



Illinois Department of Transportation

**U.S. 30  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
AND PHASE I DESIGN REPORT**

**SIX ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENTS  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REPORT**





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### OVERVIEW

In August 2010, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the six alternative alignments under evaluation as part of the U.S. 30 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The purpose of this effort was to gather input from stakeholders on the alternative alignments. This input would then be utilized to aid the PSG in identifying two build alternatives to be studied further in the DEIS, as well as continued consideration of the no-build alternative. The contents in this report, such as the alternative alignment analysis and summary, will also be evaluated and considered in selecting a preferred alternative for the U.S. 30 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

### 1.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

The efforts utilized by the department to notify the public of the six alternative alignments are as follows:

- **Project Newsletter** – Approximately 550 newsletters were mailed to stakeholders identified in the project database. The newsletter included a description of the alternative alignments, a project map and a comment form.
- **News Release** – A news release was sent to newspapers and municipalities located within the project study area.
- **E-blast/Postal Letter** – An email and a letter were circulated to CAG members requesting assistance in reaching a broader audience to provide comments. The correspondence emphasized the importance of obtaining public input and included the news release.
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Portal Map** – A web-based interactive map was developed to provide an aerial view of the project study area which illustrated the six alternative alignments under evaluation, property lines, city boundaries, and environmental criteria. Instructions were provided on the website for use of the GIS Portal Map.

All of these methods informed the public that IDOT would receive input on the alternative alignments until the review period end date of September 9, 2010. Copies of the public outreach efforts are included in **Appendix A**.



**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND STAKEHOLDER PROFILES**

**2.1 Public Comments**

A total of 67 comments were received from the public by postal and web mail. The comments and their corresponding responses are included in **Appendix B**.

**2.2 Stakeholders**

Respondents who completed a comment form were asked to select a stakeholder type from the following: homeowner, farmer/farmland owner, business owner, special interest, or developer. Although more than one stakeholder type may have been selected by the respondent on the form, only one type was used to identify the stakeholder. For example, if a respondent selected homeowner and farmer/farmland owner, then the stakeholder type was listed as a farmer/farmland owner. This determination was made due to the assumption that the individual’s displacement of their farm/farmland may be impacted in a more significant manner by the alignment choice. Similar logic was applied to responses indicating stakeholder types of business owners and special interest. Additionally, some of the stakeholder types were assumed from the content in the responses. As shown in **Table 2-1**, the types of stakeholders are listed with the associated number of comments.

<b>Table 2-1: Stakeholder Types</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Homeowner	23/67	34.3%
Farmer/Farmland Owner	27/67	40.3%
Business Owner	7/67	10.45%
Special Interest	7/67	10.45%
Developer	0/67	0.0%
Unidentified Stakeholders*	3/67	4.5%

\*Unidentified Stakeholders are individuals that did not indicate their stakeholder type.

**2.3 Location Profiles**

**Table 2-2** indicates the geographic location of the stakeholders who commented on the alternative alignments.



Table 2-2: Location Profiles		
Location	Number	Percentage
Fulton	1/67	1.5%
Morrison	54/67	80.5%
Rock Falls	2/67	3.0%
Sterling	1/67	1.5%
Other Illinois cities	4/67	6.0%
Other States	5/67	7.5%

### 3.0 ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT ANALYSIS

This section focuses on the alternative alignment preference identified by each stakeholder categorized in **Table 2-1** in **Section 2.2**. In developing the tables for this section, all 67 comments were reviewed thoroughly and sorted by each type of stakeholder as well as their preference for a specific alignment (e.g. Alignment 1) or a general alignment location (e.g. north bypass). Also shown in the tables are the number of general comments received about the project and the quantity of forms received which did not include comments.

#### 3.1 Homeowner

Twenty-three homeowners commented on the alternative alignments. A summary of their expressed preferences is noted in **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1: Homeowner		
Alternatives	Number	Percentage
No-Build	9/23	39.1%
Alignment 1	0/23	0.0%
Alignment 2	0/23	0.0%
Alignment 3	0/23	0.0%
Alignment 4	1/23	4.35%
Alignment 5	0/23	0.0%
Alignment 6	0/23	0.0%
North bypass* (Alternatives 1 and 4)	1/23	4.35%
South bypass* (Alternatives 2,3,5 and 6)	6/23	26.1%
Other comments**	4/23	17.4%
No comments***	2/23	8.7%

\*The stakeholders only indicated a bypass preference.

\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a specific or general alignment preference.

\*\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a comment on the form.



**3.2 Farmer/Farmland Owner**

Twenty-seven stakeholders identified themselves as farmer/farmland owners. As shown in **Table 3-2**, the majority of farmers provided “Other comments” not specific to an alternative preference. Most of the farmers’ comments related to preserving the farmland and using as much of the existing U.S. 30 alignment as possible.

<b>Table 3-2: Farmers/Farmland Owner</b>		
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
No-Build	6/27	22.2%
Alignment 1	0/27	0.0%
Alignment 2	0/27	0.0%
Alignment 3	1/27	3.7%
Alignment 4	2/27	7.4%
Alignment 5	0/27	0.0%
Alignment 6	2/27	7.4%
North bypass* (Alternatives 1 and 4)	3/27	11.1%
South bypass* (Alternatives 2,3,5 and 6)	1/27	3.7%
Other comments**	11/27	40.8%
No comments***	1/27	3.7%

\*The stakeholders only indicated a bypass preference.

\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a specific or general alignment preference or they opposed a particular alignment.

\*\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a comment on the form.

**3.3 Business Owner**

A total of six individuals disclosed themselves as business owners on the comment forms and web mails. A summary of their expressed preferences is noted in **Table 3-3**.

<b>Table 3-3: Business Owner</b>		
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
No-Build	2/7	28.5%
Alignment 1	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 2	1/7	14.3%
Alignment 3	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 4	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 5	1/7	14.3%
Alignment 6	1/7	14.3%



<b>Table 3-3: Business Owner</b>		
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
North bypass* (Alternatives 1 and 4)	1/7	14.3%
South bypass* (Alternatives 2,3,5 and 6)	0/7	0.0%
Other comments**	1/7	14.3%
No comments***	0/7	0.0%

\*The stakeholder only indicated a bypass preference.

\*\*The stakeholder did not provide a specific alignment preference and opposed a particular alignment.

\*\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a comment on the form.

### 3.4 Special Interest

Seven people identified themselves on the comment form or in the web mail as representing a special interest group. They included designations such as elected officials, CAG members, Friends of the Parks Foundation, and a member of the Morrison Area Development Corporation. A summary of the respondents' expressed preferences is noted below.

<b>Table 3-4: Special Interest Groups</b>		
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
No-Build	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 1	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 2	1/7	14.3%
Alignment 3	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 4	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 5	0/7	0.0%
Alignment 6	1/7	14.3%
North bypass* (Alternatives 1 and 4)	0/7	0.0%
South bypass* (Alternatives 2,3,5 and 6)	4/7	57.1%
Other comments**	1/7	14.3%
No comments***	0/7	0.0%

\*The stakeholders only indicated a bypass preference.

\*\*This stakeholder did not provide a specific or general alignment preference.

\*\*\*Stakeholders did not provide a comment on the form.

### 3.5 Developer

No stakeholders indicated themselves as a developer within the responses received.



**3.6 Unidentified Stakeholders**

A total of three individuals did not list a stakeholder type on the comment form. Two of the three requested to be removed from the mailing list and the other preferred the south bypass around Morrison.

**3.7 Alignment Preference by Location**

**Table 3-5** provides the geographic location of the 67 respondents and their alignment preference. As shown in the table, the specific alternative preference is No-Build following Alternatives 6, 4, 2, 5 and 3. Stakeholders who indicated only a general alternative preferred the south bypass.

<b>Table 3-5: Alignment Preference by Location</b>											
Location	No-Build	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	North Bypass (Alt. 1 & 4)	South Bypass (Alt. 2,3,5 & 6)	Other*	None**
Fulton							1				
Morrison	16		1	1	3	1	3	4	10	11	4
Rock Falls			1						1		
Sterling										1	
Other IL cities	1							1		2	
Other States									1	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>

\*Other comments provided by stakeholders not specific or general to an alternative preference.

\*\*No comments were provided on the comment forms.

**3.8 Public Comments Summary**

This section provides comments received by the public as they were written on the forms and web mails. The comments are listed by the alternative alignment preference and stakeholder type.

<b>NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE</b>
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>
"I don't think building a bigger roadway will enhance the quality of Morrison."
"The current rt 30 works reasonably well and the amount of very valuable cropland that will be used is considerable."
"We don't need to industrialize this area anymore."
"...let's show fiscal responsibility and put this road on the back burner until Illinois is again economically sound which will take several years."
"You should improve the roads you already have. Don't waste money building new ones and wasting precious farmland to do that."



<b>NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE</b>
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
"I am not in favor Rt 30 being repaired why have any more roads with the present economy."
"...all 6 plans absorb productive farm land—largely corn + soybeans. So, I'm unwilling to endorse any 4 lane road through active farm country."
"No jobs; no state can afford a new road when others are in bad shape now."
"If something has to be done use Rt 30 – widen-expand it. Stop using good farmland for roads."
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
"Negative impact on businesses in Morrison along US 30 would be high due to loss of traffic. Many depend on traffic for sales."
"Factories are a thing of the past and tourism is what is going to support us and people like the back roads that bring them to the small communities."

<b>ALTERNATIVE 1</b>
No comments were received from stakeholders supporting only Alternative 1.

<b>ALTERNATIVE 2</b>
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
"...closest to the industrial park close to the new business park."

<b>ALTERNATIVE 3</b>
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
"...using Bunker Hill Road is by far the shortest and easy to build road, you avoid R.R. crossing, you avoid crossing Rt. 30 several times and Rt. 30 with less traffic would remain an important artery for local people."

<b>ALTERNATIVE 4</b>
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>
"...it utilizes more of the old right of way and think it would be beneficial to the state park. Alternative 4 also stays close to the town."
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
"It appears to do the least impact to ag land and the surrounding "natural" areas. I believe this route is the most direct w/o a series of unnecessary direction changes. Furthermore, a 4 lane road is near the northern most route is best because of the anticipated traffic related to Fulton prison and its best access to the Chicago area."



<b>ALTERNATIVE 4</b>
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
“I would like to see the least possible impact to existing farmland. Therefore it appears that alignment 4, which most closely follows existing route 30...”

<b>ALTERNATIVE 5</b>
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
“...I think alternative 5 would be best because of future development possibilities more than any other alternative.”

<b>ALTERNATIVE 6</b>
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
“...the railroad will be crossed 1 time not 4 as some routes will. Fewer houses will be affected.”
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
“I would like to the route that is the closest to route 88. This may eliminate having to tear up existing agriculture property.”
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST</b>
“My 1 <sup>st</sup> choice on route alignment would be the southern Alt. 6 to the current connection at Moline Road to I88 to keep Morrison involved.”

<b>ALTERNATIVES 1 &amp; 4 (NORTH - BYPASS)</b>
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>
“It is still close enough to town for local trade, it will be on the right side of town for easy access to the thompson prison. “Will take up less quality farm ground.”
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
“...it is the straightest route and don’t seem to tear up as many fields.”
“Access to Rockwood State Park and Morrison Covered Bridge would be attractions that would be easily achieved. Also, you would be north of the Grove Hill Cemetery.”
“This will be the best for Morrison business district, for the state park, and access to the landfill. Saving prime-farmland needed supply future population.”
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
“This maximizes original route 30 use; requires buying less land; provides access to Morrison Rockwood State Park, growth on city’s north side if desired...is a straighter route.”



<b>ALTERNATIVES 2,3,5, &amp; 6 (SOUTH - BYPASS)</b>
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>
“...close to the industrial park which might help future development there...seems to be the most straight forward route of getting around and past Morrison...might decrease the number of land parcels that would need to be split.”
“...close to interstate south of Morrison - still would allow traffic to travel 78 into town. Bypass is needed. Truck traffic has reached a dangerous level going through Morrison.”
“A SOUTH by-pass would route closer to the new ball park just completed by the City.”
“...would be the most cost effective route to use. Going north of town you would encounter a lot of terrain problems...”
“...this will allow for better access to I-88 using Rte 78 south of Morrison.”
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
“Keep on the 4, 5, & 6 along existing Rt. 30 as much as possible...or bypass to the South and get up to the original Rt. 30 as soon as possible and that would help get the overpass over the tracks...”
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST</b>
“To save money and need less acquisition of farmland. Utilize existing Route 30 right away, and purchase only enough land for two more lanes.”
“”...provides easy access to the industrial park and potential future development. It also would more efficiently accommodate traffic approaching from the south wishing to travel either east or west – that traffic would not have to go through town.”
“This keeps the road away from most of the residential growth and area on the North side of town where most of the new residential growth will be. This route need to stay South of town for connection to the Industrial Park for growth and to allow for new commercial development along the new corridor.”

<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>
“I would like to see it aligned with the present Rt 30 as much as possible.”
“It looks very good, the map and the magazine.”
“We are not against progress or the potential development and industry that follow such road building. These things are necessary for our society and economy to thrive. We only wanted to give you a “picture” of our home and let you know that we are here and that we care.”
“Alternative 6 will make the homes along Bunker Hill from being rural, residential properties on a county road, to homes with highway frontage. This will change the marketability of these homes and negatively affect their re-sale value.”



<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>
<b>FARMER/ FARMLAND OWNER</b>
“I am still concerned with the loss of prime farmland. Curious what traffic count is compared to five years ago? Agriculture is a strong part of our economy it would be a shame to take land out of production.”
“If deemed necessary to redo route 30 staying on the existing route as much as possible would be the most cost effective and I would think going just N. of Morrison would effect the least people.”
“There is a lot more traffic to contend with now, especially semis. To go south you may run into wet ground, north you will find hills. Either way will help traffic off rt. 30.”
“My objection is with alternative 2, 3, 5, & 6...these routes would certainly make our farm, as an agricultural property nearly worthless.”
“I am not happy with the southern route as I own land on Sawyer Road and a road close to my acreage would cut off my road to market my crops.”
“Please try to avoid negatively impacting farms...as some farmers depend on their farms to make a living.”
“Farmland is a limited resource and cannot be replaced, not to mention all the farmers that depend on this land for their lively hood. The alignments along Bunker Hill Road will effect several farmers complete operation.”
<b>BUSINESS OWNER</b>
“I am a supporter of the project but if the alignment is north, I will no longer support the project and change to an opponent of the project. In totality, a much more harmful effect on the businesses of Morrison.”
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST</b>
“Improvements to Hiway 30 in Iowa and Illinois are very important to the economy of eastern Iowa and western Illinois.”

