



WELCOME!

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Proposed replacement of the Chain of Rocks Bridge that carries I-270 over the Mississippi River connecting Madison County, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri.



PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To inform the general public of the planning process for I-270 over the Mississippi River Bridge Study
- Introduce opportunities for the public to become involved
- To receive comments from the public
- To inform the public of the project schedule



PURPOSE OF PROJECT

- The purpose of the project is to replace the existing Chain of Rocks Bridge that carries I-270 over the Mississippi River.





NEED FOR THE PROJECT

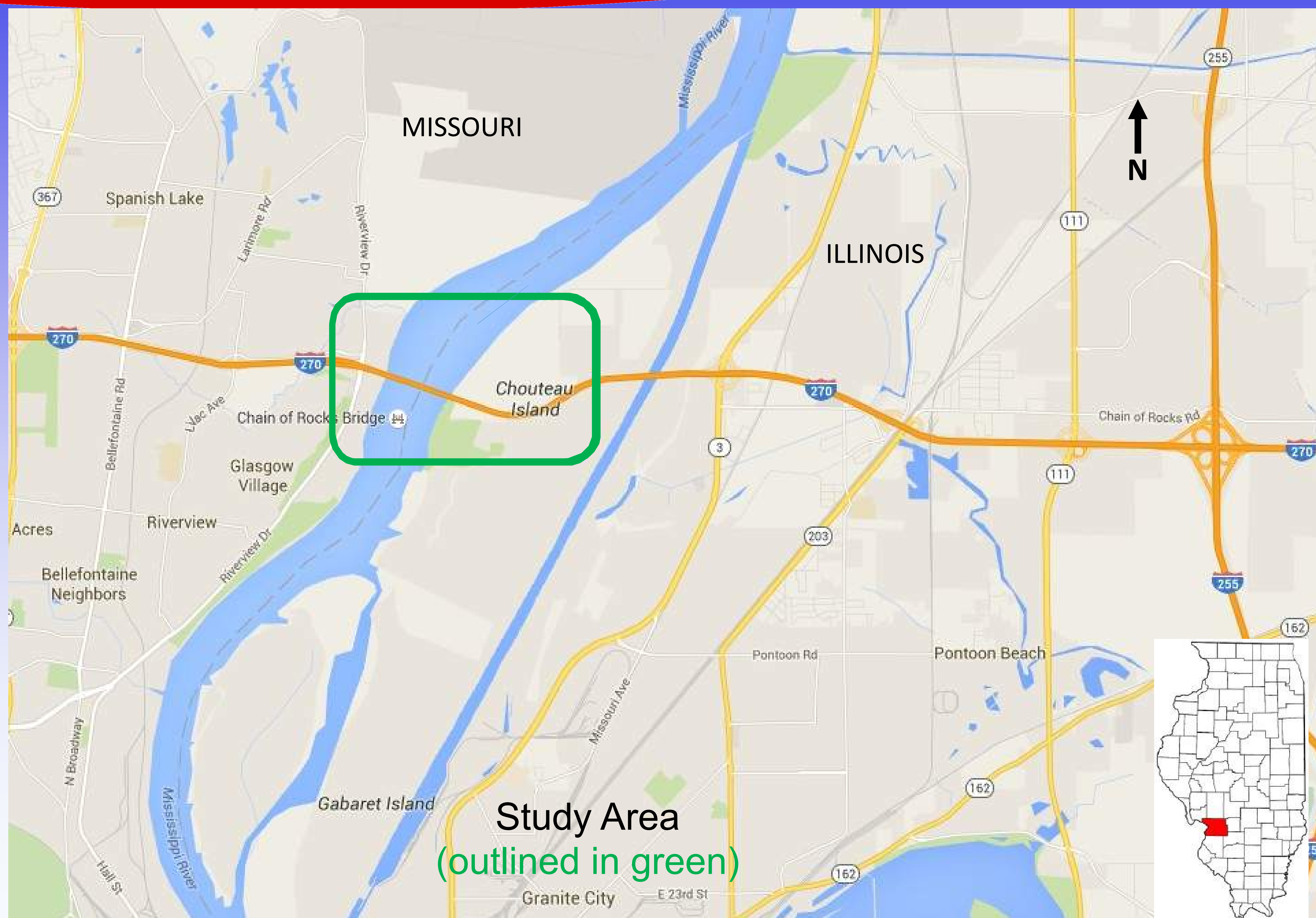
The need for replacement of the existing I-270 bridge over the Mississippi River is because of several factors:

