

I-80 Mississippi River Bridge

Public Meeting Summary / May 11, 2022

The second Public Meeting for the I-80 Mississippi River Bridge study was held at 4 p.m. on May 11, 2022, to provide study information to date, present potential improvement alternatives, and receive public feedback. More than 400 participants joined the interactive online meeting at i80mississippibridge.com, which included a video presentation, review of study exhibits and discussion with representatives of the Illinois and Iowa departments of transportation, and the project consultant team.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- **763** Registrations
- **408** Participants
- **2** hours, **38** minutes: total meeting time
- **6** media representatives
- **111** total questions asked

STATE/FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (or representatives):

- Representatives for:
 - US Senator Dick Durbin (IL)
 - US Senator Charles Grassley (IA)
 - US Senator Joni Ernst (IA)
 - US Representative Cheri Bustos (IL)
 - State Representative Tony McCombie (IL)
 - State Representative Mike Halpin (IL)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS & STAFF:

- Rock Island County, IL
- Scott County, IA
- Bettendorf
- Davenport
- East Moline
- Eldridge
- Hampton Township
- LeClaire
- Moline
- Port Byron
- Rapids City
- Rock Island
- Silvis

MEDIA PARTICIPANTS:

- WHBF (CBS/FOX)
- WQAD (ABC)

- KWQC (NBC)
- QC TIMES/Dispatch-Argus
- QC Business Journal
- WVIK

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED:

- Bi-State Regional Commission
- Visit Quad Cities
- Quad Cities Chamber
- LeClaire Chamber of Commerce
- Living Land & Waters
- Bison Bridge Foundation

QUESTION/CONCERN/COMMENTS TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Support & Opposition to Bison Bridge
- Comments on specific alternatives
- Reuse of bridge possibilities
- Bike & Pedestrian accommodations
- Detour routes
- Government agency coordination
- Impacts of alternatives
- Timing of construction
- Options to retain existing bridge
- Noise impacts
- Timing of Bison Bridge discussion
- Wider bridge center span for river traffic
- Canal Shore Drive during construction
- Evaluation criteria, priorities
- Economic Development opportunities
- Cost of alternatives
- Location of new bridge
- Traffic interruptions and detours
- Changes in study area
- Compensation and disruptions for property owners
- Costs of traffic impacts
- Road Noise
- Bridge at SW 35th in Bettendorf
- Consideration of economic development
- Jurisdiction
- Influence of Corps of Engineers

MEDIA

- **KWQC (NBC)**
<https://www.kwqc.com/2022/05/12/illinois-iowa-dots-lay-out-7-options-new-i-80-bridge-bison-bridge-still-up-air/>
Illinois and Iowa DOTs lay out 7 options for new I-80 bridge
Bison Bridge still up in the air

- **WQAD (ABC)**
<https://www.wqad.com/article/news/local/i80-bridge-bison-bridge-idot-plans-options-new/526-83d54fc8-7ec3-4724-9896-99177f1d128f>
IDOT reveals 7 locations for new I-80 crossing, won't take Bison Bridge into consideration

- **QC TIMES**
https://qctimes.com/news/local/the-dot-says-the-best-i-80-realignment-plan-will-be-chosen-without-taking-the/article_368cd2da-d604-54ba-a840-3ac93ea19682.html
The DOT says the best I-80 realignment plan will be chosen without taking the Bison Bridge proposal into consideration. But that doesn't rule it out.

- **QC BUSINESS JOURNAL**
<https://quadcitiesbusiness.com/meeting-unveils-options-for-new-i-80-bridge/>
Meeting unveils options for new I-80 bridge

- **WVIK / NPR RADIO**
<https://www.wvik.org/2022-05-10/i-80-mississippi-river-bridge-update-public-meeting>
I-80 Mississippi River Bridge Update & Public Meeting