**4.0 SUMMARY**

In summary, IDOT received 67 public comments during the established comment period. Approximately 80 percent of these comments originated from stakeholders residing in Morrison. The No-Build Alternative was favored by homeowners and business owners, and was the second choice indicated by farmers/farmland owners. Stakeholders representing special interest groups and an unidentified stakeholder favored the bypass south of Morrison.

Frequent remarks provided by the respondents included: preserving farmland, economic development, environmental impacts, and funding for the project. Other interests were access to Morrison-Rockwood State Park, historical properties and the Lincoln Highway. Additionally,



a key concern stated by many stakeholders was the desire to utilize as much of the existing U.S. 30 roadway alignment as possible in order to minimize impacts to agriculture and residential properties.

The information supplied by the public in this report will be utilized as a part of the process to determine which Build Alternatives will be carried through the DEIS for additional study, as well as the No-Build Alternative. Ultimately, the public's opinion, input from the CAG members, environmental impacts, engineering constraints, cost and input from the other regulating agencies will aid the PSG in the process of selecting the Build Alternatives for further study.



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**Appendix A**

**Public Outreach Efforts**

- Project Newsletter
- News Release
- E-blast/Postal Mail
- GIS Portal Map Instructions



### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT and PHASE I DESIGN REPORT ISSUE 5 - SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER



### A Message From IDOT:

In the seven months since our last newsletter, a number of things have occurred to further the process of developing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Phase I Design Report for the U.S. Route 30 project. The U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team has met with various stakeholders and stakeholder groups, conducted a Project Study Group (PSG) meeting, and held the sixth Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting. At these meetings, the project's progress to date and the next steps in the EIS process were discussed, which includes gathering input on the six alignments under consideration.

In addition to updating you on the project status, the purpose of this newsletter is to afford you with an additional opportunity to give the Project Study Team input on the six remaining alignments being evaluated. The Project Study Team has been working diligently to evaluate the environmental impacts and the engineering feasibility of the six proposed alignments. These alignments were developed after completing an environmental and engineering screening process of sixteen corridors that were initially identified during the early phase of the study. That brings us to an important juncture in the development of the project study: obtaining *your* input on these six alignments.

Your comments are an important part of the project process and will be considered as we continue to move forward in the development of the EIS document. Within this newsletter you will find a map of the alignments and a comment sheet. You may also visit the project website to view the map and obtain more detailed images of the project area. We are accepting comments on this portion of the project study until *September 9, 2010*.

I strongly encourage your participation in this evaluation and comment process. After careful consideration of public comments, the Project Study Group will begin discussions to select two alignments that will be evaluated in the draft Environmental Impact Statement study. As always, a "no build" alternative will continue to be considered as well. Additional opportunities to provide comments regarding the project will continue to be available in the future, including a public hearing in early 2011.

I encourage you to visit the project website at <http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html> or contact the hotline at **1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330)** to remain updated on the project's progress and to provide the project team with your comments and/or questions.

Sincerely,  
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Region Two Engineer

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### Next Steps



# U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team Meets With Morrison Business Owners

In recent months, the U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team has received several inquiries from business owners in the Morrison area regarding the proposed corridor project. In order to address these questions and concerns, a meeting was hosted by the Morrison Business Advisory Group on April 15, 2010 to afford members of the business community an opportunity to discuss their concerns with the Project Study Team.

The presentation focused on the project process and procedures required to complete the study. In addition, the Project Study Team answered several questions presented by the audience.

Following are a selection of the questions discussed at the meeting:

- **Question:** Has the state decided on a north or south route?

**Answer:** No, a final alignment has not been determined. Six alignments are still under



Gil Janes of HR Green responds to business community concerns.

study, which includes both a north and south alignment, and a “no build” option.

- **Question:** What is the estimated date for construction?  
**Answer:** The timing of construction will depend upon funding once an alignment is selected and approved.
- **Question:** Is there a “Plan B” if the four-lane bypass is not built?  
**Answer:** Several options to improve the roadway will be considered as the project study is developed, including a “no build” option.
- **Question:** Has there been any consideration for a truck-only bypass?  
**Answer:** If a bypass is built, it will be for all motorists. It is not feasible from an operational or enforcement standpoint to limit a bypass to trucks only.

One of the most significant concerns expressed by members of the business community was to verify whether IDOT had already determined which bypass alternative would be selected. Ms. Bridgett Jacquot, a member of the U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team, explained to the audience that a decision has not been made on the proposed alternatives to date. She stated that the study team is still conducting engineering and environmental analysis to determine which alignments will be

recommended for further evaluation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Ms. Jacquot explained that one of the chapters in the EIS will focus on the overall social and economic impacts of the proposed project. This chapter will include an analysis of the potential effects that a bypass may have on the city of Morrison and its business community. The analysis will also suggest potential mitigation efforts to support the vitality of the downtown area.

In closing, Mr. Bob Vaughn thanked the Project Study Team for responding to the business community’s concerns. He encouraged the audience to stay involved in the process as the project moves forward.

Note: For more information about this stakeholder meeting and to view the meeting minutes as well as the presentation, please visit the project website at

<http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/library3.html>



Business attendees review project exhibits.

## Community Advisory Group Meeting

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, the U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team hosted their sixth Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting at the Odell Community Center in Morrison, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to update the CAG on the progress of the U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Phase I Design Report and to gather input regarding the six alternatives identified for analysis.

During the meeting, CAG members learned that over the past few months the Project Study Team had been working diligently to refine the sixteen potential corridors for a future U.S. Route 30 alignment. The CAG committee had been instrumental in developing these corridors early in the project study. In order to begin the evaluation process, the Project Study Team developed approximately 200-foot-wide alternative alignments within the corridor areas. These alignments were then modified based on engineering and environmental conditions to eliminate or reduce impacts, and to ensure that they met the project’s approved Purpose and Need Statement. As a result, six alignments were identified for further study. Each of the six alignments was evaluated in-depth with IDOT, FHWA, and various technical advisory groups. The technical advisory groups provided input and direction on issues such as access points, geometric configuration, safety, and environmental issues. An analysis describing elements of each alignment was reported to the CAG members, highlighting environmental and engineering conditions, land-use impacts, and traffic data.

After the presentation, CAG members participated in an exercise during which they were asked to discuss the six alignments and to note concerns, questions, and opinions about each alignment within a small group

setting. The following statements were voiced by CAG members as a result of this discussion:

- Farmland should be preserved
- Utilize the existing U.S. Route 30 alignment as much as possible
- Prime residential development corridors near Morrison should be considered
- Truck traffic and access to landfill should be considered
- The impacts to private property and homeowners should be considered
- Concerns regarding sustainability and viability of Morrison businesses
- Proximity to Morrison and to the industrial park would allow for increased economic development growth opportunities
- Concerns regarding the quality of life in the area
- Concerns regarding restricting development and the compatibility with surroundings along the north alignment
- Environmental sensitivity and prudence is very important
- Residential growth is a positive effect

The CAG was informed that their comments, as well as the public’s input, would be shared with the PSG. This will aid the PSG in determining which alignments will be carried forward for further study.

To review the CAG meeting minutes and presentation, please visit the project website at <http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/getinvolved2.html>

# WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THE SIX ALIGNMENTS

The U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team has been analyzing traffic and crash data, assessing environmental impacts (displacements, agricultural land impacts, water resource impacts, etc.), and evaluating engineering data (safety, congestion relief, etc.) on the six alignments over the past months. In addition to these efforts, we have received input on the project from various stakeholders from the affected communities of Fulton, Morrison, Sterling, and Rock Falls.

Now we need *your* input! A project map illustrating each of the six alignments is included in this newsletter. In order to facilitate your review of these alignments, an overview of their similarities and differences are highlighted below. These elements are summarized within the various portions of the project study area (western, central, eastern, and Moline Road to IL 40) and provide the location of the alignments along with primary engineering and environmental considerations within each section. Please note that in order to meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, a “no build” alternative must also be considered as a part of the study.

## Western Portion (IL 136 to Hillside Road)

- Alignments 1, 2, and 3 are located north of the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway.
- Alignments 4, 5, and 6 are located primarily on the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway alignment.
- Primary considerations within this portion of the project study area include: railroad crossings, geometric constraints, access point considerations, wetlands, stream crossings, forested areas, centennial farms, cemeteries, residential and agricultural impacts, and traffic safety concerns at the intersection of U.S. Route 30 and IL 136.

## Central Portion (Hillside Road to Lyndon Road)

- Alignments 1 and 4 bypass the city of Morrison to the north.
- Alignments 2, 3, 5, and 6 bypass the city of Morrison to the south.
- Primary considerations within this portion of the project area include: residential, commercial and agricultural property impacts, access to the Morrison downtown business community, access to the Morrison Rockwood State Park, forested land, stream crossings, wetlands, truck access to the industrial park, traffic safety in the downtown area and access to the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway and IL 78.

## Eastern Portion (Lyndon Road and Moline Road)

- Alignments 1, 2, 4, and 5 primarily follow the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway alignment.
- Alignments 3 and 6 follow the existing Bunker Hill roadway alignment.
- Primary considerations within this portion of the project area include: impacts to residential, commercial and agricultural properties, cemeteries, access to the landfill, access to the Morrison downtown business community, stream crossings, forested areas, nature preserve, wetland impacts and traffic safety at access points such as at the Emerson Road and Moline Road intersections.

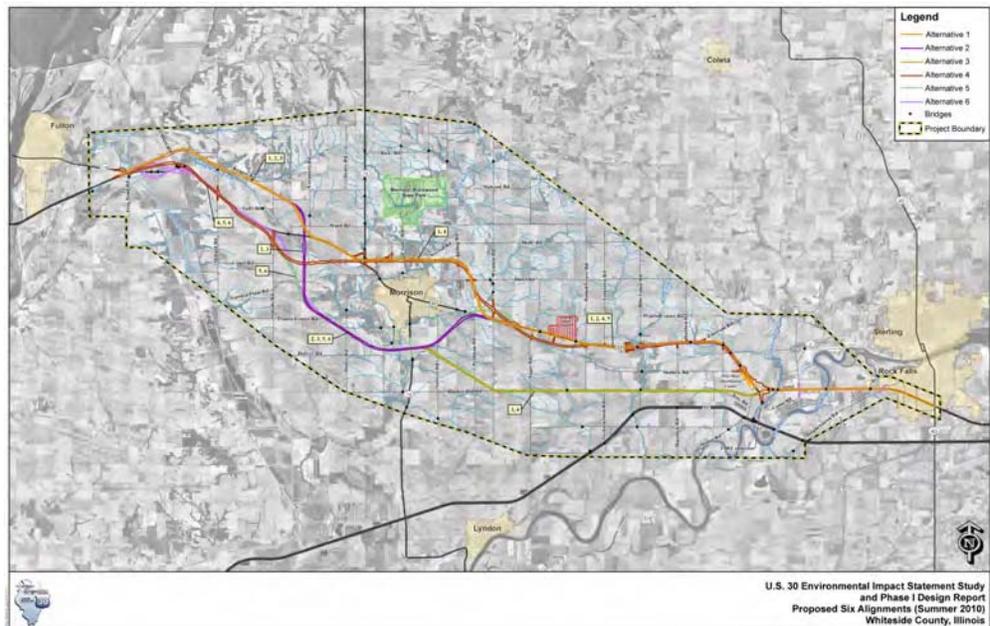
## Moline Road to IL 40

- All six alignments follow the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway. The primary considerations along this segment of roadway include: impacts to residential, commercial and agricultural properties, Rock River and Elkhorn Creek, wetland impacts and traffic safety at access points.

We encourage you to review the alignments and provide feedback on the enclosed comment form or contact the project hotline at **1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330)**. The alignment map is also available on the project website as well as a web link to the U.S. Route 30 Geographic Information System (GIS) portal, at [http://gis.hrgreen.com/USHwy30\\_Public/](http://gis.hrgreen.com/USHwy30_Public/). The U.S. Route 30 GIS portal provides details of additional project characteristics, such as environmental criteria and property information. Please be sure to provide your comments by **September 9, 2010**. Your input is vital to the successful completion of this project study.

## Get Involved!

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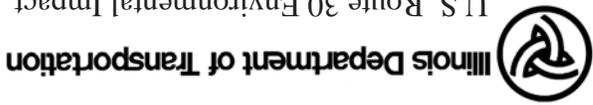


Project Website: <http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html>

GIS Portal Website: [http://gis.hrgreen.com/USHwy30\\_Public/](http://gis.hrgreen.com/USHwy30_Public/)

