



US 30 (Baseline Road) IL 47 to IL 31 Kane & Kendall Counties

PUBLIC MEETING #1

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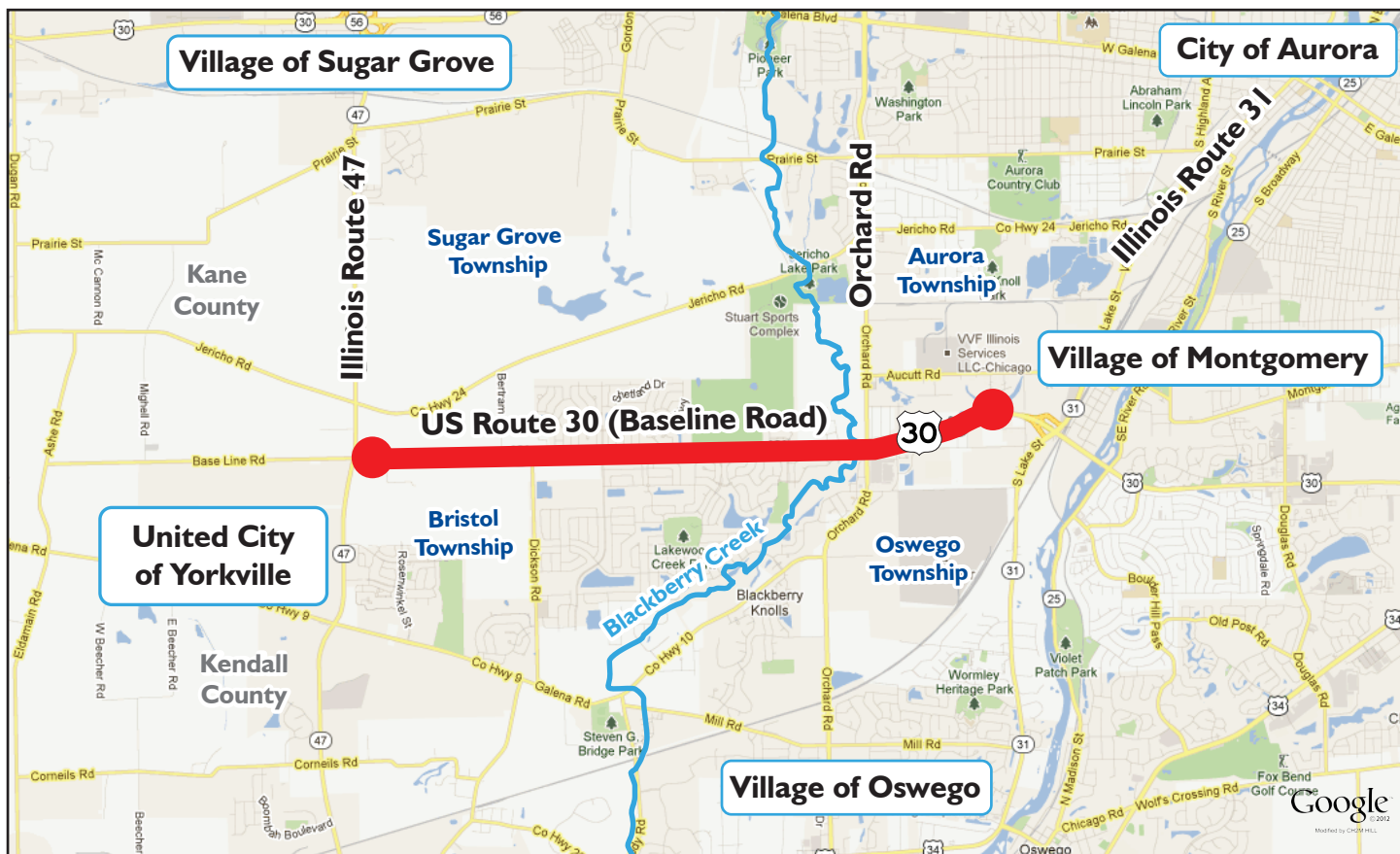
Welcome to the Public Meeting

Welcome to the first Public Meeting for the improvement of US 30 from IL 47 to IL 31. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Introduce the study,
- Describe the project development process,
- Solicit your input on transportation needs, and
- Provide information about additional public involvement activities.

