

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Monday, October 15, 2007
Greater Sterling Development Corporation
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:

David Barajas, Jr. (CAG Member)
Pete Dillon
Ed Andersen
Mark Zumdahl
Scott Schumard (CAG Member)
Dick Baumann
Betty Steinert (CAG Member)
Heather Sotelo (CAG Member)
Wil Booker
Dave Hurless
Dick Prescott
Dick Gebhardt

US 30 Project Team Members:

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Gil Janes (HR Green)
Mike 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 the Greater Sterling Development Corporation 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
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)– PSG Role and CAG Role
- Results from First Round of Stakeholder Meetings and Key Issues
- Public Outreach Activities

US 30 Team Presentation

Shelia Hudson opened the meeting by thanking the Corporation for agreeing to meet with the team and for their on-going support. She also introduced the team and highlighted their roles. Dawn Perkins explained that the project is moving ahead because of the grass roots level of support and the unified voice of stakeholders saying how important this project is to the economic growth and vitality of the region.

Gil Janes and Mike Walton presented a power point presentation that focused on results from the feasibility study; highlights of the next phase; federal and state policies (such as NEPA, EIS and CSS); and results from the Public Information Meeting and first round of Stakeholder Meetings. Gil Janes and Shelia Hudson closed the meeting by thanking the Greater Sterling Development Corporation for their time and on-going efforts to support the project. The most important thing that this group can do is to continue to speak with a unified voice in support of the project. Significant funding still remains to be secured. Continuous efforts need to be made to move the project forward to the next stages.

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Comment:

Mr. Barajas, Jr. expressed concerns about information and comments being conveyed to the media that are inaccurate. The team needs to be VERY clear on the project timeline as well as other information presented to the public. He went on to suggest that in the future responses to the media should only be done by the Department and/or Consultants in order to assure information is correct.

Shelia Hudson went on to explain that it is a very challenging task trying to control individuals who speak to the press without informing the Department and/or seeking information before going to the press. There are protocols in place for the team to adhere to. Ideally we would like for individuals contacted by the press/media to contact us and we will either assist them with responses and/or provide them with information to assure the facts are presented correctly.

Questions:

Q- When will the web site be on-line?

A- Soon. Some details are being finalized, and approval will be sought from the Illinois DOT. Once approved, the site will be updated as needed with current information regarding the process.



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US 30 PRESENTATION

Greater Sterling Development Corporation

Sterling Small Business
and Technical Center

Monday, October 15th, 2007

VOLKERT
& ASSOCIATES, INC.



Howard R. Green Company

US 30 Project

This project proposes 4 lane improvements to US 30 in Whiteside County Illinois, from the junction of IL 136 near Fulton to the junction of IL 40 in Rock Falls.



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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*



