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CITY OF JOLIET INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RE-OPENING OF CHICAGO STREET FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO VAN BUREN STREET

The City of Joliet will hold an Informational Public Meeting to present the reconstruction and re-opening of Chicago Street from Washington Street to Van Buren Street. The informational meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, Joliet City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017**, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Attendees can sign in, observe exhibits on display, and interact with the project team who will be available to answer questions. All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting.

The proposed improvements consist of a new roadway alignment reconnecting Chicago Street from Washington Street to Jefferson Street and reconstruction of Chicago Street from Jefferson Street to Van Buren Street. Chicago Street will consist of one, 12 foot lane in each direction. The project will also consist of resurfacing Jefferson Street from Ottawa Street to Scott Street. The traffic signal at Chicago Street and Jefferson Street will be modernized. The intersection of Chicago Street and Washington Street will remain stop controlled. Improvements will also include the reconstruction of the parking lot bordered by Jefferson Street to the north, Scott Street to the east, Washington Street to the South, and the re-opened Chicago Street to the west.

Right-of-way will only be acquired from Will County for the reconnection of Chicago Street from Washington Street to Jefferson Street. A detour will be set up during construction for Chicago Street between Jefferson Street and Van Buren Street. This detour will utilize Scott Street for northbound traffic and Ottawa Street for southbound traffic.

The project is in Phase 1 (design phase) with Phase 2 (preparation of plans and specifications) anticipated to begin in the summer of 2017. Construction is anticipated in 2018 subject to the availability of funds.

Public comments and questions will be solicited on the proposed improvements. Written statements will be received at the time of the meeting or at the City of Joliet Public Works Department after the meeting. Comments on the project need to be received by the City of Joliet at the address given below on or before Wednesday, June 14, 2017 by close of business to be part of the project record.

The meeting room is accessible to persons with a disability. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Russell Lubash, Traffic Engineer, at (815) 724-4200 (rlubash@jolietcity.org) no later than five days before the meeting.

For more information, contact Mr. Russell Lubash, Traffic Engineer, City of Joliet Public Works Department, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. City of Joliet website: <http://cityofjoliet.info/>

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