



# Welcome

## Public Open-House Meeting #2



### IL 100-106 River Crossing Project Florence Bridge - Phase I Study

December 7, 2017  
4:30pm - 6:30pm



# What Are We Trying to Accomplish?



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- ▶ Study Area and Preliminary Alternatives
- ▶ Review of Environmental Resources
- ▶ What is the Purpose and Need of the Project?
- ▶ Review Range of Alternatives Considered
- ▶ Obtain Public Input for Each of the Alternatives
- ▶ Project Timeline & Next steps



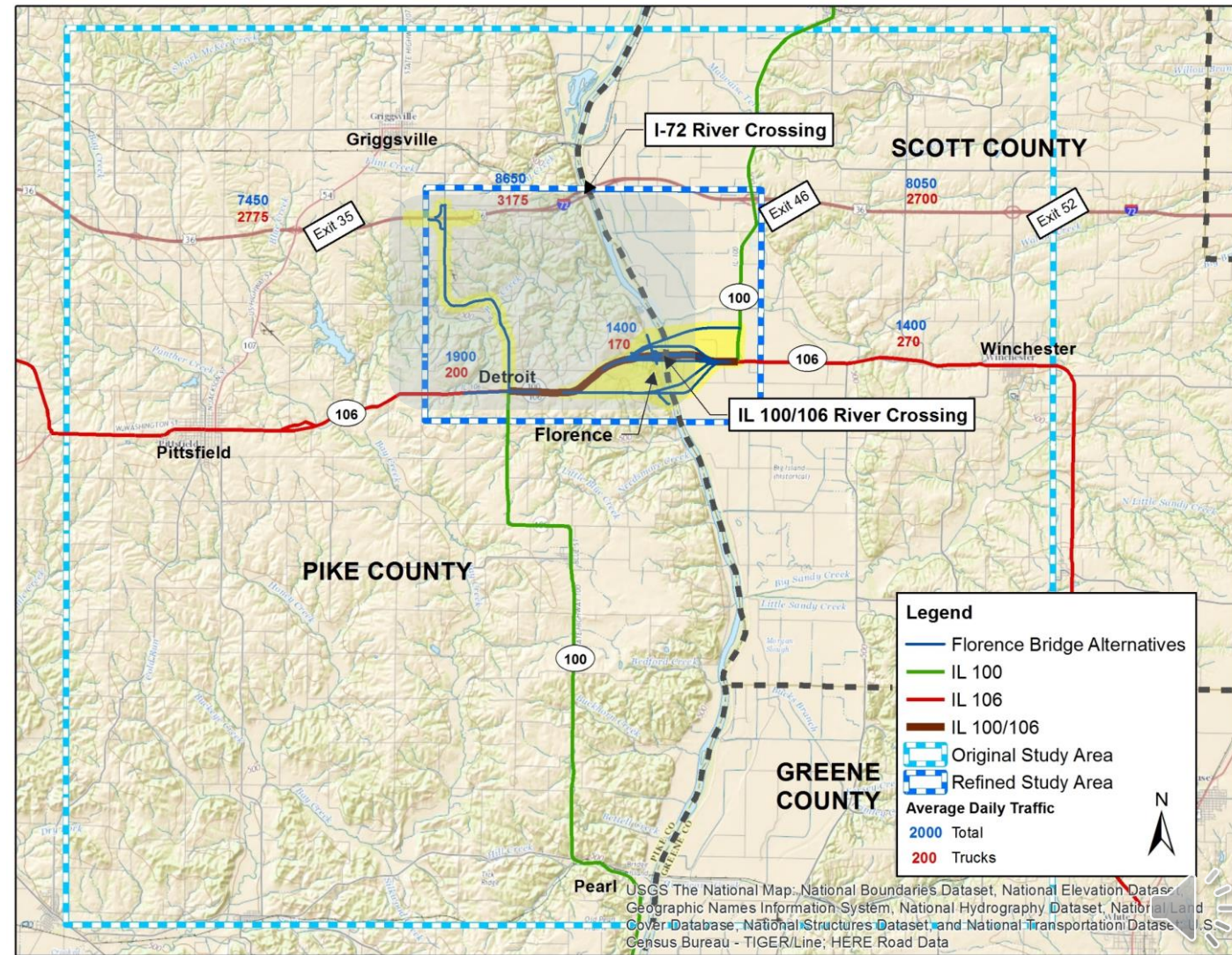
# Study Area

- ▶ Originally included parts of Pike, Scott and Greene Counties
  - ▶ A crossing option at Pearl was also proposed, but was not brought forward by the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)\*
- ▶ Was narrowed down to approximately 50 square miles
- ▶ All draft alternatives are in the Florence area, or in eastern Pike County and western Scott County

- Citizens Advisory Group (CAG): Volunteer Group of Communities, Businesses, Groups, Citizens
- Provide input and knowledge to the Florence Bridge Study

