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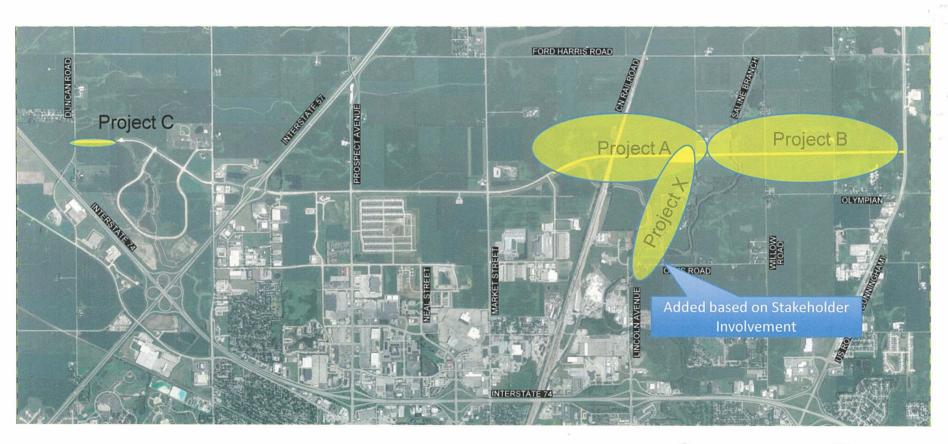
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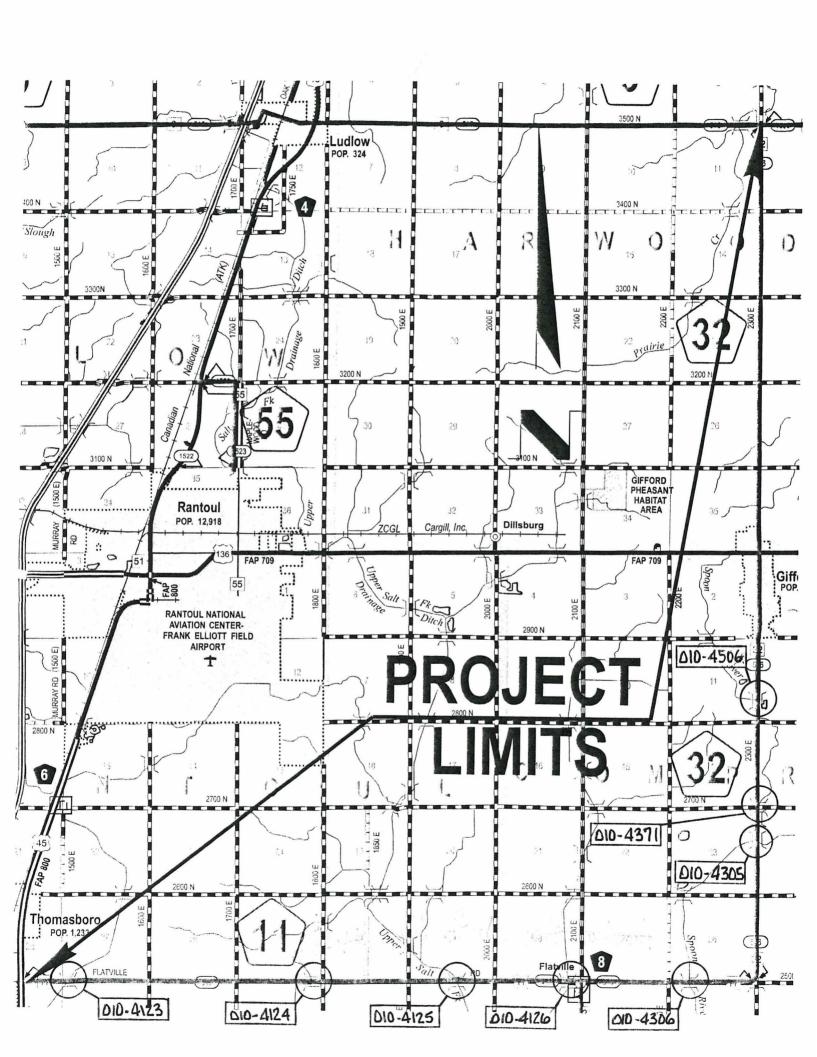
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Olympian Drive Extension Project Design Limits







