

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 19, 2007
Honorable Michael "Mike" Boland
Illinois State Representative, District 71
Stratton Building, Suite 243-E
Springfield, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110)PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:
Representative Mike Boland

US 30 Project Team Members:
Becky Marruffo (IDOT)
Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Gil Janes (HR Green)
Michael Walton (Volkert)
Shelia A. Hudson (Hudson and Associates, LLC)

Handouts (see attachment):
Power Point - US 30 Environmental Impact Statement and
Phase I Design Report

Meeting Purpose

Members of the Project Study Group (PSG) met with Representative Boland to present an overall project status report that included results from the feasibility study and highlights of the next study phase.

The following information was presented:

- Results from the Corridor Feasibility Study
- Federal Requirements for Next Phase (NEPA, EIS and CSS Policies)
- Project Timeline
- Public Outreach Activities
- Public Information Meeting Announcement (July 25, 2007)

US 30 Team Presentation

Becky Maruffo gave opening remarks and introduced the joint-venture team project leaders. Gil Janes presented a power point presentation (slide handout) that focused on results from the feasibility study; highlights of the next phase; federal and state policies (such as NEPA, EIS and CSS); and announced the next public information meeting. Mike Walton expounded more on the NEPA, EIS, and CSS requirements. Gil Janes closed the meeting by thanking Representative Boland for his support and on-going efforts to champion the project.

Comments/ Issues/Questions:

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Representative Boland thanked the IDOT and the consultant team for updating him as to the project status. He encouraged the team to continue efforts to engage and inform the public about the process – especially since there has been so much community support to champion the project. He went on to state the project is desperately needed in the region; therefore it is a high priority for him.

Representative Boland did express some concerns about the project's next phase. His concern centered on the notion that most supporters in the area – including himself- thought a corridor or corridors had been identified and the next phase was to get the communities' buy-in on a final alignment.

Representative Boland put strong emphasis on his eagerness to do his part in beginning the discussion on funding needs for the project to keep the US 30 on the everyone's radar. He went on to request that the team meet with him as soon as they knew what the funding needs will be to complete the next phase or phases of the project. In addition, Representative Boland requested IDOT staff to inform him of the segment breakdown as soon as they had a report to present.

Questions:

Q- What is the completion timeline for the next phase?

A- 2010.

Q - Do you have a specific funding request for Phase II and Phase III?

A- Becky responded not at the moment. She went on to explain that once Phase I was completed the Department will know what the project funding needs will be for Phases II and III.

Q – Why is the study only looking at a portion of Fulton?

A- Mike explained how the new study bands or boundaries were determined based on new and old data from the feasibility study.

Q – Will Phase I use all the 7 million dollars all ready appropriated for this project?

A- Gil responded the study is a very intense Federal and State process. In order to move forward all the necessary requirements must be adhered to before moving to phases II and

III. The goal is to produce documents that the Feds will review and approve.

Q- How much do you think it may cost to complete Phase II?

A- Becky stated that it was really hard to say until Phase I was completed; however for full design may be around 25 million dollars.

Q- Do you know what the segments might be?

A- Becky stated that it is likely that the project could be constructed as segments, but that these segments could not yet be defined.

Q- What type of information do you include in a construction bid document?

A- Final plans would include detailed drawings, specifications, standards and estimated quantities for the various pay items

Q – How long do you think it will take to complete Phase II and Phase III?

A- Mike emphasized that the goal was to first get through Phase I. Once the Feds approved a ROD funding and the Departments' statewide program would have to be considered.

**US 30 Phase I Environment Impact
Statement and Design Report
Briefing**

**Honorable Todd Sieben
Senator State of Illinois**

Springfield, Illinois

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**Honorable Mike Boland
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**Honorable Jerry Mitchell
Representative State of Illinois**

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**Honorable Mike Jacobs
Senator State of Illinois**

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**Honorable Barack Obama
U. S. Senator – State of Illinois**