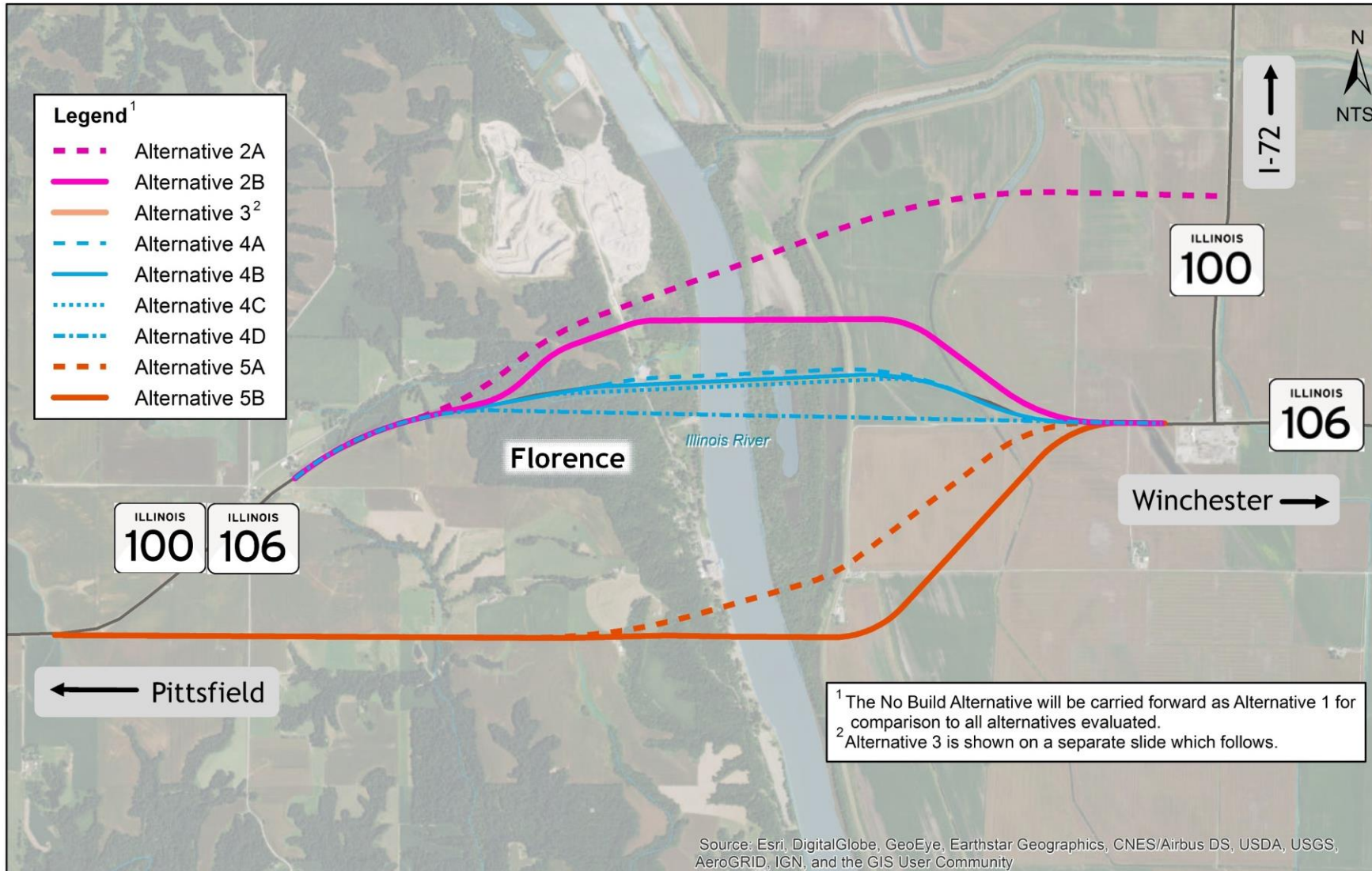


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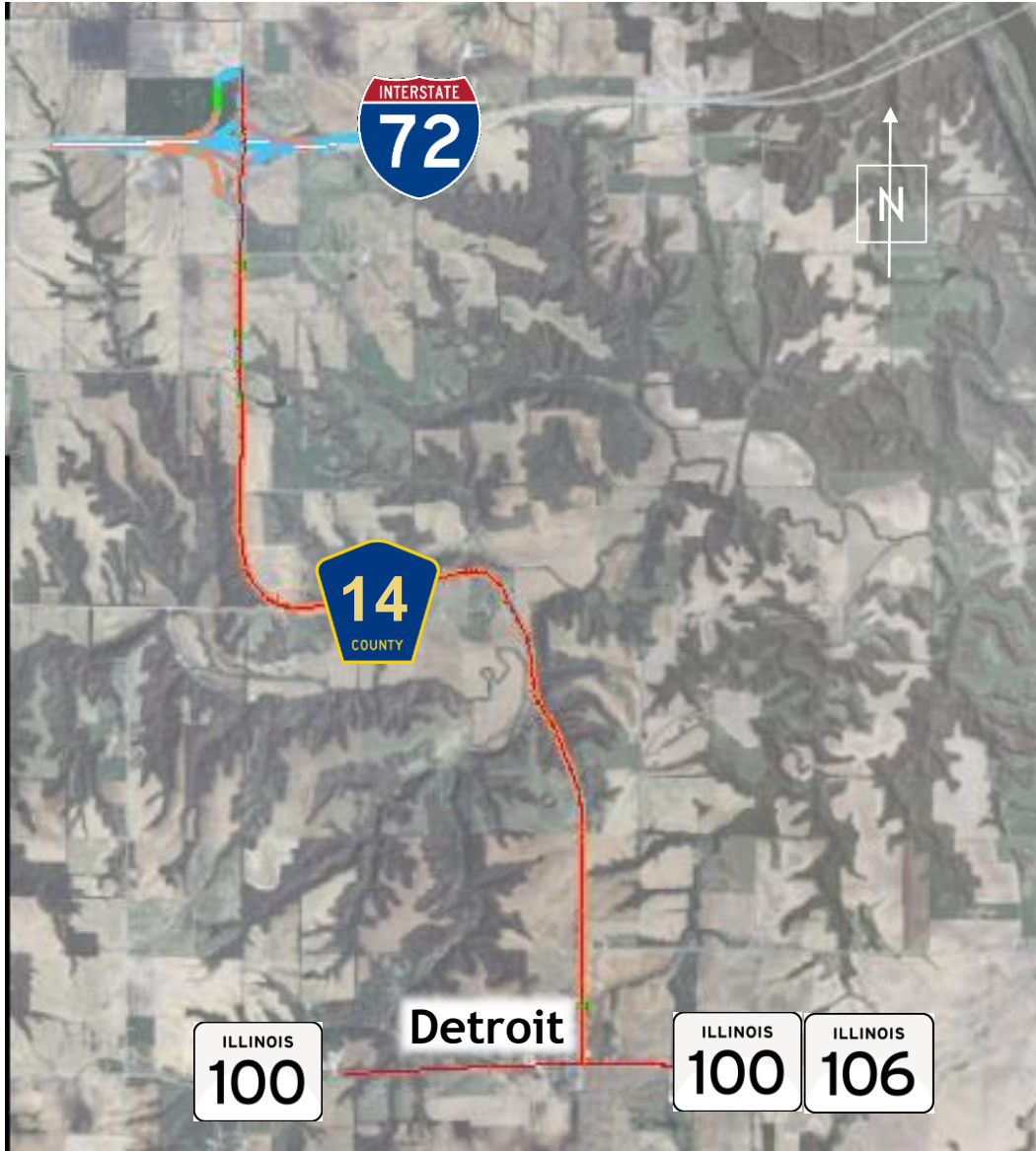
# Alternatives Location Map



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## Alternative 3

- ▶ Located to the west of the other Alternatives
- ▶ Improves existing County Highway 14 between Detroit and I-72
- ▶ Construct an interchange to connect CH 14 with I-72
- ▶ The existing bridge at Florence would be removed



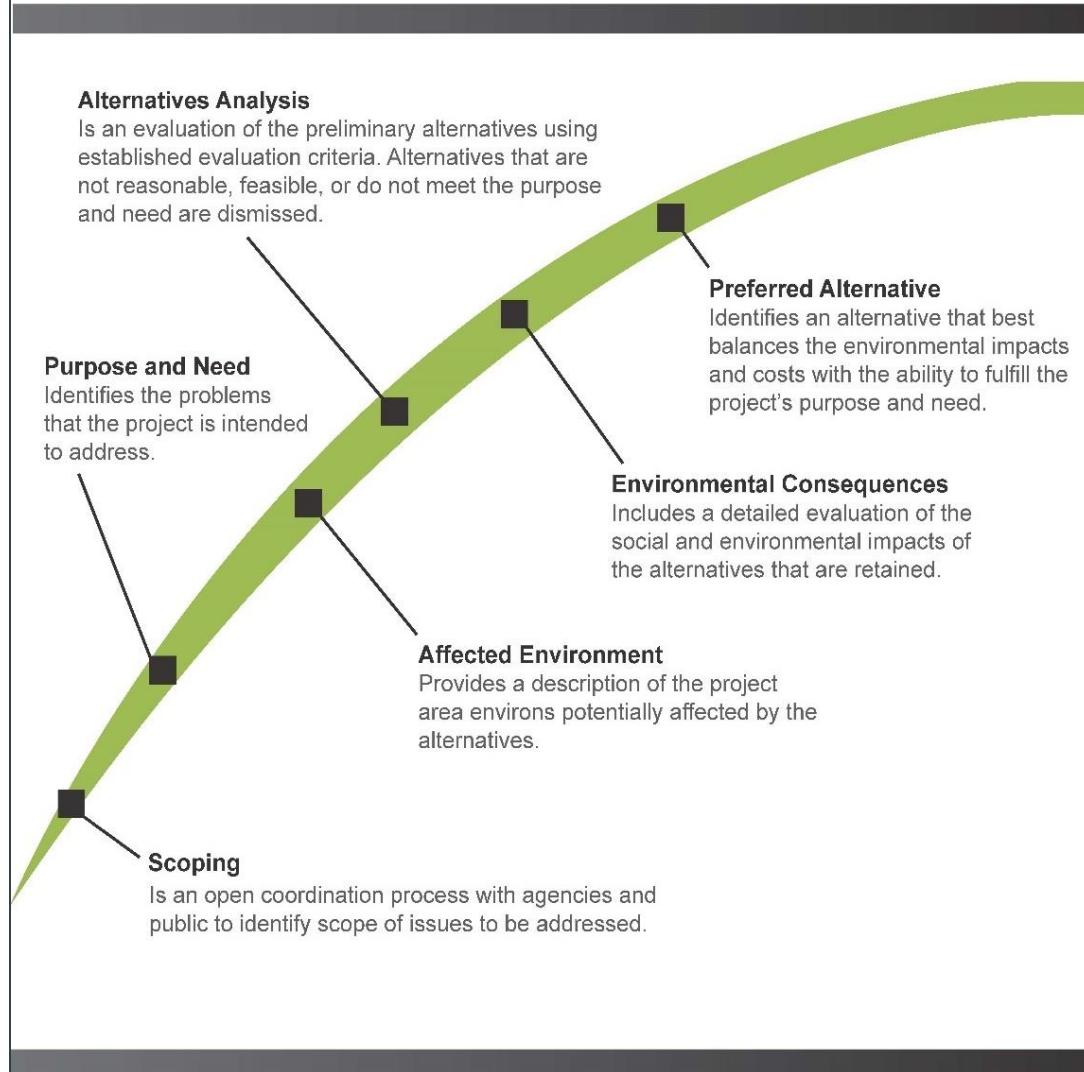


# Environmental Resources



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT KEY COMPONENTS



Project follows the **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)** :

- Preparing an inventory of Environmental Resources in the project study area.
- Avoidance of sensitive resources if reasonably possible.
- Minimizing impacts to resources when unavoidable.
- Mitigation of resources as required.

*The NEPA process ensures that environmental factors are weighted equally when compared to other factors in the decision making process.*



# Purpose & Need Statement

- ▶ Serves as the basis for which all alternatives are evaluated.
- ▶ **P&N Statement\*** - “The purpose of the project is to evaluate new transportation facility options across the Illinois River that are safe, reliable and meet current design standards. The project shall provide connectivity across the Illinois River for all modes of vehicular traffic, facilitate river traffic, and support local and regional economic needs.”

