

**Public Information Meeting
Scheduled by
City of Evanston
Lincoln Street Bridge Replacement Over the North Shore Channel**

The City of Evanston will hold a Public Information Meeting concerning the Lincoln Street Bridge replacement over the North Shore Channel. The public information meeting will be held at the American Legion Evanston Post 42 Second Floor, 1030 Central Street Evanston, IL 60201, on January 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM. All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting. Persons with a disability desiring to participate in this activity should contact the person listed in this notice by January 10, 2025, to make arrangements for participating. The contact may be by telephone, in writing, by fax or by telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY).

This is a federally-funded project, and the Public Information Meeting is being held in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and the Illinois Department of Transportation's public involvement policy.

The City of Evanston is seeking public comments on the effects that proposed improvements to Lincoln Street will have on the Canal Shoes Golf Course. The Canal Shores Golf Course, which is under the jurisdiction of the Evanston Wilmette Golf Course Association, is a significant, publicly owned public recreational facility. As such, it is subject to protection under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. For the Lincoln Street project, the City of Evanston intends to seek a Section 4(f) "de minimis" impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration based on a determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities that qualify the Canal Shores Golf Course for protection under Section 4(f). Effects of the Lincoln Street project on the Canal Shores Golf Course will include the permanent acquisition of a 100-foot-wide, 640-foot-long parcel over the North Shore Channel, starting from the centerline of Asbury Avenue and extending eastward, along with temporary impacts to the land southwest of the bridge. Mitigation will include the restoration or enhancement of all disturbed areas on the Canal Shores Golf Course will be restored or enhanced, with impacted "good/quality" trees replaced at a 1:1 ratio as per Canal Shores' 2017 Ecological Restoration Master Plan. Fences adjacent to the bridge will be replaced, and ecological signs will be installed within the project boundaries in collaboration with Canal Shores. Detailed documentation describing the impacts and mitigation associated with the effects of the Lincoln Street project on the Canal Shores Golf Course will be available for review at www.cityofevanston.org/lincolnstreetbridge from January 15, 2025, to January 29, 2025.

A presentation will be made at 7:00 PM followed by an informal open house. Representatives of the City of Evanston will be available from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Representatives will answer individual questions and record comments offered by those in attendance. Verbatim comments will not be recorded. The City of Evanston representatives will address topics such as the need for the project, the design alternatives under consideration, right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance, 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 review and inspection at www.cityofevanston.org/lincolnstreetbridge.

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The meeting room is accessible to persons with a disability. Any citizen needing mobility assistance should contact the American Legion Evanston Post 42 at (312) 248-3380.