				Funding	Project A (FY 2013)				
Project	Cost Estimate		Funding Source	Amount	Note		Local Match Breakdown		Amount
Project A	\$	15,000,000	IL Jobs Now	\$ 4,000,000	Design, Land Ac and Construction		City of Champaign	\$	-
			ICC	\$ 9,000,000	60% ICC, 40% Fed/State/Local Match		City of Urbana	\$	
			STU	\$ 2,000,000	50% Local Match Required		Champaign County	\$	-
			Local Match		Local Match for STU				
Total	\$	15,000,000	Total	\$ 15,000,000			Total	\$	-

					Funding	Project X (FY 2015)				
Project	ject Cost Estimate		Funding Source	Amount		Note		Local Agency Breakdown		Amount
Project X	\$	3,600,000	STU	\$	1,400,000	50% Local Match Required		City of Urbana	\$	1,100,000
			Local Match	\$	2,200,000	Local Match for STU		Champaign County	\$	1,100,000
Total	\$	3,600,000	Total	\$	3,600,000			Total	\$	2,200,000

					Funding	Project C (FY 2013)			
Project	Cos	st Estimate	Funding Source Amount		Note	Local Match Breakdown		Amount	
Project C	\$	1,500,000	IL Jobs Now	\$	1,000,000	Design and Land Ac		City of Champaign	\$ -
			STU	\$	500,000	50% Local Match Required		Champaign County	\$ -
			Local Match	\$		Local Match for STU			
Total	\$	1,500,000	Total	\$	1,500,000			Total	\$ -

	Funding Summary for Projects A, C and X											
Project	Cost Estimate Fu		Funding Source	nding Source Amount		Note		Local Match Breakdown		Amount		
Project A	\$	15,000,000	IL Jobs Now	\$	5,000,000	No Design/Land Acq for Project B		City of Champaign	\$	-		
Project X	\$	3,600,000	ICC	\$	9,000,000	60% ICC, 40% Fed/State/Local Match		City of Urbana	\$	1,100,000		
Project C	\$	1,500,000	STU	\$	3,900,000	50% Local Match Required		Champaign County	\$	1,100,000		
			Local Match	\$	2,200,000	Local Match for STU						
Total	\$	20,100,000	Total	\$	20,100,000			Total	\$	2,200,000		

ICC = 60% with 40% Fed/State/Local Match

STU = 50% Local Match Required

IL Jobs Now funds can be used as a match against ICC and STU funds

Project A (Apollo - Lincoln) = 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 - Urbana, County, Champaign

Project B (Lincoln - US 45) = 50/50 Urbana/County

Project C (Olympian - Duncan) = 50/50 Champaign/County

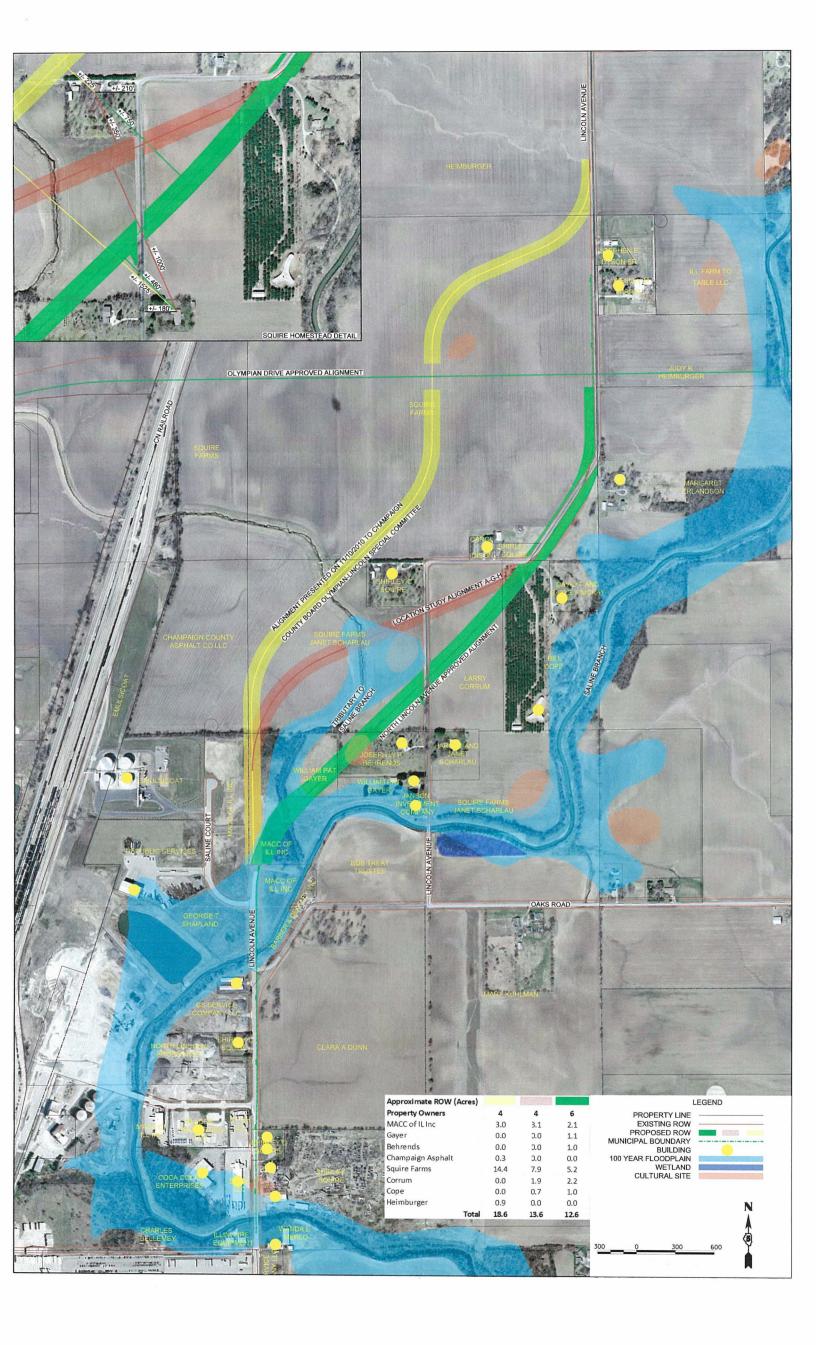
Project X (North Lincoln) = 50/50 Urbana/County

