

# I-57 Access Study

South of Wilmington-Peotone Rd. to North of Manhattan-Monee Rd.

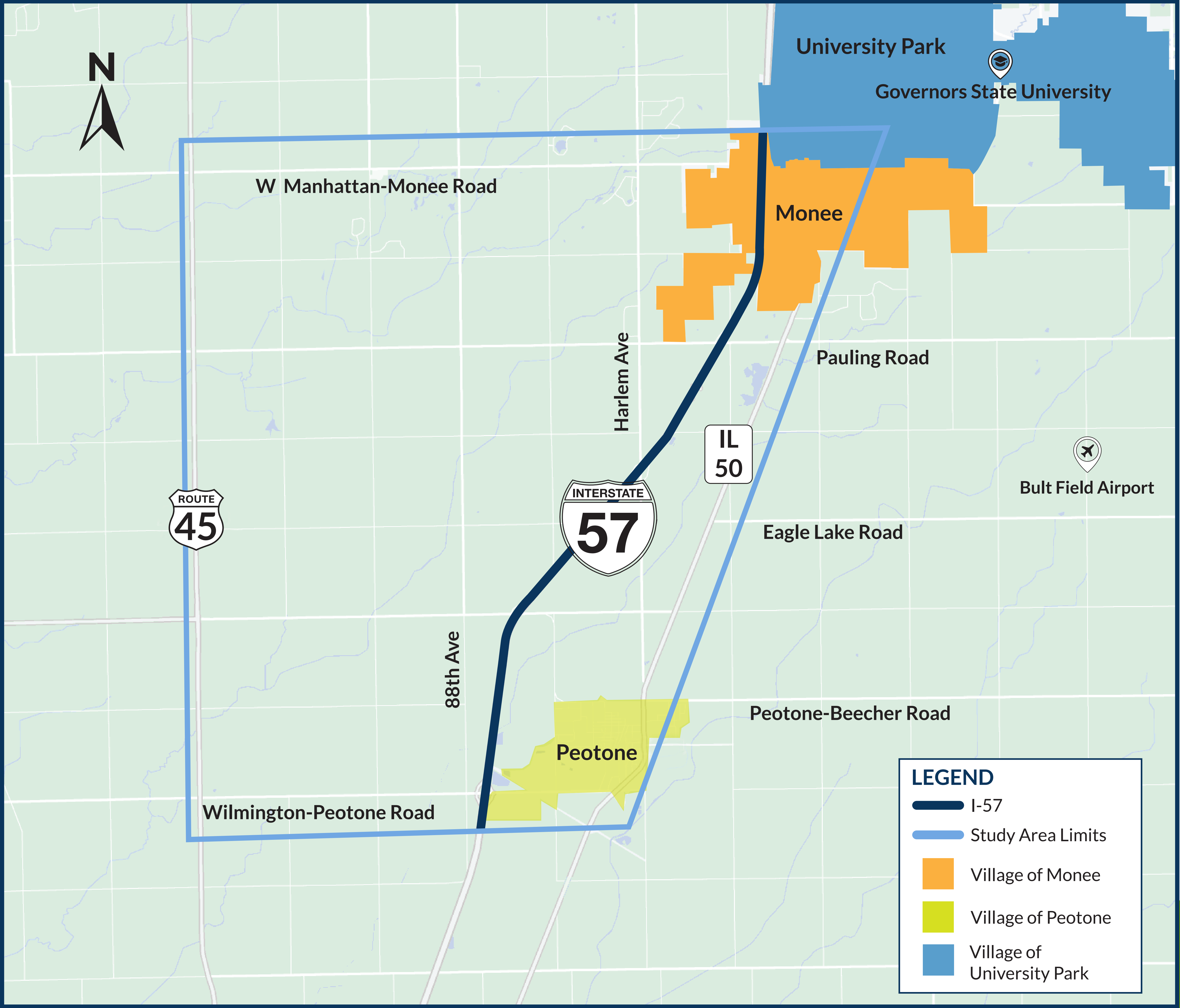
## Public Meeting #2

August 26, 2025



Illinois Department  
of Transportation

# STUDY AREA



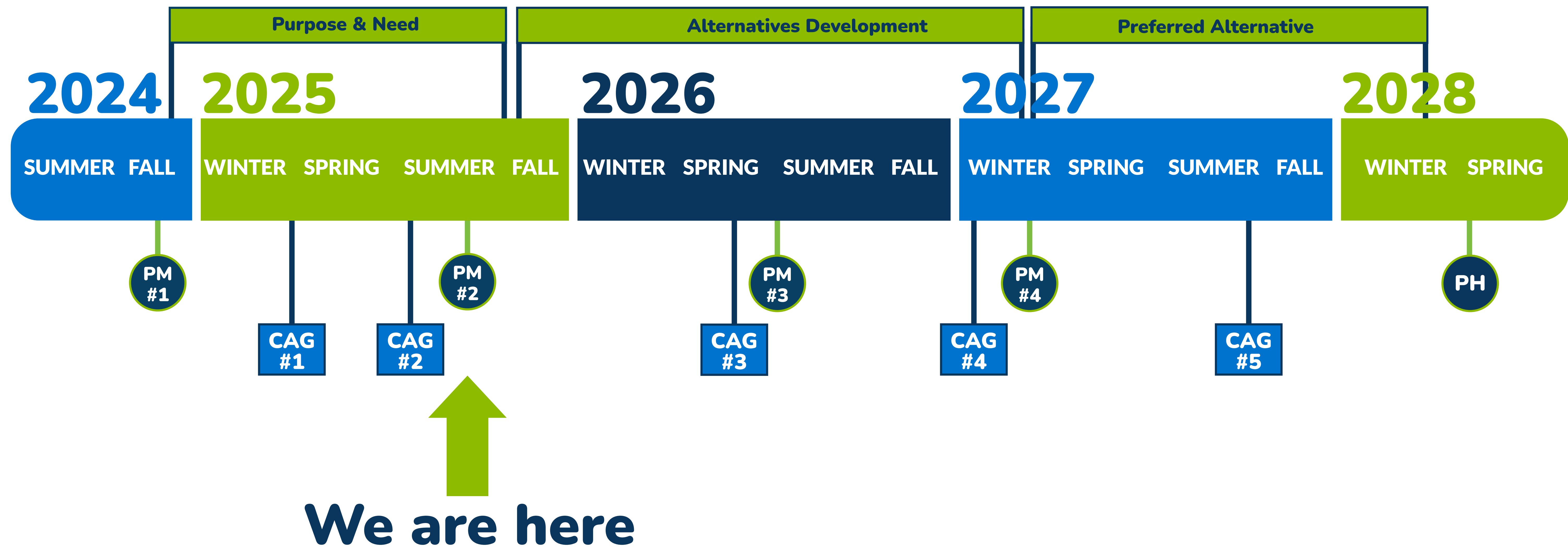
# IDOT PROJECT PROCESS REVIEW

WE ARE HERE



This improvement is included in the Department's FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