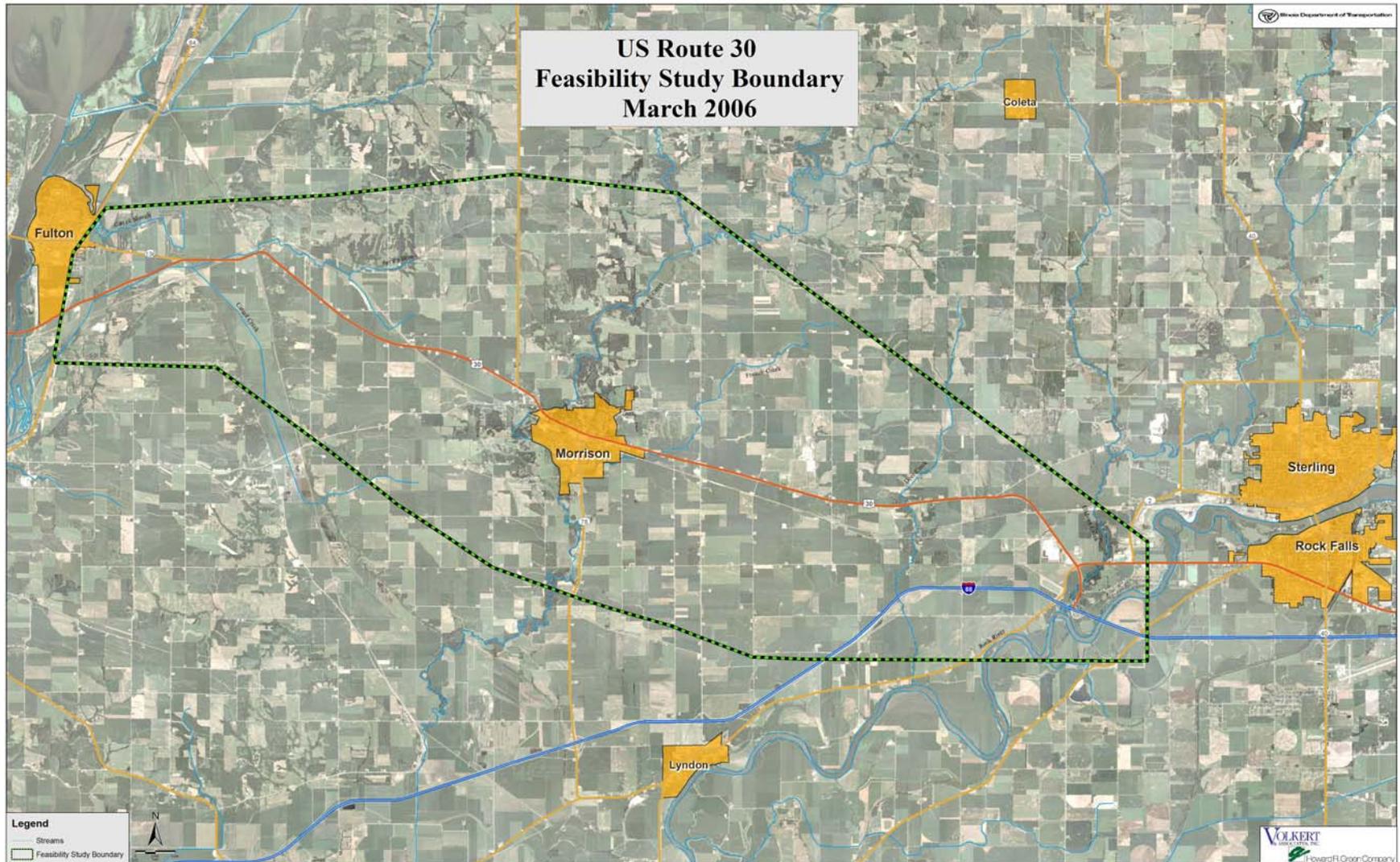
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Tuesday, July 24, 2007

US Route 30 Project

This project proposes 4 lane improvements in Whiteside County Illinois, from IL 136 in Fulton to IL 40 in Rock Falls.

