



## MONTGOMERY ROAD

IL Route 25 to Hill Avenue

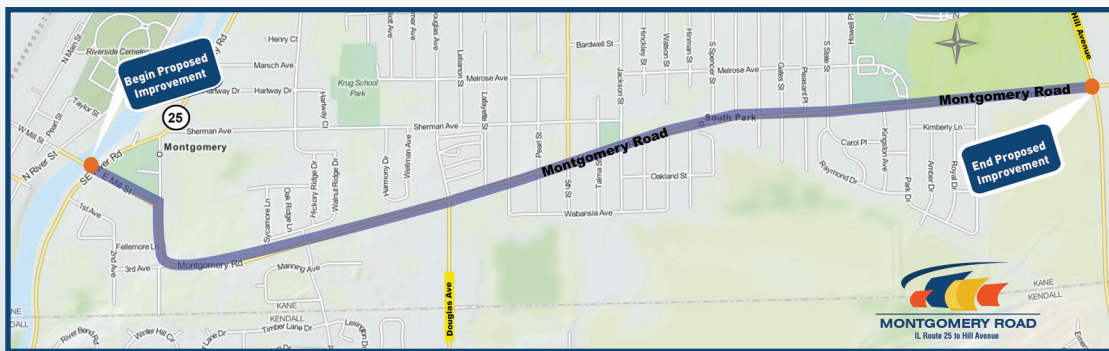
# Fact Sheet

Your Fact Source For The Montgomery Road Study

[www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx)

## Study Begins... Community Input Encouraged

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has initiated the Montgomery Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic operations along a three-mile segment of Montgomery Road from Illinois Route 25 on the west to Hill Avenue on the east, including intersections at Hill Avenue, Broadway Road, and Douglas Road. The study area is located primarily within the village limits of Montgomery with a portion on the east end in the city of Aurora.



### : Public : Involvement

The Montgomery Road Study includes a collaborative public involvement process that engages all project stakeholders. A stakeholder is defined as anyone who could be affected by the project and has an interest in its outcome. The purpose of this collaboration is to gather and consider project input from all interested parties and provide a communication mechanism for stakeholders to stay informed, ask questions, and provide comments.

The public is encouraged to become involved in the development of transportation solutions and have a voice in the decision-making process. The information collected through the public involvement process aids in the identification of issues, impacts, and alternatives. Combined with detailed technical analyses, public input forms the basis for ultimate project decisions.



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## Current Conditions

Montgomery Road serves as a minor arterial roadway under the jurisdiction of Kane County. Currently Montgomery Road is a two-lane facility with designated left turn lanes at various intersections.

The land along the corridor includes a mixture of residential, commercial, recreational, agricultural, and institutional uses. Sidewalks are intermittent along the north and south sides of Montgomery Road. The Virgil L. Gilman Trail, with a termini to the south at Hill Avenue, bisects Montgomery Road as it continues northwest towards IL 47.

Under current conditions, this roadway has been classified as being over capacity and warrants upgrades to the existing facilities. In addition, estimates for the 2040 Design Hourly Volumes (DHV) demonstrate that a significant portion of the study corridor will exceed design standards for the primarily two-lane roadway that exists today.

### 139 Crashes

occurred within the study area between 2008 and 2011

### 83 crashes

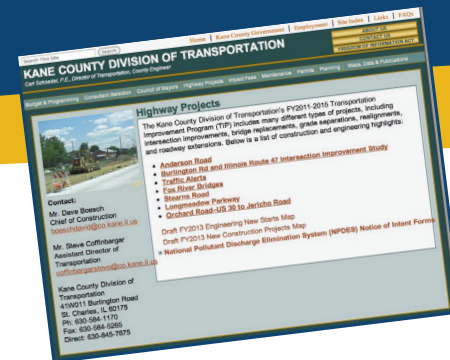
injury related

### 32 crashes

occurred at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Douglas Road

### 6 crashes

occurred on the S-curve on Broadway Road to Briarcliff Road



## KDOT to Provide Project Information

The Montgomery Road study begins with a focus on the public involvement process. KDOT's website has been designed to keep the public informed and regularly communicate information about the project as it becomes available. As the website is updated, project information, frequently asked questions with answers (FAQ's), meeting dates, and project reports will be available. Please visit throughout the study process to stay informed and provide feedback.

Visit our website at: [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx)



## What Matters to YOU?

KDOT is providing the following opportunities to inform the public and encourage participation:

### > Newsletters

Providing up-to-date project information

### > Website: [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx)

Offering project information and updates.

### > Focus Group Meetings

Seeking views on the issues and solutions from key groups affected by the project

### > Local Coordination Meetings

Gaining insight into the study area and long range plans from communities

### > Public Meetings



## Future Growth Projections

With traffic growth anticipated to continue, congestion and operational issues are also expected to increase.