# STUDY TIMELINE



**KEY**

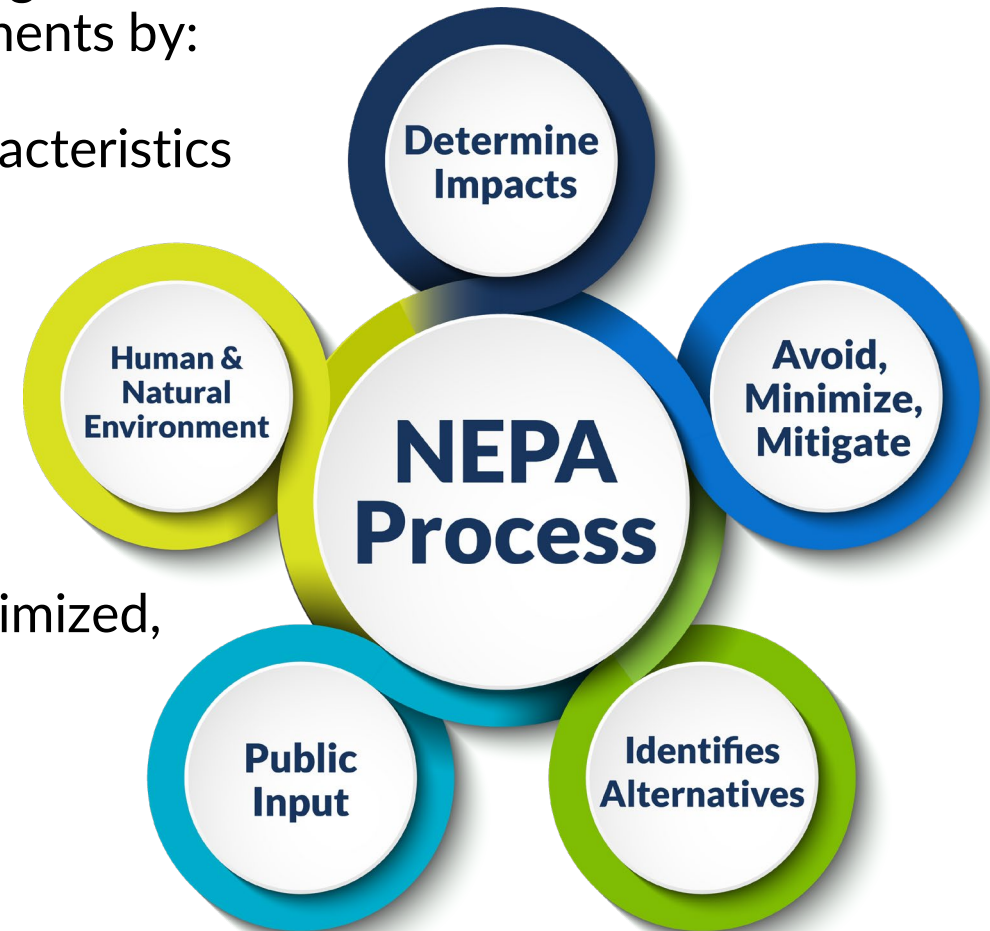
- CAG = Community Advisory Group
- PM = Public Meeting
- PH = Public Hearing

\*Timeline may change based on state and federal reviews of the proposed improvements.

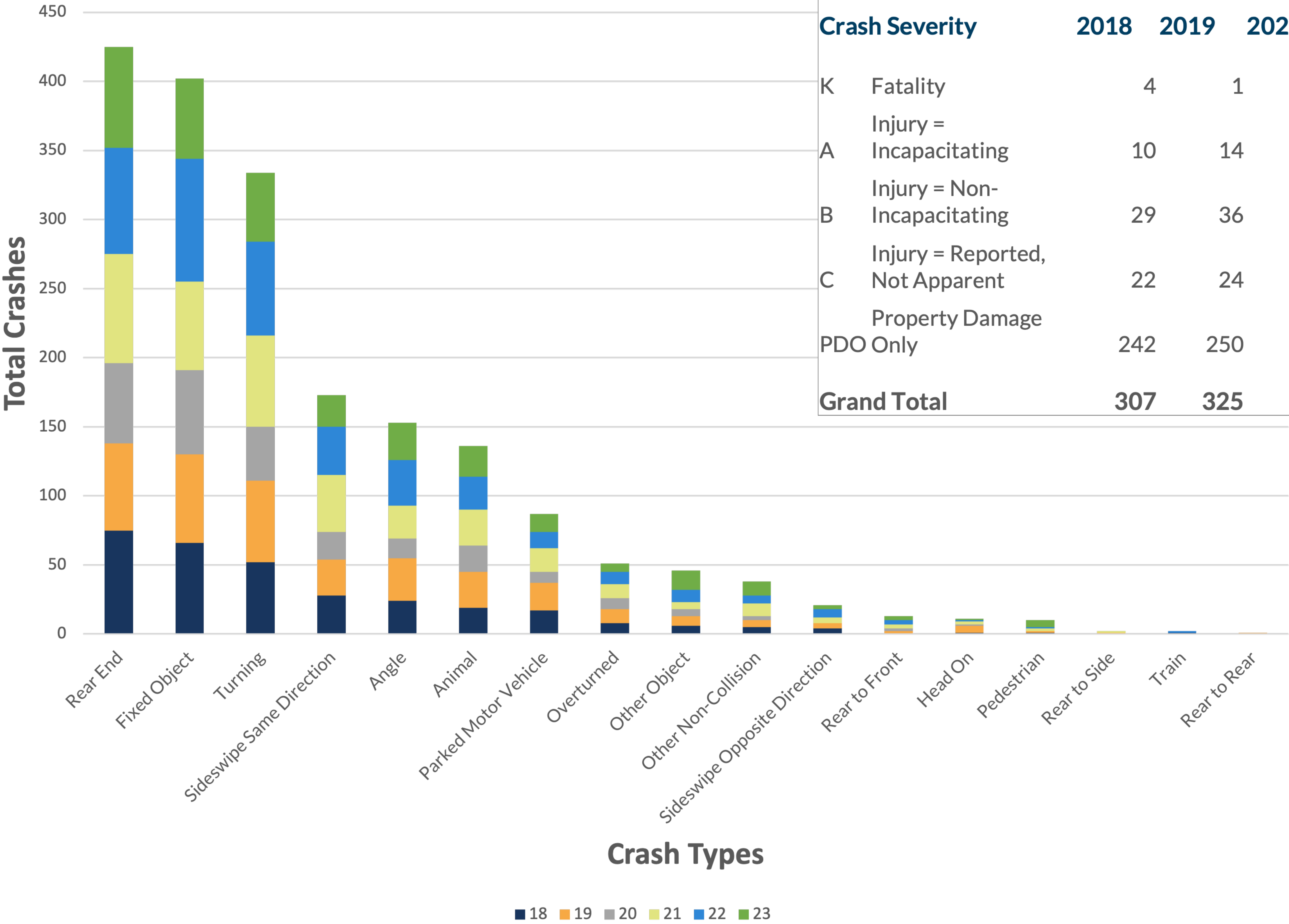
# WHAT IS NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies to consider impacts to the human and natural environments by:

