

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Monday, June 01, 2009
City of Sterling -City Council
Sterling, Illinois

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

Attendees:

Retha Elson, Ward 1 Alderman
Barry Cox, Ward 2 Alderman
Lou Sotelo, Ward 3 Alderman
Joe Martin, Ward 4 Alderman
Wallis Adell, Alderman At Large
Scott Shumard, City Manager
Marie Rombouts, City Clerk
Ronald Coplan, City Attorney
Ron Potthoff, Police Chief
Cindy Von Holent, Finance Director

Project Study Group:

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Michael Walton (Volkert)
Jon Estrem (HR Green)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point –Preliminary Engineering; June 2009 Project Update

Meeting Purpose

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the City of Sterling-City Council to present a project update.

Study Team Presentation

Michael Walton opened the presentation by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Sterling on the project status. Michael and Jon Estrem then gave an overview of the project and a summary of the progress made to date. The City Council members were given a handout highlighting the information covered and questions were taken.

Presentation

- Summary of second Public Informational Open House conducted on January 29, 2009. The open house was attended by 237 people. Presented to the CAG were Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG corridors & Final Corridors.

- Reviewed the corridors presented to the CAG.
- Shared public informational open house concerns/comments: agricultural land, environmental issues, preference for corridor south of Morrison, development, and what progress has been made.
- Summary of the Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting conducted on February 3, 2009; including the NEPA final corridors
- Reviewed the process of Corridors to Alignments, All Criteria Map, and Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor.
- Alternatives evaluated in matrix - Six alignments were screened against 23 factors within four major categories: Traffic & Safety, Social & Economic, Environmental, and Cost.
- These alternatives were then scored and ranked as followed: #1 Alternative 4
#2 Alternative 5
#3 Alternative 6
#4 Alternative 1
#5 Alternative 2 & 3
- Next Steps: 1) Begin in-depth study of six (6) alternative alignments
2) Take alternative alignments west of Morrison to NEPA/404 Merger Meeting in September
- Timeline: DEIS Chapters on affected environment and alternatives to IDOT: July 2009
NEPA 404/Merger Meeting: September 2009
PSG & CAG Identify Alternative for Detailed Study: November 2009
NEPA 404/Merger Meeting; Alternatives to be carried forward: February 2010
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Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Q. Was agricultural land a part of the decision making process?

A. Yes, agricultural land severances is included in the 23 evaluation factors of the matrix. The alignments that scored the best utilize much of the existing US 30. Many people throughout the CSS process have also stated that they want to avoid the agricultural land.



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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING



June 2009
Project Update

AGENDA

- 1) Public Informational Open House
- 2) Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
- 3) Corridors to Alignments
- 4) Alternatives Evaluated in Matrix
- 5) Rankings
- 6) Next Steps
- 7) Timeline