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NEXT STEP

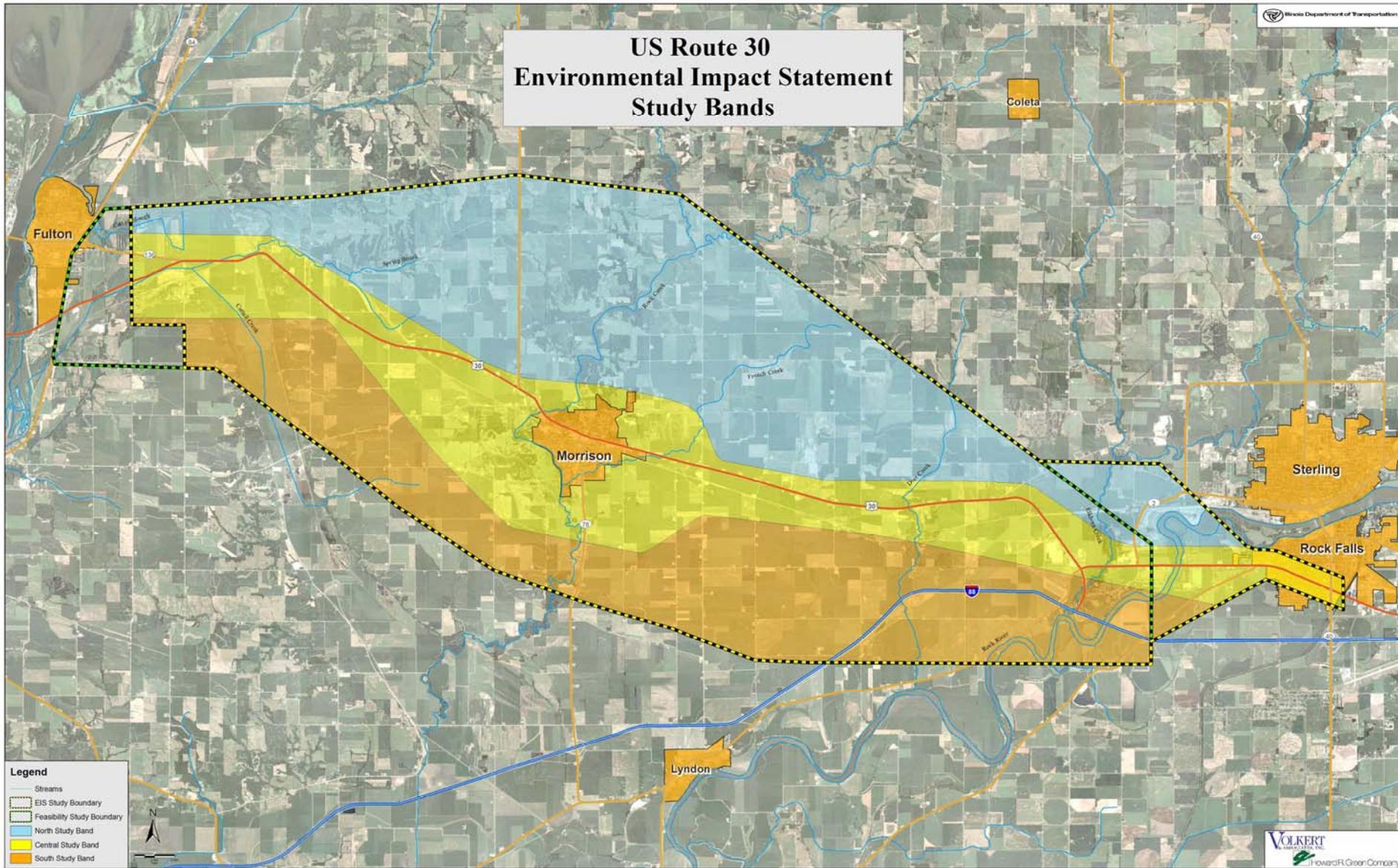
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PHASE I DESIGN REPORT