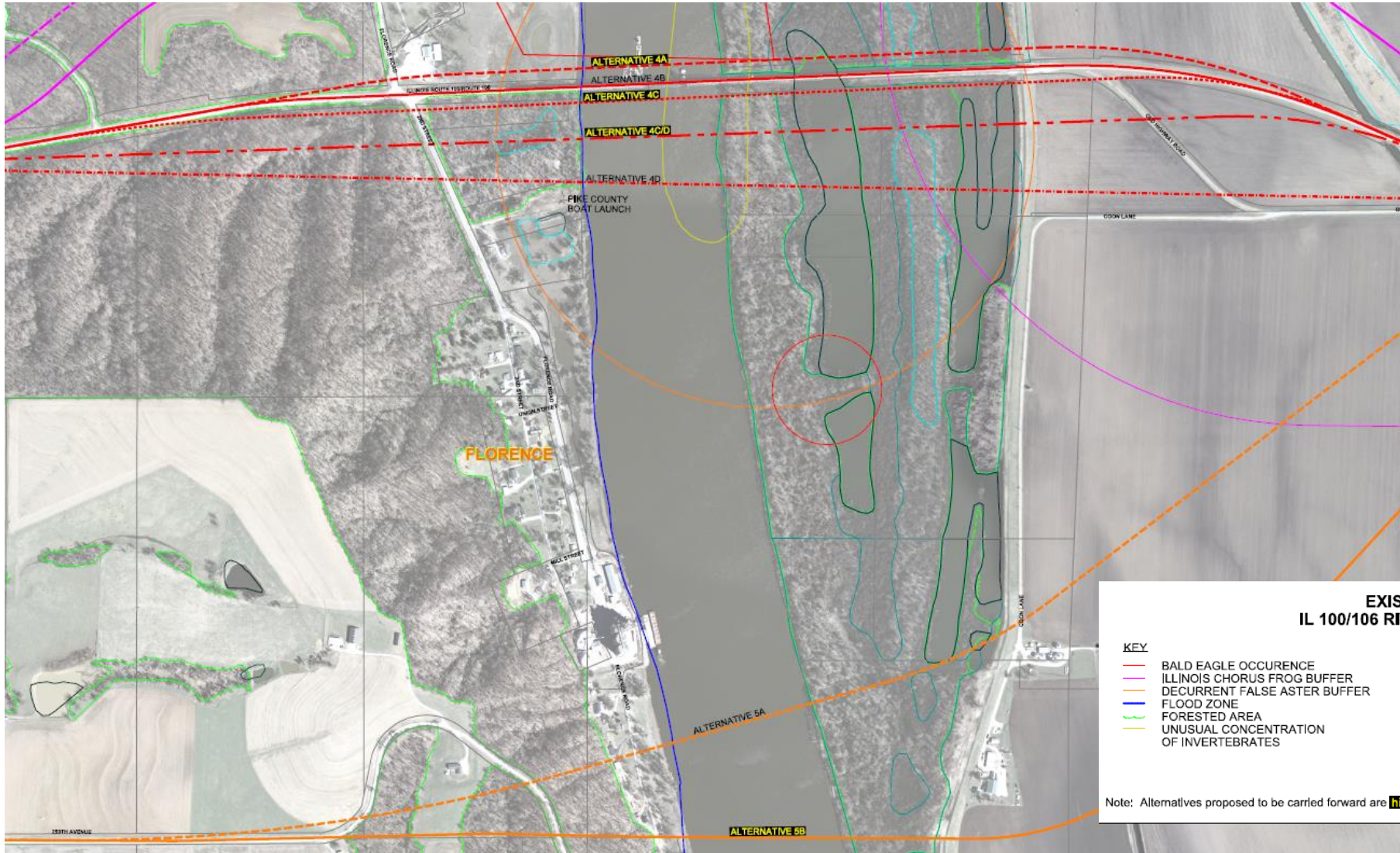
\* Concurrence was obtained at February 23, 2017 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting



# Environmental Resources



## River Crossing Project



EXISTING AERIAL VIEW AT  
IL 100/106 RIVER CROSSING AT FLORENCE

**KEY**

- BALD EAGLE OCCURRENCE
- ILLINOIS CHORUS FROG BUFFER
- DECURRENT FALSE ASTER BUFFER
- FLOOD ZONE
- FORESTED AREA
- UNUSUAL CONCENTRATION OF INVERTEBRATES

- WETLANDS
- BOTTOMLAND FOREST
- DEEP MARSH
- OPEN WATER WETLAND
- SHALLOW MARSH - WET MEADOW
- SHRUB-SCRUB WETLAND



SCALE: 1" = 300'

2011 Aerial



Note: Alternatives proposed to be carried forward are **highlighted**.

Date: December 4, 2017

- Environmental data collected and interpreted to determine potential impacts of each alternative



# Engineering Performance & Environmental Screening



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IL 100-106 Alternatives Comparison Matrix <sup>A</sup>

Alternatives Proposed to be Carried Forward are **Highlighted**.

Category	Measure	1	2A	2B	3 <sup>B</sup>	4A	4B	4C	4C/D	4D	5A	5B	3 & 4B
New Right-of-Way	Acres	0	85	70	60	30	10	20	50	65	95	95	70
Estimate of Probable Construction Cost (April 2017)	Current (Millions of Dollars) \$ M	\$-	\$100.5 M	\$110.0 M	\$23.5 M	\$73.5 M	\$64.0 M	\$70.5 M	N/A <sup>C</sup>	\$97.0 M	\$129.5 M	\$103.5 M	\$87.5 M
Revised Estimate of Probable Construction Cost (December 2017)			N/A	N/A	N/A	\$70.6 M	N/A	\$77.6 M	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$72.1 M	N/A
Main Bridge Length	Feet	0	2,260	2,630	0	2,810	2,800	2,830	N/A	2,800	2,340	1,640	2,800
New Roadway Length	Miles	0	2.6	2.0	5.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	N/A	1.8	3.4	3.3	6.0
Adverse Travel (Florence)	User Delay Cost (\$/yr.)	0					During Construction						During Construction
Adverse Travel (Through Travel)	User Delay Cost (\$/yr.)	0					During Construction						During Construction
Constructability	Subjective (described)												
Forest Land	Acres												
Wetlands	Acres												
Permanent River/Stream Crossings	Each												
Floodplain	Acres												
Prime Farmland	Acres												
Inventoried Natural Areas and Park Space <sup>D</sup>	Acres												
T&E Species Areas of Occurrences <sup>E</sup>	Present - #												
Bald Eagle Sightings <sup>F</sup>	Present - #												
Community (Section 4(f))	Listed Properties - Each												
Cultural (Section 106)	Listed Properties - Each												
Displacements (Residential)	Each												
Displacements (Commercial)	Each												
Displacements (Industrial)	Each												
Divided Parcels	Each												
Hazardous Waste Sites	Each												

Engineering and Performance Considerations

Environmental Impacts

A. Impacts Assessment at this time includes the mainline alternative only and are based on a preliminary screening. The preliminary screening was done using a database of information available in April 2017. Calculations of impacts are pending and may result in revisions to the table. This table does not include an assessment of any connector roadways.

B. Alternative 3 was evaluated and will not move forward because it does not meet the Purpose and Need.

C. Not Applicable. Alternative 4C/D was not one of the original proposed designs and was not evaluated by the same criteria as the other alternatives. Alternative 4C/D is a compromise between two designs and was evaluated for environmental impacts.

Alternatives that were not chosen to be carried forward after the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) meetings were not re-evaluated for cost.

D. Acres coincident with the Florence Bridge Bed (Illinois Natural Area Inventory Site #1658), identified as Category VI, for an unusual concentration of flora or fauna and high quality streams.

E. Zones around a point of occurrence.

F. Bald Eagle sightings are a record in the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) database, but are not indicative of geospatially located nests. They are included in the alternatives matrix with respect to the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

For Positive and Negative responses that do not require a full scale are identified with ( ) for positive and ( ) for negative.

Categories that do not vary in impacts are populated with a symbol.