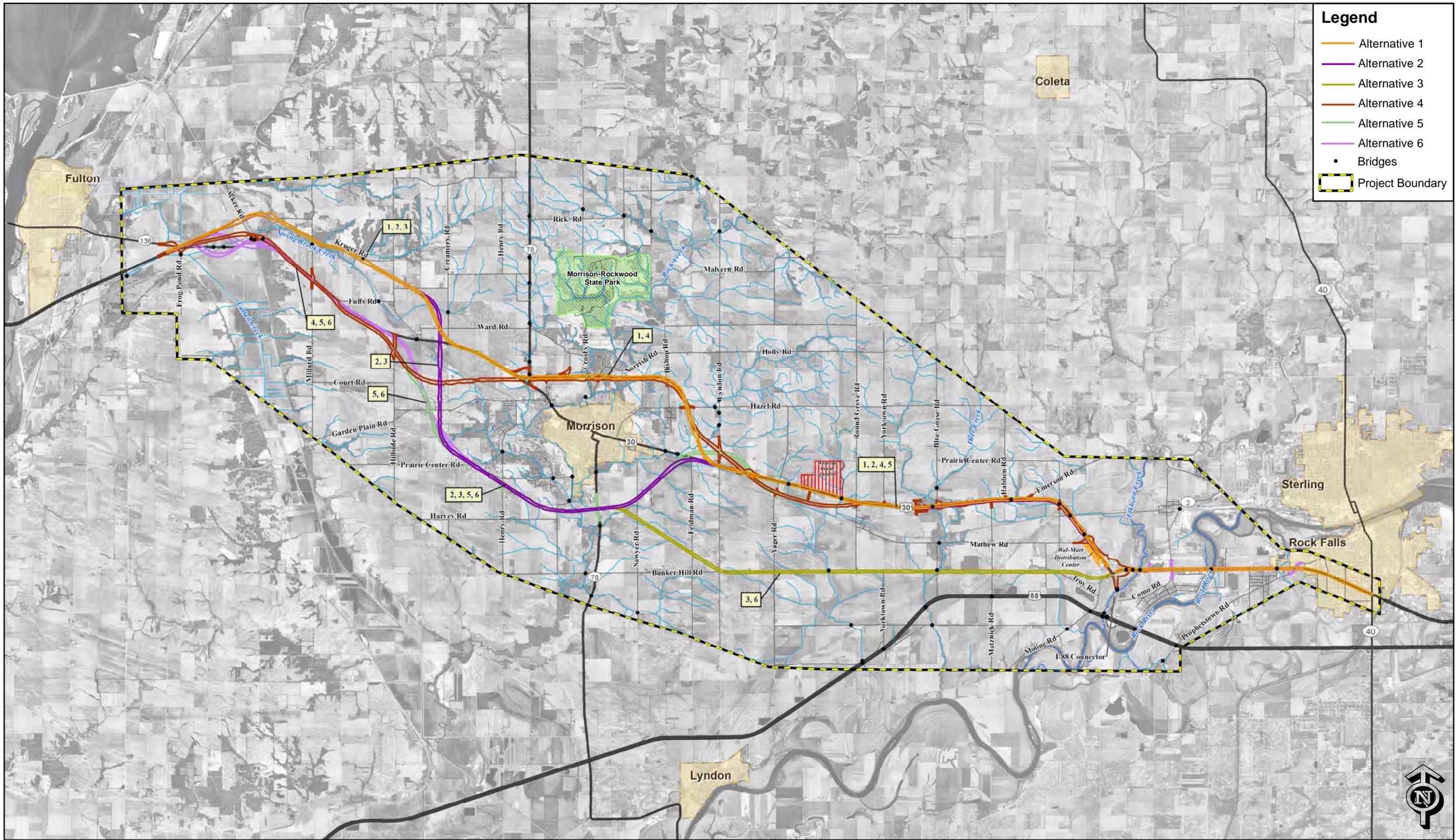
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# Opportunity to Comment on U.S. Route 30 Alignments Inside: **Read More!**



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**U.S. 30 Environmental Impact Statement Study  
and Phase I Design Report  
Proposed Six Alignments (Summer 2010)  
Whiteside County, Illinois**





**State of Illinois**  
Pat Quinn, Governor

**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
Gary Hannig, Secretary

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 5, 2010

**CONTACT:**

Jay Howell 815/284-5352  
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[www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov)

Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed six alignments as part of the U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement Study (EIS) and Phase I Design Report.

This study was initiated in June 2007 to evaluate roadway improvements along U.S. Route 30 between IL 136 and IL 40 in Rock Falls. A key element of this study is the incorporation of the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. This process is required by the State of Illinois and ensures that community involvement and input is incorporated into the decision-making process throughout the project.

Since the project's inception in 2007, the U.S. Route 30 project team has worked with citizens to develop six potential alignments for the roadway improvement. Most recently, additional work has been underway to complete various engineering tasks for these alignments. This work includes analysis of traffic and crash data, assessment of environmental impacts (displacements, agricultural land impacts, water resource impacts, etc.), determination of engineering feasibility (safety, congestion relief, etc.), and further screening of the six potential alignments within the project study area as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Based on the results of this work, additional refinements will be applied to the potential alignments to minimize impacts and ensure the suitability of the proposed route. IDOT will post the six potential alignments on the U.S. Route 30 project website in early August. The website can be accessed at <http://www.dot.il.gov/US30/index1.html>.

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IDOT encourages the community to review the six alignments and provide comments or concerns using the online comment form, or by calling the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330). If the public does not have access to the internet, please call the project hotline number and someone from the U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team can provide assistance. **IDOT welcomes comments on the six alignments and those comments will be accepted until September 9, 2010.**

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Whiteside County  
Job No. P-92-107-07  
US 30 from IL 136 to IL 40

August 6, 2010

Dear Community Advisory Group Member:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), I would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to serve on the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Phase I Design Report.

Since the last meeting the project team has been diligently working on completing the traffic and crash analysis, completing an Environmental Survey Request (ESR) of the entire project area, and screening the six potential alternatives as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

During the June 2, 2010 CAG meeting, the Project Study Team conducted a group exercise to garner your input on the six alignments. In addition, the Project Study Team noted the next steps in the study process, which will include continued refinement to the alignments based on engineering and environmental screenings. It was also noted that the team will continue to gather input from the public on each alignment, as required by the Department's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process.

In order, to achieve these goals, we will be providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the six alignments. Within the next few weeks, the Department will be announcing this opportunity through various media outlets including the project newsletter, project website, and local newspapers. Public input is vital to the successful completion of this project study, and we want to ensure that we obtain comments from all those who are interested in providing them.

As a CAG member, we would like you to assist us in reaching a broader audience by circulating the enclosed press release to the interest groups that you represent. The release highlights the purpose of this public involvement effort and how the public can make their opinions known to the Project Study Team.

Please be advised that we will be accepting comments on the six alignments through **September 9, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact Shelia Hudson, Public Involvement Manager, at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330), or [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET). Thank you in advance for your willingness to assist us in this effort.

Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay P. Howell".

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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**U.S. ROUTE 30**  
**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)**  
**PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS**  
[http://gis.hrgreen.com/ushwy30\\_public/](http://gis.hrgreen.com/ushwy30_public/)

**Overview:**

The U.S. Route 30 GIS portal illustrates a map of the six proposed alignments being evaluated in the U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Phase I Design Report project.

Listed to the left are the main **Map Contents**. These contents are as follows: Alternatives, Environmental Criteria, Transportation, Property Lines, City, and Aerial of Whiteside County. The contents may be turned off and on by removing the checks on the boxes. Also, the plus (+) will expand the main Map Contents to list sub contents. For example, Alternatives list all six alternatives and alternative east.

**Toolbar Icons** are located in the upper right corner of the interactive map that will assist you in viewing the alignments and their potential impacts on properties, homes, farmsteads, agricultural lands, and environmental features. You may use the following toolbar icons:



**Zoom In**

Click the icon. Click and drag your pointer/cursor to increase the image size.



**Zoom Out**

Click the icon. Click and drag your pointer/cursor to decrease the image size.

Note: If you have a mouse wheel, then you can  **Zoom In** or  **Zoom Out** by moving the wheel forward and backward over the GIS map.



**Pan**

Click the icon and move the map horizontally and vertically by holding down the left mouse button and then moving the mouse.



**Full Extent**

Click the icon to return to the initial screen view of the project study area.



**Back/Forward Extent** Click the left arrow to return to the previous view. Clicking the right arrow advances to the next view.



**Magnifier**

Click the icon. A Magnifier1 box will appear on the map with a red box (  ) and red crosshairs (  ). Move the Magnifier1 box by clicking on the green bar at the top over the image you wish to magnify with the crosshairs. Using the down arrow in the box, the image in the crosshairs can be magnified from 2 to 10 times.



-  **Map Identifier** Click the icon. Click the property or item on the map. Information about the property or item will be shown in a box. Click the down arrow in the information box and additional information will be shown (if available).
  
-  **Measure** Obtain specific measurements (i.e. map coordinates or point-to-point) by clicking on one of the available icons. Some views allow optional measurements such as miles, kilometers, feet, or meters. Note: These measurements will not be exact.
  
-  **Show Overview Map** Click this icon to turn on a smaller map which shows your location within the corridor. The red box on the overview map represents the limits of the larger map.

### Instructions:

Listed below are steps to view the impact of an alignment on your property:

1. In the right corner of the map, you will find the toolbar icons used to navigate the map.
2. Click on the  **Zoom In** icon. Click on the map and drag the cursor to zoom in on your property. Continue to click and drag to zoom in until you see your property. If you have zoomed in too much and the map is “blurry,” then use the  **Zoom Out** icon until you can clearly see your property.
3. To identify your property, click the  **Map Identifier** icon. Click the property or item on the map to obtain information. For additional information, such as owner name, address, PIN number, parcel number, etc., click on the down arrow in the information box.

**If you are having problems navigating through the map, please contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).**



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**Appendix B**

**Comments and Responses**

- Comment Forms
- Web Mails



Comment #1: Frank Belt

Response to Comment #1: Frank Belt



This form may also be completed online at <http://www.dot.il.gov/Email/Email.asp?from=31>

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Frank Belt  
Address: 12985 Feldman Rd.  
City: Morrison State: Ill Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( )  
Email:

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

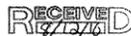
Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I think route 1 and 4 are the best route in the eastern + central portion of the proposed route and in the western portion route 1, 2, and 3 is the straightest route and don't seem to tear up as many fields and in the western portion it would line up with route 30 to Clinton.  
To me a straight line seems like the shortest route and also would be faster.*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 16, 2010

Mr. Frank Belt  
12985 Feldman Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Belt:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #2: Curt & Corinne Bender



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Curt & Corinne Bender  
Address: 507 S. Orange  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 772-4749  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? Morrison Chamber of Commerce

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I prefer Alternative H because it utilizes more of the old right of way and think it would be beneficial to the state park. Alternative H also stays close to the town.

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



Response to Comment #2: Curt & Corinne Bender



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August 16, 2010

Curt & Corinne Bender  
507 S. Orange  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bender:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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### Comment #3: Eric Benson

### Response to Comment #3: Eric Benson



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Eric Benson

Address: 12044 Sawyer Rd.

City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270

Telephone Number: (815) 778-3609

Email: kenlike@the.wisp.net

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I am still concerned with the loss of prime farmland. Curious what traffic count is compared to five years ago? Would like to see using as much of current route as possible. Agriculture is a strong part of our economy. It would be a shame to take land out of production.*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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Collinsville, IL 62234-6124  
1-866-ROUTE 30

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September 13, 2010

Eric Benson  
12044 Sawyer Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) *I am still concerned about the loss of prime farmland. Would like to see using as much of current route as possible. Agriculture is a strong part of our economy it would be a shame to take land out of production.*

We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

2.) *Curious what traffic count is compared to five years ago?*

Traffic counts are performed on all major side roads every five years and marked routes (which the U.S. Route 30 is one of), every two years. The major side roads in Whiteside County were last counted in 2007 and U.S. Route 30 was counted in 2009. The most recent traffic count shows a growth in traffic volumes from 2007 to 2009. Traffic volume projections indicate that the present roadway has insufficient capacity to efficiently serve the traffic utilizing this highway over the next 20 years. For more information about the existing traffic, please visit IDOT "Average Annual Daily Traffic" website at: <http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/default.aspx?q1=aadt>.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and



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### Response to Comment #3: Eric Benson (cont.)

environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team





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### Response to Comment #4: George Benson (cont.)

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #5: Mary Black

Response to Comment #5: Mary Black

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September 2, 2010

Mary Black  
PO Box 188  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Black:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

By: Jay P. Howell  
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Mary Black  
Address: P O Box 128  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: (815) 278-2275 ext 422  
Email: mary.black@supr.wash.com

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

- I would like to the route that is the closest to my house.*
- If there are roads that have little to no traffic volume, incorporate them into the plan. This may eliminate having to tear up existing agriculture property. If the concrete is usable (meaning re-usable) tear it out and recycle into new roads.*
- Making use of the route to exit into the south end Morrison would be a great idea. The industrial park is there, Morrison Institute of Technology is and if someday the rail road would become active here it may provide a business transport exchange need.*

*Thank You For Making Our Input*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010.**

Your comments are greatly appreciated!





Comment #6: Honorable David H. Blanton

Response to Comment #6: Honorable David H. Blanton



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: MAYOR DAVID H BLANTON  
Address: 603 10th St  
City: ROCK FALLS State: IL Zip Code: 61001  
Telephone Number: (815) 622-1110  
Email: F.F. Ryan at Rock Falls 61001, IL

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? CITY OF ROCK FALLS

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

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Multiple horizontal lines for handwritten comments, with the first line containing "# 2".

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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September 13, 2010

Honorable David H. Blanton  
Mayor, City of Rock Falls  
603 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Falls, IL 61071

Dear Mayor Blanton:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

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### Comment #7: Karen Bramm

### Response to Comment #7: Karen Bramm



This form may also be completed online at <http://www.dot.il.gov/Email/Email.asp?from=31>

#### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: KAREN BRAMM  
 Address: 15430 moline Rd  
 City: LYNDON State: IL Zip Code: 61261  
 Telephone Number: (815) 778-2389  
 Email: kkbr@gpennet.net

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NONE

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I do own ground in Mt Pleasant township  
 sold or business in Moline's east side.*

*Question 1- With the downsizing of rural  
 communities do you feel the traffic count of 3-4  
 years ago would still be relevant the same today?*

*If deemed necessary to reduce number of  
 lanes on the existing route as much as possible  
 would be the most cost-effective and it would  
 thank going just N. of Moline would affect the  
 local people.*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010.**

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 25, 2010

Ms. Karen Bramm  
 15430 Moline Road  
 Lyndon, IL 61261

Dear Ms. Bramm:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comment and our response is noted below:

*"With the downsizing of rural communities do you feel the traffic count of 3-4 years ago would still be valued the same today?"*

Traffic counts from 3 or 4 years ago would not be the most current or accurate data for the analysis used by IDOT. However, past data is used to help project traffic demands on highways. Traffic counts are performed on all major side roads every five years and marked routes (which the U.S. Route 30 is one of), every two years. The major side roads in Whiteside County were last counted in 2007 and U.S. Route 30 was counted in 2009. The most recent traffic count still shows a growth in traffic volumes from 2007 to 2009. For more information about the existing traffic, please visit IDOT "Average Annual Daily Traffic" website at <http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/default.aspx?q1=aadt>.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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## Response to Comment #7: Karen Bramm (cont.)

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #8: Sue Britt

Response to Comment #8: Sue Britt



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: SUE BRITT  
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 City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
 Telephone Number: (815) 772-2909  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? WHITESIDE CO. BOARD MEMBER DIST 3

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT ALIGNED WITH THE PRESENT  
RT 30 AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
NORTH OR SOUTH OF MORRISON ... TOO MUCH TO TAKE  
ANY CONSIDERATION TO FORM AN OPINION AT THIS TIME.  
SAD TO SAY, BUT NOT THAT WELL INFORMED ON THE  
IMPACT OF EITHER ROUTE.

