

I-80 Over the Mississippi River

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

April 22, 2020; 2 p.m.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- **621** Registrations
- **2** hours, **10** minutes: total meeting time
- **7** media representatives
- **57** Surveys submitted
- **125** total questions

STATE/FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- Iowa State Sen. Chris Cournoyer
- Legislative Correspondent Grant Ewing (Office of U.S. Rep. Loeb sack)
- District Representative Brian Kramer (Office of U.S. Rep. Loeb sack)

MEDIA PARTICIPANTS:

- WHBF/Chase Davis
- WHBF/Ryan Jaster
- WQAD/Luke Cleary
- QC TIMES/Ed Tibbetts
- QC TIMES/Alma Gaul
- KWQC/Spencer Maki
- WVIK/Michelle O'Neill

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED:

- BiState
- IBEW Local 145
- Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Quad Cities Chamber
- Ride IL
- Living Land & Waters
- John Deere
- Scott County
- Clinton County

QUESTION/CONCERN/COMMENTS TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Ramps too short, difficult to merge
- Low sides of bridge are a problem
- Lack of height of bridge makes it scary
- Not enough space to get around accidents
- Safety of vehicles and structure
- Pedestrian accommodations needed (multiple)

- No funds for pedestrian accommodations/car only bridge (multiple)
- Bridge too narrow
- More lanes
- Safety for property owners during construction
- Impact of construction on business/economy
- Substandard shoulders
- Access to LeClaire/Rapids City during construction
- Too much truck traffic
- Ease of access a problem
- Need well lit exits/entrances with clear signage
- Consider tolling
- Expand to three lanes each way

MEDIA

MEETING COVERAGE

KWQC (NBC)

Illinois DOT launches I-80 Mississippi River bridge corridor study

Thu Apr 23 04:14:40 PDT 2020

<https://www.kwqc.com/video?vid=569883432>

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Wed 9:34 PM, Apr 22, 2020

<https://www.kwqc.com/content/news/Illinois-DOT-launches-I-80-Mississippi-River-bridge-corridor-study-569877191.html>

KQAD (ABC)

Study finds problems at I-80 bridge over Mississippi River

Illinois and Iowa DOT seek public input through virtual public meeting

6:46 PM CDT April 22, 2020

<https://www.wqad.com/article/news/i-80-bridge-virtual-public-meeting/526-8d155e70-2e99-4b96-9b3c-c8a7e247a03b>

WHBF/KLJB (CBS/FOX)

I-80 bridge reaching 'end of its useful life'

Study starts to decide what's next: Rehab, reconstruction or replacement

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<https://www.ourquadcities.com/news/local-news/i-80-bridge-reaching-end-of-its-useful-life/>

QUAD CITIES TIMES/ARGUS-DISPATCH

New I-80 bridge in 10 years? No decisions have been made about the Quad-Cities span

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https://qctimes.com/news/local/new-i-80-bridge-in-10-years-no-decisions-have-been-made-about-the-quad/article_9530288e-9691-55bd-b322-58c65ad65480.html

PREVIEW STORIES

KWQC (NBC)

Illinois DOT to hold virtual meeting Wednesday to discuss study of I-80 Mississippi River bridge
<https://www.kwqc.com/content/news/Illinois-DOT-to-discuss-replacement-plan-for-I-80-Mississippi-River-bridge-at-virtual-meeting-Wednesday-569820141.html>

WQAD (ABC)

Virtual meeting being held for the Interstate 80 Mississippi River Bridge
<https://www.wqad.com/article/news/local/i80-mississippi-river-bridge-virtual-meeting/526-6b8a221e-f0d3-4a47-a6dd-e2cca5d8b953>

DES MOINES REGISTER

Illinois DOT officials plan webinar to discuss replacing Interstate 80 bridge over the Mississippi River
<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/business/development/2020/04/20/interstate-80-mississippi-bridge-replacement-plan/5166789002/>

KCRG (ABC/Cedar Rapids)

I-80 Mississippi River bridge replacement plan to be discussed in online meeting
<https://www.kcrg.com/content/news/I-80-Mississippi-River-bridge-replacement-plan-to-be-discussed-in-online-meeting-569793551.html>

QC TIMES/ARGUS-DISPATCH

Plans begin for new I-80 bridge over Mississippi in Quad-Cities
https://qctimes.com/news/local/plans-begin-for-new-i-80-bridge-over-mississippi-in-quad-cities/article_b7b69af0-7732-56d5-986b-d61bf5789c0f.html

ASSOCIATED PRESS STATE WIRE

I-80 Mississippi Bridge Plan To Be Discussed In Webinar
DIXON — The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold a virtual public meeting Wednesday on plans for replacing a more than 50-year-old Mississippi River bridge in the Quad Cities area. The meeting is being held online because of social distancing restrictions amid the coronavirus pandemic. The public can participate via an online link. IDOT officials will discuss a study of Interstate 80 over the Mississippi River. The plan is to replace the I-80 bridge in the Quad Cities, which opened in 1966. The meeting is at 2 p.m. ***[Click here to register to participate in the webinar.](#)*** – *Associated Press*
<https://illinoisnewsroom.org/news-around-illinois-april-21-2020/>