- Reviewing social, economic, & environmental characteristics
- Incorporating public input
- Identifying a range of alternatives
- Determining impacts to the environment
- Documenting how impacts are being avoided, minimized, and mitigated

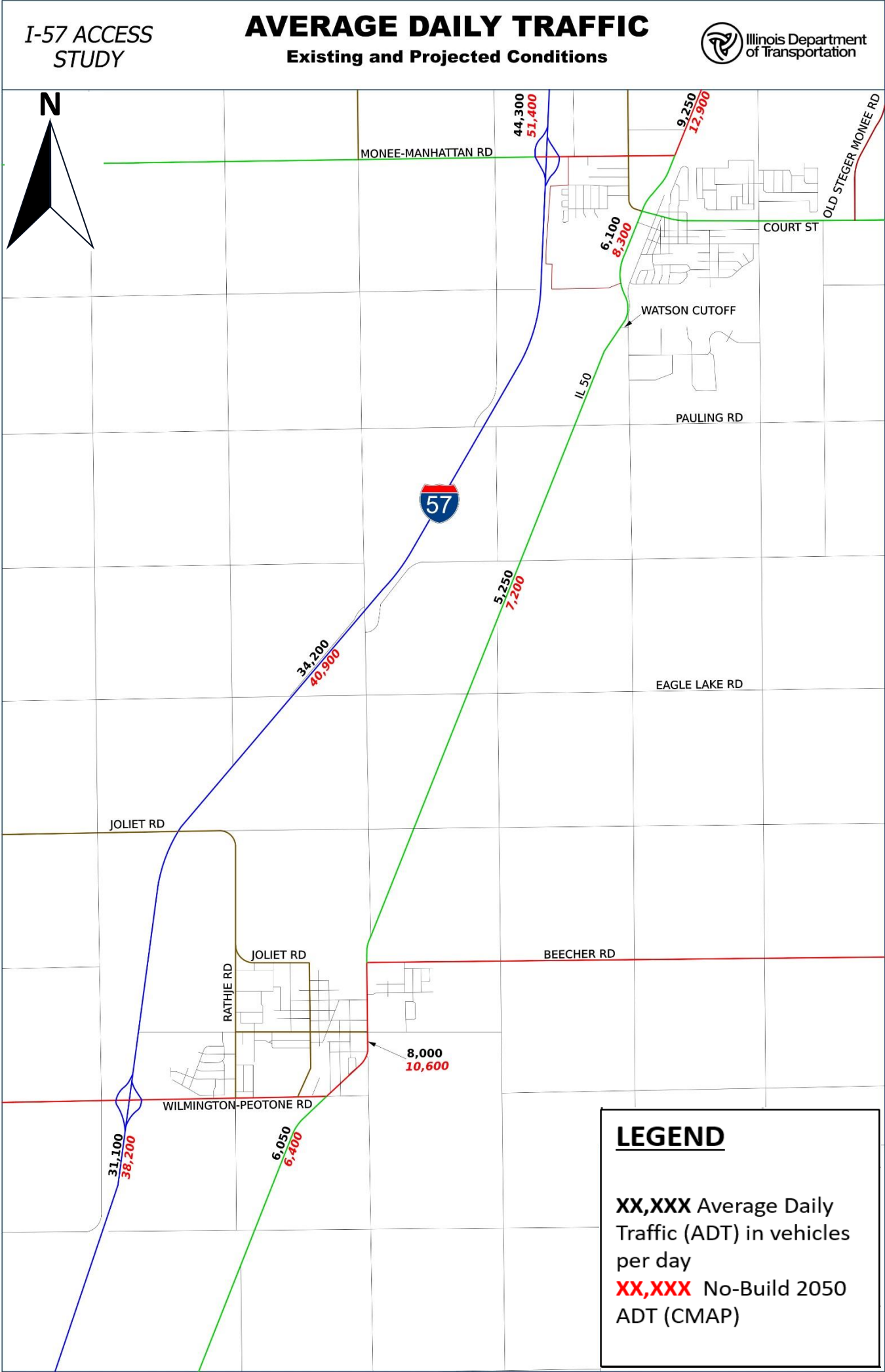


# 5-YEAR CRASH HISTORY, 2018-2023

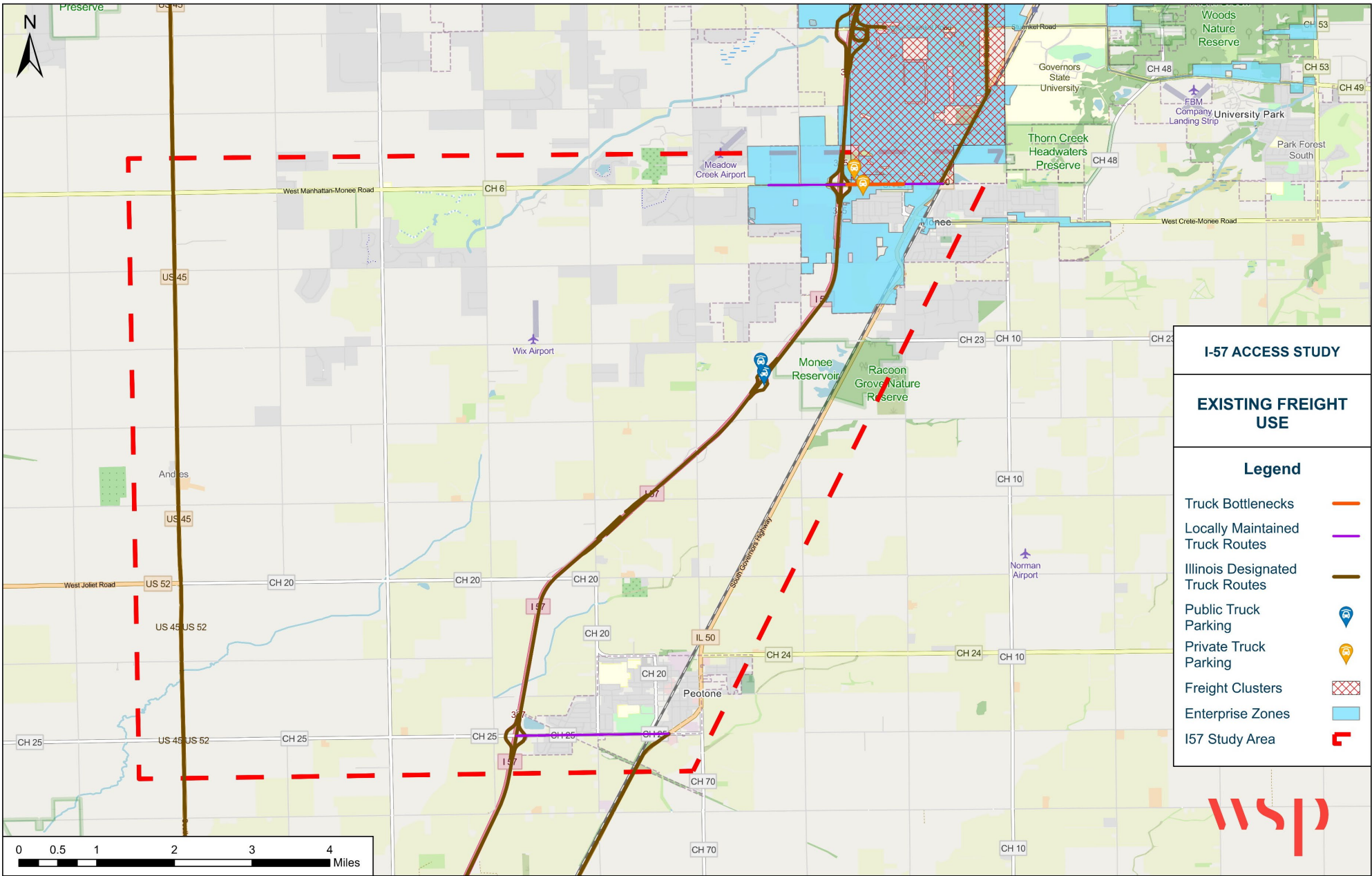