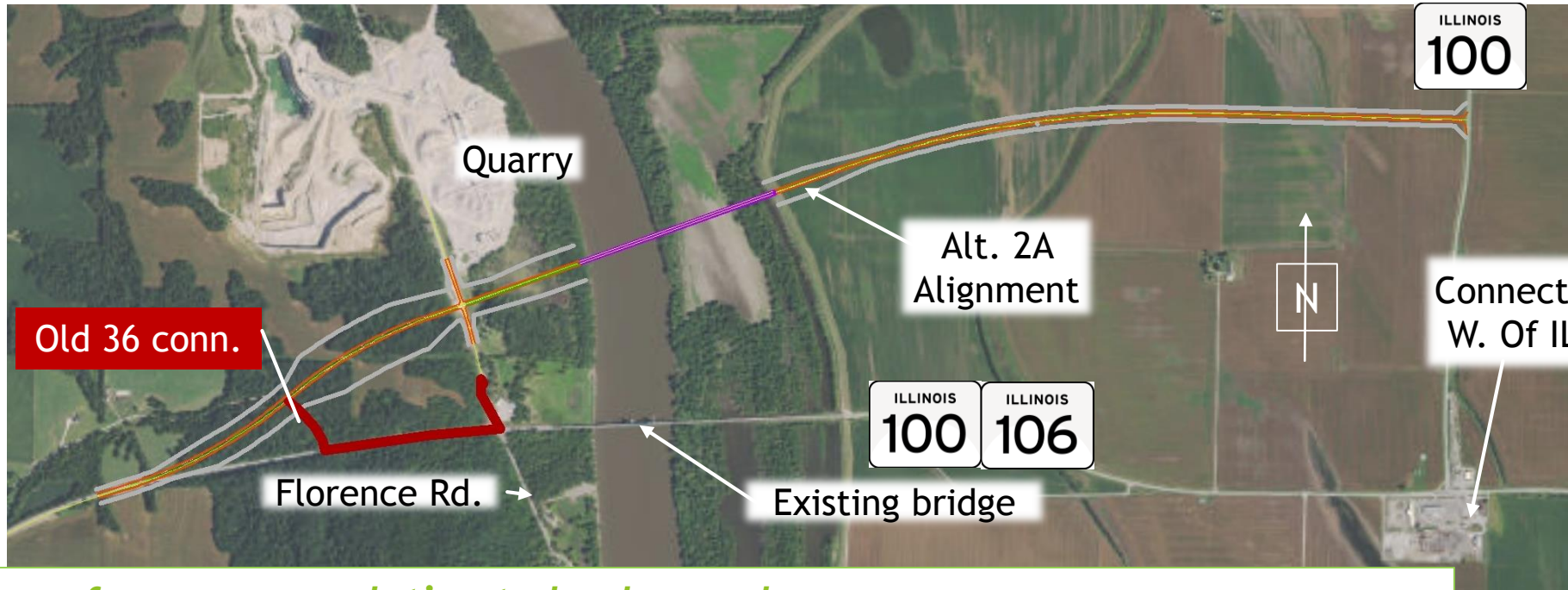


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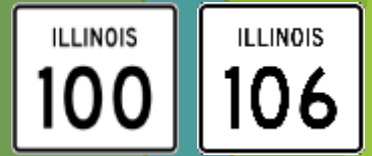


## Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 2A (2,000 feet north)



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Connects to IL 100/106  
W. Of IL Valley Paving

Alt. 2A  
Alignment

Old 36 conn.

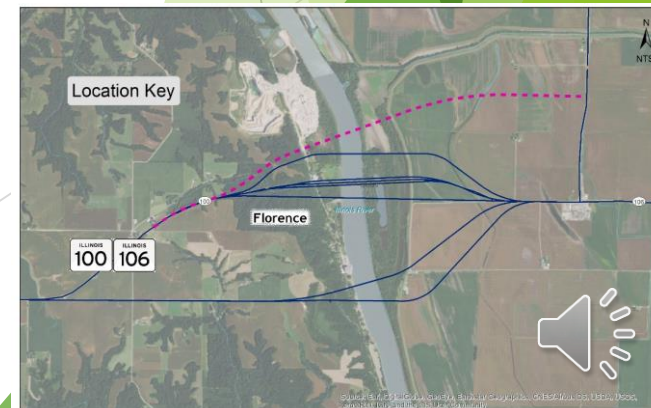
Florence Rd.

Existing bridge



## Reasons for recommendation to be dropped

- ▶ Extensive farmland impacts east of river
- ▶ Negatively impacts future quarry expansion
- ▶ Substantial work within the floodplain, forested lands, and recorded wetlands on the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
- ▶ Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog and Bald Eagle
- ▶ Higher construction cost
- ▶ Introduces a new stop condition for motorists on IL 100/106



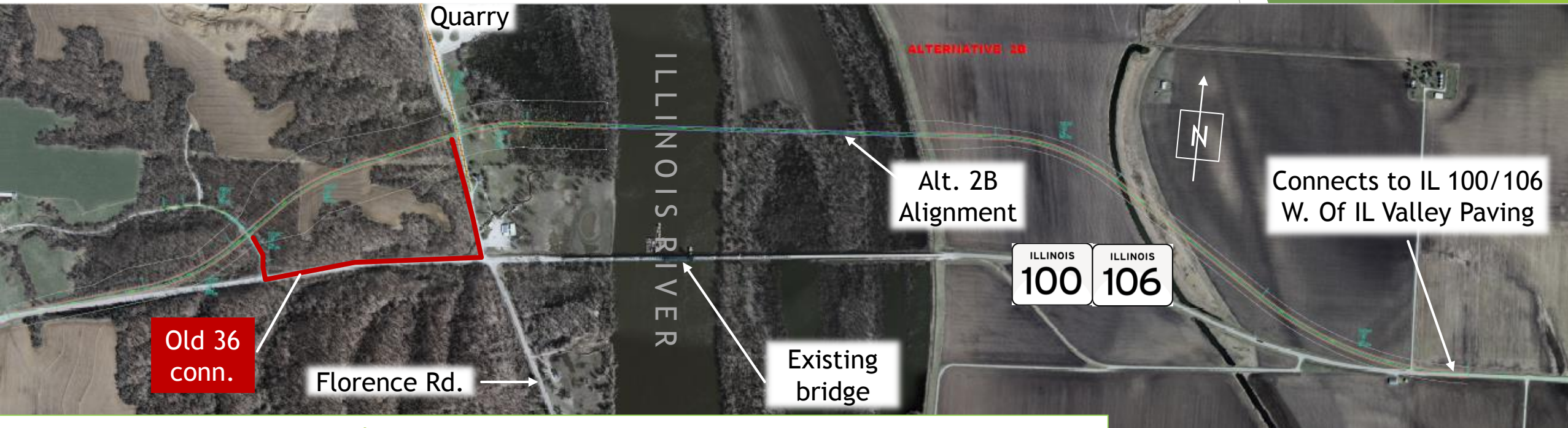


Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 2B (1,100 feet north)

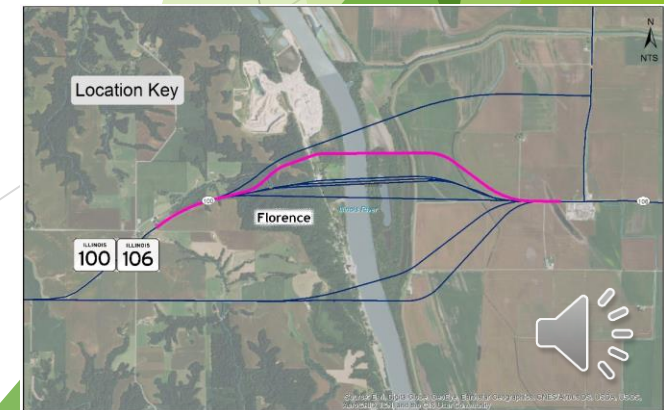


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- ▶ Substantial work within the floodplain, forested lands, and wetlands on the NWI
- ▶ Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog, Decurrent False Aster, and Bald Eagle
- ▶ Higher construction cost



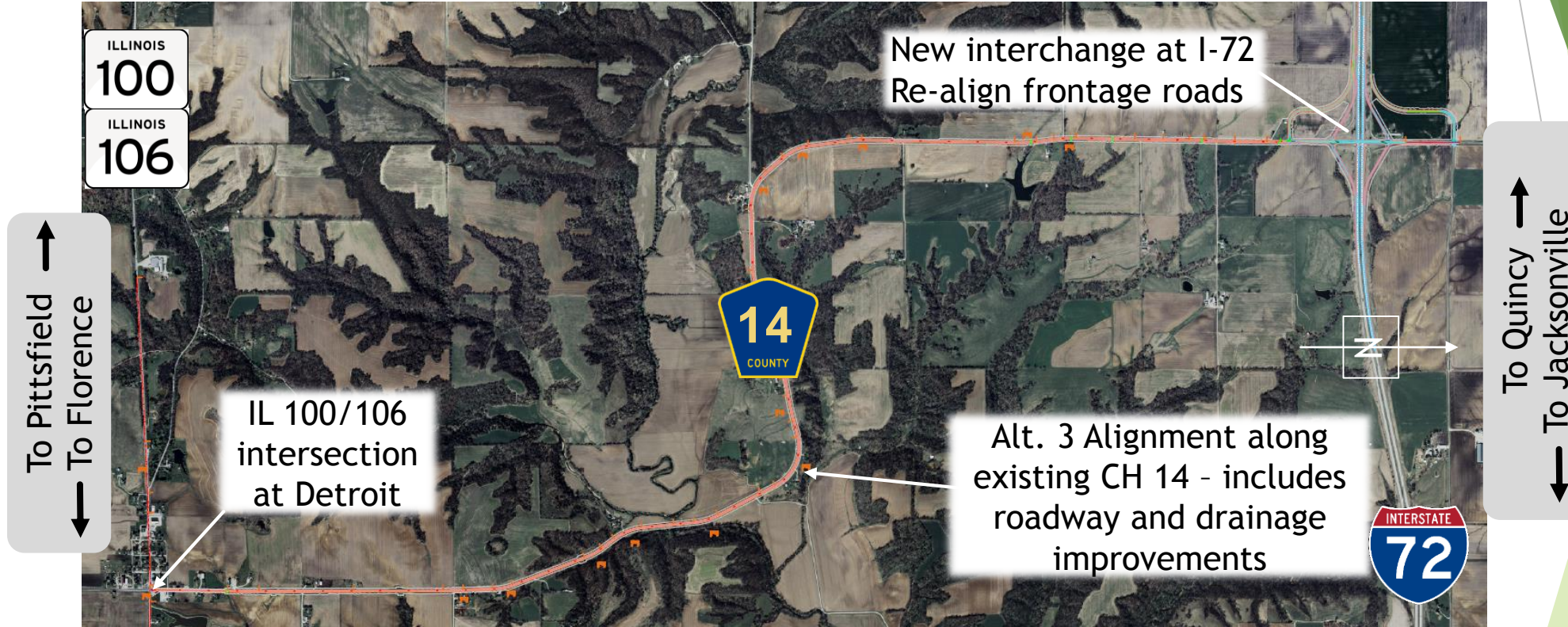


## Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 3 (Upgrade existing CH 14)



