

NOTICE OF INTENT

ADA Intersection
Improvements Project

February 2025





1 Notice of Intent

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bureau of Innovation Project Delivery (IPD) hereby informs industry via this Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Intersection Improvements Project (the Project).

The Project is anticipated to be delivered under a Design-Build Contract (DB Contract) issued consistent with the provisions of the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act, 630 ILCS 10/1 et seq. (the Act), as well as other Illinois State laws.

Firms interested in pursuing this Project are not to respond to this NOI. The intent of this NOI is to inform industry of this Project and allow prospective proposers to begin preparing for future activities. It is also an opportunity to receive feedback on the potential advancement of the Project utilizing a Design-Build (DB) delivery method; a comment form is provided with this NOI.

1.1 IPD Contact

All inquiries and comments related to this procurement shall be submitted on the provided comment form and emailed to DOT.IPD.ADA-SignalsProject@illinois.gov. Comments and inquiries may also be mailed and directed to:

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1.2 Project Description

This Project is part of the overall ADA intersection improvements initiative which consists of multiple projects aimed at completing ramps that weren't previously completed under existing IDOT contracts. IDOT's mandate for the overall program is to bring 40,000 intersection corners into compliance with the ADA starting in Fiscal Year 2026. The Project under consideration includes construction of 616 corners and 63 signalized intersections that will be delivered using the Design-Build (DB) approach under two contracts designed to make these intersections ADA-compliant.