- Age of structure (Built in 1966)
- Condition of structure
- Increasing traffic volumes
- Safety issues
 - Narrow shoulders
 - High amount of crashes





STUDY LOCATION



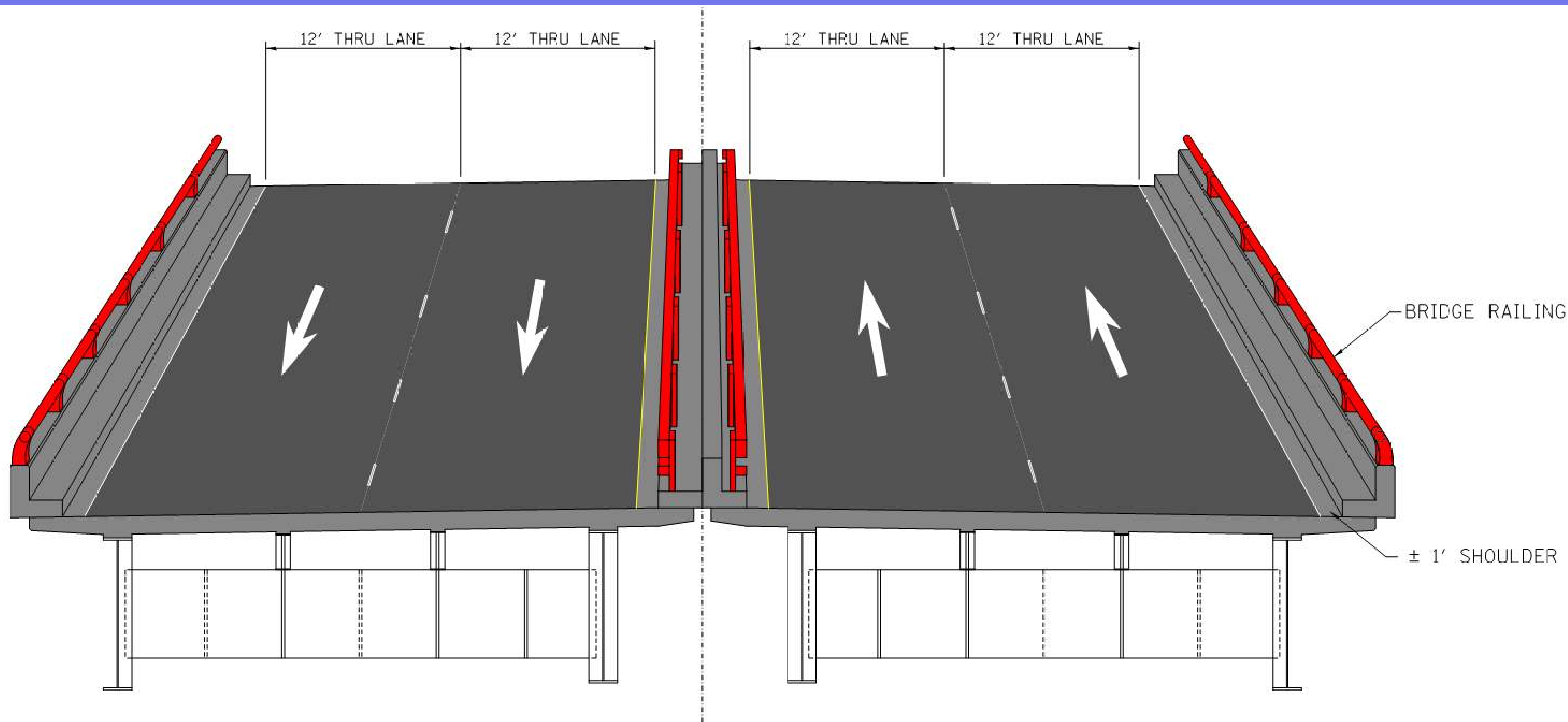


STUDY AREA





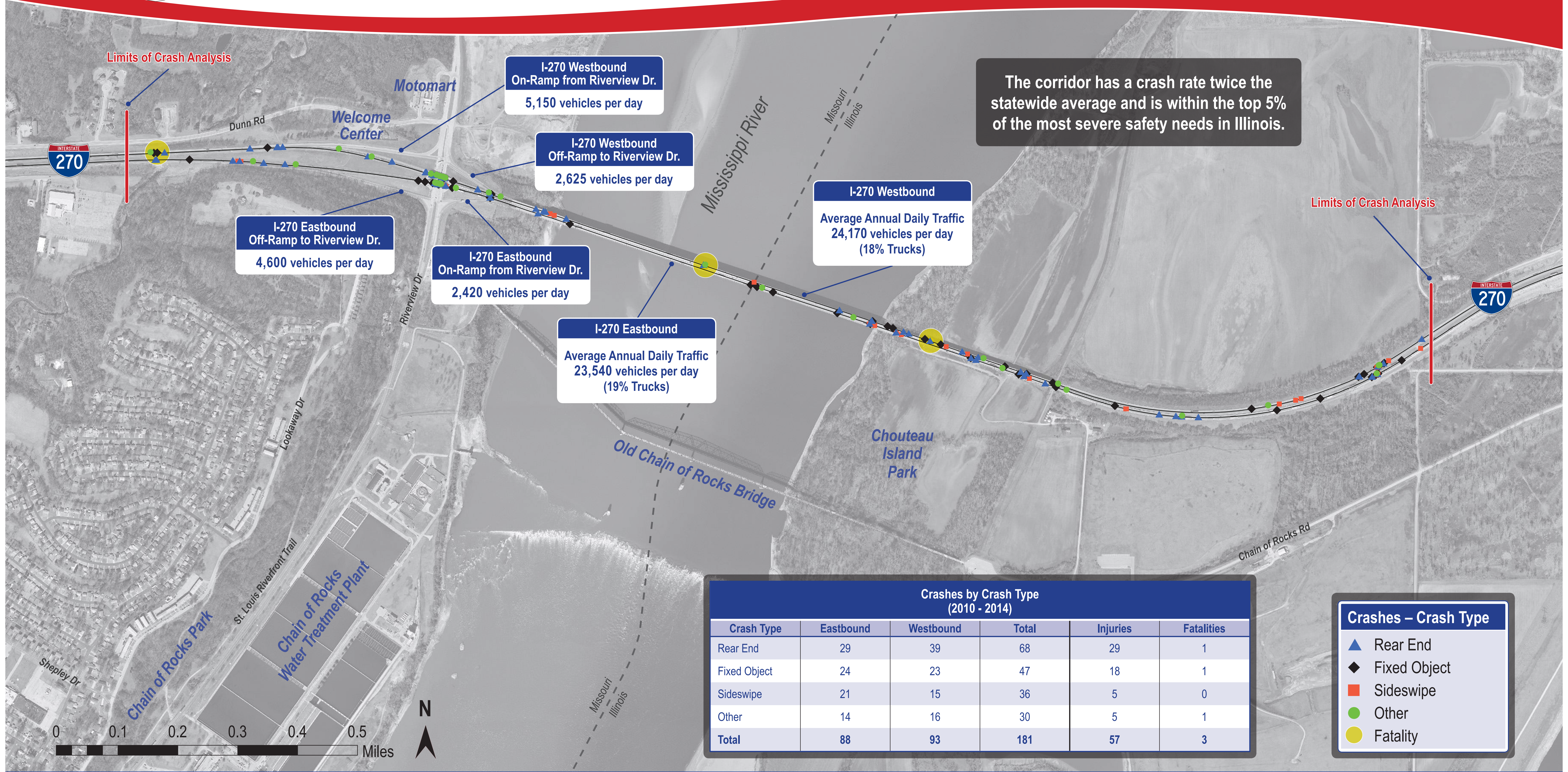
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EXISTING TYPICAL BRIDGE SECTION