According to the Kane County 2040 Transportation Plan, the County is expected to have significant growth.

**Population: 51% increase to 802,231**

**Employment: 64% increase to 368,494**

Montgomery Road traffic counts are projected to nearly double by 2040.

## WHAT IS A PHASE I ENGINEERING STUDY?

A Phase I Engineering study is also referred to as the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. This process requires several steps to complete.

### 1 Analyzing Existing and Future Conditions and Defining a PURPOSE AND NEED

**THE FIRST STEP** of the Phase I Engineering Study involves analyzing and understanding the existing and future conditions, and defining the Purpose and Need for the roadway and intersection improvements. Data collected during this step includes, but is not limited to, current and projected population and employment statistics as well as future travel demand. The performance of the Montgomery Road transportation system under future conditions will then be evaluated. KDOT and stakeholders will determine transportation deficiencies and begin developing solutions to address the needs.



### 2 Identifying Alternatives

**THE NEXT STEP** in the Phase I process is to continue performing detailed technical analysis and working with the public and stakeholders to identify possible improvement alternatives that meet the project Purpose and Need. This step concludes with the selection of the alternative(s) that will be evaluated in further detail.



### 3 Evaluating Alternatives and Selecting the Preferred Alternative

**THE FINAL STEP** in the process includes the detailed evaluation of the technical factors associated with the alternatives and their impacts on the community and environment. At the end of this process, a preferred alternative will be recommended for implementation. KDOT will consider all input, including public and stakeholder comments and technical analyses, as they make final decisions on a preferred alternative. The results of the evaluation process, along with all of the findings from previous steps, will be documented in a project report.

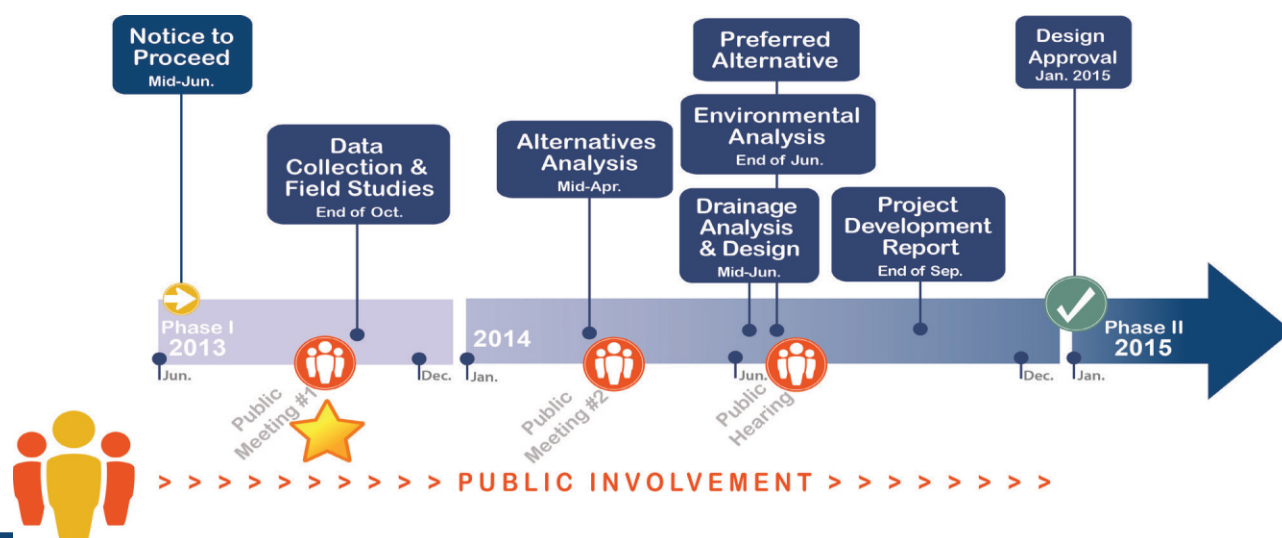




# NEXT STEPS

Over the upcoming months, the study team will meet with community representatives, agencies, and interested parties to obtain input. Work will continue with the existing conditions analysis, identification of study area deficiencies, and the collection of technical and environmental data. Through the identification of current and future roadway deficiencies and needs, design alternatives will be developed and evaluated. A preferred alternative will be identified for Phase 2 Engineering and the development of construction plans.

While the Phase I Engineering study is funded locally by Kane County, Phase 2 Engineering, Construction, and Construction Engineering are not currently funded. Future funding will be pursued for these remaining project phases.



## Stay Informed and Get Involved!

We hope you stay involved as the team proceeds with the identification of issues, concerns, and alternatives. You can always find current project information by visiting our website at: [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/constProjects.aspx) and you can email project comments to [montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com](mailto:montgomeryroad@hdrinc.com).

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