

Planning and Building Or Rehabilitating Highways

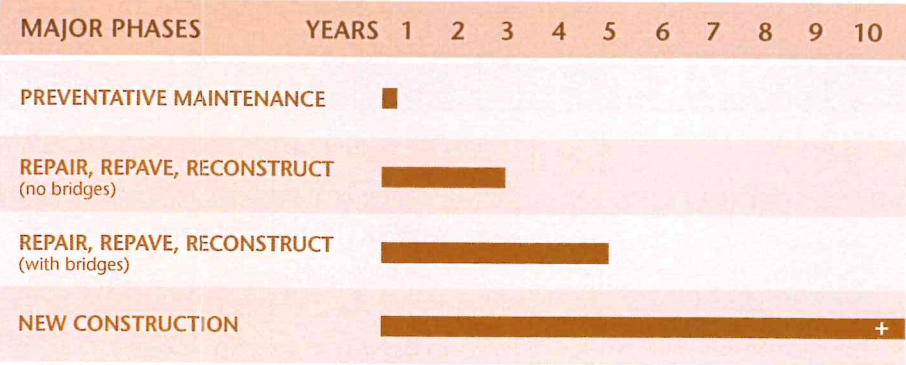
Each year, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) develops a multi-year highway program which the governor presents to the General Assembly for approval. The program specifies improvements IDOT intends to make on the state highway system over a five-year period. The complexity of individual improvements will determine the amount of time a project remains “in the stream” from conceptualization to the beginning of construction.

The funded highway project process can involve as many as 55 steps and take many years to finish. A major construction project involving a new highway, for instance, can take from five to 20 years to complete all the steps. (See example at right.) Rehabilitating a highway may take up to five years, or more. Completion of a project is dependent upon reviews by various federal, state and local governmental agencies, as well as public and private organizations, with which IDOT cooperates to complete various work phases.

The example on the other side of this brochure illustrates the process for completing a major highway rehabilitation project. Engineering work is produced by IDOT engineers or outside consultants. Actual construction is carried out by private construction companies, with oversight by IDOT engineers.

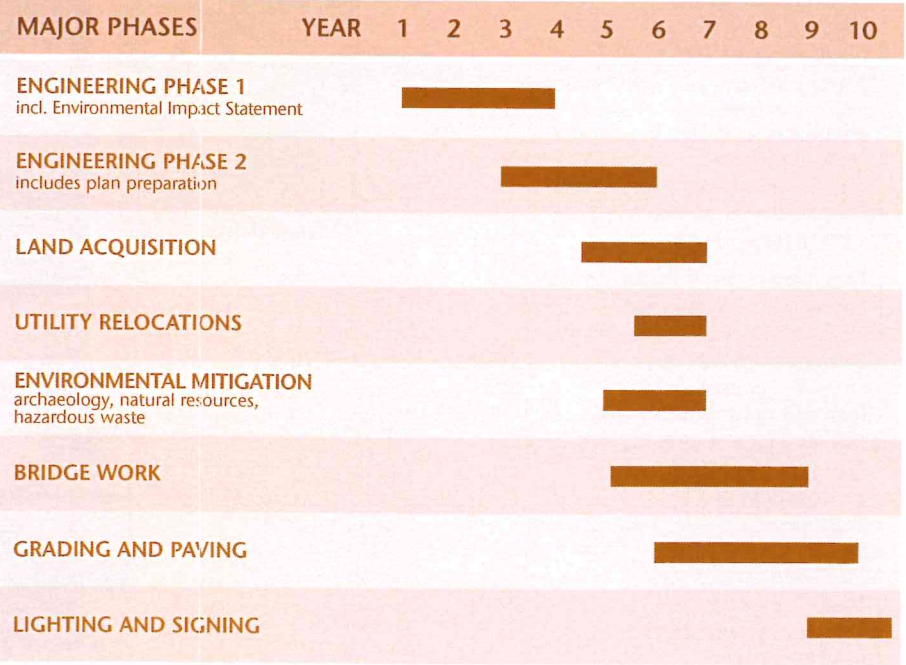
The publication of the highway program provides the public and media with the opportunity to review and respond to the listed projects. Illinois citizens can express their opinion about construction projects at public hearings or by submitting comments at other times to state officials. All public comments are taken into consideration and balanced with the need to improve safety, reduce congestion and support economic development.

TIME TO REHABILITATE OR BUILD AN ILLINOIS HIGHWAY From Funding to Completion*



* Simplified time frame. Actual completion time varies from project to project.

A FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY: NEW CONSTRUCTION EXAMPLE From Funding to Completion*



* This is typical of new highway construction from the start of engineering to the completion of work. However, before engineering can even begin, new projects have to be proposed and a feasibility study completed. That pre-engineering process can take from two to five years – or even more if funding is unavailable.

Facts and Figures

Illinois’ 139,000-mile network of state and local roads is the third largest in the nation. The state also has the third largest interstate highway system, including three of the nation’s five transcontinental routes that carry the most commercial vehicles.

IDOT is responsible for nearly 17,000 miles of roads. The state also has 26,000 bridges, and IDOT is responsible for 8,000 of them. Although IDOT is responsible for 12.5 percent of the total highways and 30 percent of the bridges, those roads and bridges carry two-thirds of the state’s traffic.