Crash Severity		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
K	Fatality	4	1	6	4	3	5	23
A	Injury = Incapacitating	10	14	2	11	8	5	50
B	Injury = Non-Incapacitating	29	36	31	46	75	41	258
C	Injury = Reported, Not Apparent	22	24	16	20	21	27	130
PDO Only		242	250	183	272	267	230	1444
Grand Total		307	325	238	353	374	308	1905

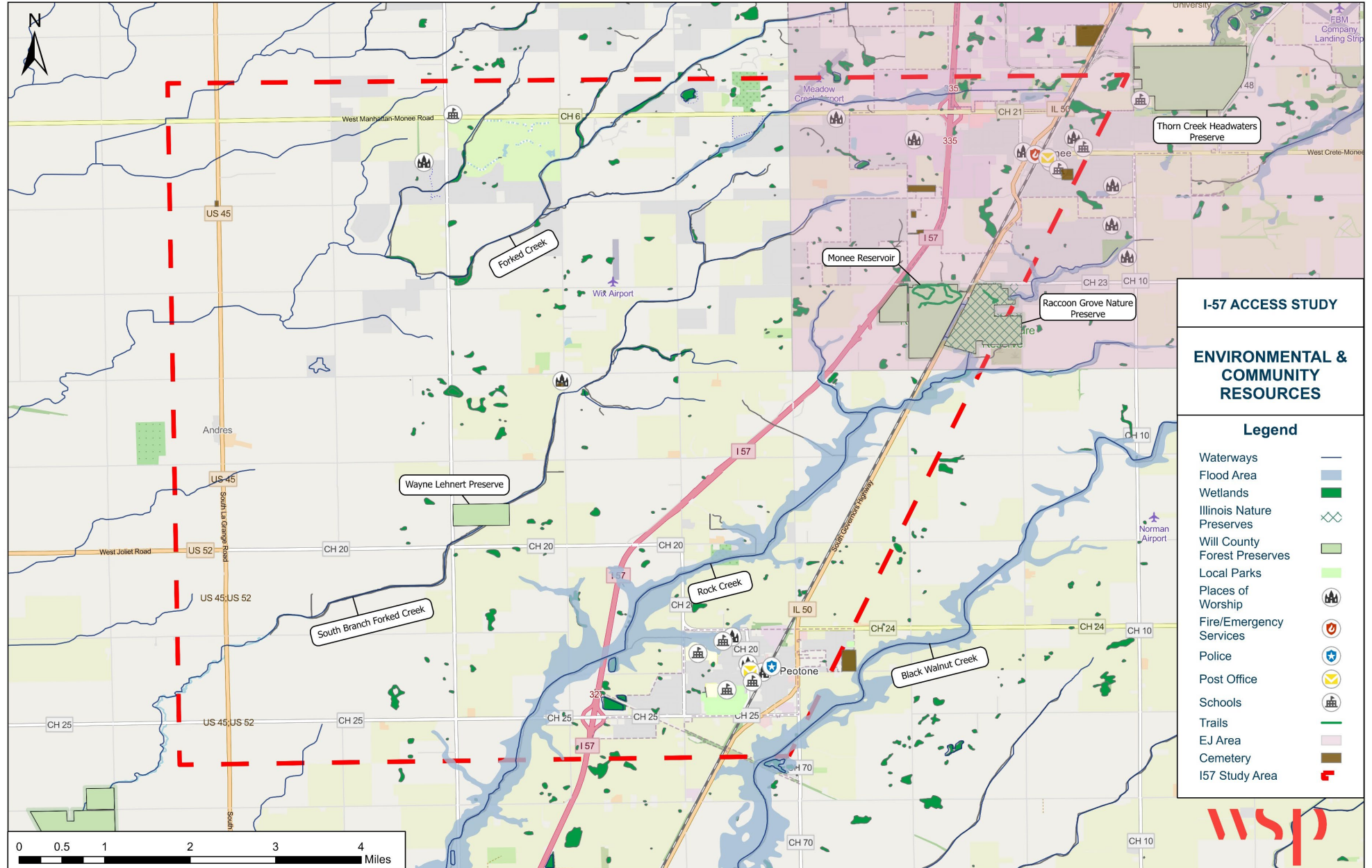
# ADT (EXISTING/FUTURE NO BUILD)