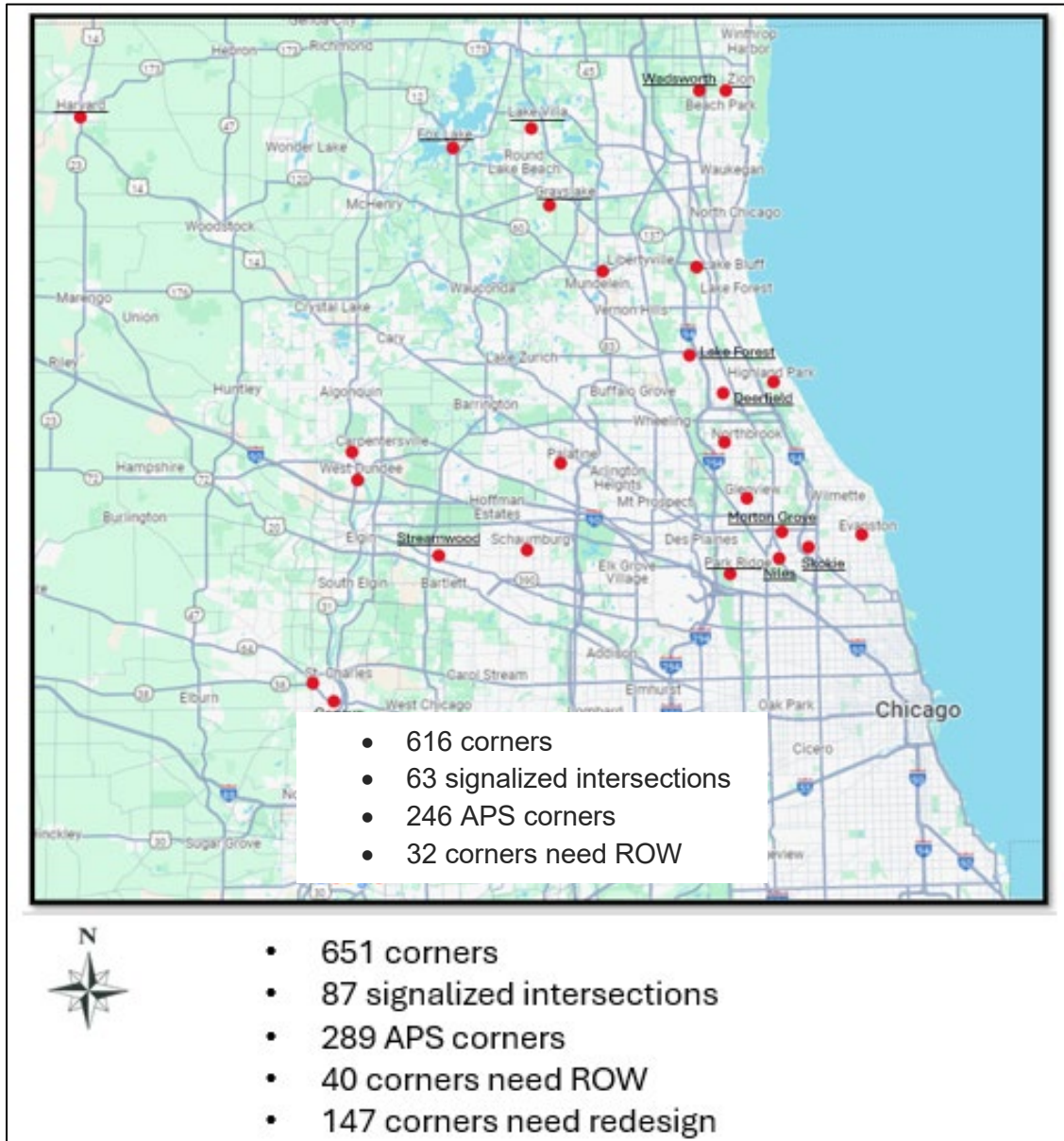
1.3 Project Scope

The Project scope includes services required for pedestrian accessibility improvements at various locations throughout IDOT District 1 including improvements to curb ramps, pedestrian signals and ancillary works to accomplish other improvements such as utility relocations at some locations. IDOT intends to collaborate with industry to optimize the work packages by location



and complexity, including boundary limits, sequencing, and constructability considerations. IDOT is considering separating into two contracts split roughly equal with number of corners, signalized intersections, and corners that require right-of-way acquisition. IDOT intends to develop the packaging plan in collaboration with industry during the forthcoming industry forum, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and Request for Proposal (RFP) processes to achieve the best value using the DB delivery approach. The preliminary locations of the corners and intersections are provided below in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Preliminary location of ADA corners and intersections





1.4 Project Schedule

The Department is holding an Industry Forum for the Project. The purpose of the forum is to assess industry interest and garner input in the Project with the potential advancement of the Project utilizing a Design-Build (DB) delivery method.

- » Date: March 10, 2025
- » Time: 2:00 pm
- » Location: Northern Illinois University - Naperville Conference Center
1120 E Diehl Road
Naperville, Illinois 60563 ([Google Maps](#))

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this project is anticipated to be issued in April 2025. Additional information related to the Project and procurement schedules will be provided.

1.5 Estimated Project Cost

The estimated construction cost for the ADA Intersection Improvements Project is \$10 to \$12 million for the two contracts combined.

1.6 Overview of DB Delivery

Design-Build (DB) is an alternative project delivery method that allows a Design-Build Contractor (DB Contractor) to perform design and construction concurrently, rather than sequentially as on design-bid-build projects. DB delivery method promotes innovation and collaboration leading to higher quality project outcomes, cost savings and accelerated project completion. IDOT will utilize a two-step procurement process for this Project. Under a two-step procurement, IDOT will first issue an RFQ. Following an evaluation process, an RFP will be issued to shortlisted Proposers. The highest ranked Proposer will be selected based on a combination of understanding of design elements, project approach, DB Contract price, and other factors. After the execution of the DB Contract, the DB Contractor will perform design and construction services concurrently.

The DB Contractor must self-perform at least 35% of the construction work. Subcontracted work requirements will be further defined in subsequent RFQ and RFP documents.

1.7 DBE Participation

It is the policy of IDOT that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, and other small businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds. IDOT has established a DBE program in accordance with regulations of the USDOT, 49 CFR Part 26 and the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/4), as well as the federal contractual requirements set forth in Federal Highway Administration Form 1273. Additional DBE requirements will be set forth in the RFP and DB Contract.