Using Context Sensitive Solutions Process



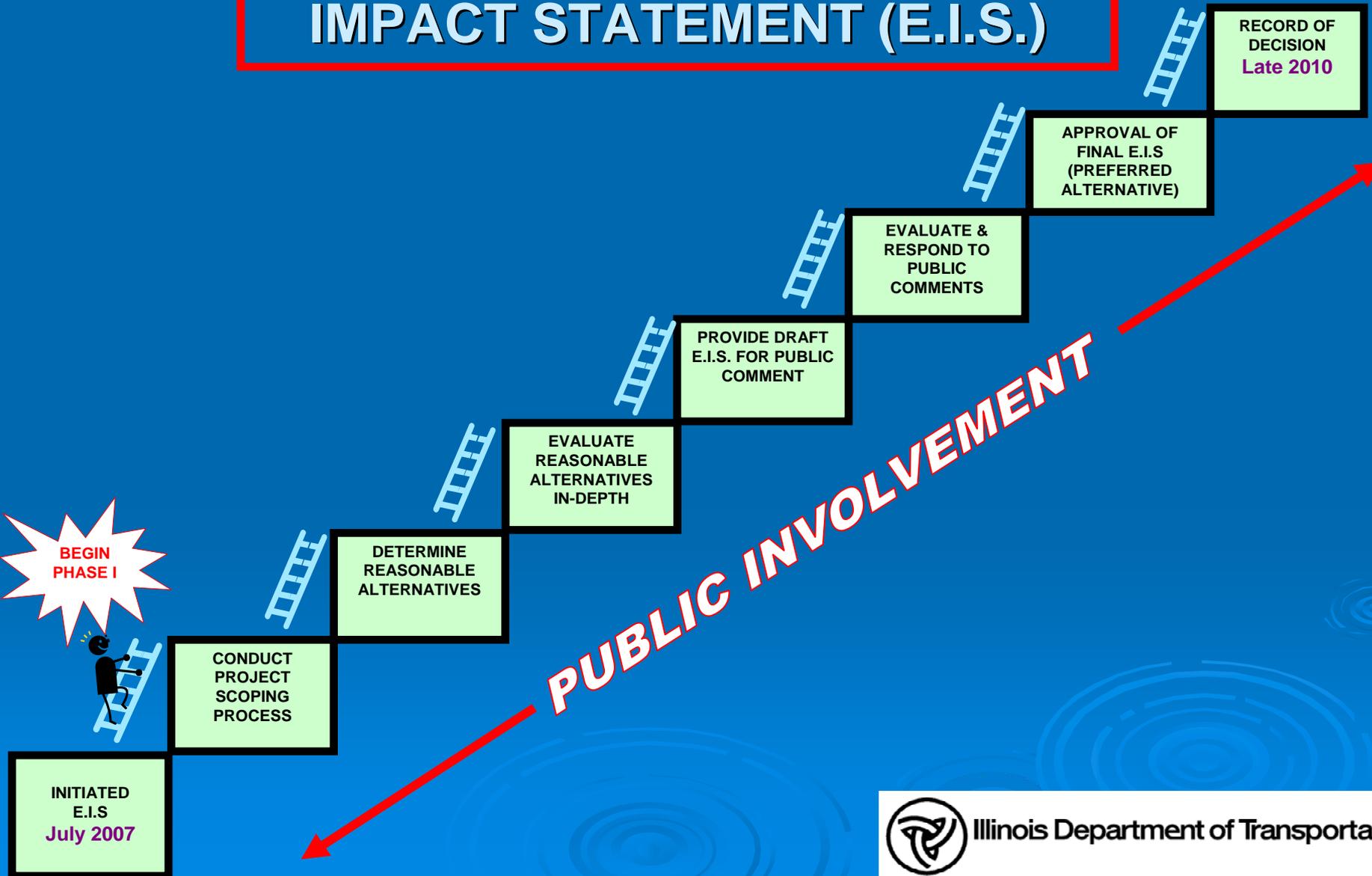
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US 30 Study Bands