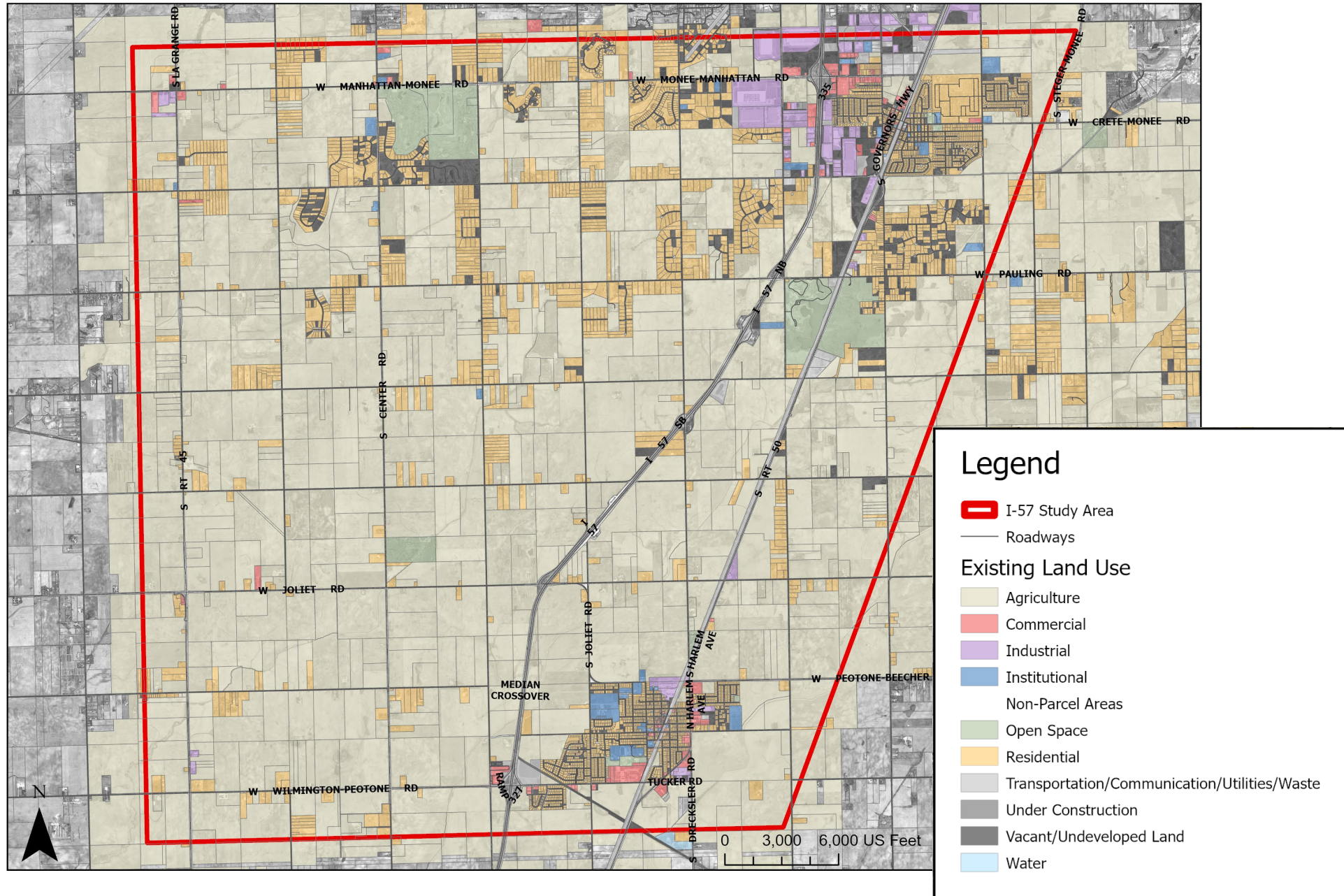
# FREIGHT HUB AND NETWORK CONNECTIVITY



# ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY RESOURCE MAP



# EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USE



# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #1 SUMMARY

November 13, 2024 • Peotone, IL



**117**

ATTENDEES



**8**

E-MAIL



**26**

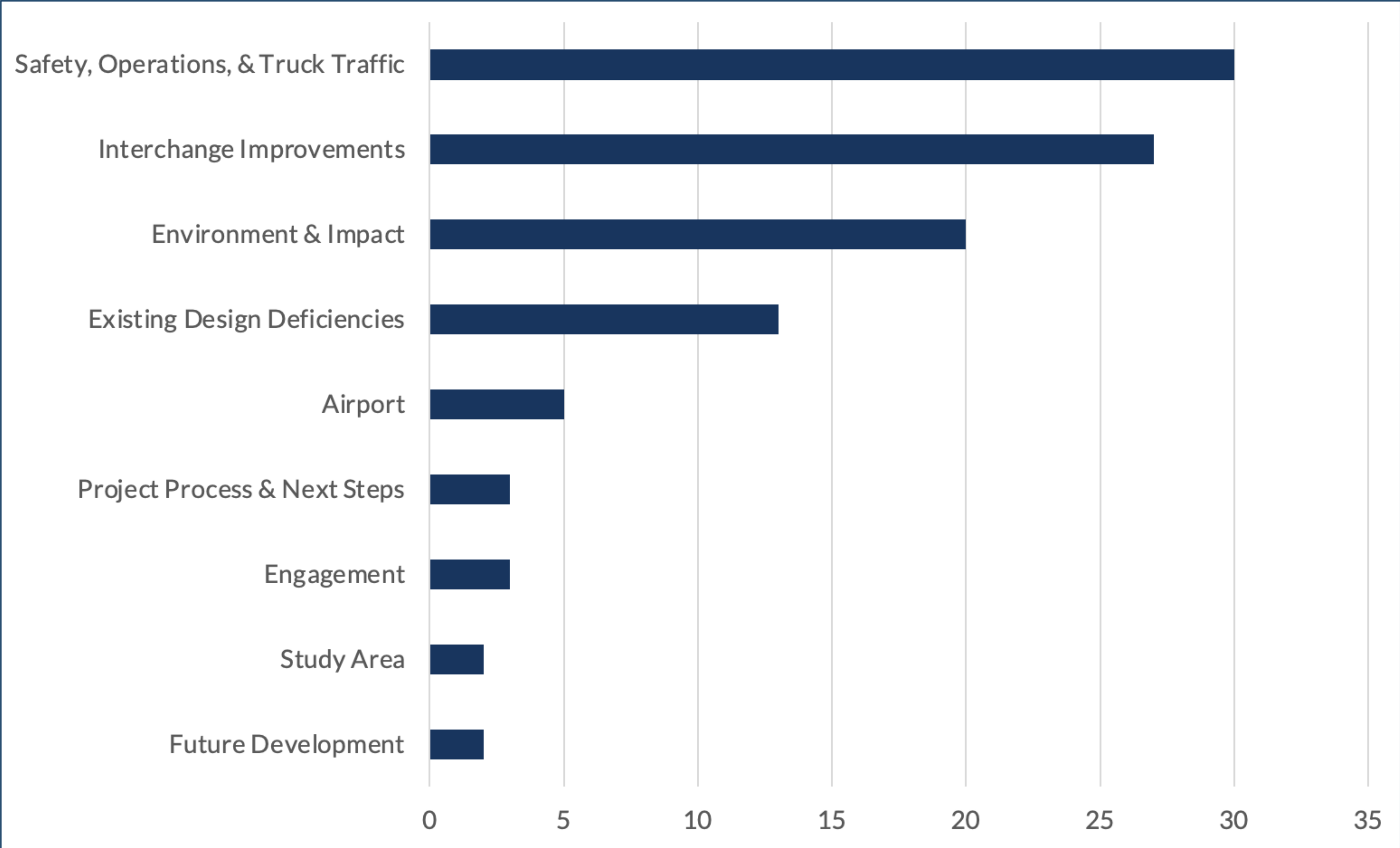
COMMENT FORM



**2**

MAIL

## Public Meeting #1 Comments Received



## ONLINE SURVEY



**59**

PARTICIPANTS



**190**

IDENTIFIED CONCERNS  
& PROBLEM LOCATIONS

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #1 SURVEY RESULTS

## Participants' Priorities for the Study



*\*Percentages are rounded for clarity*

Emergency services	8%
Environmental resources (Forest preserves/natural resources impact)	6%
Access and Mobility	5%
Wetland/Waterways (Wetland/water resource impacts)	5%
Future travel needs	5%
Development/Business Access	4%
Public Transportation	1%

## Forms of Transportation Traveling Near or Within the Study Area



## Comfort Level and Roadway Conditions While Traveling on I-57



# WHAT IS A PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT?

## *Key NEPA Process Milestone developed with stakeholder input*

**Purpose** establishes why the proposed action is being pursued

**Need** identifies the transportation problems to be addressed

### The **Purpose and Need Statement**:

- Establishes the goals and objectives of the study
- Serves as the foundation for developing and evaluating alternatives
- Basis for selection of a preferred alternative

## **Purpose Statement**

The purpose of the I-57 Access Study is to enhance transportation safety, provide adequate transportation system capacity, and accommodate projected transportation demands along the I-57 corridor between Monee and Peotone.

### **Identified Needs:**

- Improve transportation safety in study area
- Improve predicted capacity in spot locations
- Accommodate existing and future modal interrelationships and connectivity