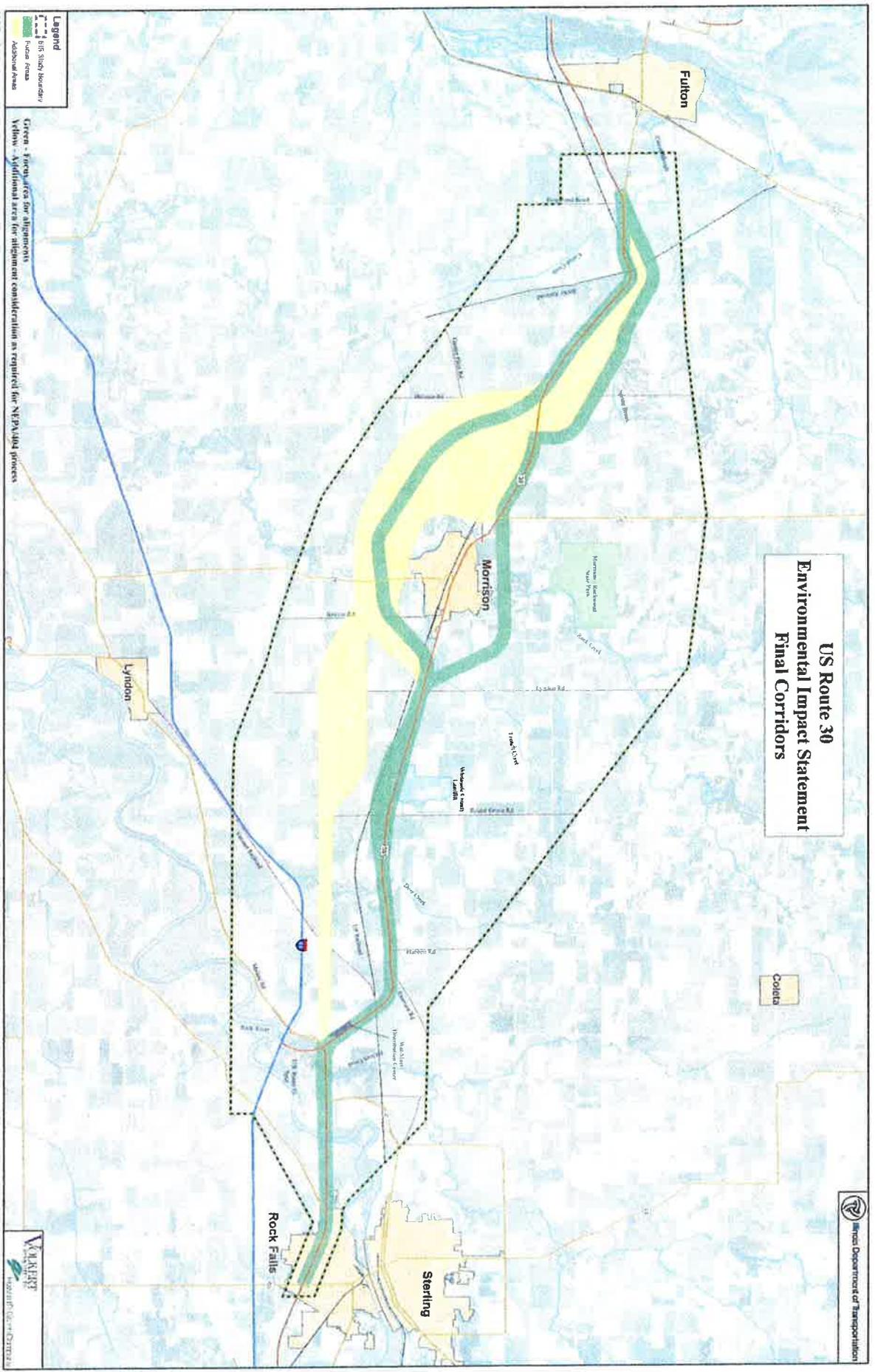


Public Informational Open House

- January 29, 2009; 1:00-7:00pm; Morrison
- 237 people attended
- Presented Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG Corridors & Final Corridors



Corridors Presented



Public Informational Open House Concerns/Comments

- Agricultural Land
- Environmental Issues
- Preference for Corridor South of Morrison
- What progress has been made with the project?
- Development



ILLINOIS NEPA 404 MERGER MEETING



PROJECT UPDATE
February 3, 2009

Corridors (1400 feet wide) to Alignments (200 feet wide)

EXAMPLE OF PROCESS
HOW DOES A HIGHWAY GET FROM PLANNING TO CONSTRUCTION?
 THE EXAMPLE BELOW ILLUSTRATES THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A FINAL ROADWAY ALIGNMENT ONCE A NEED HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

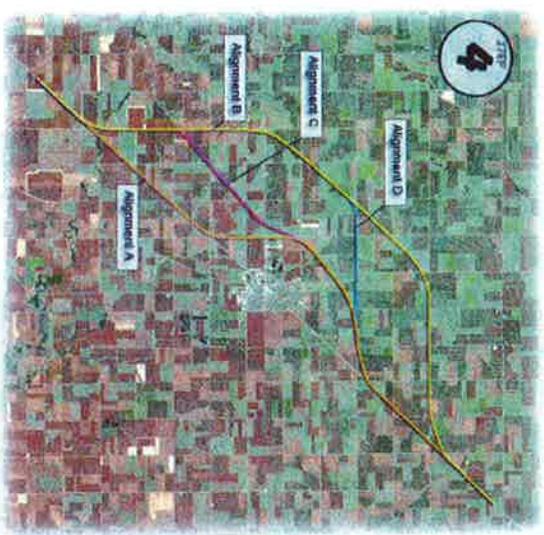


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Local officials work in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation to initiate roadway improvement studies. Traffic congestion and safety concerns for an existing roadway (highlighted with a red dashed line) prompt a need to study alternative transportation improvements.



