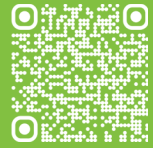
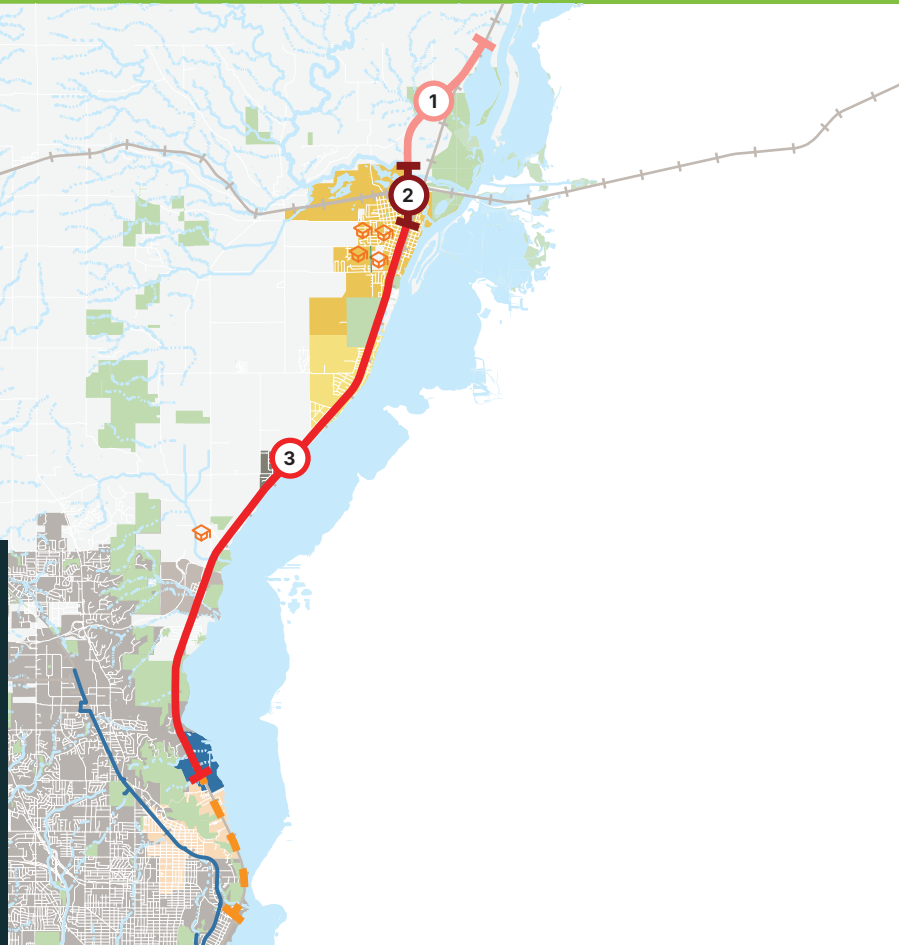


IL-29 Corridor and Safety Improvements

Chillicothe-Peoria Multi-Modal Corridor Redesign & Improvements



- Schools
- Funded Segment
- Parks
- Galena Road TIF District
- Chillicothe
- Mossville
- Peoria (City)
- Peoria (County)
- Peoria Heights
- Rome
- South Rome



Project Overview

This comprehensive re-visioning of the Peoria-Chillicothe corridor heralds its transition from a high-speed vehicular roadway into a multi-modal route that elevates regional access to parks, job centers, rural communities, and the Illinois River.

KEY THEMES

- Regional Connector
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Benefits Rural Communities
- Public Parks
- Employment Connections
- Recreational Amenity
- Transit Improvements
- Economic Development Catalyst

Segments

- 1** Pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure construction and safety improvements extending from the northern Peoria County line to Senachwine Creek north of Chillicothe
- 2** Chillicothe Suburban Viaduct widening and roadway reconstruction from Senachwine Creek to W. Truitt Avenue
- 3** Pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure construction and safety improvements extending from W. Truitt Avenue in Chillicothe to E. Gardner Lane in Peoria

Project Description

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The IL-29 corridor extends northward along the Illinois River from downtown Peoria to the northern Peoria County line and is currently accessible only to high-speed automobiles. This project seeks to transform the corridor into a regional asset, stimulating economic development and strengthening transportation resilience. The proposed corridor spans rural and urban areas, connecting residents to the new Peoria Galena Road Industrial Park TIF District and Caterpillar Business Complex in Mossville. It also links planned and existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Chillicothe, Peoria Heights, and Peoria.

The proposed corridor includes the reconstruction of the Chillicothe Suburban Viaduct, which supports an active commercial freight railway. The Viaduct's outdated design standards and narrow underpass make transportation difficult and prevent the extension of utilities to industries and residences. Given the age and condition of the Viaduct, proactive bridge reconstruction has been estimated to save more than \$4.5MM in costs (in 2028 dollars).

The proposed rail bridge reduces crash risk by widening roadways to modern standards and permitting the creation of separated bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Additionally, the new design permits utility expansion and increases railway capacity for safe, efficient conveyance of freight with the addition of three rail lines.

Quick Facts

Project Type

- Regional Trails
- Railway Freight Improvements
- Safety Improvements
- Multi-Modal Network Expansion

Jurisdictions

- Chillicothe Township
- City of Chillicothe
- City of Peoria
- Village of Peoria Heights
- Chillicothe Park District
- County of Peoria
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Medina Township
- Peoria Park District
- Greater Peoria Mass Transit District

Districts

- US Congressional Districts 16, 17
- Illinois State House Districts 73, 92, 105
- Illinois State Senate Districts 37, 46, 53

Next Steps



Feasibility Study

Conduct a corridor-wide feasibility study to assess opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, transit expansion, safety improvements, and land use updates.



Bicycle & Pedestrian Enhancements

Fund, design, and construct lighting and other amenities to encourage safe use of new multi-use paths and other multi-modal infrastructure components.



Viaduct Replacement

Develop a funding plan and partner with BNSF railroad, IDOT, the Federal Railroad Administration, & other agencies to establish consensus around the scope & process for widening the viaduct over IL-29, and to fund Preliminary Engineering.

