PROJECT INFORMATION

May 12, 2011

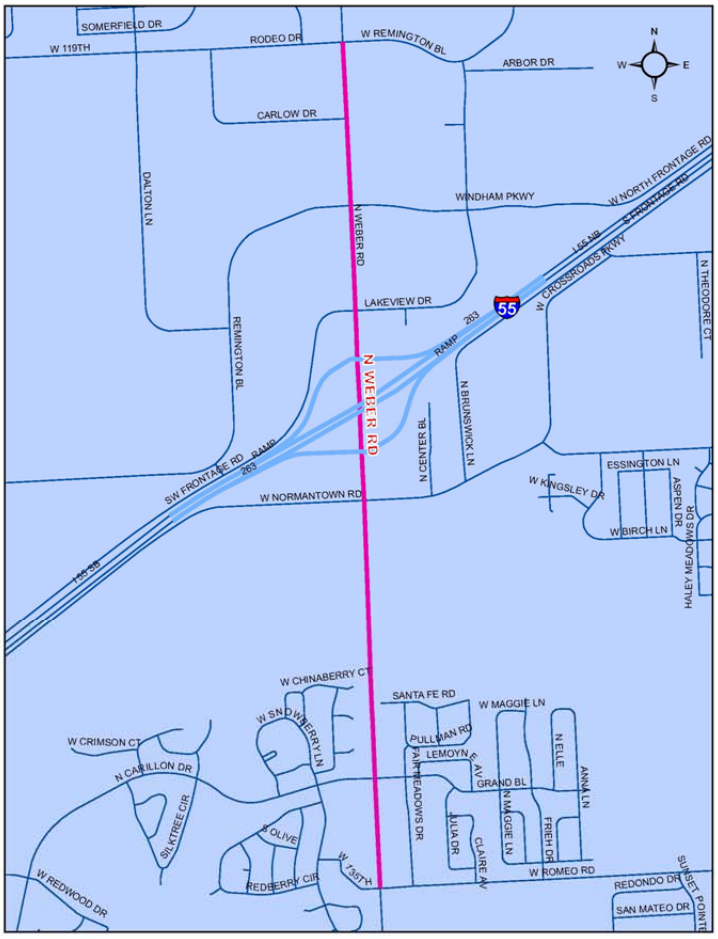
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 1 welcomes you to this Public Meeting for the proposed improvements of the Interstate 55 at Weber Rd. interchange. The project limits extend from 119th St. to 135th St. along Weber Rd. and ½ mile east and west of Weber Rd. along I-55.

We invite you to browse the project exhibits on display and visit with personnel from IDOT and their consultants in attendance at today's meeting. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this meeting and you are encouraged to provide them in writing or discuss them with staff in attendance. Written questions or comments should be directed to Jessica Feliciano (IDOT) and placed in the comment box or mailed to the address shown on the comment form and page 2 of this handout.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Give an update on the project status
- Present and gather input on Problem Statement and Purpose and Need
- Review and gather input on Initial Range of Alternatives
- Introduce evaluation process and screening criteria
- Discuss the project's next steps



PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT

A Purpose and Need Statement is a fundamental requirement for an Environmental Assessment (EA), and outlines why a proposed improvement is needed. The Purpose and Need Statement establishes the basis for the development and evaluation of reasonable alternatives and the eventual selection of a preferred alternative. The Purpose and Need Statement was developed using stakeholder input during a series of Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings and technical analysis by the project team. All attendees are invited to review the document and provide comments. Comments received by May 26, 2011, will be considered for incorporation into the final documentation for this meeting to reflect concerns of the stakeholders.

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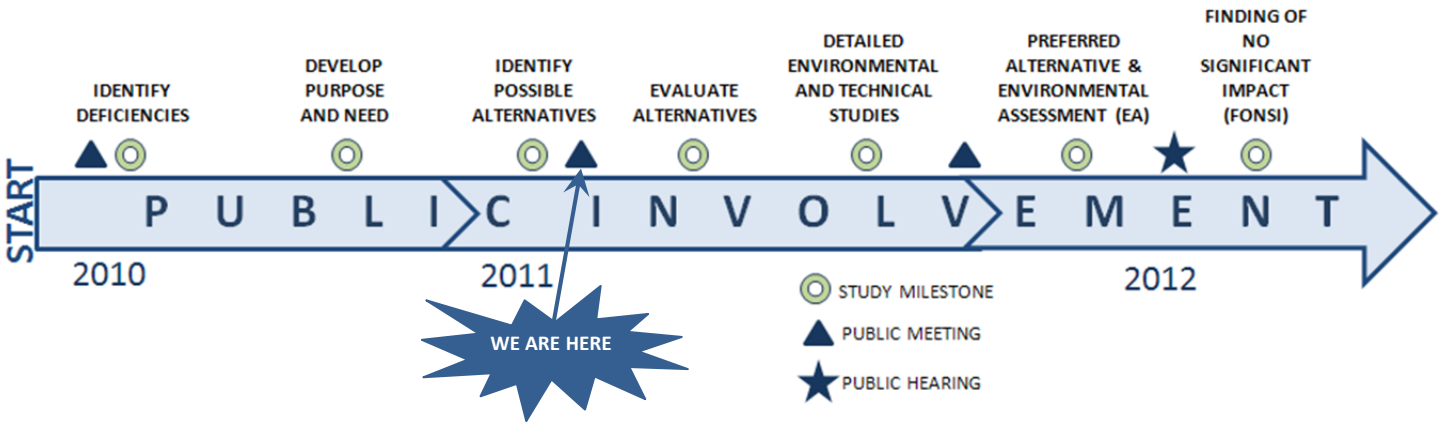
PLANNING PROCESS



RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

An initial range of improvement alternatives was developed by the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and project team. CAG members were given the opportunity to brainstorm improvements that solved transportation needs and draw them on large aerial maps. These ideas were consolidated into three categories: Interchange improvements, Weber Road improvements, and Other Mode Accommodations. Exhibits depicting the improvement alternatives are on display today. We encourage you to browse the exhibits and provide us with any comments you have by filling out a comment form.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

Written comments and opinions may be submitted during the Public Meeting or mailed to the address below no later than May 26, 2011, in order to become part of the official Public Meeting Record. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Programming
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096
Attn: Jessica Feliciano

We're on the web! Please visit the I-55 at Weber Rd. website for project status, updates and ways to get involved:

www.I55atWeber.com

Additional information on the Study of Potential I-55 Improvements at Airport Rd and IL 126/Essington Rd can be found online at www.airportand126study.com.

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