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 25, 2010

Sue Britt  
 205 E. High Street  
 Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Britt:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
 Deputy Director of Highways,  
 Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

By: Jay P. Howell  
 Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #9: Wilson Bull

Response to Comment #9: Wilson Bull



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 Address: PO Box 358 622 LINCOLNWAY CT  
 City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
 Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 772 3610  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NONE

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

AS A FARM OWNER FOR THE LAST 35 YEARS  
I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT  
ANY OF THE 6 ALIGNMENTS FOR 4 LANE BYPASSING.  
ALL 6 PLANS ABSORB PRODUCTIVE FARM  
LAND -- LARGEY CORN + SOYBEANS. ASSUMING  
25 TO 30 ACRES PER 4 LANE MILE ASSUMING  
10.3 MILES WOULD BE CROP AFFECTED.  
10.3 X 25A X 200 BU CORN YIELD = 51500 BU  
CORN. CORN IS BASIC TO MANY OF OUR  
FOODS.  
SO IM UNWILLING TO ENDORSE ANY  
4 LANE ROAD THROUGH ACTIVE FARM COUNTRY.

Please return comment form by September 9, 2010.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!

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September 8, 2010

Wilson Bull  
 P.O. Box 358  
 Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Bull:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

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 Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

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 Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #10: Orville W. Bush

Response to Comment #10: Orville W. Bush



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*It is easy to see alternative 3 using Bunker Hill Rd is by far the shortest and easy to build road, you avoid R.R. crossing, you avoid crossing Rt. 30 several times and Rt 30 with less traffic would remain and important artery for local people.*

*Going N. of Morrison seems like building a road to Nowhere! Except for the Park and a few small towns there is nothing. Going S of Morrison you have traffic from Clinton - Illinois making trips to Quad Cities and many more towns to the South.*

*I think this should be done as cheap as possible and disrupt as few people as possible. Trying to follow Rt.30 would be a nightmare for many people, would be more expensive and local people will have lost the use of Rt.30.*

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September 8, 2010

Orville W. Bush  
16333 Hazell Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
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Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

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Comment #11: Joyce M. Dickinson

Response to Comment #11: Joyce M. Dickinson



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Name: Joyce M. Dickinson  
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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I have lived at corner of Rt 78 and 30 west of Morrison since 1967. There is alot more traffic to contend with now, especially semi's. To go south you may run into wet ground, north you will find hills. Either way will help take traffic off of 30.*

*Joyce M. Dickinson*

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August 16, 2010

Joyce M. Dickinson  
13350 Lincoln Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Dickinson:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

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Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #12: Robert Doescher

Response to Comment #12: Robert Doescher

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Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I PREFER THE "NO BUILD" ALTERNATIVE.  
THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE  
BOTH BURIED IN DEBT. WHY SPEND MONEY WE DON'T  
HAVE? WHY BURDEN OUR GRANDCHILDREN WITH  
MORE DEBT.  
WE DON'T NEED TO INDUSTRIALIZE THIS  
AREA ANYMORE. LEAVE IT ALONE.  
CURRENT RTE 30 IS BEING RESURFACED  
RIGHT NOW AND A NEW BRIDGE BEING BUILT.  
I THINK THAT SHOULD SUFFICE.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 19, 2010

Robert Doescher  
16462 Norton Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Doescher:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*  
By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #14: Brian & Sara Frickenstein

Response to Comment #14: Brian & Sara Frickenstein



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**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

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Email: strickenstein@yahoo.com

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

We would favor one of the routes that run south of town - would really like to see it pass closely to our industrial park in order to do all we can to attract new business to Morrison.

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 16, 2010

Brian & Sara Frickenstein  
13795 Rockwood Court  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Frickenstein:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

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Region Two Engineer

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

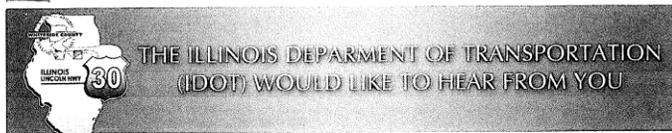
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Comment #15: Orville Goodenough

Response to Comment #15: Orville Goodenough



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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*My objection is with alternative 2, 3, 5, 6 and I admit it is personal. Our farm is a central farm and is now owned by our children with my wife Clare and I having life use. The above mentioned routes would be devastating to our farm. 5 & 6 cuts our farmland in two pieces, on an angle, leaving the south side with no access unless an access road could be constructed. Route 2 & 3 cuts the farm land through the middle - again with no nearby access road. These routes would certainly make our farm, as an agricultural property, nearly worth less. Thank you -*

*Orville Goodenough*



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August 20, 2010

Mr. Orville Goodenough  
11589 Garden Plain Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Goodenough:

Thank you for your comments on the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1) My objection is with alternative 2, 3, 5, & 6. The above mentioned routes would be devastating to our farm 5 & 6 cuts our farmland in two pieces, on an angle, leaving the south side with no access unless an access road would be constructed.

The proposed improvement is an expressway design. An expressway allows farm vehicle usage and if access to a property cannot be gained via a side-road, direct access to the property via a field entrance along the expressway is an option. Access to your property will be reviewed to assure all farm ground has access available.

2) Route 2 & 3 cuts the farm land through the middle - again with no nearby access road, these routes would certainly make our farm, as an agricultural property, nearly worthless.

We are making every effort to avoid severances to the extent possible. We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!





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## Response to Comment #15: Orville Goodenough (cont.)

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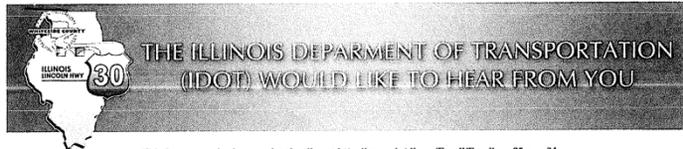
Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



### Comment #16: LeRoy and JoAnn Handel

### Response to Comment #16: LeRoy and JoAnn Handel



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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner     Farmer/Farm Land Owner     Business Owner     Special Interest     Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes     No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*my response is (NO BUILD)! Illinois is excessively broke and is worse off than all states except for California.*

*My first question is how much was recently spent on the Hwy 30 resurfacing project - which is an improvement, but will all be torn up if this other project goes forward.*

*Please quit spending money that we don't have and put the allocated funds that decisions are made to hospitals, nursing homes and other entities.*

*The road is much improved - so let's show fiscal responsibility and put the road on the back burner until Illinois is again economically sound which will take several years.*

Please return comment form by September 9, 2010.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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September 3, 2010

LeRoy and JoAnn Handel  
 16960 Tanglewild Drive  
 Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Handel:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

- 1.) How much was recently spent on the Hwy 30 resurfacing project which is an improvement, but will all be torn up if the other project goes forward?

The current project from Lincoln Road/Dakin Road in Fulton to IL 78 North in Morrison was let in April at an approximate cost of \$ 2.6 million dollars. This patching and resurfacing project will serve to greatly improve the pavement condition of the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway.

If the Phase I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (currently projected to be completed by January 2012) is approved, the project will need to receive funding for the Phase II Design and Land Acquisition work. Once funded, the roadway design will likely take a few years to complete before the project can then be constructed. Therefore, a significant amount of time between the current resurfacing improvement and the improvements proposed in the EIS is likely, and the existing paving improvements will serve well to improve the roadway conditions until the major improvements can be completed.

Each of the proposed alignment designs includes utilizing portions of the existing roadway for the improvement. In these sections the designer will evaluate the roadway design and utilize the most efficient means to construct the roadway to meet the required standards. Where the alignment varies from the existing route, the existing roadway will primarily remain and be for use by local traffic.



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## Response to Comment #16: LeRoy and JoAnn Handel (cont.)

2.) *Please quit spending money that we don't have and pay the delinquent bills that Illinois owes to hospitals, nursing homes and other entities.*

The current phase (Phase I) of this study is funded by federal dollars. At this point in time, there is no funding available for the next phases of this project which include final design (Phase II) and construction (Phase III).

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #17: Helen R. Harvey

Response to Comment #17: Helen R. Harvey



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Email: None

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

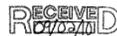
Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I would like to suggest that the present Route #30 be made into 4 lanes until you come to west end of Tropicana at intersection #78 and then down to 3 lanes, one a turning lane, through town to Casey's store/gas station. This is only 2-2.5 miles. The four lanes could be picked up again and continue East to I-88. This would not eliminate business district in Tropicana. Any other option would be alignment #1, 4 on your maps because to Rockwood State Park and Tropicana Covered Bridge would be attraction that would be easily achieved. Also you would be road of the Horse Hill Cemetery.*  
*The routes 2, 3, 5, 6 would involve bypassing Tropicana unless you let turn off and then to get to Querman section you have 3 schools to contend with and railroad. I have visited Morrison for train to get to south end of town. This would definitely eliminate town of Tropicana.*  
*Please, please do not cut farms in half by improving roads. Follow present roads as much as possible.*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010.**

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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Whiteside County  
Job No. P-92-107-07  
US 30 from IL 136 to IL 40

September 3, 2010

Ms. Helen R. Harvey  
12269 Prairie Center Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Harvey:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

- 1.) *I would like to suggest that the present Route #30 be made into 4 lanes until you come to west end of Morrison at intersection #78 and #30 then down to 3 lanes, one a turning lane, through town to Casey's store/gas station. This is only 2 - 2 1/4 miles. The four lane could be picked up again and continue East to I-88. This would not eliminate business district in Morrison.*

The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of this project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement would not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state polices for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the Purpose and Need identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity.

In regard to the impacts on the businesses in Morrison, we understand your concern about the proposed route bypassing the city of Morrison. IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of this bypass route. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be working with the city of Morrison to identify opportunities for the city to promote themselves and the businesses that are located in town.



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## Response to Comment #17: Helen R. Harvey (cont.)

2.) *Please, please do not cut farms in half by improving roads. Follow present roads as much as possible.*

The key objective of this study Phase I Engineering Study is to determine an alignment for an improved U.S. Route 30 that best serves the purpose for the roadway while meeting the needs of the travelers and the communities it serves. The need to keep the proposed roadway on the present alignment as much as possible has been recognized as a way to help minimize the impacts to the environment. We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE 30(1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #18: Gary Hayenga

Response to Comment #18: Gary Hayenga



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Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

PROPOSED BYPASS IS "NO BUILD"  
-NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES IN MORRISON  
ALONG US 30 WOULD BE HIGH DUE TO LOSS  
OF TRAFFIC. MANY DEPEND ON THIS TRAFFIC  
FOR SALES. THIS ULTIMATELY COULD DRIVE SOME  
BUSINESSES AWAY, OR CAUSE SOME TO CLOSE.  
I HAVE YET TO SEE ENOUGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT  
IN A BYPASS OPTION THAT WOULD CAUSE ME TO  
CHANGE MY MIND.  
I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY BYPASS.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 20, 2010

Gary Hayenga  
Wells Fargo Bank  
100 W. Lincolnway  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Hayenga:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Comment #21: Robert Johnson

Response to Comment #21: Robert Johnson



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Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No I RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR JUNE 2, 2010 CAG MEETING. WAS IT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC? PLEASE!

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?  
MY GRANDFATHER, ANDREW EKSTROM, PURCHASED APPROXIMATELY 110 ACRES IN THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION #3 IN UNION GROVE TOWNSHIP, WHITESIDE CO. IL. IN THE 1920's. THE U.S. 30 RAILROAD OVERPASSES AT UNION GROVE. LATER "GUTTED" THE FARM. MY UNCLE ALBERT EKSTROM, LEFT ME THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM. HOPEFULLY WHATEVER IS STILL REMAINING WILL BECOME A "CENTENIAL FARM" WITHIN MY LIFETIME.

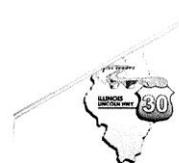
ALTERNATIVES 1, 2 & 3 EACH SLASH ARBITRARILY THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE ONE REMAINING HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE PORTION OF THE FARM. WHY DON'T THESE ALTERNATIVES AT LEAST ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW EXISTING PROPERTY LINES? HAVEN'T THIS FARM ALREADY BEEN "HARKED-UP" ENOUGH? HAS ANYONE ON THE PROJECT STUDY TEAM EVER ATTEMPTED TO EFFICIENTLY FARM SMALL, ISOLATED, ODD-SHAPED PARCELS OF LAND WITH MODERN AG. EQUIPMENT?



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YOUR RESPONSE WOULD ALSO BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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August 20, 2010  
 Mr. Robert Johnson  
 1414 North Cherry Street  
 Galesburg, IL 61401-1819

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study.

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) Was the Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting held on June 2, 2010, open to the public?

As you may be aware, the CAG was selected by gathering information regarding groups, organizations, and agencies from the communities within the project study area representing a wide cross-section of people and interests. In addition, plat maps were researched to identify farm owners, property owners, and homeowners from various areas within the project study area. IDOT was careful to select members throughout the project study area with the goal of creating an unbiased group. The intention of CAG members is to serve as your representative and to be a pipeline for information exchange to and from the project development team. There are thousands of people who will be affected by the project. It is unmanageable to involve such a large number of people directly in the design process. Therefore, a specific group of people were selected to represent the interests of many.

The CAG meeting held on June 2, 2010 was open to the public, but it was not a public informational meeting. Members of the public are welcome at CAG meeting but must remain in the role of an observer. If you would like a copy of the CAG meeting minutes and/or a list of the CAG members, please call the project hotline listed below.



Comment #21: Robert Johnson (cont.)

Robert Johnson  
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MY PERSONAL PREFERENCE WOULD BE THE "NO BUILD" OPTION FOR US-30. HAS ANYONE CONSIDERED USING EXISTING INTERSTATE 88 TO THE FENTON-ERIE AREA, THEN A SPUR TO THE ALBANY AREA? ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS THE U.P. RAILROAD HAS MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THEIR MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE. IS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ILL. & U.S. GOVERNMENTS AND THE RAILROAD TO COOPERATE ON A NEW SHARED BRIDGE?

Response to Comment #21: Robert Johnson (cont.)

2.) *Why don't Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 at least attempt to follow existing property lines?*

Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 were created within an established 1400 foot wide corridor north of the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway and the alternatives were designed within that corridor to minimize the environmental and socio-economic impacts. Impacts that were assessed did include farm severances and farmstead and/or residential relocations. We are currently working with Whiteside County to establish updated parcel information, which includes property lines. Based on this information, the proposed alternatives will be evaluated. Your comments regarding the impacts to your property will be considered in the evaluation of alternatives and the proposed design.