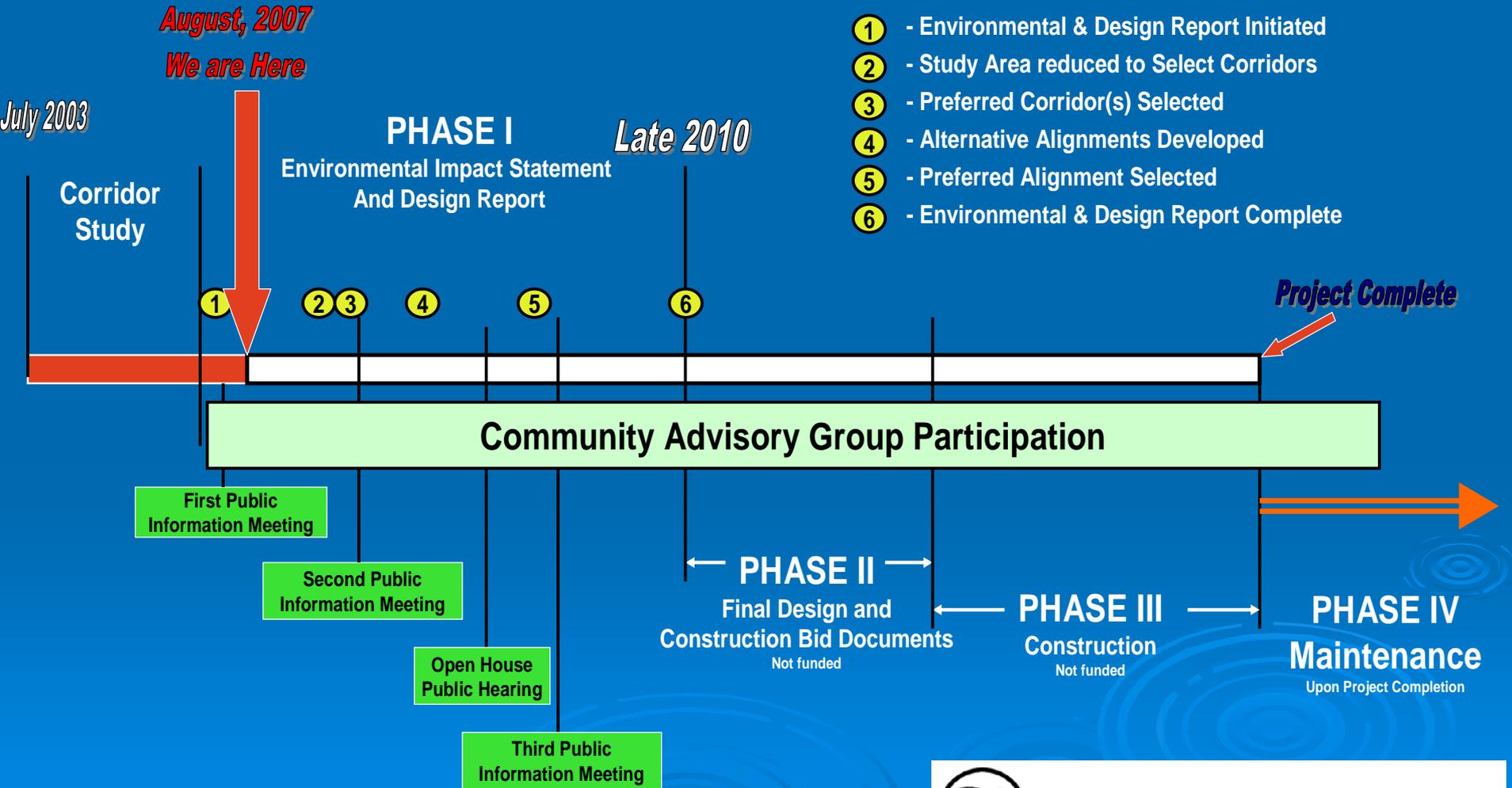


PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (E.I.S.)

**COMPLETE
DESIGN
REPORT**



Project Timeline



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

PROJECT STUDY GROUP'S ROLE

- Identify Stakeholders and assure representation of all entities in the Public Involvement process.
- Utilize the problem statement developed by the Community Advisory Group to develop the Project Purpose and Need Statement.
- Utilize the information gained by the Community Advisory Group along with Environmental and Engineering Data to guide the project decisions.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP'S ROLE

- Identify criteria that reflect the ideas and interests of the community (e.g. safety, agriculture).
- Develop a problem statement.
- Participate in exercises to visualize and suggest engineering and aesthetic concepts for enhancing the project.
- Provide ideas and information to be directly used in the development of project documents, the study bands, corridors and alignments of potential improvement.

STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS

- We have met with several groups thus far including US 30 Coalition, Several Legislators, County and Township Personnel, Business Owners, the State Park and City Councils.
- Input Important to Identify Community Concerns
- We will continue to update stakeholders throughout the length of the project

Key Issues from Meetings

- Land Acquisition
- Bypass or No Bypass in Morrison
- Project Funding
- Did this backtrack?
- Effects on Businesses

Other Public Outreach Activities:

- *Public Information Meetings*
- *New Project Web Site*
- *New Project Hotline 1-866-ROUTE30*
- *Project Newsletters and Fact Sheets*



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