# IDENTIFIED NEED: IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN STUDY AREA

## Address Safety Issues at Existing I-57 Interchanges

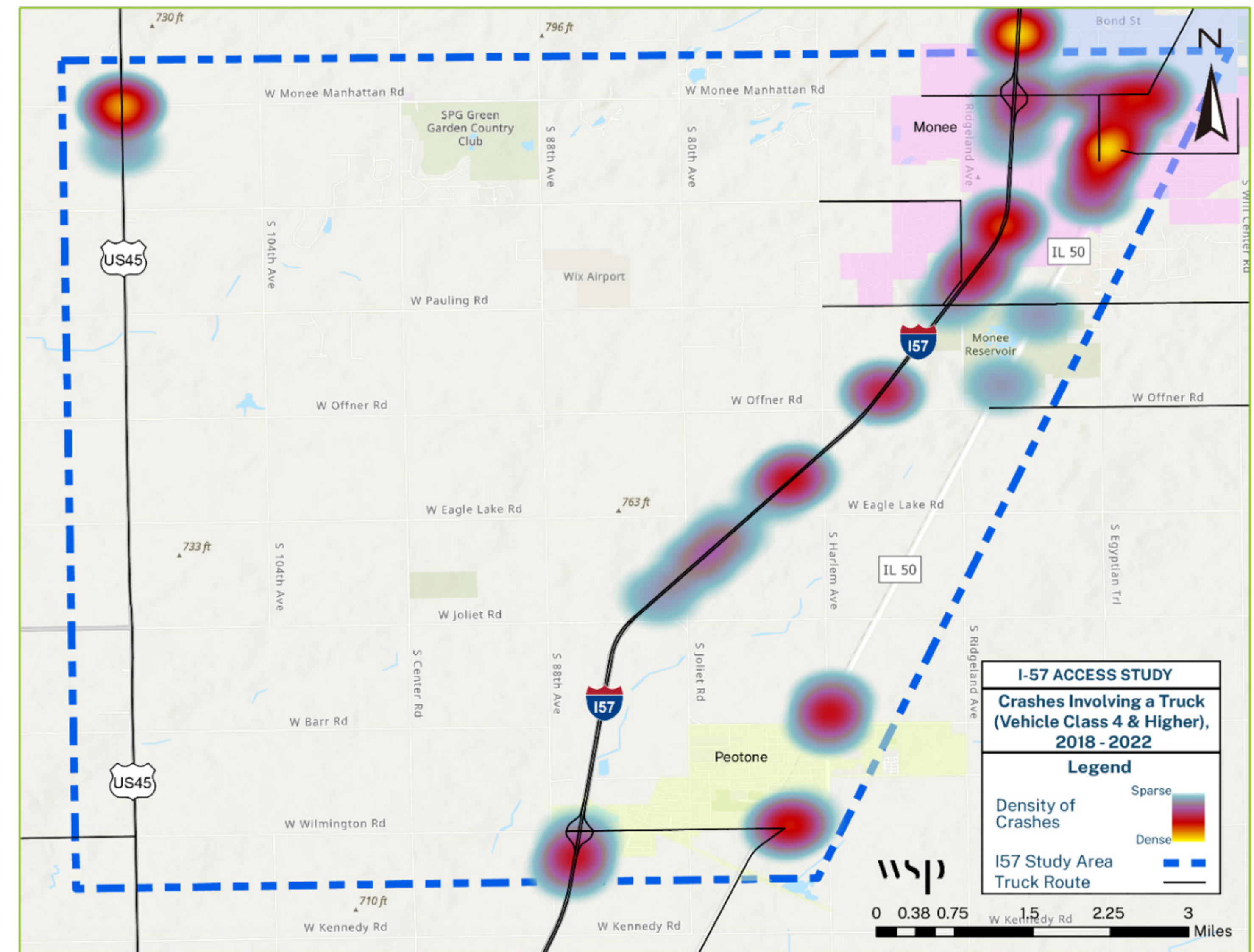
- Ramp and local road crashes in interchange area due to traffic capacity, sight distance, design issues

## Address Safety Issues at I-57 Mainline Horizontal Curve

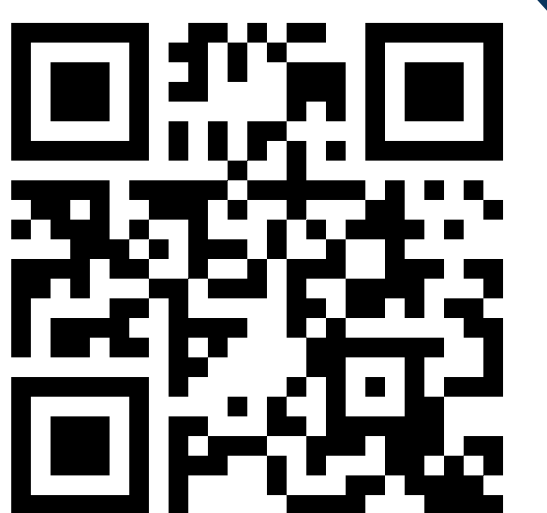
- Design of I-57 may be contributing to fixed object and sideswipe crashes

## Address Freight Related Safety Conditions

- Few designated truck routes/accesses
- Truck “bottleneck” identified at Manhattan-Monee Road interchange



**Tell Us What You Think!**  
Take our Purpose & Need Survey



# IDENTIFIED NEED: IMPROVE PREDICTED CAPACITY IN SPOT LOCATIONS

## I-57 Access points expected to experience future traffic delays

There is a need for the project to improve these “spot locations” to resolve these operational constraints.

