NOTICE U.S. 51 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PURPOSE AND NEED AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Purpose and Need for the US 51 Environmental Impact Statement is available for public review and comment. The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold Public Information Meetings to accept comments on the Purpose and Need on December 2 and 3, 2008. The limits of the study are the Shelby/Christian County line to the U.S. 51/IL 177 interchange (east of Irvington). The meeting times and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 - 12:00 to 6:00PM Centralia Recreation Complex 115 E. Second Street Centralia, IL 62801

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – 3:00 to 7:00 PM Ramsey Village Hall 401 S. Superior Street Ramsey, IL 62080

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 –12:00 to 6:00 PM Ramada Inn 2707 Veterans Parkway Vandalia, IL 62471

The Purpose and Need document will be available for review and comment at the meetings and project staff will be available to answer questions about the project. The Purpose and Need is also available to download and review on the project website at www.us51-idot.com and comments will be accepted by mail, email or fax until December 17, 2008. For those without access to the internet, call 217-373-8951 to request a copy by mail. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tim Jackson of the Illinois Department of Transportation (217-342-3951) to advise of planned attendance and needed accommodations.