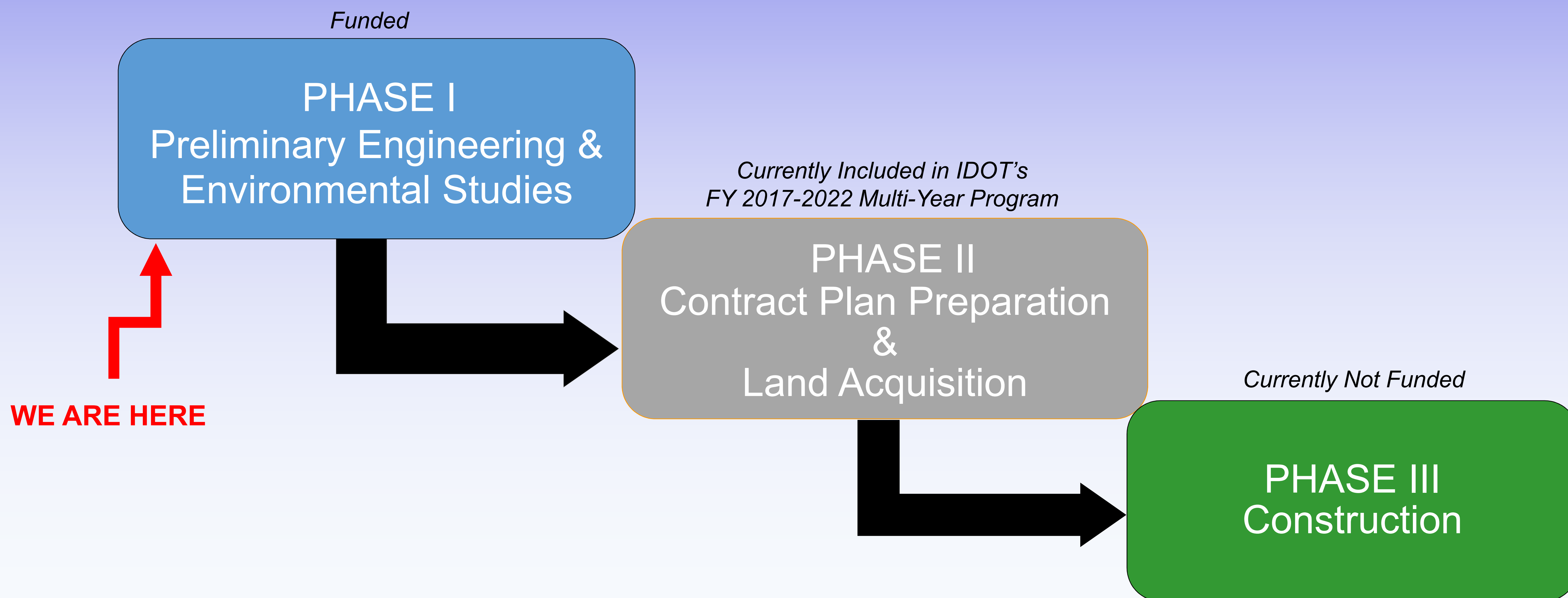
TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND CRASH DATA