Study Overview

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has initiated Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies for US Route 30 (Baseline Road). The US Route 30 study area is located in the City of Yorkville and the Village of Montgomery in Kane and Kendall Counties. It extends approximately 5 miles from Illinois Route 47 to east of Albright Road near Illinois Route 31. Through the project area, the roadway is classified as a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) and Class II Truck Route. An SRA is a network of routes that supplement expressways by accommodating a significant portion of long distance and high volume traffic in the region. Locally, US 30 is known as "Baseline Road" and generally follows the Kane-Kendall County Line. The corridor consists of a mixture of residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses and is bisected by Blackberry Creek. The study is being initiated to review the current and future roadway operations and determine transportation needs so an appropriate proposed alternative can be selected.



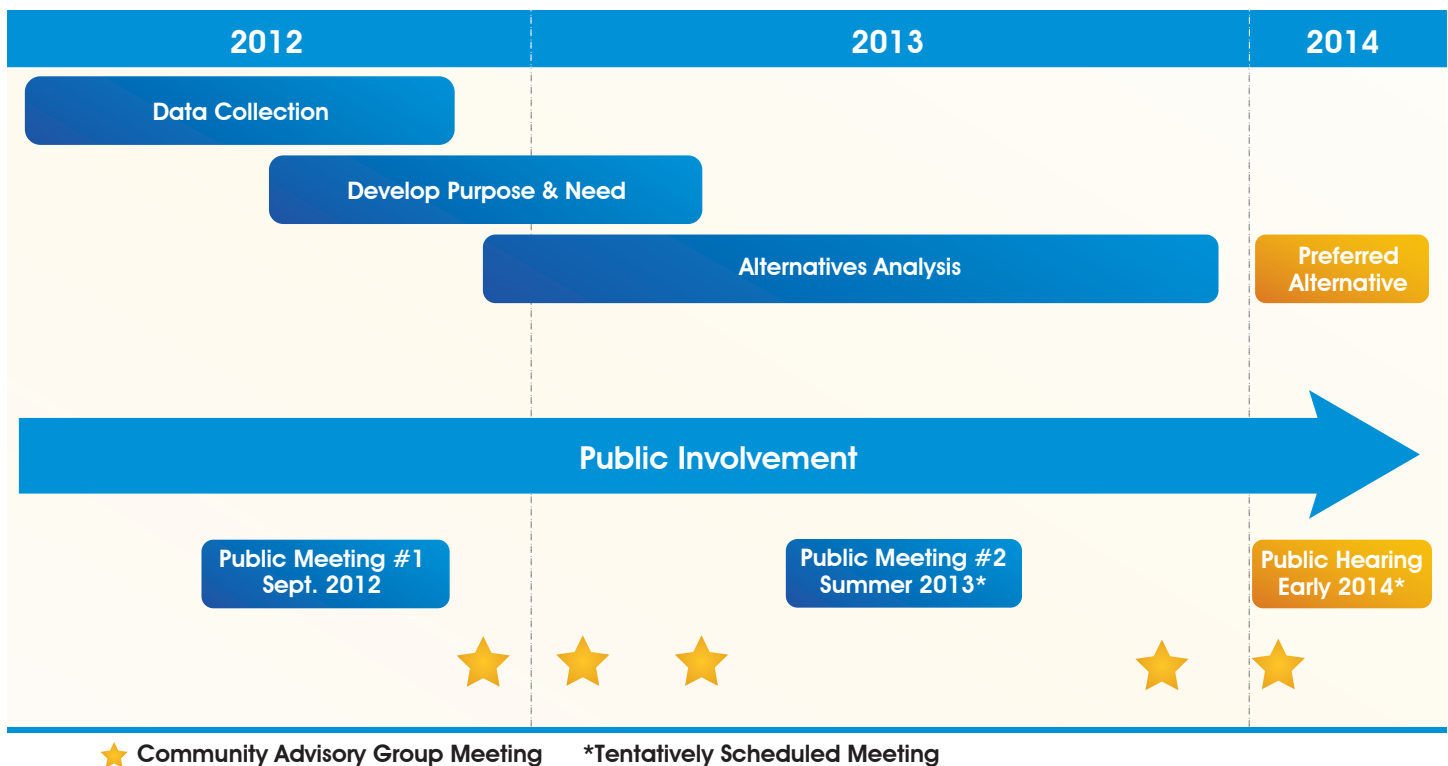
Study Process

In order to develop alternative solutions to be considered, it is first necessary to have a clear understanding of existing conditions and to identify what the problems are and why they are occurring. This will be accomplished through a thorough analysis of existing roadway features, including design and roadway layout, the capacity of the roadway using existing traffic counts and future projections, and review of crash history within the corridor.

During the US 30 Baseline Road Study IDOT will:

- Collect data on roadway features, social and environmental resources
- Coordinate frequently with stakeholders
- Identify transportation issues in the corridor, and define the project's Purpose & Need
- Evaluate a range of potential transportation solutions
- Select a preferred alternative and document potential effects to the community and environment

The project will follow the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process and will involve extensive public involvement to help to ensure that the assessment of the current conditions reflects the perception and goals of the communities. The analysis of the existing conditions and evaluation of impacts that any proposed improvements will have on the community and the environment, will be documented in a Design Report. It is anticipated that the project will be processed as a categorical exclusion, a category of actions which do not have a significant after effect on the natural or built environment, and as such require neither preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.



Project Development