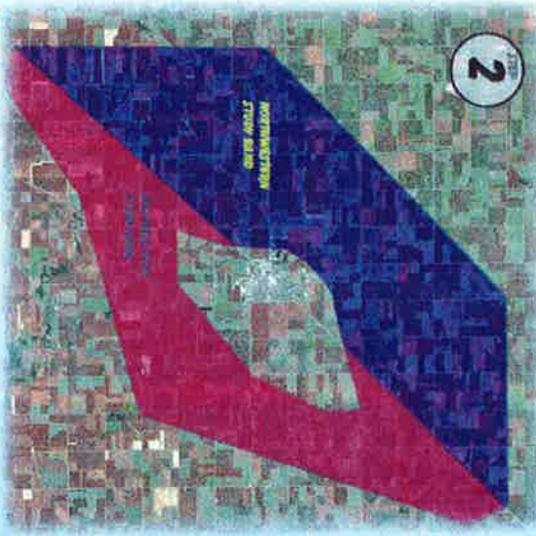
The study bands define the outer limits of possible transportation improvement. Based on the information collected, potential transportation corridors can be identified within one or both of these bands.



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Alternative Alignments are developed within the study corridors that offer the least relative impacts while achieving the greatest transportation benefits. The alignments represent the actual location of a proposed roadway. The information is refined further still to determine the specific impacts each roadway could have. Additionally, this phase includes the detailed analysis of construction costs of the highway. From these alignments, one will be selected to move forward to the final design phase for construction.

Study Corridors are defined within the study bands. Numerous corridors are studied to define and narrow available options. Information collected for the study bands is further refined at this point. From this, potential impacts of construction of a transportation improvement within each corridor can be determined and compared.

