sides of the highway. The project will also include widening and resurfacing of a short section of University Avenue east and west of High Cross Road and reconstructing of Washington Street from Pfeffer Road to 400 feet east of High Cross Road.

All commercial and residential entrances along High Cross Road and University Avenue will be reconstructed up to the right-of-way property line as part of the improvements. Access to entrances will be maintained at all times unless there are two entrances to a property, which would permit temporary closure of one to construct the other entrance. IDOT personnel will contact property owners of entrance closures.

As mentioned before, road work is anticipated to begin in May. Advance notice of the exact start date will be provided on flashing message boards on each end of the project prior to the start of construction. Two-way traffic will be maintained while road work is performed along High Cross Road and University Avenue; however, the contractor may reduce traffic to one lane, with the aid of flagger, during part of the project. Improvements to Washington Street, east of the Pfeffer Road intersection will be constructed under a full road closure. This closure is anticipated to begin June 2, 2014 and to remain until August 29, 2014.

The Urbana Public Works Department will keep residents informed during the construction project. Information about the project will be posted on the City's website at <http://urbanaininois.us>. If at any time you have questions, please contact me at 217/384-2342 or wgray@urbanaininois.us. The City thanks you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

William R. Gray, PE
Public Works Director

Cc: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing
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Director's Cut

Motorists are urged to use caution in the construction area at all times. Please be aware of barricades and work activities, which will change due to the nature of a construction project.

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Project History & Overview

Why is this project needed?

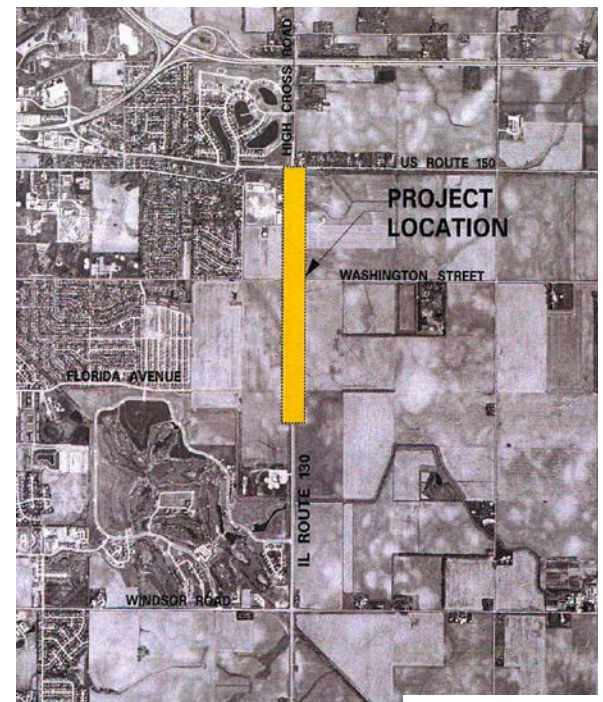
The High Cross Road/IL Route 130 improvements will address safety concerns and future capacity of this increasingly traveled north-south corridor in Urbana, IL. In recent years, this area has experienced noticeable commercial development, which is expected to continue with recent improvements to Windsor Road to the south and planned improvements to US Route 150 to the east.

What is included in this project?

The existing roadway will be widened and overlaid for the majority of the project length. The remaining sections of roadway will be fully reconstructed. Existing shoulders, and in some areas the existing pavement, will be removed and roadside ditches will be re-constructed to accommodate new storm sewer and culvert pipes. When completed, High Cross Road will have two lanes in each direction and a raised center median, along with curb and gutter. Roadway improvements, including widening and reconstruction to provide auxiliary turn lanes to University Avenue and Washington Street are also included in the project.

All existing residential driveways and commercial entrances will be reconstructed to the public right-of-way, in order to accommodate the wider roadways.

Location Map



What's the schedule?

Construction along the High Cross Road/IL Route 130 project corridor is scheduled to start in May 2014. The contractor for the project is Open Road Paving Company from Urbana, IL. Illinois Department of Transportation personnel will be overseeing the construction.

Advance notice of the exact starting date will be provided on flashing message boards on each end of High Cross Road and along University Avenue approximately 1 week prior to the start of construction. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained while the majority of the High Cross Road and University Avenue roadwork is performed. There may be instances when it becomes necessary for the contractor to reduce traffic down to one lane with the aid of flaggers and traffic control signing. Improvements to Washington Street will be constructed under full road closure, east of Pfeffer Road to approximately 400 feet east of High Cross Road.

The overall project construction is planned for a 6 to 7 month window (weather dependent) in 2014. During this time, IDOT and the contractor will regularly assess progress and look to implement actions that may reduce the construction window and lessen the impact on users during this project.

High Cross Road / IL Route 130 – Proposed Improvements

The exhibit below is an overview illustrating the proposed improvements along the High Cross Road corridor and limits of construction. Also shown are the proposed improvements to Washington Street and University Avenue/US Route 150.



If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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