



IDOT SOUTHWEST CONNECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A PEL STUDY?



Integrative approach considers environment, community, and economy



Gathers input early to inform transportation project development



Uses collaborative approach to transportation decision-making

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A PEL STUDY?



Helps identify future project selections



Accelerates project development and successful delivery



Supports economic and community development



Finds opportunities to avoid or minimize environmental impacts



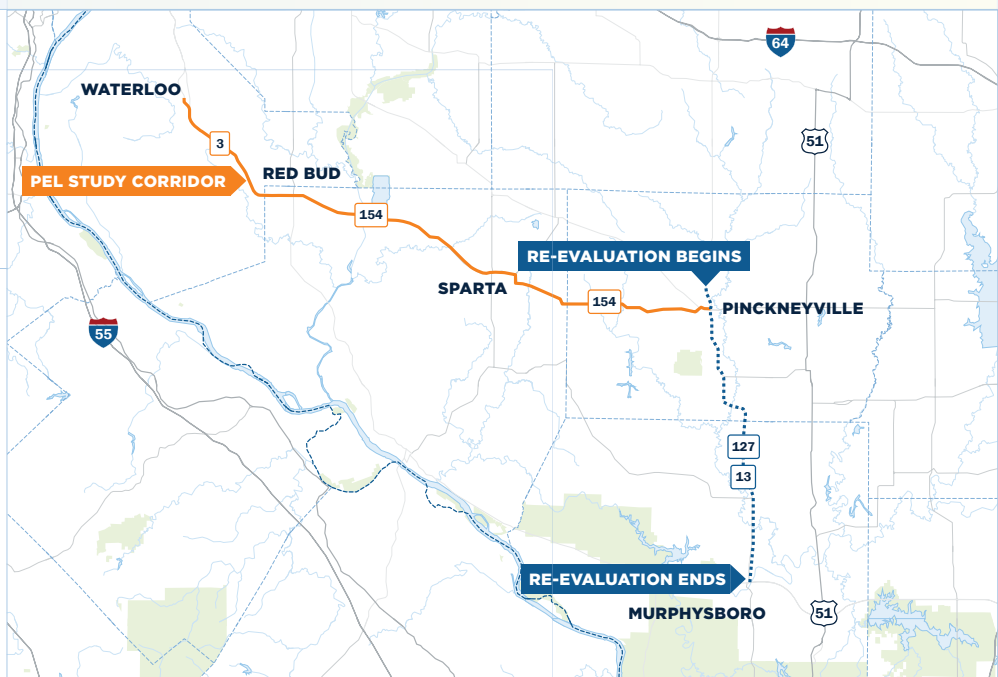
Encourages early, meaningful community and stakeholder engagement to listen, understand issues, and reduce risk and concerns

PEL STUDY OVERVIEW

The PEL study will define the Purpose and Need, identify design alternatives, and outline the likely next steps for carrying the recommended improvements forward.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK! PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026.

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PEL STUDY TIMELINE

2025			2026				2027			
SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Project Kickoff	Client Advisory Group (CAG) #1	CAG #2		CAG #3	IDOT/ FWHA Merger Meeting #1	CAG #4	CAG #5	Public Meeting #3		IDOT/FWHA Merger Meeting #2
Data Collection	Data Collection				Public Meeting #2				Submit PEL Report to IDOT/FHWA	
	Public Meeting #1									

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #2

August 20 - September 21, 2026



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