Feasibility Study Area

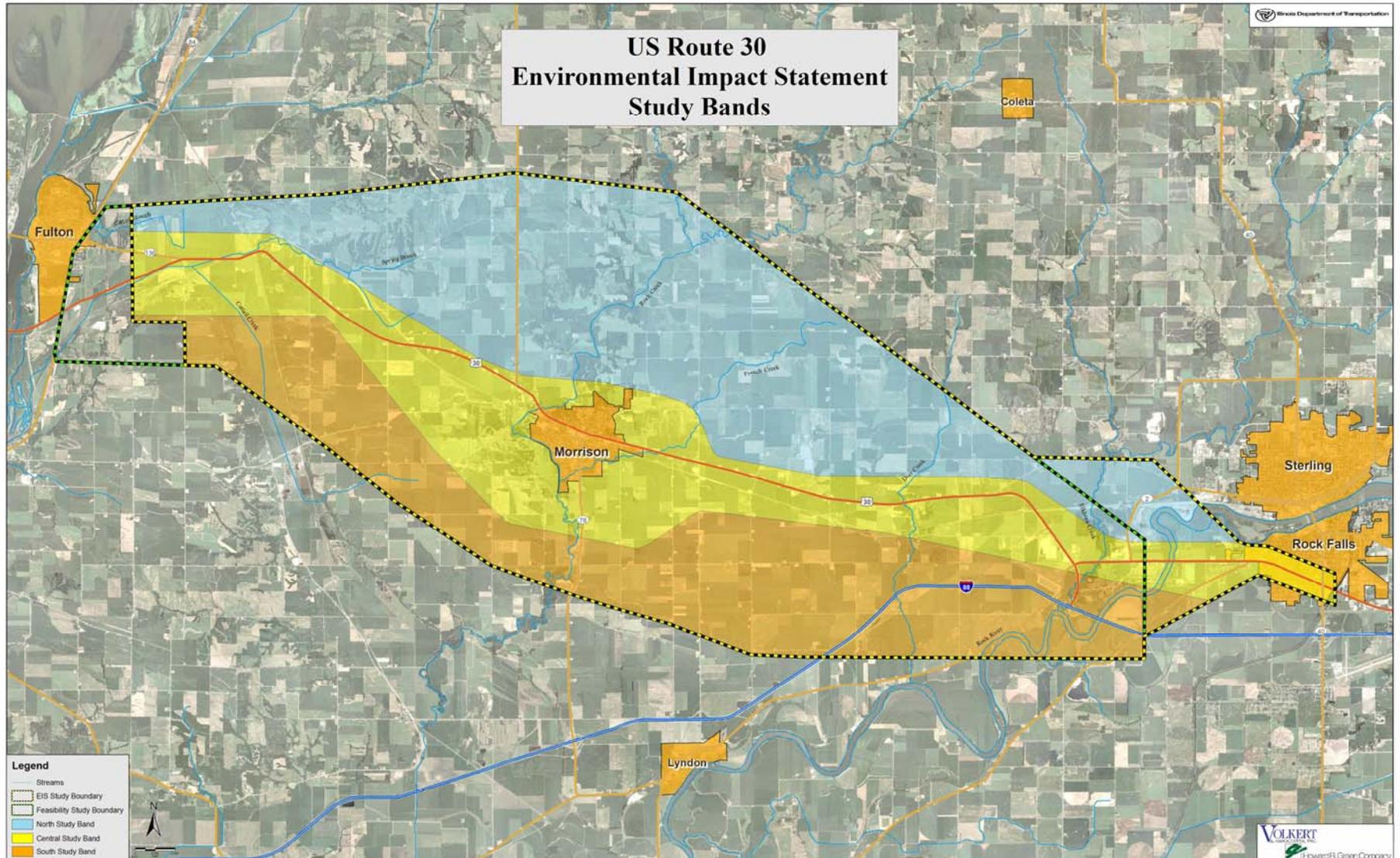


- ***The US 30 Corridor Feasibility Study determined there was a need to:***
 - *Improve Regional Mobility*
 - *Accommodate Land Use Planning Goals*
 - *Address Local System Deficiencies and Safety*

**NEXT STEPS – PHASE I
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND DESIGN REPORT**

**Using Context Sensitive Solutions
Process**

US Route 30 Study Bands



PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (E.I.S.)

