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# **Board greenlights Caton Farm Rd. widening project**

*Work to begin in spring and last 18 months*

JOLIET, IL – The Will County Board has approved a nearly \$7.4 million contract to widen 1.4 miles of Caton Farm Road from County Line Road to just west of Drauden Road beginning this spring. Once the project is complete, Caton Farm will be four lanes from County Line to just west of Route 30.

“The Caton Farm Road widening project is an important piece of our Build Will road construction program,” said Walter Adamic (D-Joliet), chairman of the public works and transportation committee. “Adding additional lanes in this growing section of the county will improve traffic flow and maintain a safe driving environment for motorists.”

On a daily basis, an estimated 17,000 cars travel the section of Caton Farm that will be widened. The project consists of removing the existing pavement and replacing with a five-lane section along with curbs, gutters, storm sewer and the installation of permanent traffic signals at the Caton Farm Road and County Line Road intersection. During construction, the road will remain open to traffic with periodic lane closures.

“Motorists should consider alternative east-west routes through this part of the county until the project is complete,” said board member Mark Ferry (D-Plainfield). “We appreciate residents’ understanding and patience while we upgrade and improve Caton Farm Road.”

Estimates to complete the widening project were around \$10 million, but the competitive bidding process produced substantial savings for county taxpayers. The winning and lowest bidder came in at over \$2.5 million less than planned. The City of Joliet will pay just over \$3.9 million toward the construction and engineering, with the county paying the balance.

“The Board’s transportation plans highlight the need for additional investments in infrastructure, and we will continue to proactively address these in our county highway system,” said Adamic. “Reliable roads and bridges are crucial to growing our economy and providing access to jobs and businesses.”

The Build Will multi-year transportation program began in 2008 with 60 projects identified. Since then, 12 more projects have been added, bringing the total investment in county roadway infrastructure to just over \$350 million. The program has included the largest amount of overlay projects in the history of Will County with nearly half of the county’s total 260 center-line miles covered. An estimated 3,300 jobs were created through the 2012 construction season because of the program.

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