3.) *Has anyone considered using existing Interstate 88 to the Fenton-Erie Area, then a relatively short spur to the Albany area?*

The project study area was identified based on the traffic movements and patterns of those using the U.S. Route 30 roadway in Whiteside County. Since the I-88 corridor connection suggested is not within this project study area, the construction of a roadway at this location is not being considered as part of this project. In addition, this type of improvement would not serve the needs of those using the existing U.S. Route 30 roadway.

The Project Study Team appreciates your comments and questions. Over the next several months we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 alternatives. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the alternatives, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. You are included on the project's mailing list and therefore will be informed of these opportunities.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #22: Michael J. Kearney

Response to Comment #22: Michael J. Kearney



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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NONE

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I favor Alignment 4, 5 and 6 for the Western Portion

I favor Alignment 2, 3, 5 and 6 for the Central Portion

I favor Alignment 3 and 6 for the Eastern Portion

The objective should be to have the shortest and most direct route from highway 136 to I-88

I would love to see the connection with I-88 established further west roughly on a line directly with ~~from~~ where Blue Goose road would intersect if it ran south to I-88.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 16, 2010

Michael J. Kearney  
200 5th Avenue South #304  
Clinton, IA 52732

Dear Mr. Kearney:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

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*Jay P. Howell*

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**Comment #23: Jon R. Kophamer**

**Response to Comment #23: Jon R. Kophamer**



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Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

No jobs; NO STATE CAN AFFORD A NEW ROAD WHEN OTHERS ARE IN BAD SHAPE NOW. SHARPE ROAD, BRIDGES ALSO, WHY NOT WIDEN RT 30 NOW, MAKE TURN LANE, WITH WARNING LIGHTS WITH A NEW BRIDGE OVER TRACKS FOR MORRISON TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK Hooked up to RT 78 North.  
AS I LOOK AT THE MAP TRUCKS STILL GO THROUGH MORRISON ON RT 78 SO WHAT IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE NEW ROUTE.  
... (T)DLA (N)IDEAD  
TWO NEW OVER PASSES EAST + WEST OF MORRISON FROM RT 20 TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK THEN DIRECTLY SOUTH OF RT 78 ALSO A NEW OVER PASS, PEOPLE OF MORRISON HAPPY, FARMERS HAPPY, INDUSTRIAL PARK PEOPLE HAPPY, HAPPY, PEOPLE CAN BE HAPPY VOTERS FOR SEN REP. CAUSE THEY HAVE MESSED UP A LOT LATELY LIKE "BIG PRISON" JUST NORTH OF MORRISON, T W T HAMPSON, IL.

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August 23, 2010

Mr. Jon R. Kophamer  
19094 Ward Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Kophamer:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) No jobs; No State can afford a new road when others are in bad shape now.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has an obligation and the responsibility to address capacity and safety concerns on the U.S. Highway 30 corridor. A crash analysis conducted throughout the U.S. 30 project study area indicates a significant frequency and severity of crashes and other traffic safety concerns along the corridor, particularly within the City of Morrison and at intersection locations. Also, traffic volume projections indicate that the present roadway has insufficient capacity to handle the traffic anticipated for corridor usage within the next 20 years.

In regard to the funding, the current phase (Phase I) of this study is funded by federal dollars. At this point in time, there is no funding available for the next phases of this project which include final design (Phase II) and construction (Phase III).

2.) Why not widen Route 30 now? Make third lane with warning lights with a new bridge over tracks for Morrison to the Industrial Park, hooked up to IL 78 north?

The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of this project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement would not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state policies for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the



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## Response to Comment #23: Jon R. Kophamer (cont.)

Purpose and Need identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #24: Vern Latwesen

Response to Comment #24: Vern Latwesen



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Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? None

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

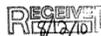
I am not within the Project Boundary. However I am very interested in this project because I am concerned about the impact to this part of the state and the long term benefits.

I very much believe the alternative 4 is the most logical and therefore the best. It appears to do the least impact to ag land and the surrounding "natural" areas. I believe this route is the most direct w/o a series of unnecessary direction changes. Furthermore, a 4 lane road is near the northern most route is best because of the anticipated traffic related to Fulton prison and its best access to the Chicago area. To swing way south of Morrison in proximity of I88 is going in the wrong direction. There need to be a east west road as far north as possible.

Thanks Vern Latwesen

Please return comment form by September 9, 2010.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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Mr. Vern Latwesen  
16360 Spring Valley Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Latwesen:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

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Comment #25: Mr. & Mrs. Laufenberg

Response to Comment #25: Mr. & Mrs. Laufenberg



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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NA

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Routes 2+5 seem logical - close to Interstate South of Morrison - Still would allow traffic to travel Th into town

Bypass is needed. Truck traffic has reached a dangerous level going through Morrison.

Remove Jerry Laufenberg from mailing list 306 Sycamore Morrison IL 61270 mistake Remove

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 16, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Laufenberg  
 306 Sycamore Street  
 Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Laufenberg:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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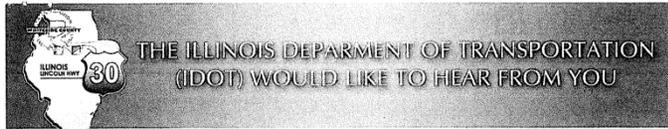
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Comment #26: Gerald W. Mathew

Response to Comment #26: Gerald W. Mathew



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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? none

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I thank you for the large colored map.  
I will have some land taken for any of your routes  
After looking at your last maps route 6 seems to  
make the most sense. The railroad will be crossed  
1 time out of 4 as some routes will. Even houses will  
be affected. You would again 4 new lines out 2  
I would take more access roads on present route 30.  
I know you are trying to take traffic from the Emerson  
road, but can you find some way to make route 6  
more accessible for Emerson road*

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August 16, 2010

Gerald W. Mathew  
19873 Lincoln Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Mathew:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
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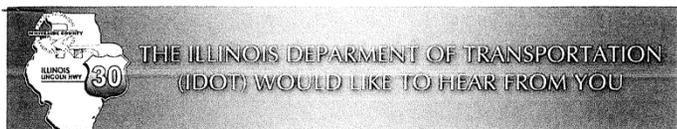
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Comment #27: Alan Medema

Response to Comment #27: Alan Medema



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Alan Medema  
Address: 13577 Hillside  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: NONE

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I am not happy with the southern route  
as I own land on Sawyer Road and a road  
close to my acreage would cut off my  
road to market my crops.

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September 13, 2010

Alan Medema  
13577 Hillside  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Medema:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

By: Jay P. Howell  
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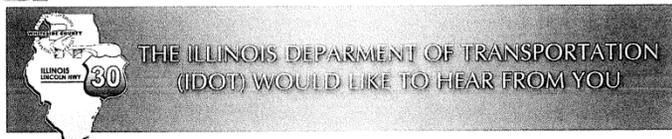
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Comment #28: Donald Miller

Response to Comment #28: Donald Miller

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: DONALD MILLER  
Address: 523 CHRISTOPHER ST.  
City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: (815) 779-3179  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NONE

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

As I look over the enclosed map, it would seem 2 or 3 would be the most cost effective route to use. Going north of town you would encounter a lot of terrain problems and one of the southern routes would allow an overpass above the railroad facilitating ease of access between Rt 30 and 28



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September 9, 2010

Donald Miller  
523 Christopher Street  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*  
By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!





Comment #29: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mitick

Response to Comment #29: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mitick



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: MR. AND MRS. STANLEY MITICK  
Address: 513 ANTHONY COURT PO BOX 207  
City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: (815) 272-2295  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? FRIENDS OF THE PARKS FOUNDATION  
MORRISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

WE ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN A ROUTE THAT HAS MINIMAL  
NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MORRISON. OUR PREFERENCE  
IS THE ROUTE PASSING MORRISON ON THE SOUTH, AND AS CLOSE  
TO MORRISON AS IS PRACTICAL.  
WE PREFER CORRIDOR 1, 2, 4, AND 5 EAST OF MORRISON UTILIZING  
AS MUCH AS THE ROUTE 30 CORRIDOR AS POSSIBLE  
FROM THE EAST END OF MORRISON, GO SOUTH ON 2, 3, 5, 6 UNTIL  
IT INTERSECTS WITH EXISTING ROUTE 30 ON THE WEST END OF  
MORRISON,  
THEN TURN LEFT ON EXISTING ROUTE 30 ON 5, 6 AND  
ON 4, 5, 6 TO ROUTE 136.  
TO SAVE MONEY AND NEEDLESS ACQUISITION OF FARM LAND,  
UTILIZE EXISTING ROUTE 30 RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND PURCHASE ONLY  
ENOUGH LAND FOR TWO MORE LANES.

Stan and Ruth Mitick

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September 9, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mitick  
513 Anthony Court  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mitick:

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

Jay P. Howell

By: Jay P. Howell  
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### Comment #30: Karen Nelson



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Karen M. Nelson  
 Address: 1906 New High St  
 City: Rock Falls State: IL Zip Code: 61071  
 Telephone Number: (815) 625-7343  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? C.A.G., Whiteside County Board

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Starting at Rock Falls - follow Route 30 as Classy as possible  
1245 to Madison orange  
2356 South of Madison purple  
56 green to  
456 to Rt 136 red & purple

if lanes  
I still think ~~that~~ the route should go right up to the bridge lanes on rt 30 & not go on Rt 136 at all

also I do not like the idea of a roundabout @ rt 30 & rt 136

Thank You for giving me the opportunity to comment!

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



### Response to Comment #30: Karen Nelson



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August 25, 2010

Ms. Karen Nelson  
 1906 New High Street  
 Rock Falls, Illinois 61071

Dear Ms. Nelson:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) *I still think the route 4 lanes should go right up to the bridge lanes on Route 30 and not go on Route 136 at all.*

The logical terminus for this study was determined by evaluating the existing traffic for this corridor. The resulting analysis showed a major split of traffic at the IL 136/U.S. Route 30 intersection. Because of the significant change in traffic volumes at this location, it was determined that a four-lane highway to the U.S. Route 30/IL 84 intersection was not warranted at this time.

2.) *I do not like the idea of a roundabout at Route 30 and Route 136.*

The discussion regarding a potential roundabout at IL 136 was held during the June 10, 2009 CAG meeting, in which you were in attendance. This option, amongst others, is still being considered at the IL 136 location. However, your comment in addition to those made at the June 10, 2009 CAG meeting will be taken into consideration as the project preliminary design begins.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.



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### Response to Comment #30: Karen Nelson (cont.)

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #31: Elaine Nice

Response to Comment #31: Elaine Nice

No Response Required



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Elaine Nice  
Address: 1109B Heata Ave.  
City: Lynchburg State: VA Zip Code: 24502  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

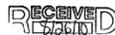
Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No *These 6 alignments do not impact the area for which I originally was concerned*

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Please try to avoid negatively impacting  
farms -- as some farmers depend on  
their farms to make a living.

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010.**

Your comments are greatly appreciated!





Comment #32: Harvey Nice

Response to Comment #32: Harvey Nice



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: HARVEY NICE  
Address: 19815 BEACH RD  
City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 772 2542  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? NONE

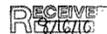
Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LEAST POSSIBLE IMPACT TO EXISTING FARMLAND. THEREFORE IT APPEARS THAT ALIGNMENT 4, WHICH MOST CLOSELY FOLLOWS EXISTING ROUTE 30, WOULD BE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

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August 16, 2010

Harvey Nice  
19815 Beach Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Nice:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

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Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

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### Comment #33: Phyllis Ottens

### Response to Comment #33: Phyllis Ottens



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Phyllis Ottens  
Address: 15430 Wayne Rd  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: (815) 778-4507  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*You have addressed many concerns. As I look at the maps, I'm concerned for the farmers and loss of fields. I'm also concerned for the most heard comments regarding Morrison becoming a ghost town and businesses being affected.*  
*The orange alternative would perhaps be closer to Morrison & Rockwood State Park, 1, 4 and go onto red & purple 4, 5, 6. Would this keep the Park and Morrison more visible?*  
*Better opt - just fix 30 good, maybe add turn lanes to alleviate backups and don't go thru all the other turn lanes could go to Rte 28 keep roads from Rte 30 to Rte 88 in good repair.*



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August 25, 2010

Ms. Phyllis Ottens  
15430 Wayne Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Ottens:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1) *As I look at the map, I'm concerned for the farmers and loss of fields.*

We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

2) *I'm also concerned for the most heard comments regarding Morrison becoming a ghost town and businesses being affected. The orange alternative would perhaps be closer to Morrison & Rockwood State Park 1, 4 and go onto red & purple 4, 5, 6. Would this keep the Park and Morrison more visible?*

Keeping the proposed improvement close to Morrison has been a primary concern for the project team and those from the community who serve on our Community Advisory Group. This need was identified early in the process and is a key reason many of the corridors initially created further from Morrison were eliminated. We understand your concern about the proposed route bypassing the city of Morrison. IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of this bypass route. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be working with the city of Morrison to identify opportunities for the city to promote themselves and the businesses that are located in town.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!





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### Response to Comment #33: Phyllis Ottens (cont.)

3) *Better yet – just fix 30 good; maybe add turn lanes to alleviate backup and don't go thru all the other. Truckers could go to Rte. 88. Keep roads from Rte 30 to Rte 88 in good repair.*

The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of this project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement will not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state policies for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the Purpose and Need identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity.

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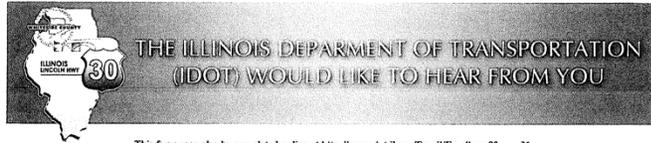
Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #34: Edwin L. Rahn

Response to Comment #34: Edwin L. Rahn



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:  
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Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Resident of Indiana.  
Do not send - Remove my name.  
Edwin L. Rahn  
8/10/10

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



No Response Required



Comment #35: Lynn Reimer

Response to Comment #35: Lynn Reimer



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Name: Lynn Reimer  
Address: 18020 Bunker Hill Road  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( )  
Email:

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any?

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Use as much of the existing Route 30 as possible. The existing  
right-of-ways along this corridor are generous. You already know  
the environmental conditions. You should improve the roads you  
already have. Don't waste money building new ones and  
wasting precious farmland to do that.