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## Reasons for recommendation to be dropped

- ▶ Doesn't accommodate all modes of traffic
- ▶ Highest out-of-direction local travel
- ▶ Doesn't meet the requirements of the Purpose and Need Statement
  - ▶ Combination of Alternatives 3 and 4B considered, but had high impacts and costs as compared to other alternatives



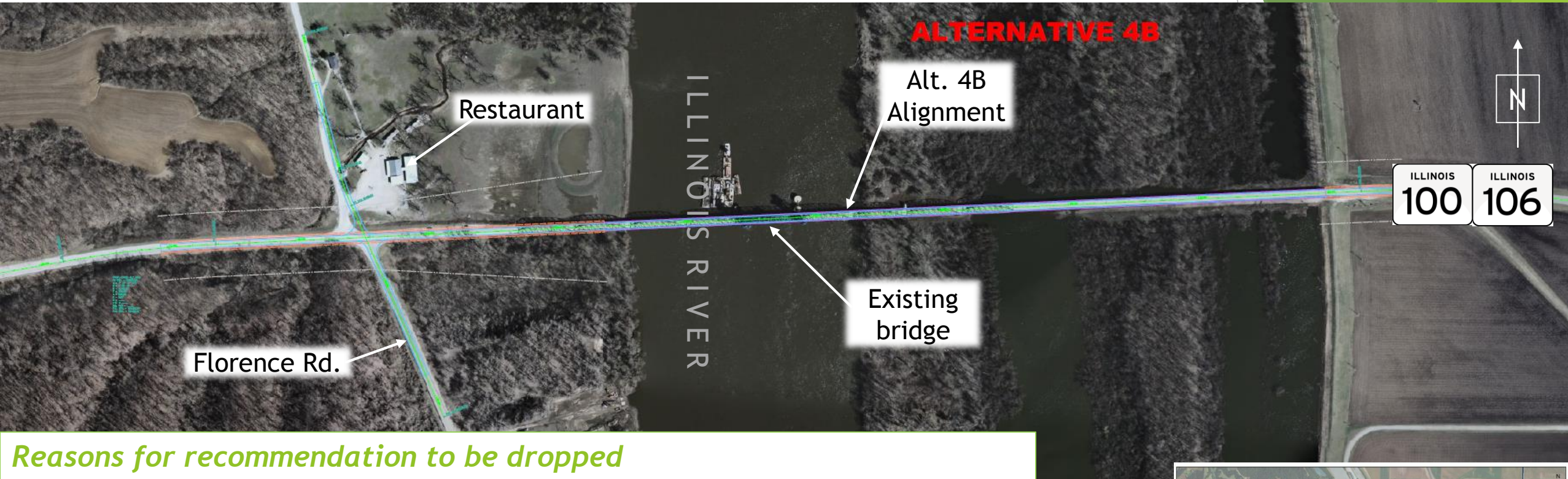


Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 4B (Existing alignment)

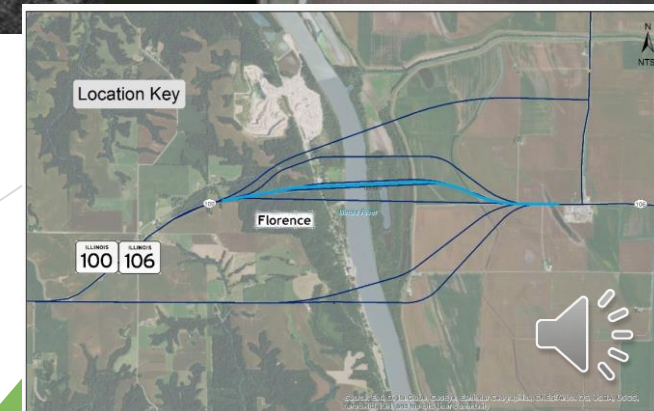


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## Reasons for recommendation to be dropped

- ▶ Bridge would be closed to all traffic during construction
  - ▶ Potentially 2-3 years
- ▶ High adverse travel during construction
- ▶ Substantial work near wetlands on the NWI
- ▶ Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog, Decurrent False Aster, River Invertebrates, and Bald Eagle



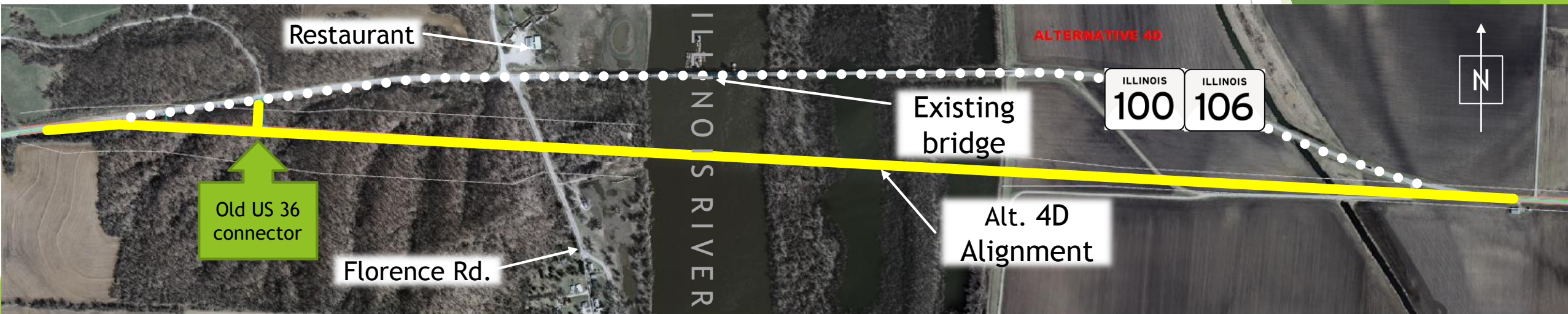


Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 4D (600 feet south)

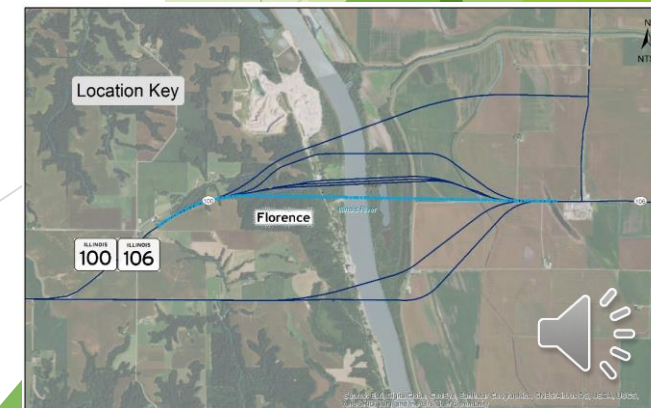


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## *Reasons for recommendation to be dropped*

- ▶ Increased property and farmland impacts as compared to 4A, B and C
- ▶ Potential impact to Pike County boat launch
- ▶ Increased rock excavation through bluff
- ▶ Extensive impacts to forested land
- ▶ Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog, Decurrent False Aster, and River Invertebrates