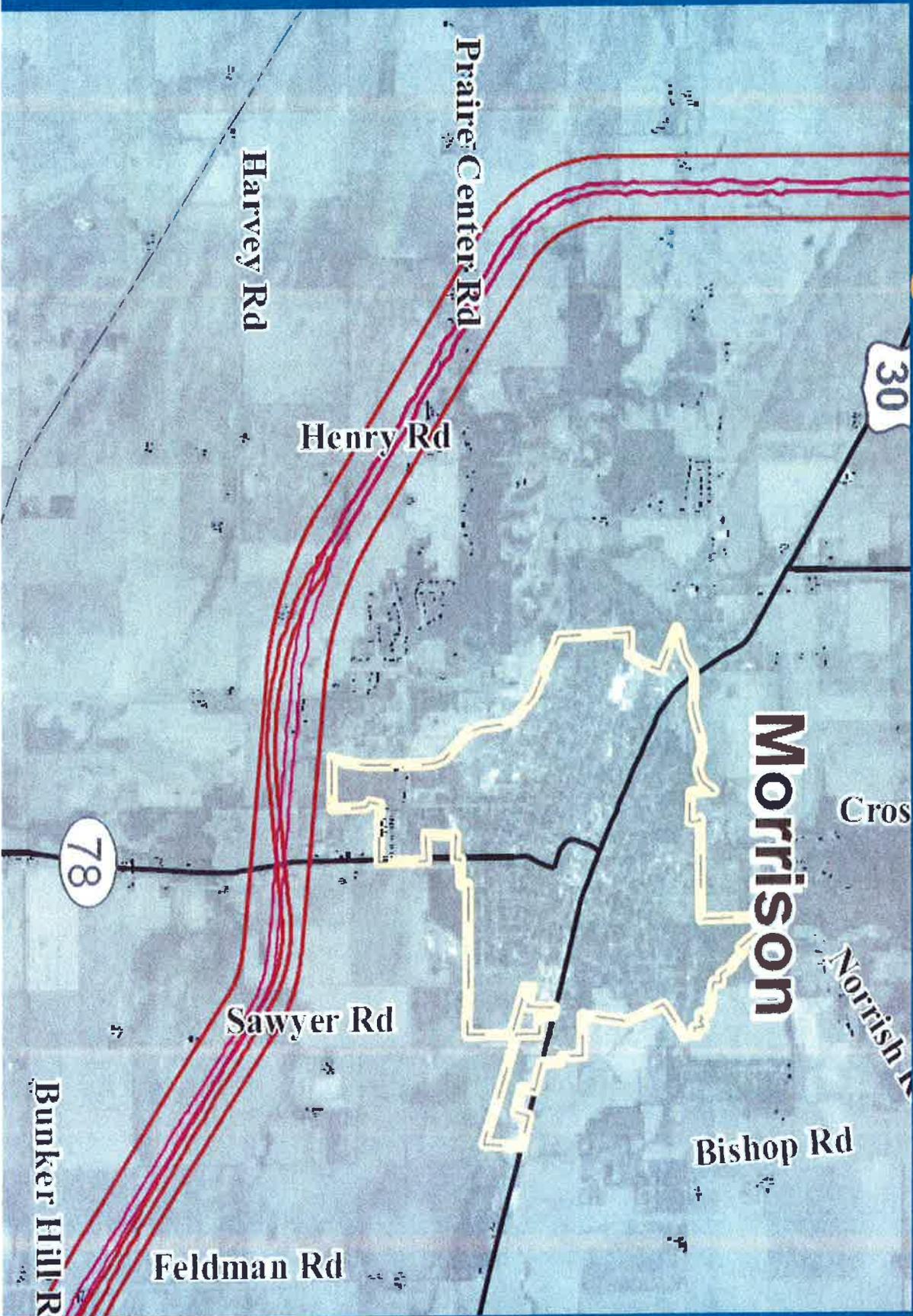


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Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor



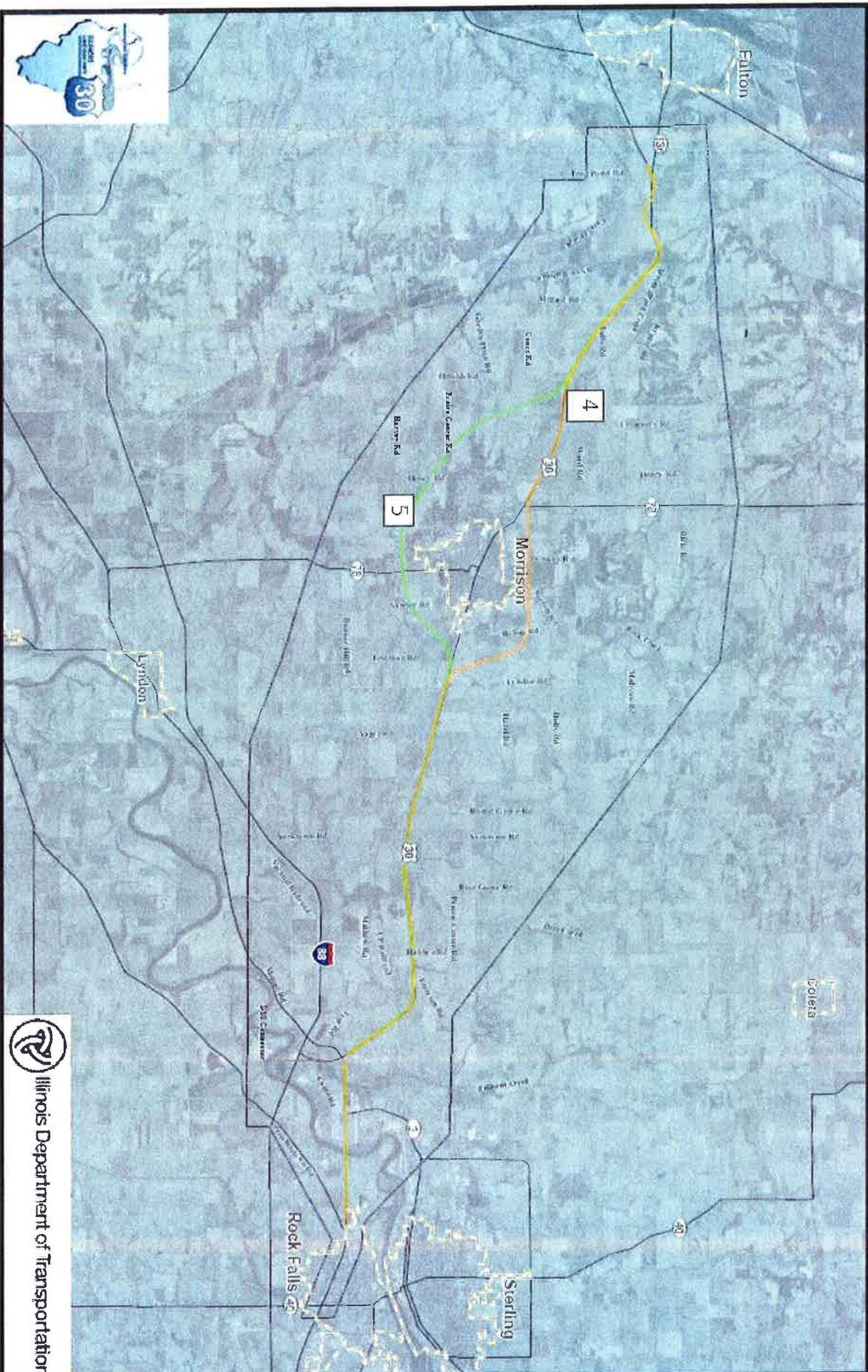
Alternatives Evaluated in Matrix

- Six (6) Alternative alignments were screened against 23 factors within four (4) major categories:
 - Traffic & Safety
 - Social & Economic
 - Environmental
 - Cost
- The alignments were then scored and ranked