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Lynn Reimer  
18020 Bunker Hill Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Ms. Reimer:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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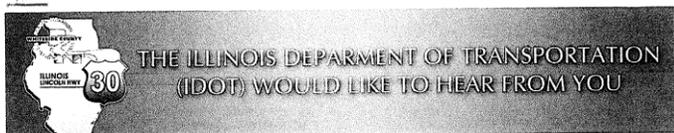
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### Comment #37: Rich Sawyer



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City: Morrisen State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

1. My first choice is no new routes.
2. If something has to be done use Rt 30 - widen - expand it
3. Stop using good farm/land for roads.
4. This whole process is a long winded, ~~the~~ time consuming waste of tax dollars.
5. Fix the roads we have, not build more roads you won't have the money to maintain.
6. This is a big bureaucratic mess - All these years and you still don't know what you are going to do.
7. Looks like someone is just trying to justify their big salary!

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



### Response to Comment #37: Rich Sawyer



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August 20, 2010

Mr. Rich Sawyer  
17856 Hazel Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Thank you for your comments on the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

- 1) My first choice is no new routes.
- 2) If something has to be done use Rt. 30 - widen it- expand it.
- 3) Stop using good farm land for roads.

Prior to this Phase I project, a U.S. Route 30 Corridor Study was completed in 2006. The purpose of this study was to analyze the traffic patterns for those using the existing U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County. This study helped to determine the utilization of the U.S. Route 30 roadway by those in the communities along the route as well as those travelling through the communities. This information, as well as traffic volumes, highway classifications, and various other concerns, helped to determine the purpose and need of the Phase I U.S. Route 30 project. The purpose and need for this project has been identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity. The proposed roadway design alternatives will have to meet these needs to be considered.

The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of this project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement would not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state policies for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the Purpose and Need Statement which are described above. Additionally, the reconstruction of the roadway to a three or four lane section would cause



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## Response to Comment #37: Rich Sawyer (cont.)

extensive impacts within the city of Morrison, which would include: displacements of churches, gas stations, historic properties, businesses, residences, and a reduction in sales and property tax receipts resulting from any such displacements. The high truck traffic volumes would also continue to cause noise and safety concerns within the business and residential areas through town.

Minimizing agricultural land impacts is a very difficult task to accomplish while trying to find the best alignment alternatives to meet the project's engineering requirements and minimizing impacts to the environment. We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

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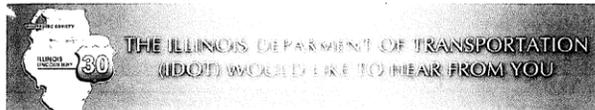
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Comment #39: Louis & Kathy Sedig

Response to Comment #39: Louis & Kathy Sedig



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City: Morrison State: Illinois Zip Code: 61270

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Email: lsedig@frontiernet.net (the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of this email address is an I, not a L)

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? None

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Being homeowners directly affected by one of the proposed alignments we felt it necessary to submit this comment. We realize that choosing a route is a difficult process and one which will both negatively and positively impact many property owners besides ourselves. We also realize the difficult position you at IDOT hold, having to weigh the facts and opinions of so many. That said though, we wish to state our position and our thoughts.

Having moved from another state, we purchased a decrepit farmhouse along with 4 acres of neglected land in the year 2000. Over the next year we proceeded to turn it into an attractive, comfortable home with new wiring, plumbing, windows, siding, roof, and interior, as well as added living space. In doing so we attempted to preserve the style and charm of the original 1920's farmhouse.

Throughout the next several years we updated outbuildings, put up substantial fencing, and otherwise trimmed and tamed the place. We have raised chickens, goats, and produce. We have tapped the maple trees along the driveway to make maple syrup and enjoyed canning the apples and pears that were here when we came. We have watched a hive of wild honey bees occupy one of the maples on the drive as they survived the last 2 very cold winters and spawned 2 separate swarms of new bees this spring. We have enjoyed the spectacle of the monarch butterflies as they pause in our pines in the fall, resting before proceeding south. Our 3 children have participated in, contributed to, and learned from all these activities as they went through the Morrison school district from elementary school through graduation. To them, and us, it is home, a quiet and safe retreat.

The impacts of the proposed alignment that goes close to or, on the latest map, right through our property, are obvious. The noise and proximity of the road would destroy the quiet solitude that first attracted us to this place. The highway, cutting through our property, would eliminate its value as a fermeette, taking most of the pasture land we own. Many of the beautiful maple trees lining our drive that provide a home for the wild honey bees as well as splendid displays of color in the fall and sap for maple syrup in the spring would be destroyed. The place our family views as home would be irreparably changed.

We are no more or less important than any of the property owners affected by these proposed road routes. We are not against progress or the potential development and industry that follow such road building. These things are necessary for our society and economy to thrive. We only wanted to give you a "picture" of our home and to let you know that we are here and that we care.

Sincerely, Louis and Kathy Sedig and family



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August 23, 2010

Louis & Kathy Sedig  
14366 Sawyer Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sedig:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
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## Comment #40: Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler



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### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*Please consider broadening your analysis and reporting. Who will benefit economically from each alignment? Who will care for and maintain the roads - how will this be funded? How many miles of pavement already exist in Whiteside County? How will any of the alignments improve a resident's ability to travel? What kind of travel do residents need? Could train, bus, or other form of mass transportation be more valuable to the quality of life in Whiteside County? What about ways to reduce individual dependence on oil? To reduce the overall amount of oil used and burned in the county?*

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010.**

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



## Response to Comment #40: Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler



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August 20, 2010

Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler  
4266 Wilshire Blvd.  
Oakland, CA 94602

Dear Ms. Nice-Siegenthaler:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

*Consider broadening your analysis and reporting. Who will benefit economically from each alignment? Who will care for and maintain the roads - how will this be funded? How will any of the alignments improve a resident's ability to travel? What kind of travel do residents need? Could train, bus, or other form of mass transportation be more valuable to the quality of life in Whiteside County?*

The document being prepared for the proposed U.S. 30 project in Whiteside County is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS is a document required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for federal government agency actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The EIS being prepared for the U.S. Route 30 project has identified the positive and negative environmental effects of the proposed U.S. Route 30 project. The analysis of these impacts has served and will continue to serve as a tool for decision making regarding the proposed alternatives and ultimately the preferred alternative.

As part of the EIS, a socio-economic section is required and provides information regarding the economic impacts, positive and negative, of the proposed alignments. Once the EIS has been fully developed and coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), it will be made available for public review.

In regard to maintenance, the existing U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County is a State route and therefore maintained by the State. This will continue after the



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## Response to Comment #40: Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler (cont.)

proposed improvements are constructed. The funding for the current phase (Phase I) of this project has been fully funded. No phases, including maintenance, following Phase I have funding available. At this point in time, it is not known when the funding will become available.

In regard to your question about resident travel, the goals of the federally approved Purpose and Need Statement for the U.S. Route 30 project are to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity. Each of these goals will be met with the design of the roadway and in turn will enhance travel time and security while driving on U.S. Route 30.

Regarding your last question, mass transportation was evaluated for this project as a "transportation control measure." Transportation control measures attempt to reduce the number of auto trips and to increase transit use (primarily bus ridership) or carpooling. Transit service is not available in the project study area and there is no documentation that states there are plans to begin this service. The project study area is comprised of a rural environment and it makes it unlikely that there would ever be sufficient ridership to warrant or support a transit service.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #41: Robert L. Shambaugh

Response to Comment #41: Robert L. Shambaugh



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Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I WOULD PREFER TO SEE ALTERNATIVE #2, REASONS ARE  
CLOSEST TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK  
CLOSE TO THE NEW BUSINESS PARK  
OF ALL THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE I WOULD PREFER TO  
UP GRADE RTE 30 TO A 3 LANE THROUGH MORRISON  
AS WAS ATTEMPTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. I BELIEVE THIS  
WOULD HELP THE TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH MORRISON  
AND IMPROVE SAFETY. MY BUSINESS ADDRESS IS 601  
MILWES DR, MORRISON  
(Hamstras Carpet & floor cleaning)

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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August 20, 2010

Mr. Robert L. Shambaugh  
19147 Holly Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) *I would prefer to see alternative #2, reasons are: Closest to the industrial park and closest to the business park.*

We will document this alternative preference and the reasoning you have provided.

2) *Of all the options available I would prefer to upgrade Rte 30 to a 3 lane through Morrison as was attempted several years ago. I believe this would help the traffic flow through Morrison and improve safety.*

The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of the project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement would not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state policies for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the Purpose and Need Statement which is identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.



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## Response to Comment #41: Robert L. Shambaugh (cont.)

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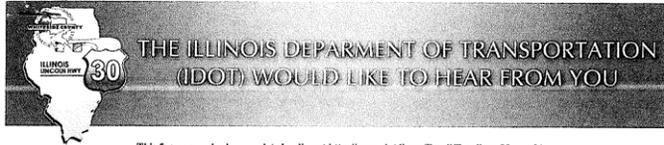
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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #42: Ron Shank



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### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? Agriculture

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Being directly involved with agriculture my entire life, I think it's a real mistake to take prime farm land out of production. Farm land is a limited resource and can not be replaced, not to mention all the farmers that depend on this land for their lively hood. Especially the alignments along Bunker Hill Road, will effect several farmers' complete operation.

Also if the Southern Alignments are used I understand Lister Rd will be closed + end near my driveway.

When Rock Creek floods it will sometimes close Lister Rd between my residence + Morrison, near Prairie Center Rd. When that happens, I will not have a way into or out of my residence. What provisions have been made for the four residences on Lister Rd when this happens?

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



## Response to Comment #42: Ron Shank



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September 13, 2010

Ron Shank  
14245 Lister Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Shank:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1) *Being directly involved with agriculture my entire life; I think it's a real mistake to take prime farm land out of production. Farm land is a limited resource and cannot be replaced, not to mention all the farmers that depend on this land for their livelihood. The alignments along Bunker Hill Road will effect several farmers' complete operation.*

We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

2) *Also if the southern alignments are used I understand Lister Road will be closed and end near my driveway. When Rock Creek floods it will sometimes close Lister Road between my residence and Morrison, near Prairie Center Road. When that happens, I will not have a way into or out of my residence. What provisions have been made for the four residences on Lister Rd. when this happens?*

We are in the preliminary design stages and issues such as this will be considered as we refine the selected alternatives.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.



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## Response to Comment #42: Ron Shank (cont.)

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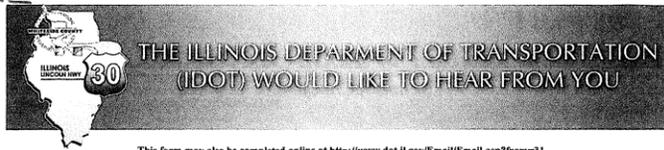
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Comment #43: Bob Soesbe

Response to Comment #43: Bob Soesbe



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? HIWAY 30

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

IMPROVEMENTS TO HIWAY 30 IN IOWA  
AND ILLINOIS ARE VERY IMPORTANT  
TO THE ECONOMY OF EASTERN IOWA  
AND WESTERN ILLINOIS.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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Bob Soesbe  
900 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clinton, IA 52732

Dear Mr. Soesbe:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

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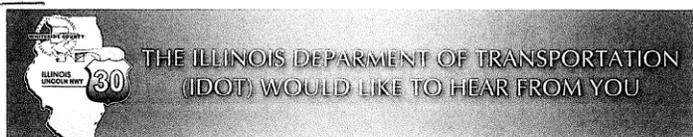
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Comment #44: James Stern

Response to Comment #44: James Stern



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

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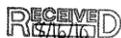
Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I would support the alignment that took the least amount of farmland out of production.  
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August 16, 2010

James Stern  
22775 Hazel Road  
Sterling, IL 61081

Dear Mr. Stern:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Region Two Engineer

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #45: Viola Stralow

Response to Comment #45: Viola Stralow



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Name: Mrs Viola M Stralow  
Address: 206 Cedar St.  
City: MORRISON State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 772 2673  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? FARMING

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

BEING A HOME OWNER - IN A COUPLED 30 YEAR  
I'D HATE TO SELL MY HOME, WE HAVE OUR OWN SECTION, ON  
THE S.E. CORNER OF THE HAZARD, PROPERTY,  
OUR TAXES WERE HIGH IN A FEW YEARS, IF YOU WERE  
USING THE SHOPPING AREA, IN THAT AREA WE WOULD HAVE  
DON'T LIKE CREATING A NEW FARM LAND CREATING  
WATER HAZARD ON THE EAST SIDE, I WOULD BE CONCERNED  
IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THE AT-30 R.I.

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Your comments are greatly appreciated!



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September 8, 2010

Mrs. Viola Stralow  
206 Cedar Street  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mrs. Stralow:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
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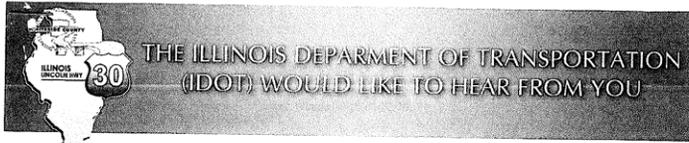
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Comment #46: Ervin Stuart

Response to Comment #46: Ervin Stuart



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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City: MORRISON State: ILL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 772 3944  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*I sent you a Whiteside county map 2 years ago, all my friends and neighbors agree all people south of route 30 from Albany & would agree.*

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September 13, 2010

Ervin Stuart  
622 W. Lincolnway  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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*Jay P. Howell*

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Comment #47: Doug Vandermyde

Response to Comment #47: Doug Vandermyde



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

- Western portion: Keep on the 4, 5, & 6 along existing Rte 30 as much as possible  
- Central portion: either stay on Rte 30 through Morrison or bypass to the south and get up to the original Rte 30 as soon as possible and that would help get the bypass over the transfer for the city of Morrison.  
- Eastern portion: Lyndon rd -> make it stay along orig Rte 30 and go to Ill. 40.

