

PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS

IDOT PROJECTS PROGRESS THROUGH 3 PHASES

Phase I: Transportation needs and deficiencies will be identified, alternatives will be developed and evaluated, and a preferred plan will be selected and potential Right-of-Way identified.

WE ARE HERE

PHASE I

Preliminary
Engineering &
Environmental
Study

2011-2013

PHASE II

Contract Plan
Preparation

Land
Acquisition

24 MONTHS

PHASE III

Construction

24 TO 36 MONTHS

Funding: Phase I of this project is fully funded with Federal and local funding. However, Phases II and III are not currently included in IDOT's Fiscal Year 2012 to 2017

DRAFT PROBLEM STATEMENT

Forecasted population and employment growth in the Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield and unincorporated portions of northwestern Will County will cause a significant increase in travel demand on the local and regional roadway network and at interchanges that provide access to and from I-55.

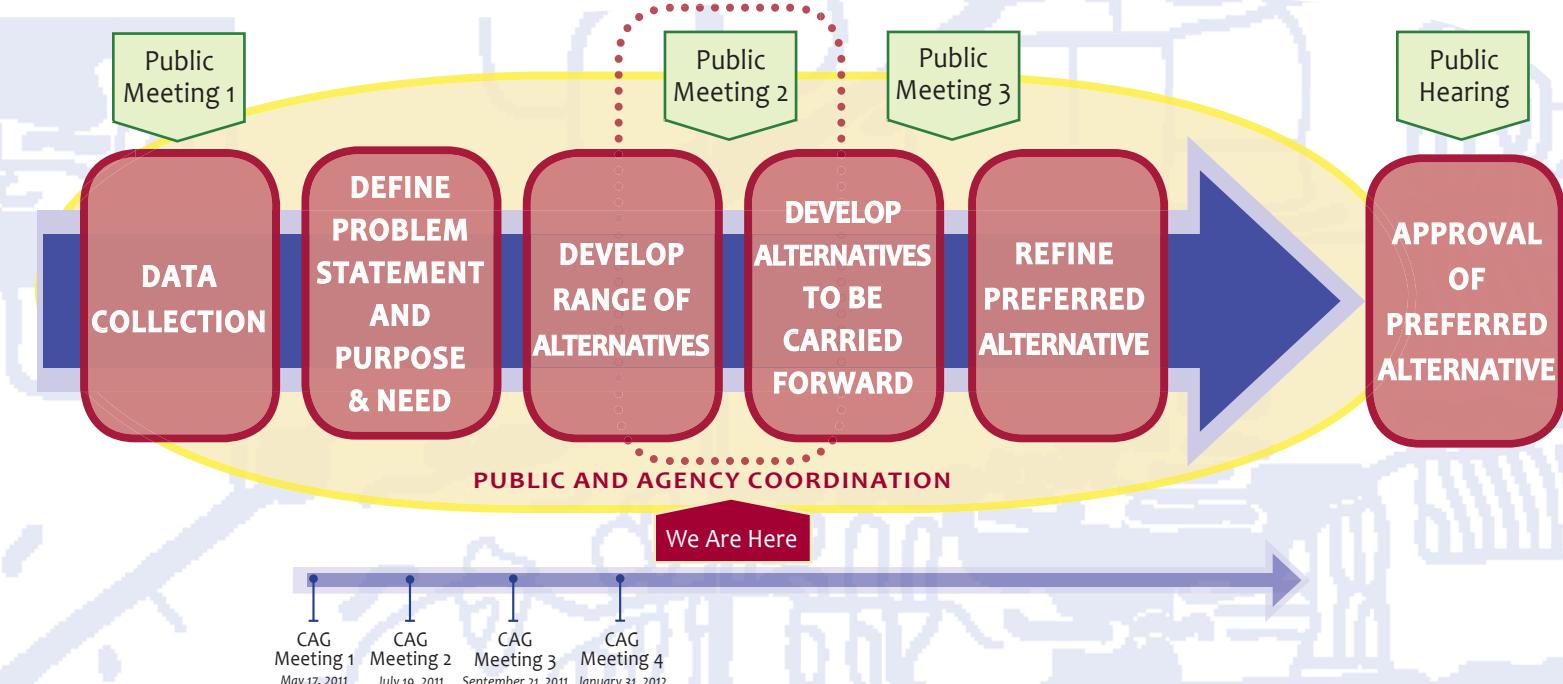
Provision for traffic to either enter I-55 in a southbound direction or exit I-55 in a northbound direction is unavailable over a six-mile length of the interstate highway between the interchanges located at US Route 30 and at Weber Road. This leads to traffic generated by land uses within the corridor being concentrated at the I-55 interchanges with US Route 30 and Weber Road since both locations have full access in either a northbound or southbound direction.

Improvements are needed to facilitate mobility for vehicular and non-motorized travel within the regional area that will reduce delay and congestion, improve traffic safety and provide full access to and from I-55. Access improvements will be considered while being sensitive to community values and the natural environment of the study corridor.

PHASE I STUDY PROCESS

Phase II: Detailed Construction Plans will be developed and land will be acquired.

Phase III: Construction will begin.



The planning process is based on guidelines prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) which follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The **first public meeting** is meant to identify general issues, develop information on the community context, define the project's Purpose and Need, and to introduce the public involvement process. The Purpose and Need is a statement of the problem to be solved by the project.