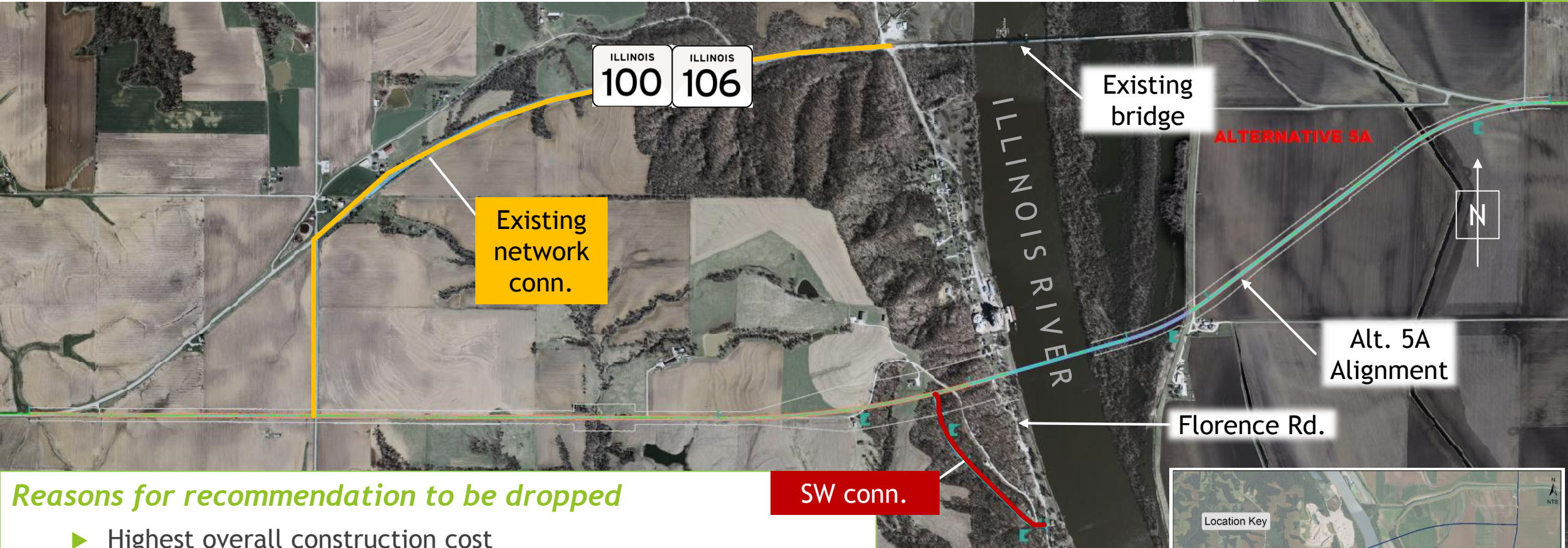


Alternatives Proposed To Be Dropped

# Alternative 5A (4,000 feet south)

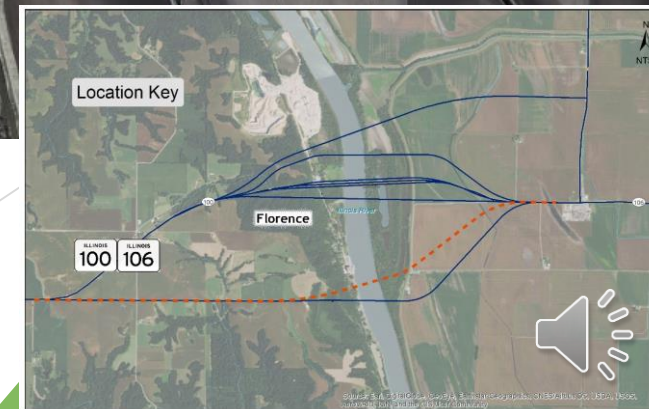


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## Reasons for recommendation to be dropped

- ▶ Highest overall construction cost
- ▶ Extensive farmland impacts east of river
- ▶ Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog
- ▶ Potential for displaced residences
- ▶ Does not have the same benefit in bridge length as 5B



## Alternative 1 (No Action)

- ▶ Leave existing bridge in place
  - ▶ Required to be carried forward under federal NEPA process
  - ▶ Provides a baseline for comparison with other alternatives
- ▶ Bridge maintenance
  - ▶ Bridge may become unserviceable in the future when repairs are no longer possible



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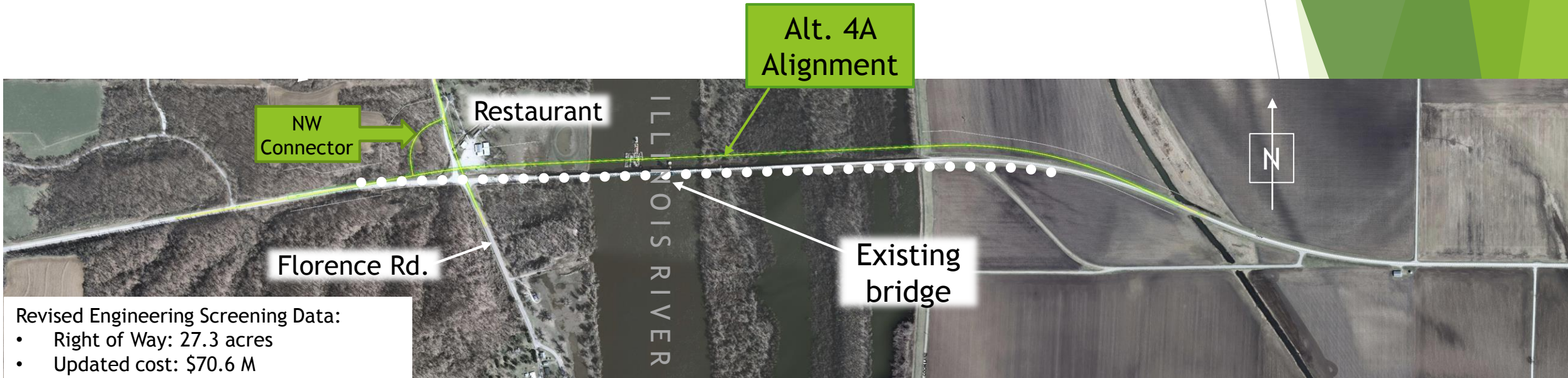


## Alternatives Proposed To Be Carried Forward

# Alternative 4A (100 feet north)



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### Revised Engineering Screening Data:

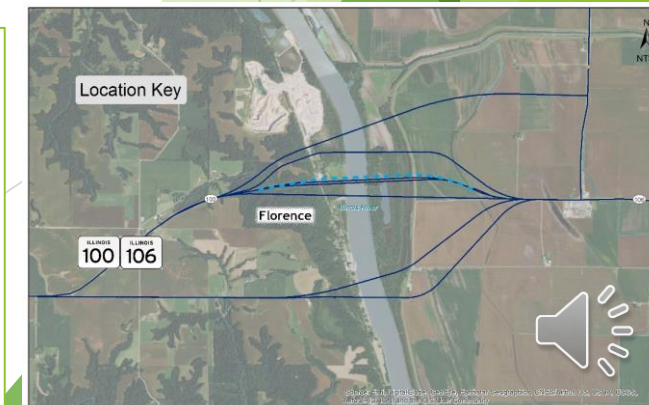
- Right of Way: 27.3 acres
- Updated cost: \$70.6 M
- Illinois River bridge length: 3,165 feet
- New roadway length: 4,232 feet

## Reasons for recommendation to be carried forward

- ▶ Lowest construction cost of recommended alternatives
- ▶ Relatively low impacts to farmland and forested land

\*Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog, Decurrent False Aster, River Invertebrates, and Bald Eagle

\*Potential to displace business





## Alternatives Proposed To Be Carried Forward

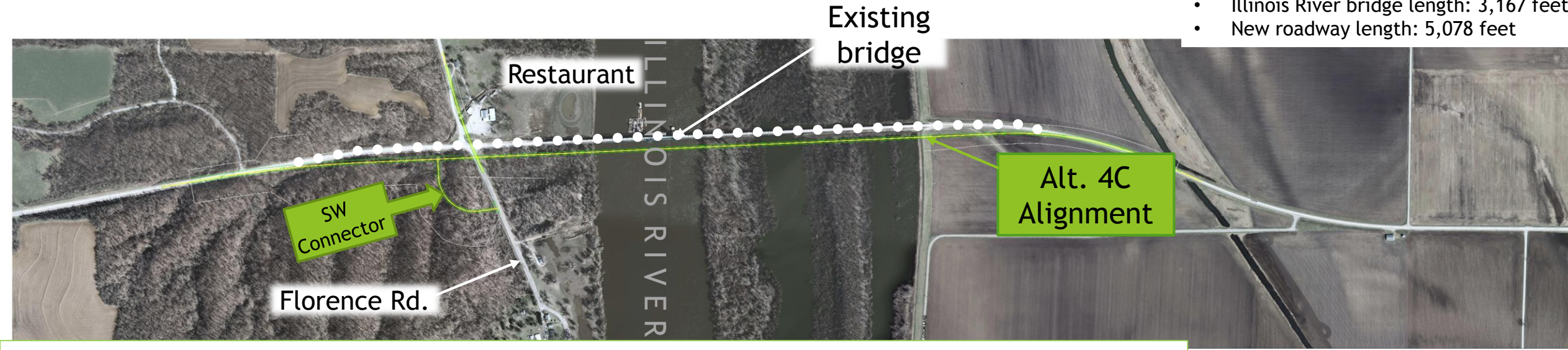
# Alternative 4C (100 feet south)



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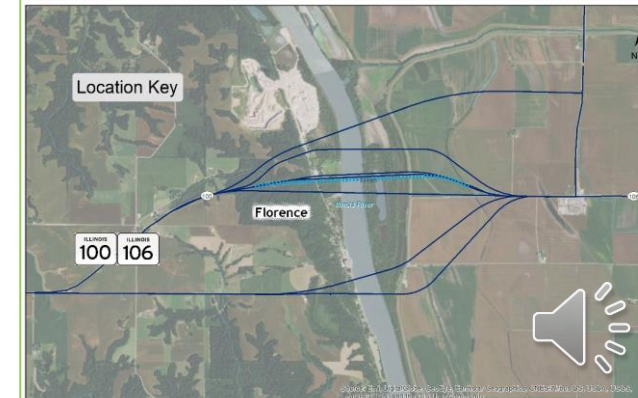
- Right of Way: 32.9 acres
- Updated cost: \$77.6 M
- Illinois River bridge length: 3,167 feet
- New roadway length: 5,078 feet



## Reasons for recommendation to be carried forward

- ▶ Lowest property impacts of recommended alternatives
- ▶ Reduces the amount of rock excavation as compared to 4D
- ▶ Least impact to the floodplain
- ▶ Relatively low impacts to farmland and forested land
- ▶ Relatively low construction costs and impacts

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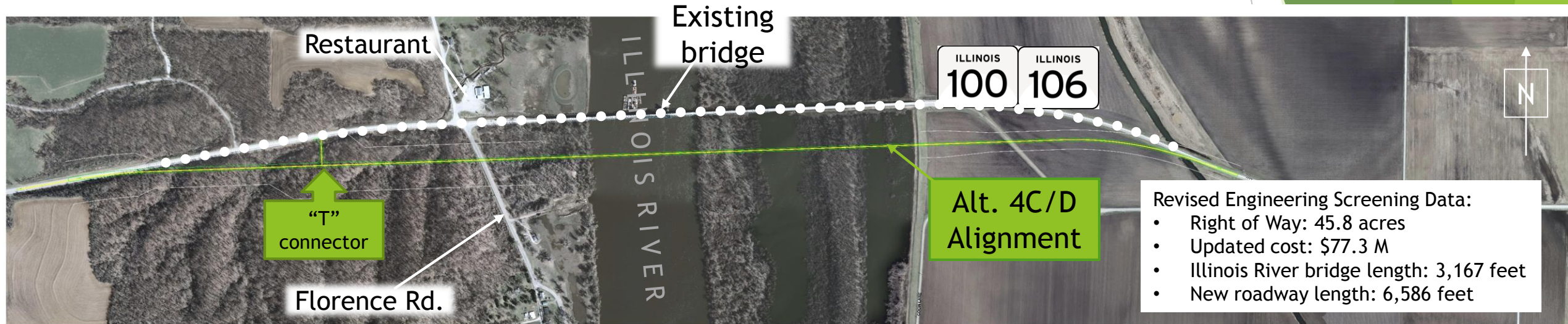


## Alternatives Proposed To Be Carried Forward

# Alternative 4C/D (300 feet south)



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Revised Engineering Screening Data:

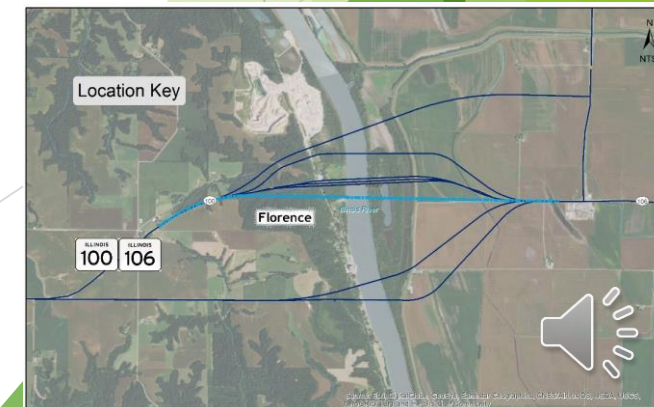
- Right of Way: 45.8 acres
- Updated cost: \$77.3 M
- Illinois River bridge length: 3,167 feet
- New roadway length: 6,586 feet

## Reasons for recommendation to be carried forward

- ▶ Variation of Alternative 4D
- ▶ Creates a "T" intersection connector road west of the bridge
- ▶ Can be constructed with minimal impacts to existing traffic
- ▶ Similar construction costs as 4C
- ▶ Reduces the amount of rock excavation as compared to 4D
- ▶ Reduced property impacts as compared to 4D

\*Would increase farmland and forested land impacts as compared to 4C

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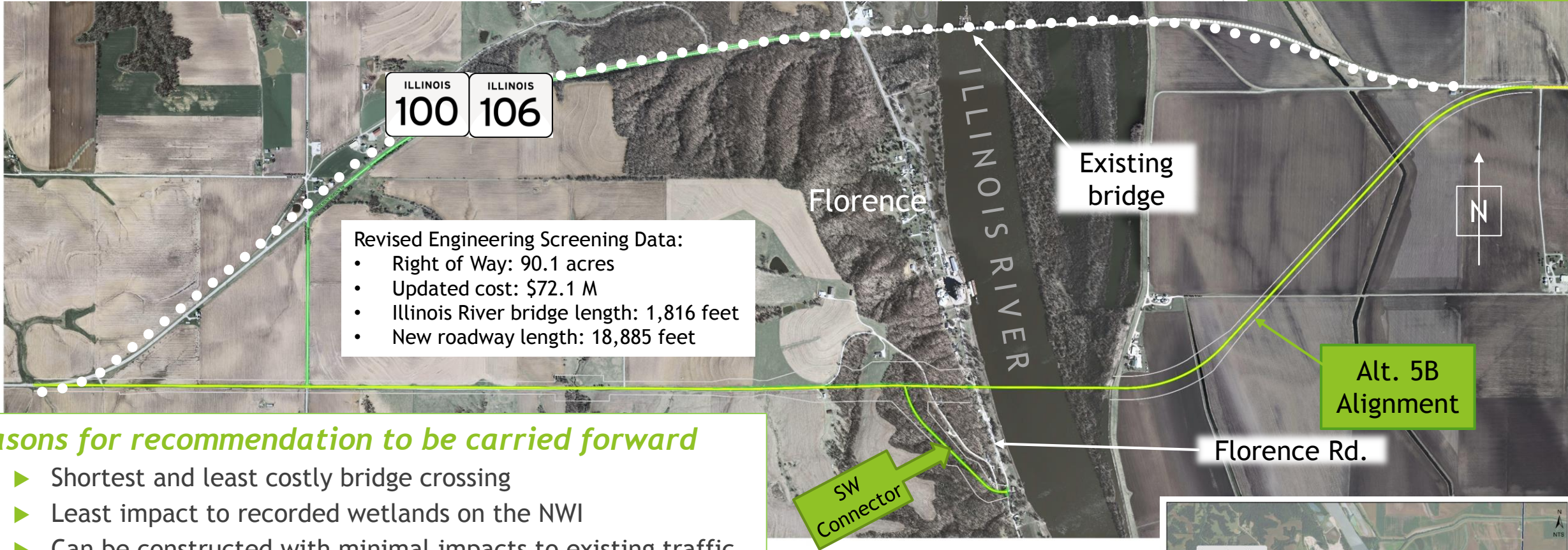


## Alternatives Proposed To Be Carried Forward

# Alternative 5B (4,500 feet south)



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### Reasons for recommendation to be carried forward

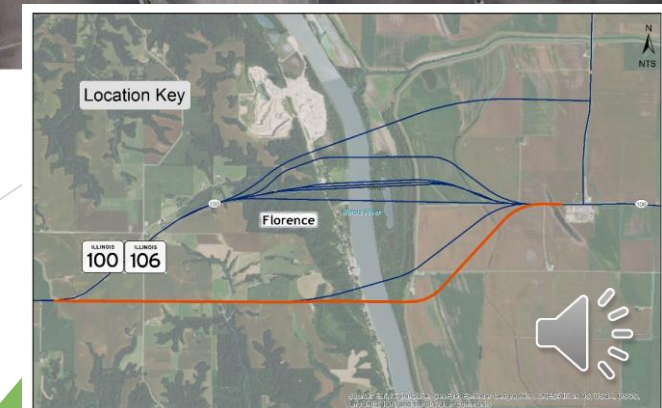
- ▶ Shortest and least costly bridge crossing
- ▶ Least impact to recorded wetlands on the NWI
- ▶ Can be constructed with minimal impacts to existing traffic
- ▶ Furthest alternative from river bend (improves navigation)