COMPLETE
DESIGN
REPORT

RECORD OF
DECISION
Late 2010

APPROVAL OF
FINAL E.I.S
(PREFERRED
ALTERNATIVE)

EVALUATE &
RESPOND TO
PUBLIC
COMMENTS

PROVIDE DRAFT
E.I.S. FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT

EVALUATE
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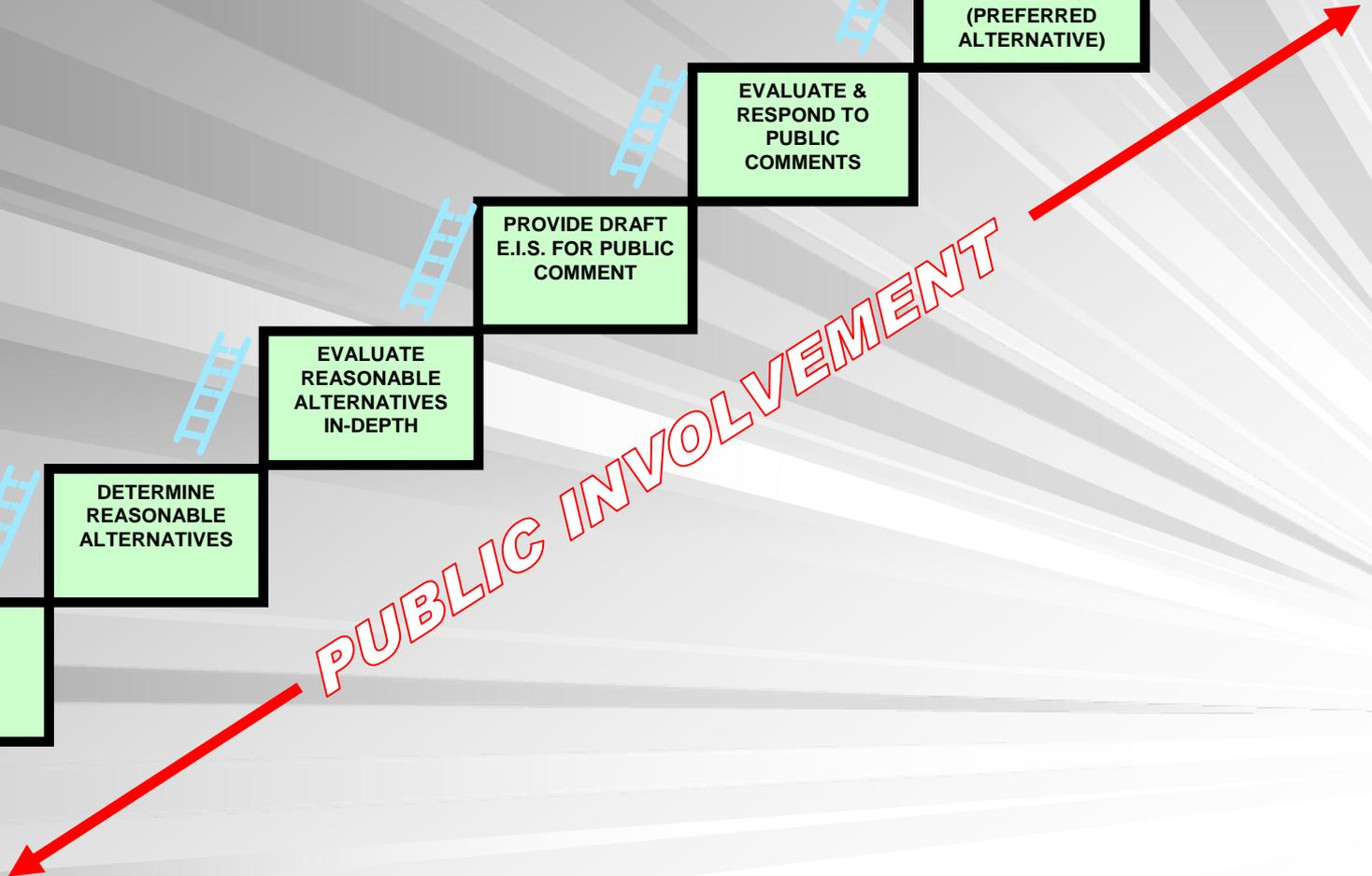
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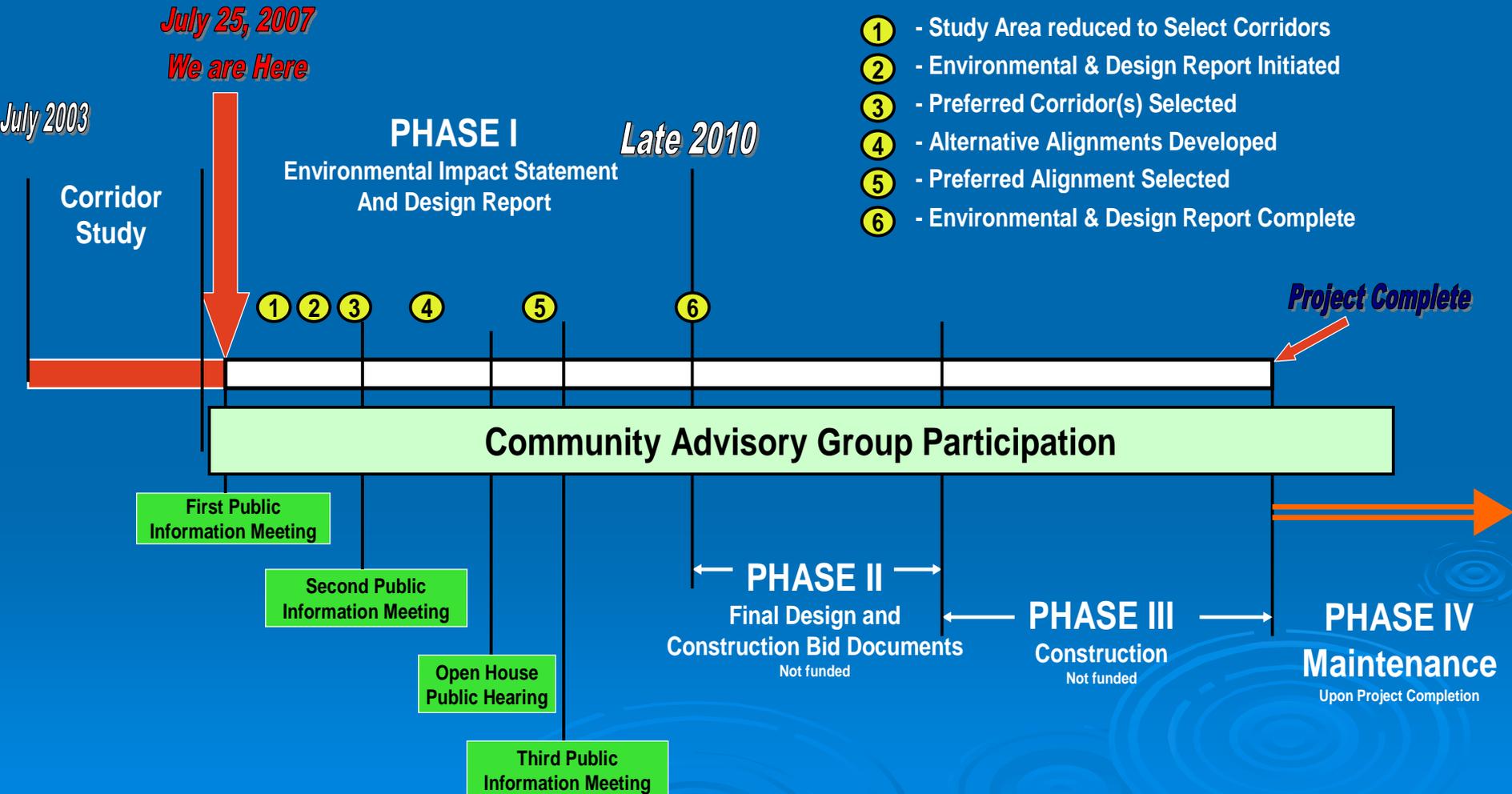
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E.I.S
July 2007