During the **second public meeting** the Purpose and Need are presented, concept alternatives are introduced and feedback is solicited.

The **third public meeting** is held to present remaining alternatives being considered and to seek stakeholder input. A **final public hearing** is held to present the preferred alternative for the project.

DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

SHARE YOUR OPINION

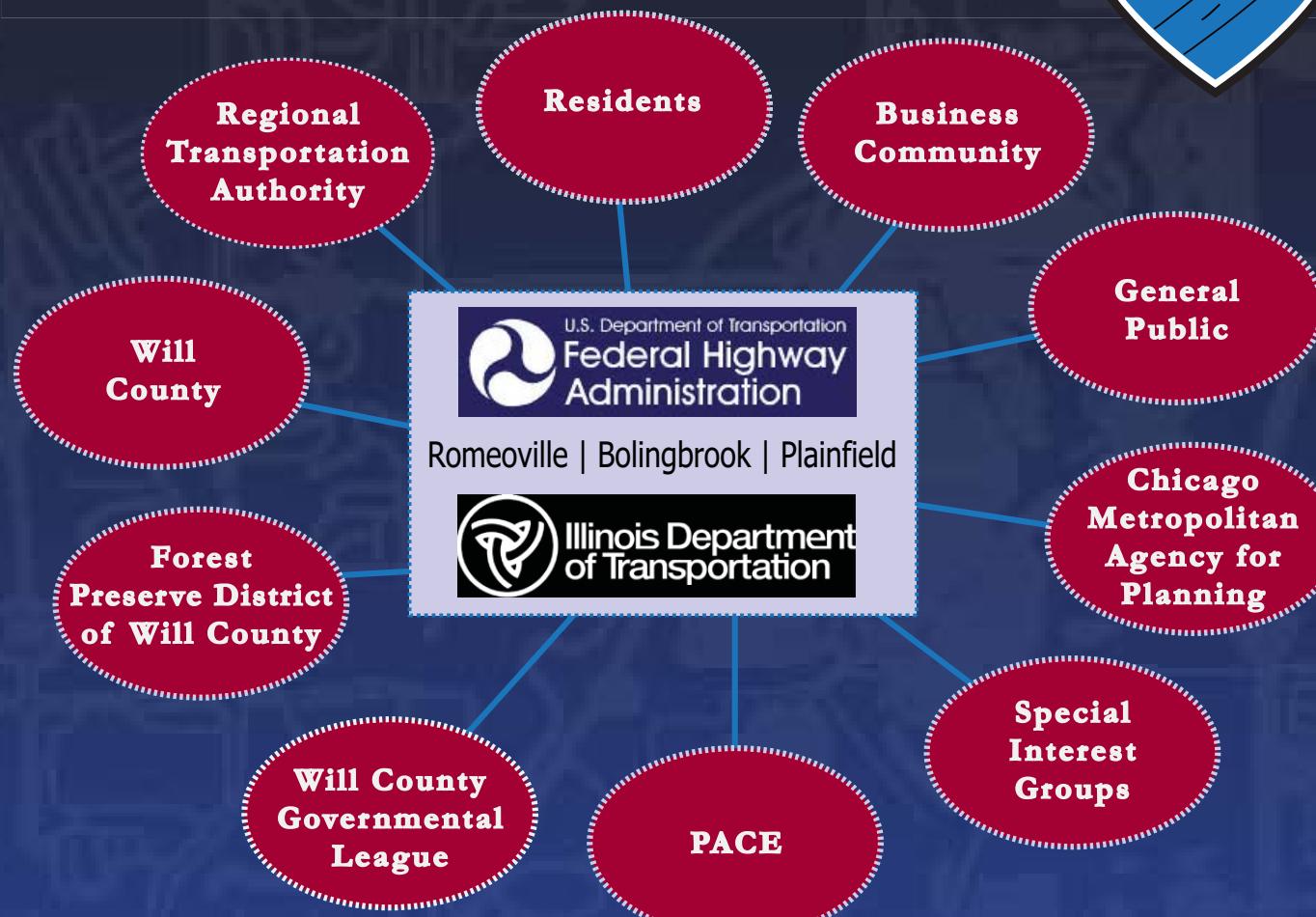
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.
YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT
TO THE PROJECT PROCESS. WE ARE
SEEKING YOUR INPUT ON THE PROBLEM
STATEMENT AND THE IDENTIFIED
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR THE
PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT THE
EXHIBIT AREA TO REVIEW THE PROJECT
DETAILS AND TO MEET WITH THE
STUDY TEAM MEMBERS.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide improved access to Interstate Route 55 (I-55).

- Improve regional connectivity
- Accommodate forecasted growth
- Reduce delay due to adverse travel

WHO IS INVOLVED?



The Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield, along with IDOT, will lead the Phase I Study and Planning process in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Stakeholder outreach efforts will be performed by the consultant team to ensure the users of I-55 and the surrounding roadway network have the opportunity for meaningful input into the project's development.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & INFORMATION

WE INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS OR BY MAIL TO:

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COMMENTS ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME, BUT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING RECORD, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 9, 2012.



Potential I-55 Improvements

AT AIRPORT ROAD AND AT IL 126/ESSINGTON ROAD



SECOND PUBLIC MEETING
 THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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