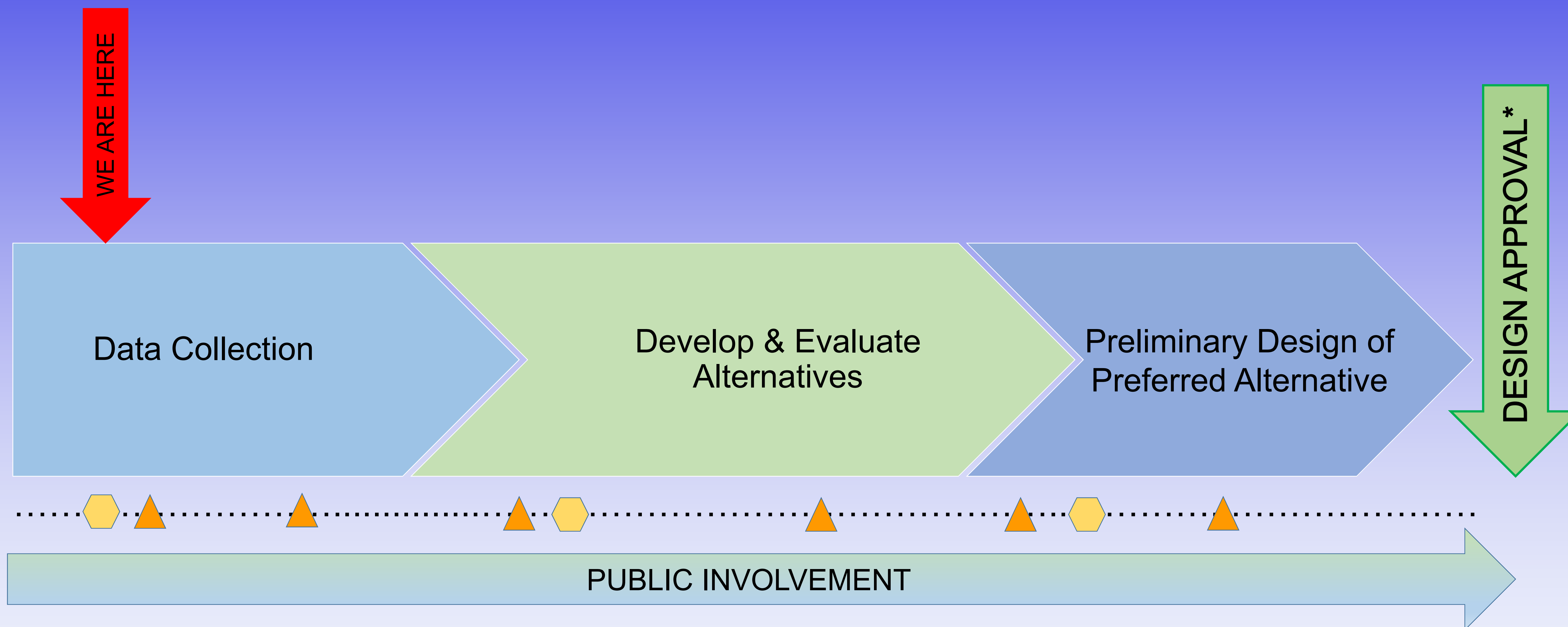
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & FUNDING

IDOT has a three-phase project development process, as shown on the timeline graphic below. The I-270 over the Mississippi River Study includes funds to conduct Phase I, which provides the support for determining a preferred option. During this phase, proposed geometry, environmental concerns, and proposed right-of-way are identified.





SCHEDULE



▲ Potential Community Advisory Group Meeting

⬡ Public Meeting

*Design Approval signifies approval of the study (Phase I) and allows for the development of detailed final engineering for a new bridge (Phase II)



ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

What topics will be studied?

- Air Quality
- Archaeological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Ecology
- Floodplains
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Noise
- Parks & Recreation
- Soils & Geology
- Special Waste
- Threatened/Endangered Species
- Vegetation
- Water Quality
- Wetlands





WHAT IS CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS (CSS)?

IDOT utilizes CSS as a way to continually engage stakeholders in the study. A **stakeholder** is anyone that has a special interest or “stake” in the project.

The CSS process strives to achieve the following:

- Understand key issues and concerns of the study area stakeholders
- Identify transportation problems and needs within the study area
- Involve stakeholders in the decision-making process of the study early and often
- Involve stakeholders during key milestone decisions of the study
- Apply flexibility in design to address stakeholder concerns





COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

- The CAG represents a cross-section of the community.
- The CAG would function as a liaison between IDOT and the public as a whole and would help generate interest in and knowledge about the study.
- The CAG would potentially be comprised of volunteers from a variety of stakeholder groups, such as:
 - Community Leaders
 - Cities/Village
 - Economic Development
 - Environment
 - Industry
 - Commuters
 - Homeowners
 - Business owners
 - Individuals representing special interest groups
- It is anticipated that there may be several CAG meetings during course of the study.



Please discuss your interest to be a member of the CAG with a project study team member and fill out a CAG membership form.



WE NEED YOUR INPUT

- Complete a comment form
- Sign-up to participate in the Community Advisory Group
- Share your ideas with the study team
- Visit the study website:

www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river

Comments are due: July 27, 2016



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENDANCE!***