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September 8, 2010

Doug Vandermyde  
600 Diamond Ct.  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Vandermyde:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Region Two Engineer

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Comment #48: Richard Vandermyde

Response to Comment #48: Richard Vandermyde



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Name: RICHARD VANDERMYDE  
Address: 617 N. ORANGE ST,  
City: MORRISON State: ILL Zip Code: 61271  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Alternative 6

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August 16, 2010

Richard Vandermyde  
617 N. Orange Street  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Vandermyde:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

By: Jay P. Howell  
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Comment #49: David J. Weber

Response to Comment #49: David J. Weber

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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Telephone Number: (815) 772 2641  
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Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*Without question Alignments 1 & 4 utilize the existing ROW the Best and could encourage development to the North and East of Morrison. But, I've got to wonder what would transpire to existing Homes and Businesses along the Existing Rte 30 Alignment as well as the added costs during Construction to maintain Traffic. It would seem better to use Alignment #5 West of Hillside Rd and Alignment #6 the remainder with the addition of the connector (#5) to Existing Rte 30 East of Rte 7B. This would also allow for better access to I.88 using Rte 7B South of Morrison. Having been involved with Highway Construction/Maintenance, I shudder to think of all the problems trying to use the existing ROW. Plus - By using Alignments 5 & 6 the need for Bridge Construction is greatly reduced! (JW)*

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August 30, 2010

David J. Weber  
624 E. Lincolnway  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Weber:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

By: Jay P. Howell  
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Comment #50: Ron E. Weimer

Response to Comment #50: Ron E. Weimer



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Email: weimer71@hotmail.com

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

I would like it to stay the same as we have no money in the state.

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August 25, 2010

Ron E. Weimer  
13629 Garden Plain Road  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Weimer:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

By: Jay P. Howell  
Acting Engineer of Program Development

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Comment #51: Jeff and Linda Wetzell

Response to Comment #51: Jeff and Linda Wetzell



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Jeff & Linda Wetzell  
Address: 312 N Jackson  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? none

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Why waste farm ground? You have  
Rt 78 that takes you to a 4 lane  
road that is already built or fork  
you road down to around Mathew Rd +  
hook up to Rt 88. see maps

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!



**U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement and Phase 1 Design Report**

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team  
103 Lanter Court  
Collinsville, IL 62234-6124  
1-866-ROUTE 30

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August 20, 2010

Jeff and Linda Wetzell  
312 North Jackson  
Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wetzell:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our response is noted below:

*Why waste farm ground? You have Rt.78 that takes you to a 4 lane road that is already built or take your road down to around Mathew Rd. & hook up to Rt.88. See map*

Prior to this Phase I project, a U.S. Route 30 Corridor Study was completed in 2006. The purpose of this study was to analyze the traffic patterns for those using the existing U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County. This study helped to determine the utilization of the U.S. Route 30 roadway by those in the communities along the route as well as those travelling through the communities. This information, as well as traffic volumes, highway classifications, and various other concerns, helped to determine the purpose and need of the Phase I U.S. Route 30 project. The purpose and need for this project has been identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity. The proposed roadway design alternatives will have to meet these needs to be considered.

The options to connect to I-88 as you have shown on your map were initially considered. However, because of the volume of U.S. Route 30 traffic, local and those traveling through Whiteside County, a determination was made to study an improvement of U.S. Route 30. Therefore, I-88 connection options were eliminated because it was determined that they would not serve the existing and predicted traffic volumes for U.S. Route 30.



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## Response to Comment #51: Jeff and Linda Wetzell (cont.)

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



Comment #52: Jon Whitney

Response to Comment #52: Jon Whitney



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Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*Use a combination of 1+4 - This maintains original route 30 use; requires buying less land; provides access to Morrison Rugged State Park; fosters growth on city's north side if desired; also provides rail access if necessary; is a straighter route.*

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August 16, 2010

Mr. Jon Whitney  
PO Box 369  
Thomson, IL 61285

Dear Mr. Whitney:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

George F. Ryan, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Two Engineer

*Jay P. Howell*

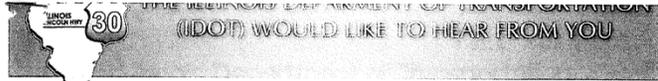
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Comment #53: Vern Wiersema

Response to Comment #53: Vern Wiersema



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Morrison, IL 61270  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: (815) 772-2974  
 Email: VWiersema@yaflo.com

Check one or more if applicable:  
 Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

*Western side - 4+5 continuing to 1+4 would be the shortest way to go around Morrison using the North route between the State Park and Morrison. This would benefit being close to the IRRB. The Railroad over-pass and preserving farmland saves cost. Eastern side - 1+2+4 using all of RT 30 and the Avenue 2 overpass should save expense. Less prime farmland used.*

*This would be the best for Morrison business district, for the State Park, and access to the Landfill. Saving prime farmland needed supply future population.*

*All future maintenance expense on old RT 30 can be applied the new Freeway.*

*The shortest route will mean all vehicles traveling will use less fuel and save on maintenance costs.*

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September 9, 2010

Vern Wiersema  
 11629 Prairie Center Road  
 Morrison, IL 61270

Dear Mr. Wiersema:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

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*Jay P. Howell*  
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## Comment #54: Mr. & Mrs. Wolf



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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Ken & Rita Wolf  
Address: 9721 Lincoln Rd.  
City: Morrison State: IL Zip Code: 61270  
Telephone Number: ( 815 ) 441-0779  
Email: ritawolf55@gmail.com

Check one or more if applicable:

Homeowner  Farmer/Farm Land Owner  Business Owner  Special Interest  Developer

Which Special Interest Groups are you associated with, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain on our mailing list?  Yes  No

What are your comments regarding the six alignments under evaluation for further environmental and engineering impacts, as shown on the enclosed map?

Apparently the aerial photos taken for the study are old. Our property line is wrong, my brother's house & property on Millard Rd. is not there (Dale Jones).

The intersection on alternatives 4, 5, & 6 is confusing at Rt. 30 & Millard Rd. Why does it go so far north & south on Millard Rd.?

Alternatives 4, 5, & 6 apparently cut right through our house. Our house has been in the family for 69 years, so it would be a shame to lose it. However, it appears that every other alternative route would displace others as well. It's a no-win situation. Our house could be moved to another location on the same property, so please re-check the property lines & update the aerial photos.

Does the state & federal agencies have the money to do such a project? It is 13 billion dollars in the hole now & is cutting human services funding, which is horrible to think they'll spend millions on Rt. 30 w/ our agencies' funds.

Please return comment form by **September 9, 2010**.

Your comments are greatly appreciated!

## Response to Comment #54: Mr. & Mrs. Wolf



U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement and Phase 1 Design Report  
U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team  
103 Lanter Court  
Collinsville, IL 62234-6124  
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FAP Route 309 (US 30)  
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1  
Whiteside County  
Job No. P-92-107-07  
US 30 from IL 136 to IL 40

August 20, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Wolf  
9721 Lincoln Road  
Morrison, Illinois 61270

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolf:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) Apparently the aerial photos taken for the study are old. Our property line is wrong and my brother's house and property on Millard Rd. is not there (Dale Jones).

The aerial photography used for the map is now a few years old. We are aware that changes will need to be periodically made to the property owner information as the project progresses. We will update the property information as you have described. In addition, we are currently working with Whiteside County to receive updated parcel information, which includes property lines.

2.) The intersection on alternatives 4, 5, and 6 is confusing at Rt. 30 and Millard Rd. Why does it go so far north and south on Millard Rd.?

At locations along the existing roadway, such as Millard Road, where the existing roadway has a poor angle of intersection with the side-road, the proposed project will require reconstruction of the side-road. The reconstruction must be done to a certain distance in order to re-align the side road and create a better angle of intersection. This reconstruction is required by IDOT policy in order to improve sight distance and thus improving safety.



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### Response to Comment #54: Mr. & Mrs. Wolf (cont.)

3.) *Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 apparently cut right through our house. Our house has been in the family for 69 years, so it would be a shame to lose it. However, it appears that every other alternative route would displace others as well. It's a no-win situation. Our house could be moved to another location on the same property, so please re-check the property lines and update the aerial photos.*

All comments received will be taken into consideration and will require the project team to continue to evaluate the alternatives, which will include refinement of the alternatives. It is the goal of the project team to avoid displacing residents while still fulfilling the purpose and need of the project. Once a preferred alternative is selected, those that are to be displaced will have the opportunity to speak with the IDOT Land Acquisition representatives and discuss options regarding their relocation. Lastly, we will be sure to update our property owner and property line information.

4.) *Does the state and federal agencies have the money to do such a project?*

The current phase (Phase I) of this study is funded by federal dollars. At this point in time, there is no funding available for the next phases of this project which include final design (Phase II) and construction (Phase III).

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. You are part of the project mailing list so you will be informed of these opportunities.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #55: Marianne Biagi

**From:** Couris, Gabriel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2010 2:49 PM  
**To:** Kingry, Peggy M; Nelson, Jason T  
**Subject:** Web Email from Marianne Biagi - #65331

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/22/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65331. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** [goddessmab@earthlink.net](mailto:goddessmab@earthlink.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2010 11:28 AM  
**Subject:** Web Mail from Marianne Biagi  
**Web Page:** US30  
**Name:** Marianne Biagi  
**Address:** 604 Greenwood Dr  
Morrison, IL 61270  
**Home #:** 815-956-0222

### Question:

I vote a BIG NO to the proposed bypass project. Morrison's schools and library both are suffering in this poor economy and the proposed budget could be used to help the schools and the library. The library needs more books, more computers and more staff. I don't think building a bigger roadway will enhance the quality of Morrison. I'm afraid Morrison's economy will die without through traffic. And the noise and air pollution are also a big concerns for me. NO NO NO BUILD.

## Response to Comment #55: Marianne Biagi

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[hudson.shelia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hudson.shelia@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** goddessmab@earthlink.net; Peggy MKingry; Jason TNelson; GabrielCouris  
**Cc:** Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Carla Kelly; Bridgett Jacquot; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew  
**Subject:** Web Email from Marianne Biagi - #65331

Dear Ms. Biagi:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

We understand your concern about the proposed route bypassing the city of Morrison. IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of this bypass route. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be proposing potential mitigation measures to avoid some of the anticipated impacts and will be working with the city of Morrison to implement these measures.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #56: William Bird

From: Kelly, Carla J <[Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov](mailto:Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from William Bird - #65099  
To: "Shelia Hudson" <[HUDSON.shelia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HUDSON.shelia@sbcglobal.net)>  
Date: Friday, August 27, 2010, 6:48 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/10/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65099. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Carla Kelly  
Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [william.bird@srfc.com](mailto:william.bird@srfc.com)  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 2:49 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from William Bird  
Web Page: US30  
Name: William Bird  
Address: 101 E. Wall St.  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Work #: 815-772-8100  
Home #: 815-772-4357

Question:

After reviewing the proposed project and routes, I would vote for the no build option. I'm not convinced this is a wise use of my tax dollars. The current rt 30 works reasonably well and the amount of very valuable cropland that will be used is considerable.

## Response to Comment #56: William Bird

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.shelia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HUDSON.shelia@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 10:23 AM  
**To:** [william.bird@srfc.com](mailto:william.bird@srfc.com)  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Jennifer J Williams; R Marruffo; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew  
**Subject:** Re: Web Email from William Bird - #65099

Dear Mr. Bird:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #57: Albert Drews

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Albert Drews - #64934  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010, 3:44 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/2/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 64934. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [Drewsla@frontier.com](mailto:Drewsla@frontier.com)  
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 11:37 AM  
Subject: Web Mail from Albert Drews  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Albert Drews  
Address: 16911 Tanglewild Drive  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Home #: 815-772-4598

Question:

It is difficult not to be opinionated since our property is close to Routes 1, 4 and we look on this as a bad situation. However, putting this aside and looking at the pros and cons listed, I believe that 3 or 6 could be the best routes.

Either will be close to the industrial park which might help future development there. Either seems to be the most straight forward route of getting around and past Morrison. Bunker Hill Road exists for part of the way which might decrease the number of land parcels that would need to be split.

Originally I thought that following 30 as closely as possible would be best since it might minimize disruption of property. But if moving trucks through this area is an important concern, then the straightest route is most effective!

## Response to Comment #57: Albert Drews

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** [Drewsla@frontier.com](mailto:Drewsla@frontier.com)  
**Cc:** gabriel couris; Carla Kelly; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; Jill Calhoun  
**Subject:** Web Email from Albert Drews - #64934

Dear Mr. Drews:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



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## Comment #58: Kathy Huizenga

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Kathy - #65356  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Friday, September 10, 2010, 9:07 AM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/24/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65356. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [krhuiz@gmail.com](mailto:krhuiz@gmail.com)  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2010 12:59 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from Kathy  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Kathy  
Address: 11266 Bunker Hill rd  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Work #: 815-772-3896

### Question:

I think north route closest to town would be the best choice. It is still close enough to town for local trade, it will be on the right side of town for easy access to the thompson prison. Will take up less quality farm ground.

## Response to Comment #58: Kathy Huizenga

**From:** shelia hudson [<mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2010 1:04 PM  
**To:** [krhuiz@gmail.com](mailto:krhuiz@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** Couris, Gabriel; Kelly, Carla J; Williams, Jennifer J; Marruffo, Rebecca A; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; Jill Calhoun  
**Subject:** Web Email from Kathy - #65356

Dear Ms. Rhuiz:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



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## Comment #59: Eric Johnson

From: Kelly, Carla J <[Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov](mailto:Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Eric Johnson - #65252  
To: "Shelia Hudson" <[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)>  
Date: Friday, September 3, 2010, 6:05 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/17/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65252. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Carla Kelly

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [ejohnson@jtcullenco.com](mailto:ejohnson@jtcullenco.com)  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2010 5:00 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from Eric Johnson  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Eric Johnson  
Address: 901 31st Ave  
PO Box 311  
Fulton, IL 61252  
Work #: 815-589-2412  
Home #: 563-249-5887

Question:

My 1st choice on route alignment would be the Southern Alt.6 to the current connection at Moline Rd to I88 to keep Morrison involved. But if Morrison is not interested in making the needed improvements to 4-lane Hwy 30. Then I would support the Northern route Alt.1 to the same Moline road spur onto I88. There is no real need to make further 4-lane improvements beyond Moline Road into Rockfalls.

## Response to Comment #59: Eric Johnson

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 07, 2010 3:49 PM  
**To:** [ejohnson@jtcullenco.com](mailto:ejohnson@jtcullenco.com)  
**Cc:** gabriel couris; Carla Kelly; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; Jill Calhoun; R Marruffo  
**Subject:** Web Email from Eric Johnson - #65252

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #60: Debbie McDonnell

From: Kelly, Carla J <[Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov](mailto:Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Debbie McDonnell - #64853  
To: "Shelia Hudson" <[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)>  
Date: Monday, August 16, 2010, 5:01 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 8/30/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 64853. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Carla Kelly  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
-----Original Message-----

From: [sharpgrl2@yahoo.com](mailto:sharpgrl2@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2010 3:17 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from Debbie McDonnell  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Debbie McDonnell  
Address: 1712 Ridgewood Drive  
Morrison, il 61270

Home #: 815-772-7519

Question:

Morrison is a picturesque Illinois town with much history. The beautiful homes along route 30 and it's quaint downtown area are admired by thousands that drive through each year. It's a gem of a city that the state of Illinois can be proud of.