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

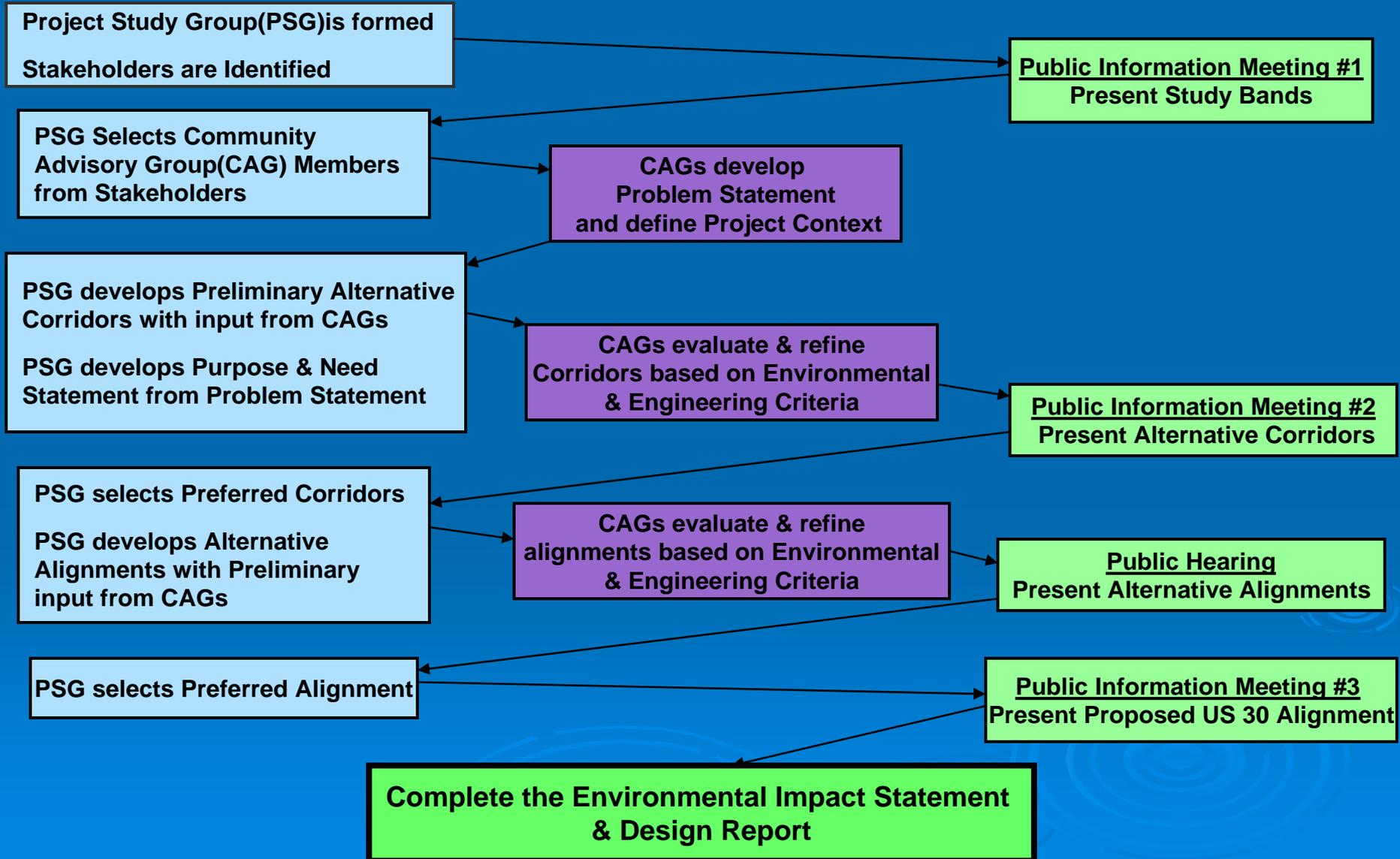
BEGIN
PHASE I



Project Timeline



CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PROCESS



Other Public Outreach Activities

- Stakeholder Meeting and Briefings
- Public Information Meetings
- New Project Web Site
- New Project Hotline
- Project Newsletters and Fact Sheets

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT !**