

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The City of Watseka will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall in order to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk at 815.432.2711 no later than Friday August 18, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

This is a federally-funded project, and the public information meeting is being held in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This program is funded by Section 1122 of MAP-21, which provides for the reservation of funds apportioned to a State under section 104(b) of title 23 to carry out Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). These funds are to be used for a transportation enhancement project that will include the following activities: Streetscaping improvements including the reconstruction of portions of US Route 24 (Walnut Street) between the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks and 5th Street to include concrete sidewalk, curb ramp improvements, concrete curb and gutter replacement, brick pavers, hot-mix asphalt pavement, storm sewer, pavement striping, lighting, and landscaping features.

The meeting will be conducted on an informal basis. Representatives of the City of Watseka will be available at 5:30 PM until the meeting ends. Representatives will answer individual questions and comments offered by those in attendance. Verbatim comments will not be recorded. The LPA will address topics such as the need for the project, the design alternatives under consideration, right-of-way acquisition and relocation, and the tentative construction schedule. Preliminary reports including environmental documents and an engineering analysis with drawings, maps, and aerial photography, will be available for inspection and viewing during the entire time. The same material is currently available for inspection at Piggush Engineering, Inc. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact (Neil Piggush (815.614.3447) or write to (Neil Piggush, Piggush Engineering, Inc, 149 N Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee, IL 60901)