Although I would prefer that route 30 be improved and continue to wander through our fair city, if not possible, then PLEASE consider the new path of route 30 to head south of town.

As we all know too well, small communities are struggling to survive. Citizens and the City of Morrison have put much thought, time, and money into the industrial park area south of town. Intentions were to have easy access to route 88 and route 78, and encourage new business to build here. South of Morrison is a perfect fit for the new route 30 project. It would continue another easy road access for the industrial park.

Morrison is looking to the future and wants to grow. Along with that thought is housing expansion. SOUTH OF TOWN is not suitable for housing. Along with the industrial park, there is a creek that runs in the area, a hog farm, a salvage yard and route 88. These fore mentioned all have their place, but do not encourage home sites. A SOUTH by-pass would route closer to the new ball park just completed by the City.

NORTH OF TOWN we have many new housing areas, with more beautiful wooded lots being made available for purchase. The state park is north of town making this area very serene and desirable for family living. Strolling by the covered bridge or biking to the park are all luxuries offered to families by the City of Morrison at the NORTH end of town.

PLEASE don't let Morrison become another small town casualty of a by-pass.

Help Morrison continue to offer quality, affordable housing possibilities and plan for future growth.

Respectfully,

Debbie McDonnell

## Response to Comment #60: Debbie McDonnell

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2010 7:16 AM  
**To:** sharpgrl2@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Jill Calhoun; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew  
**Subject:** Web Email from Debbie McDonnell - #64853

August 20, 2010

Dear Ms. McDonnell:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

We understand your concern about the proposed route bypassing the city of Morrison. IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of this bypass route. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be proposing potential mitigation measures to avoid some of the anticipated impacts and will be working with the city of Morrison to implement these measures.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed US 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #61: John Prange

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from John Prange - #65211  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2010, 11:58 AM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/16/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65211. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [prangfam@mchsi.com](mailto:prangfam@mchsi.com)  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2010 7:45 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from John Prange  
Web Page: US30  
Name: John Prange  
Address: 701 N Genesee  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Home #: 815-772-3866

### Question:

I favor the southern route and using as much of the existing Rt 30 as possible in order to reduce costs. The southern route provides easy access to the industrial park and potential future development. It also would more efficiently accommodate traffic approaching from the south wishing to travel either east or west - that traffic would not have to go through town. There seems to be minimal traffic from the north needing to access the bi-pass should the northern route be chosen. That would also keep the more primitive and wooded land to the north, including the area close to the park, untouched. The southern route seems to make the most sense based on the information I have reviewed. Thanks for the opportunity to be involved. John Prange, Member Morrison Area Development Corp.

## Response to Comment #61: John Prange

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 07, 2010 12:55 PM  
**To:** [prangfam@mchsi.com](mailto:prangfam@mchsi.com)  
**Cc:** gabriel couris; Carla Kelly; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; Jill Calhoun; R Marruffo  
**Subject:** Re: Web Email from John Prange - #65211

Dear Mr. Prange:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #62: William R. Shirk

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from William R. Shirk - #65347  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010, 3:42 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/23/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65347. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [wrshirk@yahoo.com](mailto:wrshirk@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2010 8:01 AM  
Subject: Web Mail from William R. Shirk  
Web Page: US30  
Name: William R. Shirk  
Address: 102 Olive Street  
Morrison, IL 61270-0389  
Work #: 815-772-7231  
Home #: 815-772-3604

Question:

I am a homeowner, farm land owner and business owner. Please keep my name on your mailing list, but please correct my name from "Shirte" to "Shirk".

Comments:

I strongly oppose all alignments north of Morrison for the reasons listed. I am a supporter of the project but if the alignment is north, I will no longer support the project and change to an opponent of the project. The reasons I oppose the north project are as follows:

1. Cut off Morrison from the Morrison Rockwood State Park.
2. No reasonable access road from any interchange north of Morrison to the City of Morrison
3. Less likely for people to continue through Morrison
4. In totality, a much more harmful effect on the businesses of Morrison.
5. Will eliminate the area that is most suitable in all aspects for future housing development in Morrison.
6. The southern route is the more likely area for development of commercial and industrial.
7. The area around the north route will be very less desirable for business or industrial development than the southern route.
8. The north alignment was overwhelmingly opposed by the CAG members.
9. More disruption of established housing development areas.
10. Will not assist in the future assistance for Route 78 around the City of Morrison and a railroad underpass.

Thank you.

## Response to Comment #62: William R. Shirk

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2010 1:45 PM  
**To:** wrshirk@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** gabriel couris; Carla Kelly; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; R Marruffo; Jill Calhoun  
**Subject:** Web Email from William R. Shirk - #65355

Dear Mr. Shirk:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



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## Comment #63: Faith Slater

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Faith Slater - #65154  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2010, 4:38 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/14/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65154. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [tfslater@frontiernet.net](mailto:tfslater@frontiernet.net)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 9:10 AM  
Subject: Web Mail from Faith Slater  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Faith Slater  
Address: 12435 Lyndon Road  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Home #: 815-778-0290

### Question:

Alternative 6 will make the homes along Bunker Hill from being rural, residential properties on a country road, to homes with highway frontage. This will change the marketability of these home and negatively affect their re-sale value. Our home will no longer be 2.5 miles from Route 30, but .5 miles from Route 30. The traffic noise will increase, and the safety of our family home and children will be decrease. Many people drive Route 30 out from Chicago, through Morrison and on to Iowa. We purchased this property to get away from the traffic and noise of the Chicago suburbs and do not wish to have the serenity of our home removed.

## Response to Comment #63: Faith Slater

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 3:50 PM  
**To:** [tfslater@frontiernet.net](mailto:tfslater@frontiernet.net)  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew; R Marruffo  
**Subject:** Web Email from Faith Slater - #65154

Dear Ms. Slater:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #64: Barton Smith

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Barton Smith - #65327  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 10:53 AM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/22/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65327. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [bartongsmith@mchsi.com](mailto:bartongsmith@mchsi.com)  
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2010 10:08 AM  
Subject: Web Mail from Barton Smith  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Barton Smith  
Address: 200 North Sawyer Road  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Work #: 815-772-7070  
Home #: 815-772-7627  
Question:

Alternative 5 would be the best. My main concern is that Lincoln Highway is a historic byway. Because of this, they do not allow new billboards to be put up along the Lincoln Highway route. We need to address this concern if the 4 lane bypass gets built. Especially the west and east side of Morrison, where the 4 lane will start going around the town. This will lessen the affect of the 4 lane bypass.

Alternative 4 going north of town is not a good idea. The roads in that part of town need to be beefed up in town. I do not think home owners of these roads will like their quiet road being busy. Also I think alternative 5 would be best because of future development possiblites more than any other alternative. I am home owner in the north part of town. I am the owner of the DQ Grill & Chill restruant on US 30. Also involved in Morrison Chamber and Morrison Business Advisory Group.

Thank you  
Barton Smith

## Response to Comment #64: Barton Smith

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2010 11:53 AM  
**To:** bartongsmith@mchsi.com  
**Cc:** gabriel couris; Carla Kelly; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Lisa Askew; Jill Calhoun; R Marruffo  
**Subject:** Web Email from Barton Smith - #65327

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

We have reviewed your comment and our response is noted below:

Alternative 5 would be the best. My main concern is that Lincoln Highway is a historic byway. Because of this, they do not allow new billboards to be put up along the Lincoln Highway route. We need to address this concern if the 4 lane bypass gets built. Especially the west and east side of Morrison, where the 4 lane will start going around the town. This will lessen the affect of the 4 lane bypass.

As you indicated, outdoor advertising signs are prohibited from being built along the existing historic Lincoln Highway. However, directional or other official signs of the city of Morrison can still be erected. Also, there are different types of signage that is erected by the Department that can be used to direct traffic to various attractions in the city. Any new alignment (such as a north or south bypass of Morrison) will not have the Historic Lincoln Highway designation. Therefore, an outdoor advertising sign could be constructed along the new highway as long as it meets the zoning and spacing requirements.

IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of the bypass alignments. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be working with the city of Morrison to identify opportunities for the city to promote themselves and the businesses that are located in town.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #65: Betty Steinert

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Betty Steinert - #65335  
To: [HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 3:42 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/22/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65335. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [bsteinert@whiteside.org](mailto:bsteinert@whiteside.org)  
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2010 12:53 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from Betty Steinert  
Web Page: US30  
Name: Betty Steinert  
Address: 200 East Knox Street  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Work #: 815-772-5247  
Home #: 815-772-4766

### Question:

My selection on the route that should be selected from the West to the East is follow option 6, then pickup on option 2, to option 6 through to option 1 to stay south of Morrison and follow existing Route 30 to I88, Route 30 & Moline Road intersection. This keeps the road away from most of the residential growth and area on the North side of town where most of the new residential growth will be. This route need to stay South of town for connection to the Industrial Park for growth and to allow for new commercial development along the new corridor.

## Response to Comment #65: Betty Steinert

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2010 10:41 AM  
**To:** Betty Steinert  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; R Marruffo; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew  
**Subject:** Web Email from Betty Steinert - #65335

Dear Ms. Steinert:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

We understand your concern about the proposed route bypassing the city of Morrison. IDOT is currently assessing the potential impacts of this bypass route. As a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be proposing potential mitigation measures to avoid some of the anticipated impacts and will be working with the city of Morrison to implement these measures.

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project. If you have further questions or concerns about the study, or would like to learn more about the project, please visit the project website at [www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/us30/index1.html) or contact the project hotline at 1-866-ROUTE30 (1-866-768-8330).

Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #66: Connie Vegter

From: Couris, Gabriel <[Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Couris@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from Connie Vegter - #64968  
To: [shelia.hudson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shelia.hudson@sbcglobal.net)  
Date: Monday, August 23, 2010, 2:02 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/6/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 64968. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Gabriel Couris

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [vegterc@yahoo.com](mailto:vegterc@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2010 11:51 AM  
Subject: Web Mail from Connie Vegter  
Web Page: IDOT Home Page  
Name: Connie Vegter  
Address: 9052 Rick Road  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Home #: 815-772-2860

### Question:

I ask that you not use the northern routes because they go right thru my farm. my husband passed away 4 years ago and this farm and a little social security are all I have to live on. My son-in-law runs the farm and what would be left would be across the 4-lane road and would not amount to much. I only have 200 acres tillable. They also have children I would not wanting to cross the road to visit me as I would be on one side and they on the other. Also, it goes thru a timber across Millard road that I think is part of a century farm owned by the Abbotts. It is pretty much a virgin timber and a home to many deer and turkeys. I also have several cranes nesting in my ponds that would be very close to the road, I don't know that they would stay. I think the best option is to just forget the project or to widen the current road. Thank you for listening to me.

## Response to Comment #66: Connie Vegter

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[hudson.shelia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hudson.shelia@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** [vegterc@yahoo.com](mailto:vegterc@yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew  
**Subject:** Web Email from Connie Vegter - #64968

Dear Mrs. Vegter:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input are an important element of the project study. They will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG) as the project study continues.

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1) *I ask that you not use the northern routes because they go right thru my farm. my husband passed away 4 years ago and this farm and a little social security are all I have to live on. My son-in-law runs the farm and what would be left would be across the 4-lane road and would not amount to much. I only have 200 acres tillable.*

Over the next several months, we will be reviewing all comments received regarding the six proposed U.S. Route 30 Corridor alignments. This information will be utilized as we continue to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental screening on the preliminary alignments, as well as a "no-build" alternative.

2) *I think the best option is to just forget the project or to widen the current road.*  
The existing and projected traffic on U.S. Route 30 in Whiteside County has been studied extensively as part of this project. Through traffic engineering studies, it was determined that a three-lane improvement would not meet traffic capacity requirements as set forth in federal and state policies for new roadway construction. Therefore, such an improvement would not meet the goals of the Purpose and Need identified as the need to improve traffic capacity, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for an increase in traffic demand, and to provide roadway continuity.

Please be aware that additional opportunities will be available for you to provide input on this project study as it develops. Your questions and comments are appreciated and we will ensure that they are incorporated into the project study record.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team



## Comment #67: Judy Zuidema

From: Kelly, Carla J <[Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov](mailto:Carla.Kelly@illinois.gov)>  
Subject: Web Email from judy zuidema - #65056  
To: "Shelia Hudson" <[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)>  
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 5:22 PM

For your response. This inquiry was sent to the IDOT Web Email Response System, Please respond on or before 9/8/2010. Also cc: Carla Kelly & me for IDOT files including a reference to control # 65056. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Carla Kelly

Illinois Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [galleryonmain@fronternet.net](mailto:galleryonmain@fronternet.net)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 12:58 PM  
Subject: Web Mail from judy zuidema  
Web Page: US30  
Name: judy zuidema  
Address: 204 ash avenue  
Morrison , Il 61270  
Home #: 815-772-2607

### Question:

We own a building on Main Street Morrison and if the bypass goes around the town it will devastate the community. Factories are a thing of the past and tourism is what is going to support us and people like the back roads that bring them to the small communities. I know someone that received a letter and a new road would go right through their new house. You people don't have a clue as to the real world.

## Response to Comment #67: Judy Zuidema

**From:** shelia hudson [mailto:[HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSON.SHELIA@SBCGLOBAL.NET)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 2:43 PM  
**To:** [galleryonmain@fronternet.net](mailto:galleryonmain@fronternet.net)  
**Cc:** Carla Kelly; gabriel couris; Jennifer J Williams; Mike Walton; Bridgett Jacquot; Jill Calhoun; Lisa Askew; R Marruffo  
**Subject:** Web Email from judy zuidema - #65056

Dear Ms. Zuidema:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the U.S. Route 30 Corridor project. Your comments and input will be taken into consideration by IDOT and the Project Study Group (PSG).

We have reviewed your comments and our responses are noted below:

1.) *If the bypass goes around the town it will devastate the community.*

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for this project, IDOT is analyzing the economic and social impacts of bypassing Morrison. In addition, IDOT will be working with the city of Morrison to identify opportunities for the city to promote themselves and the businesses that are located in town.

2.) *I know someone that received a letter and a new road would go right through their new house.*

We are still evaluating and making adjustments to the alignments to minimize impacts and will continue to do so throughout this preliminary engineering phase.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Route 30 Project Study Team