\*Highest roadway cost of the recommended alternatives

\*Potential for impacts to the Illinois Chorus Frog

\*Highest farmland impacts of the recommended alternatives

\*Potential to displace residences

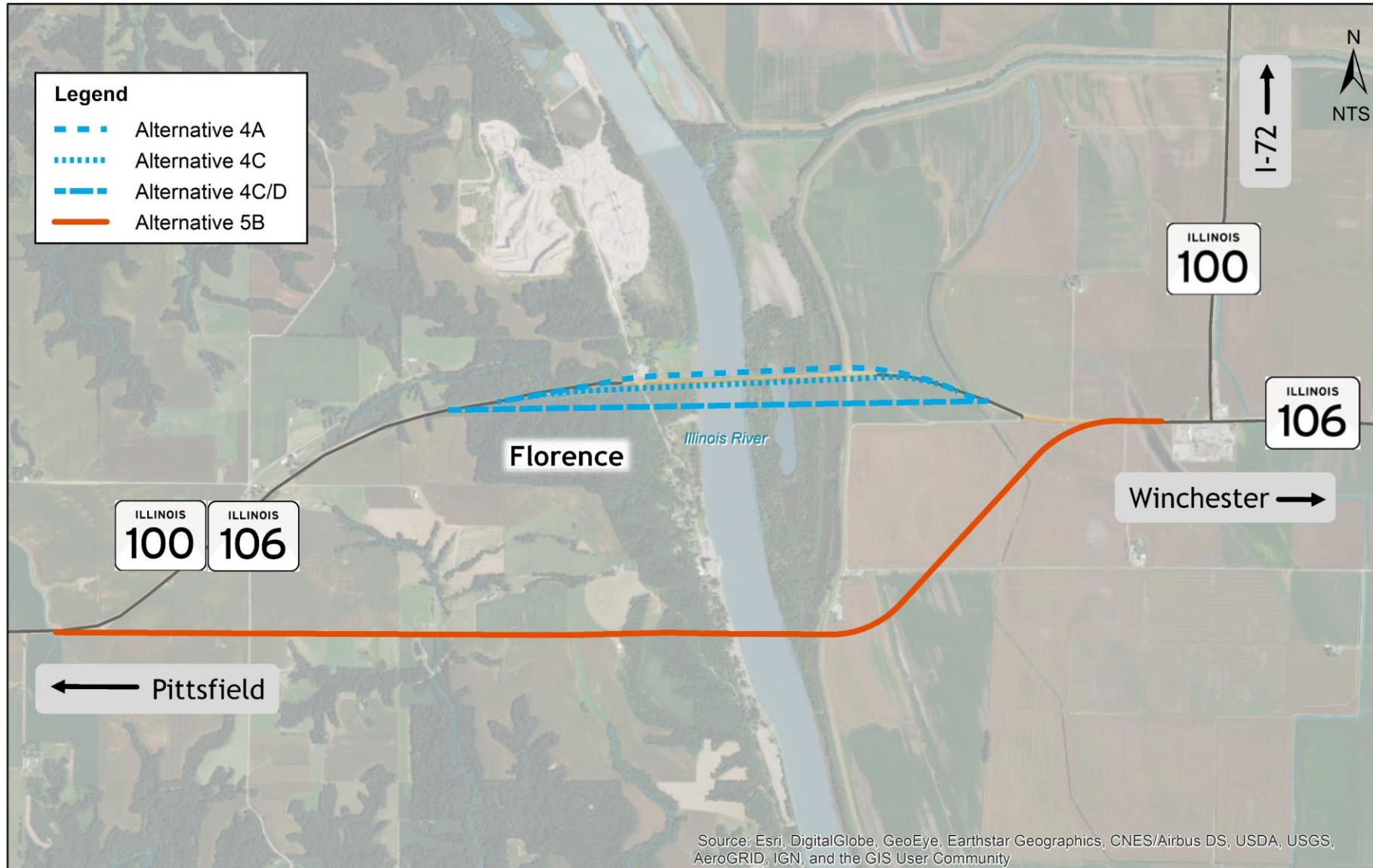




# Recommended Alternatives Map



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November 13, 2017



# River Crossing



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*Twice the width of the existing bridge opening*

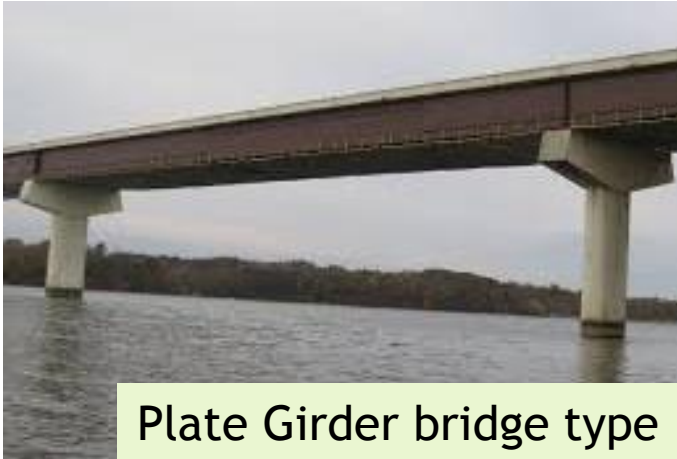
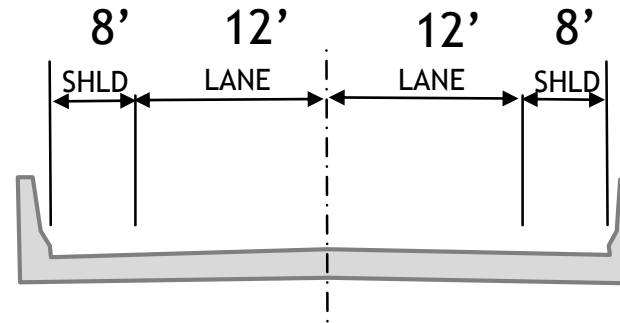


Plate Girder bridge type



Conceptual Typical Section

- ▶ 400' horizontal bridge navigation clearance (preliminary recommendation of Coast Guard)
  - ▶ *Existing horizontal navigation opening 202'*
- ▶ Preliminary width - two 12' lanes and two 8' shoulders (40' clear width) - accommodates farm implements, bicycle use, staging for future rehabilitation
- ▶ Plate girder bridge may be considered for spans  $\approx$  500' or less





# Evaluation & Review of Alternatives



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- ▶ Preliminary Alternatives evaluated for:
  - ▶ Roadway and Structure Alignment
  - ▶ Environmental Resource Impacts
  - ▶ Socio-Economic Impacts to the Community
  - ▶ Land Acquisition and Displacements
  - ▶ Cost
- ▶ Public Review of Alternatives and Provide Input
- ▶ Consider how well the Alternatives:
  - ▶ Satisfy the project Purpose?
  - ▶ Meet the project Needs?
  - ▶ Minimize impacts to Environmental Resources

What are  
the Pros &  
Cons?



# Project Timeline



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2017

2018

2019

- Public Meeting #1**  
September 15, 2016
- Need of Improvement
  - Feasibility Study
  - Assemble CAG

**We Are Here**

- Public Meeting #2**  
December 7, 2017
- Present Alternatives
  - Comparison of Benefits and Impacts

- Public Hearing**  
Summer 2019
- Present Preferred Alternative for review and comment

Bridge Condition Report

Environmental Assessment/CE

Design Report, Bridge Type Study

PHASE I (Planning)

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PHASE II  
(Design)

PHASE III  
(Const.)

- CAG #1**  
November 2, 2016
- Purpose of CAG
  - Ground rules
  - Initial coordination
  - Feasibility Study
  - Purpose & Need/Brainstorm alternatives

- CAG #2**  
April 25, 2017
- Present geometric alternatives, impacts and access

NEPA Concurrence P&N  
February 23, 2017

- CAG #3**  
February 2018
- Review 2<sup>nd</sup> PM feedback
  - Review geometric alternatives

NEPA Concurrence Alts. Carried Forward  
June 2018

- CAG #4**  
Fall 2018
- Identify Preferred Alternative for Public Hearing

NEPA Concurrence Preferred Alt.  
February 2019

- CAG #5 and #6**  
(if necessary)
- Bridge Type Study Group
  - Meeting #5 - identify options
  - Meeting #6 - finalize type

- *Phase I is funded*
- *Phase II and Phase III are unfunded*
- *\$14M bridge rehab FY 18-22*





# THANK YOU



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- ▶ We need your input!
- ▶ Please fill out a Comment Form. Please submit by December 21, 2017.
- ▶ The Project Study Group will continue to refine and evaluate alternatives.
- ▶ Additional comments can be submitted via the project website.  
[www.florencebridgestudy.com](http://www.florencebridgestudy.com)
- ▶ We appreciate your participation!