IL Jobs Now funds currently can only be used for Projects A, B and C

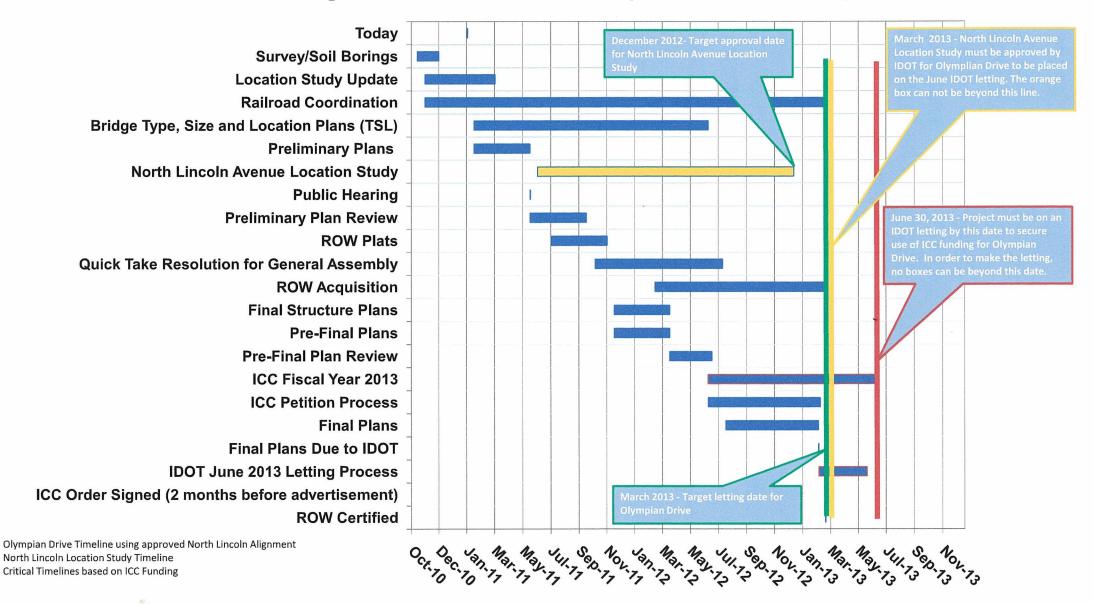
ICC - Illinois Commerce Commission Funds Currently Obligated for the Olympian Drive Crossing of the Canadian National Rail Line

STU – Surface Transportation Urban Funds that are Federal Dollars given the to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) STU funds can not be used for Phase II Construction Document Preparation, Phase III Construction Documentation or Land Acquisition

Costs based on Location Study Design and 2010 cost estimates



Olympian Drive Project Timeline - Project A Programmed for ICC FY 2013 (7/1/2012-6/30/2013)



February 9, 2011

Champaign County Board members

Re: Olympian Drive and North Lincoln Avenue project

Good Evening:

Thank you to the County Board for allowing a representative to read this letter. We would have preferred to attend in person, however Mrs. Shirley Squire is currently providing medical care to her disabled son and Ms. Christine Pierson has recently begun cancer treatments.