IDOT works in 3 distinct phases as a project moves from start to finish. The Phase I study is currently underway, and includes the preliminary engineering and environmental studies, and public involvement activities. It is anticipated that the Phase I study will last approximately two years and ends with design approval of a preferred alternative. Phase II, known as contract plan preparation and land acquisition, begins after design approval, and typically takes about two years to complete. The third and final step in the process is construction.

Funding for Phases II and III is not currently included in IDOT's Fiscal Year 2013 to 2018 Proposed Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program.



How to Stay Involved in the Project

IDOT realizes that the overall success of a transportation improvement project is dependent upon local participation. Frequent communication and collaboration ensures that the recommended proposals consider the stakeholder's present and future objectives and goals.

This project is following IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. A Stakeholder Involvement Plan has been developed to guide public participation activities, which is available for review tonight as well as on the project website. There are a number of opportunities to get involved in the study.

- Join the mailing list to receive newsletters and be invited to future events
- Review the Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- Visit the project website: www.us30baselineroadstudy.org
- Make a comment
- Join the Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The CAG will consist of community representatives, interest groups, property owners or other stakeholders with expertise or technical interest in the areas of environmental, land use, transportation, and economic development within the study area. This group will assist in the identification of the purpose and need, and the alternatives to be developed for the evaluation process, and most importantly in the final selection of the preferred alternative.



Regular CAG meetings conducted in a collaborative manner throughout the duration of the project will provide community insight at key project milestones.

If you have a suggestion for membership on the CAG or are interested in participating yourself, please visit the CAG table at tonight's meeting.

Questions & Comments

We value your input throughout the study. Written questions and comments, or requests for materials may be submitted during this Public Information Meeting or mailed to the Illinois Department of Transportation at the address indicated below (and on the back of the comment form) or sent to the project email address at: info@us30baselineroadstudy.org. If you have input on transportation needs, please submit your comment by September 27th to be part of the official record.

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