

The Eastern Bypass is a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Project

IDOT's mission has always been to provide safe and effective transportation facilities for the people of Illinois. Today, that mission also includes a greater emphasis on preserving or enhancing what are known as "quality of life" elements.

A technique called "Context Sensitive Solutions," or CSS, is being used to address quality of life issues on certain larger projects.

With CSS, our goal is to create transportation projects that not only address safety and mobility but which also seek to preserve or enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the area.

To do this, we work closely with area residents so we can fully understand the unique and valued aspects of the project area's environment and communities.

Once we fully understand the context of the project, we can then continue to work with the community to develop creative and flexible designs that are sensitive to those valued qualities.

CSS in Action ...



Peoria's Riverfront Park was extended under the Murray Baker Bridge.



In response to community suggestions, lights were added to the Murray Baker Bridge.



Adams Street was lowered to avoid a visual impact to the Salvation Army Building.



Interstate 74 was designed to avoid impacts to Peoria's downtown historic districts.