### Manhattan-Monee Road

Ramp delay predicted to increase, resulting in higher traffic during peak travel

### Wilmington-Peotone Road

Delay at intersections will increase due to increase in ramp traffic

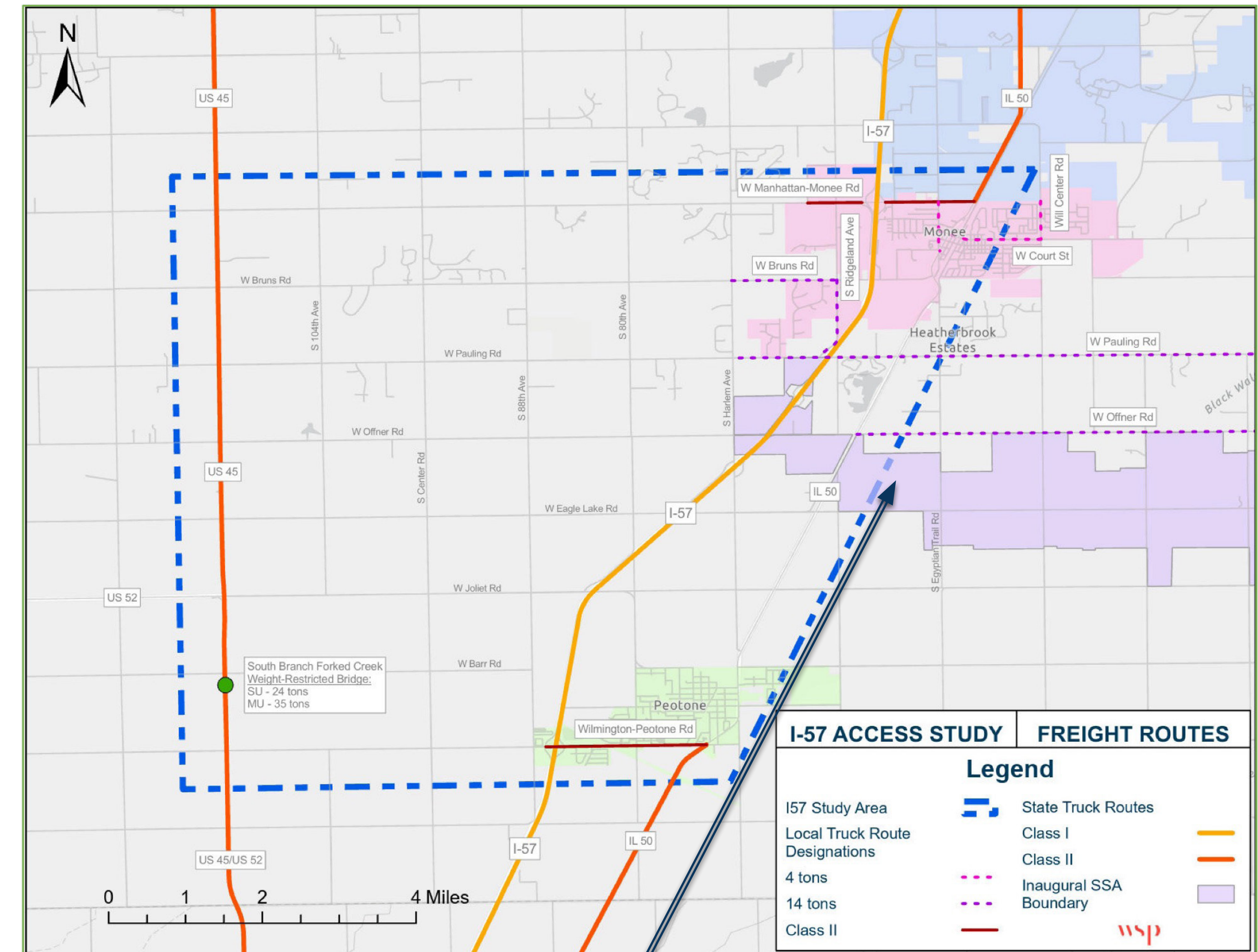
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**IDENTIFIED NEED:  
ACCOMMODATE EXISTING AND FUTURE MODAL  
INTERRELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIVITY**

- The population of Monee grew by 74.6% between 2000 and 2023. The population of Peotone grew by 31.8%
- The University Park/Monee logistics and freight cluster is expected to produce 10,541 jobs by 2026 – up from 5,336 jobs in 2014
- 84.8% of commuters in Monee and Peotone drive alone
- I-57 Freight tonnage expected to increase by 69.5%, from 39.9 million tons (2022) to 67.7 million tons (2050)



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# South Suburban Airport Project Study

P3 proposals are being prepared for a commercial service airfield for the Greater Chicagoland area



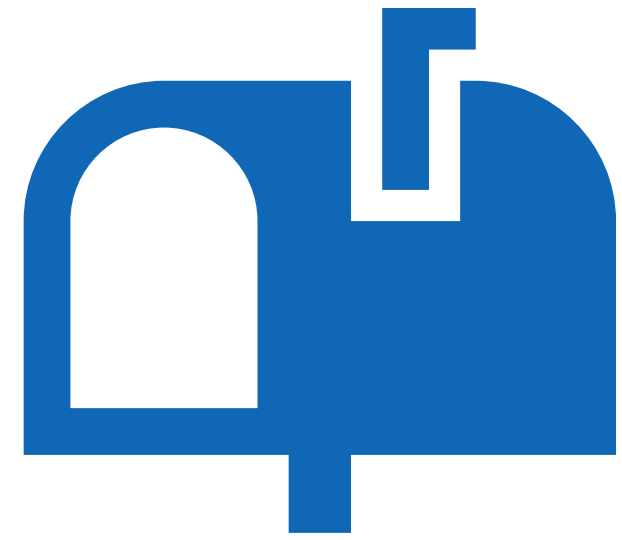
# PURPOSE AND NEED

*Provide your feedback with stickers in the corresponding box below!*

Please rate your responses to the following statement:  
The Purpose and Need captures the transportation problems within the study area.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>			<i>Strongly Disagree</i>

# HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND STAY INVOLVED



- Drop your completed comment form in the box near the exit
- Complete the Purpose and Need survey

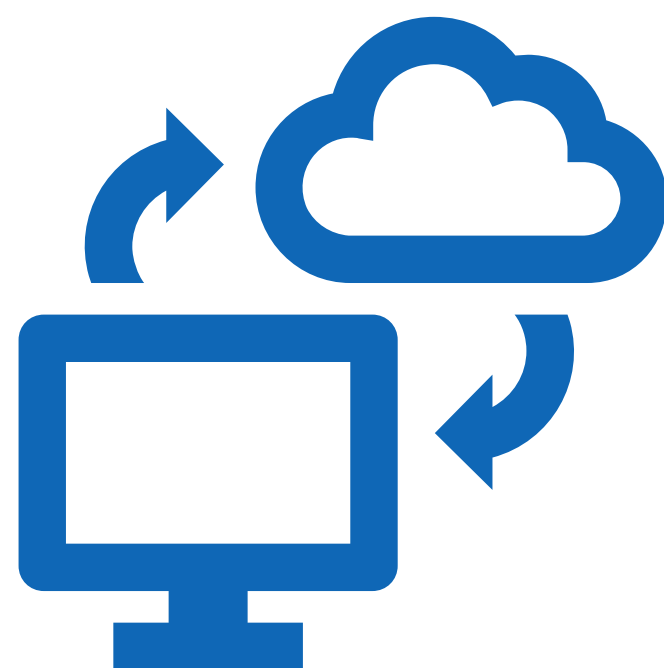


Email the study team: **AccessI57Study@gmail.com**



Mail in your comment form:

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Check out the study website - **Tiny.cc/AccessI57**

***Only comments received by September 16 will become part of the official meeting record***

# PURPOSE AND NEED SURVEY 2025



**Share your feedback, perspectives, and experience with our team!**

**Scan Here**



**Complete this survey by September 16, 2025**