We would like to first clarify how Squire Farm operates, as there seems to have been some confusion on the subject. Squire Farm is not held in a trust. A farm management committee represents the farm and the committee is made up of one representative from each of the three heir groups of Richard Squire Sr. Each heir group owns an undivided third of the farm. Janet Scharlau is the farm agent, not the farm manager and as such does not represent Squire Farm.

Since July 2009, it seems that all we have heard from the opposition group is that the Olympian Drive project would ruin some of the world's richest farmland. When interest was shown in 2010 for the Olympian project to be part of a project that included Lincoln Avenue, that, too, brought opposition for the same reason from the same group. It seems they are unwilling to compromise on anything unless it is to use the majority of Squire Farm as a way to save themselves and their personal property from being inconvenienced.

Those included in the opposition party ready to throw the Squire Farm (and all its rich farmland) "under the bus" include Janet Scharlau, who is the Squire Farm agent; Billy and Virginia Ziegler, who are tenants for the Squire Farm (and who are, by the way, related to Board member Al Nudo, who was appointed by the County Board to serve on the county's special committee on this subject); and others we thought of as friends and neighbors. We would have thought that having Mr. Nudo on a committee that could benefit a relative would or should have been considered a conflict of interest.

Let us be perfectly clear: We support the Olympian Drive project. We do so because we believe building this road is the right thing to do for the community. We don't mind giving up a

few acres of farm ground if it will help build the communities we have both considered home for our entire lives. We also support the S-curve alignment for the North Lincoln Avenue extension project, which would also take a small parcel of the Squire Farm.

Again, we don't mind the sacrifice if it helps bring both projects to completion. In fact, Mrs. Squire has offered a small parcel of her own land to the east of her homestead in the hopes that the S-curve alignment can be moved slightly to the northwest, so that a neighbor would not lose any land to this alignment.

Let us also make it clear that we are not in support of any alignment for the Lincoln Avenue extension that would take more than the 5.2 acres previously proposed for the S-curve alignment, which was finalized in 1997. Any new alignment being considered for Lincoln Avenue is being done to appease a group of seven selfish "Johnny come lately" families, who by their own admission would like nothing better than to see an end to both projects so that they are not inconvenienced in any way. It's funny, these are the same families who have admitted they knew of both road projects before they purchased their properties, but made the decision to buy regardless.

In conclusion, we would like the County Board to know we are certainly willing to do our part to bring these two road projects to fruition – we simply ask that Squire Farm not be expected to carry the sole burden. We ask you to also consider carefully whether or not you are willing to ask the area's oldest living resident (82 years old) to also shoulder the burden of a road which would ruin her property just to appease a self-centered group of seven families.



Shirley S. Squire, area resident since 1951.

Christine (Squire) Pierson, heir to Ralph S. Squire.

Representatives of two-thirds of Squire Farm Management Committee

The Atkins Group

February 10, 2011

Champaign County Board Brookens Administrative Center 1776 E. Washington St. Urbana, IL 61802

Re: Letter of Support - Olympian Drive Extension

Board Members,

On behalf of The Atkins Group, we appreciate the opportunity to express our complete support of the proposed Olympian Drive extension project. Extending the transportation corridor will create unprecedented economic development opportunities for the county, municipalities and surrounding community. The extension will improve access to thousands of jobs and countless businesses in northern Champaign-Urbana. It will decrease interstate congestion and make the roads we travel safer for our community. The Olympian Drive extension project is an important investment in the future of Champaign County.

Your past investment in Olympian Drive was a catalyst for the commercial, residential and industrial developments of Champaign north of I-74. Baytowne Apartments, North Pointe retail, Pinehurst Commons office park, Ashland Park residential, Interstate East industrial park and Apollo industrial park are among nine subdivisions The Atkins Group has built along the Olympian Drive corridor since its initial completion. Thousands of jobs and residents were attracted to this region of our community due to the previous commitment to Olympian Drive by the County Board.

At this point in time, our community has a unique opportunity to retain the funding necessary to complete the Olympian Drive extension project. In order to ensure the future success and growth of our community, our firm encourages the various public entities involved in the project to work together, to mitigate differences and to seize this opportunity. If we do not act now, it could easily be many years or even decades before eligible funds to complete this extension project are again available.

The Atkins Group urges the Champaign County Board to move forward on the Olympian Drive extension project. We believe its extension is the most important transportation and economic development project in Champaign County.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Dixon

Director of Real Estate