Alternative 4 ranked #1

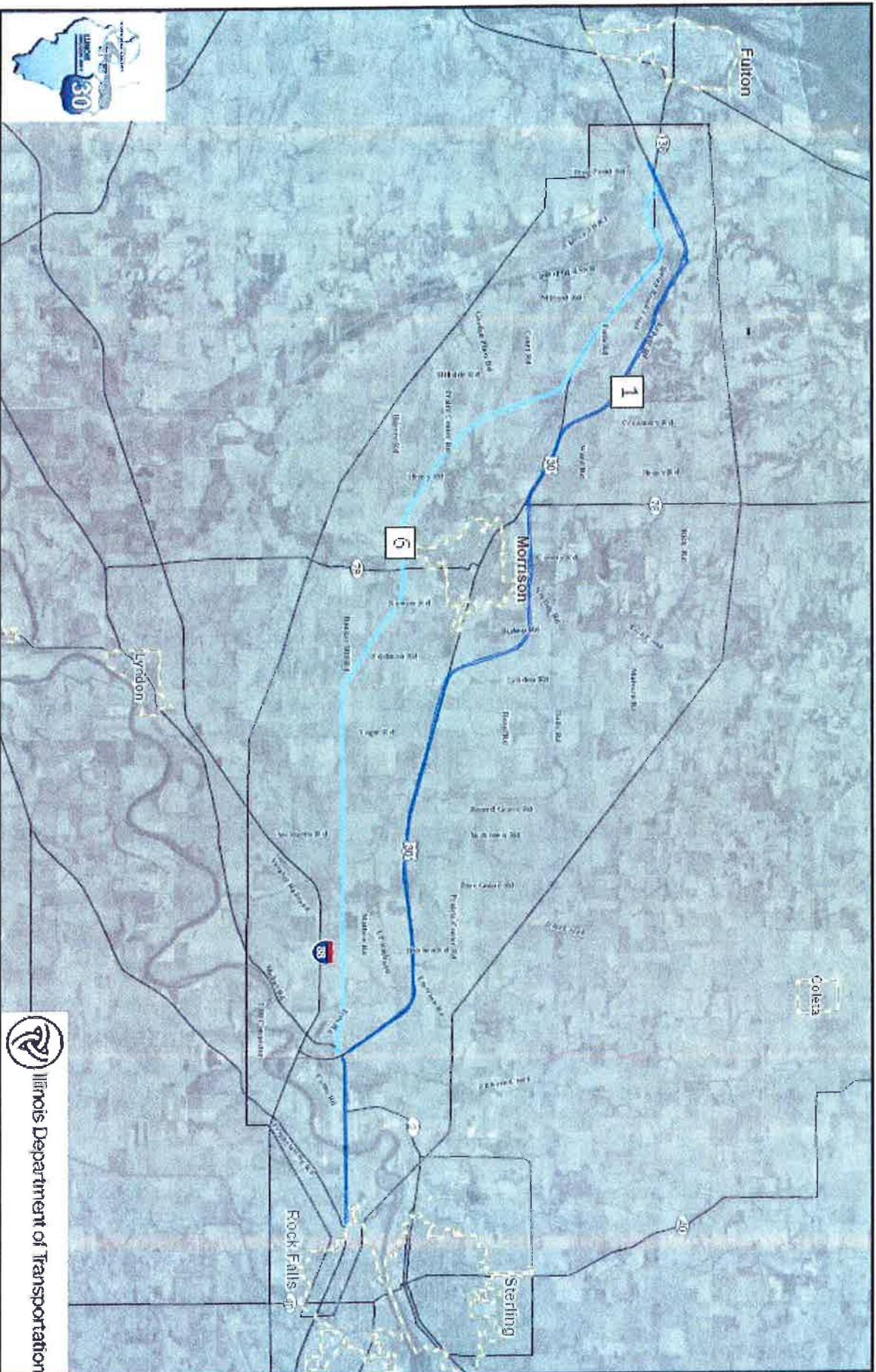
Alternative 5 Ranked #1



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Alternative 6 ranked #3

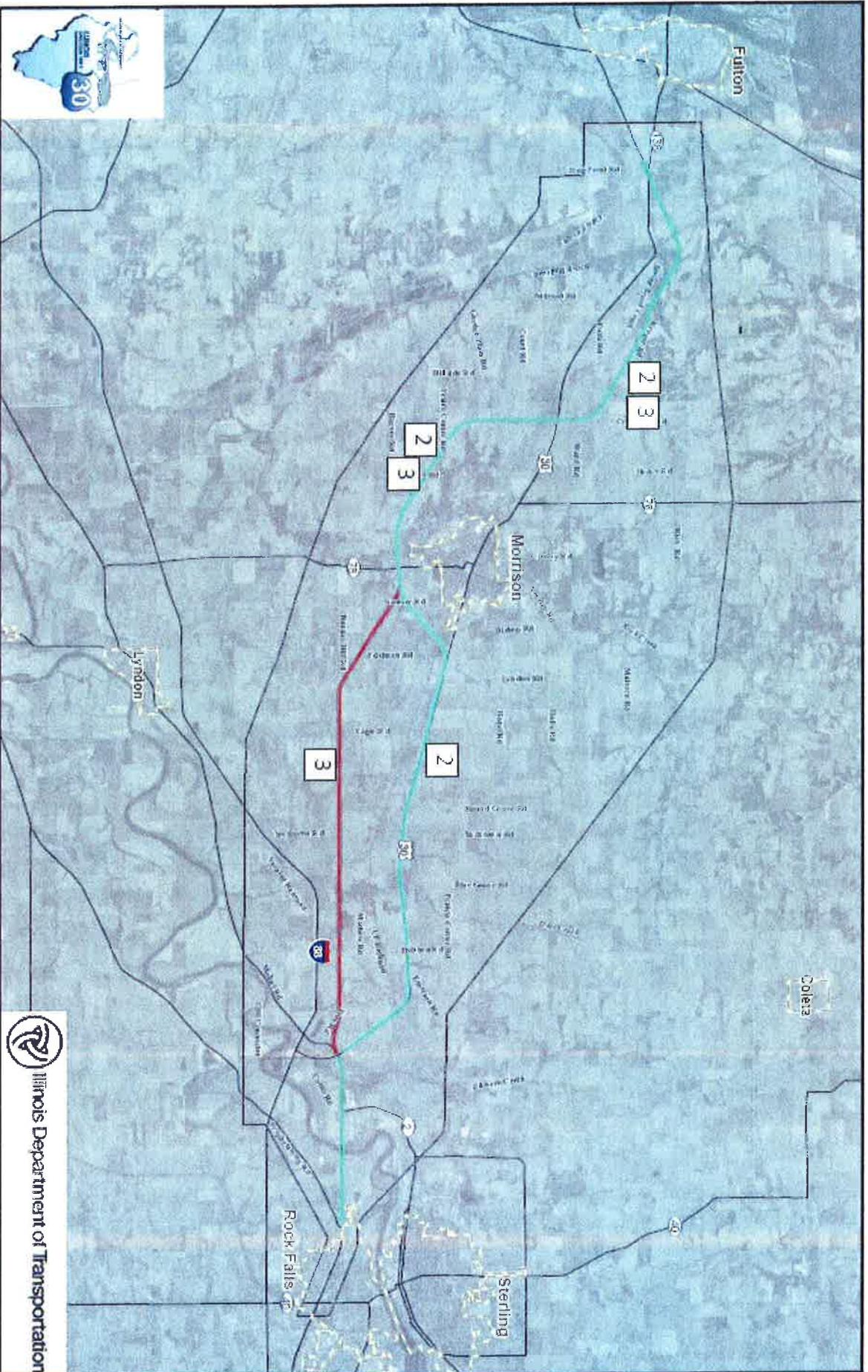
Alternative 1 Ranked #4



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Alternative 2 ranked #5

Alternative 3 ranked #5



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Thank You

for your Continued Support !!!!



QUESTIONS???