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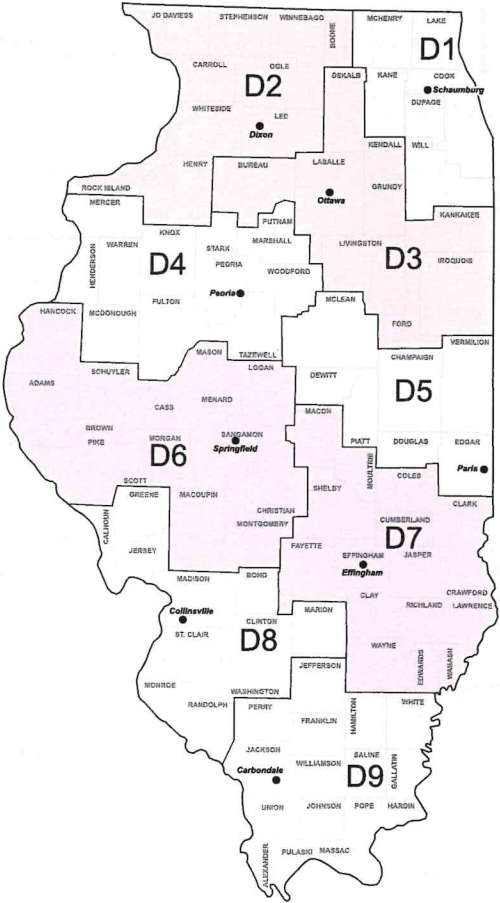
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It Takes Time... HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION From Start to Finish

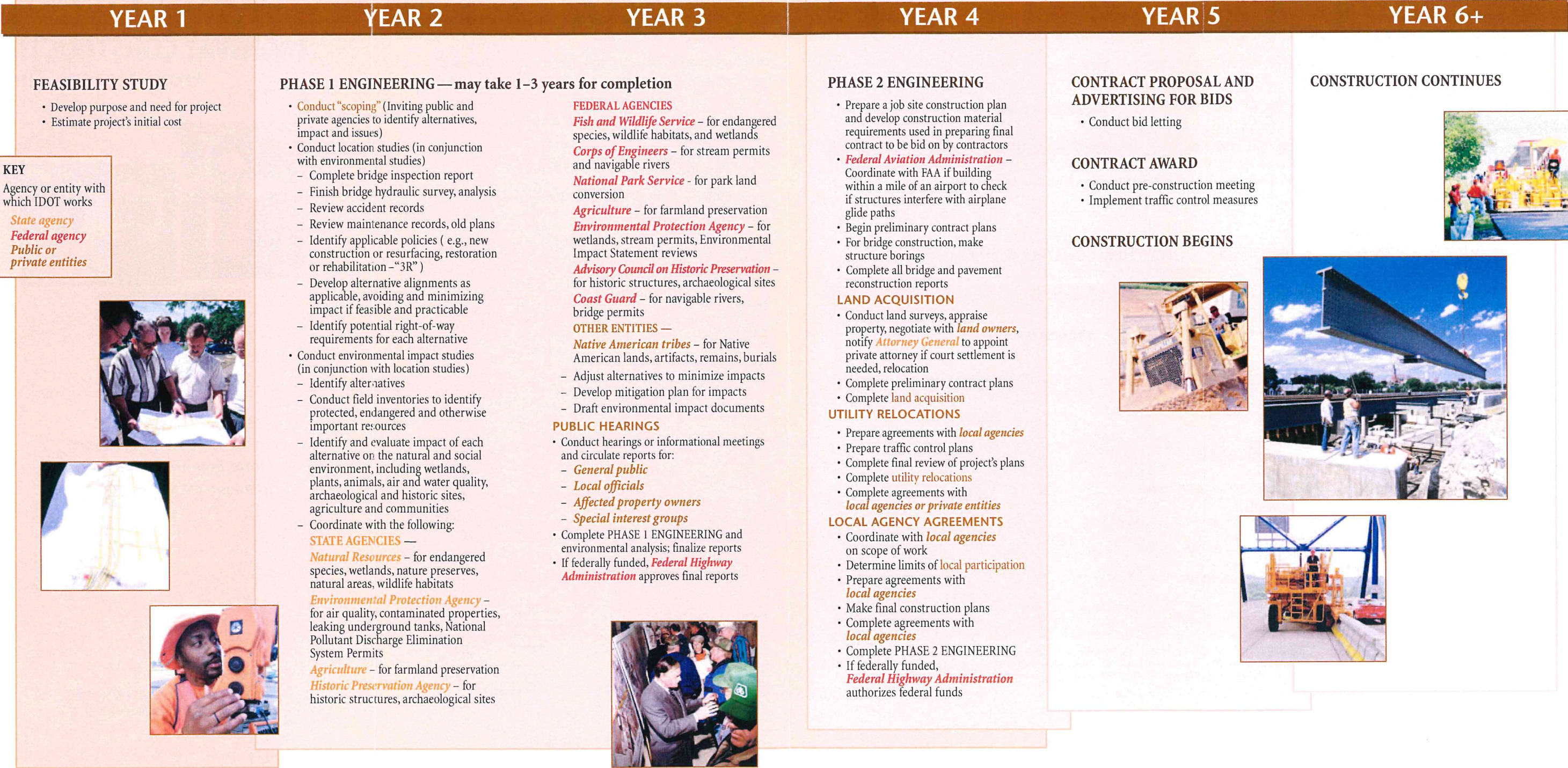


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THE HIGHWAY REHABILITATION PLANNING PROCESS IN ILLINOIS

Typical funded project:
pavement reconstruction
with bridge replacement



KEY
Agency or entity with which IDOT works
State agency
Federal agency
Public or private entities

