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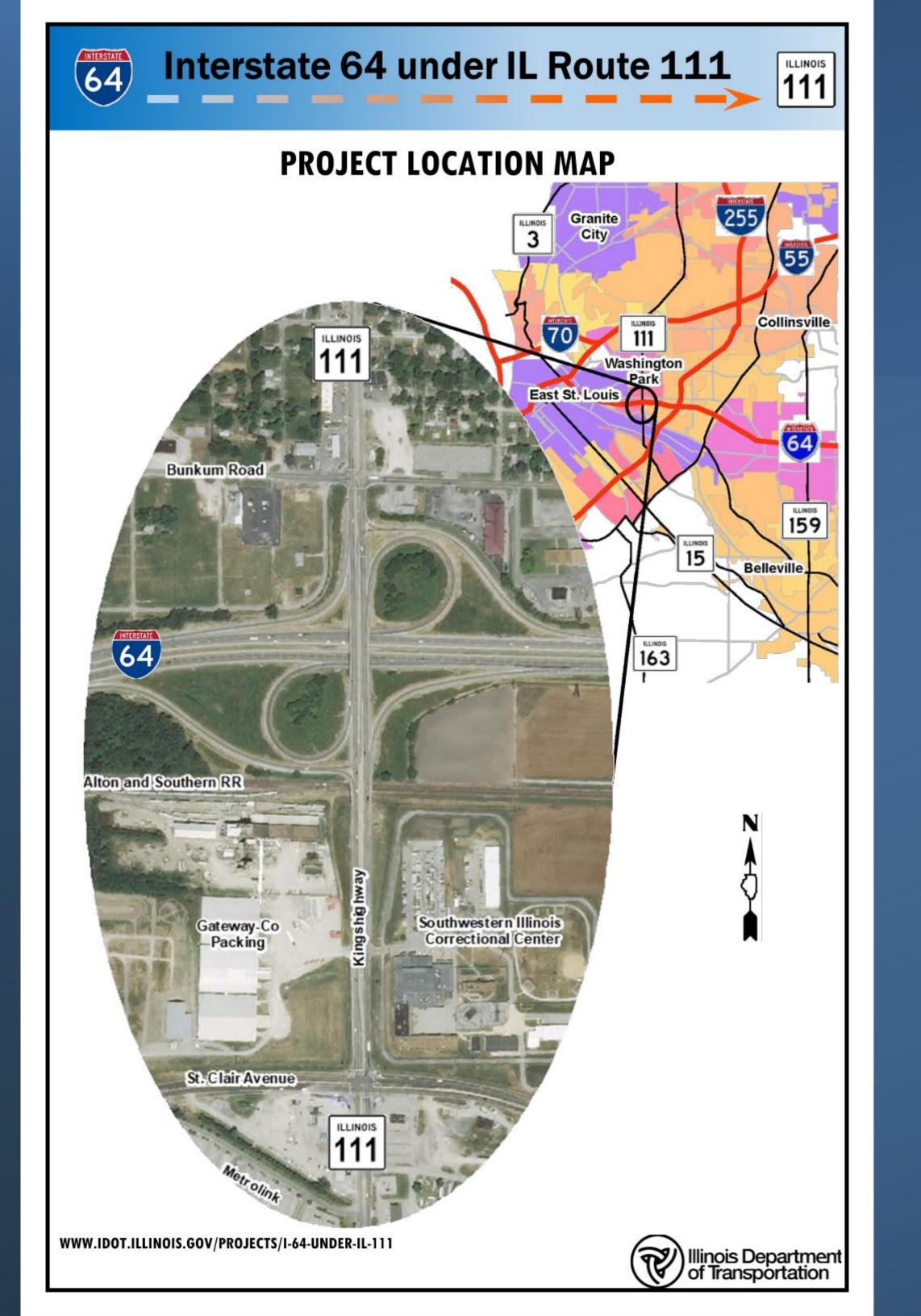
# PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Interstate 64 under IL Route 111







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#### PURPOSE OF PROJECT

- The purpose of this project is to address bridge deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and improve mobility at the I-64 / IL Route 111 interchange.
- Addressing these deficiencies would allow I-64 to continue to serve as a vital link to the interstate highway system in the St. Louis metropolitan area and improve access to the Village of Washington Park and surrounding communities.









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#### NEED FOR THE PROJECT

- The existing IL Route 111 bridge is nearly 50 years old.
- The existing condition of the bridge has deteriorated.
- The clearance between the bridge and I-64 is less than current standards.
  - The current clearance is 14'-2"
  - Required clearance is 16'-0" minimum and a desired clearance of 16'-9".

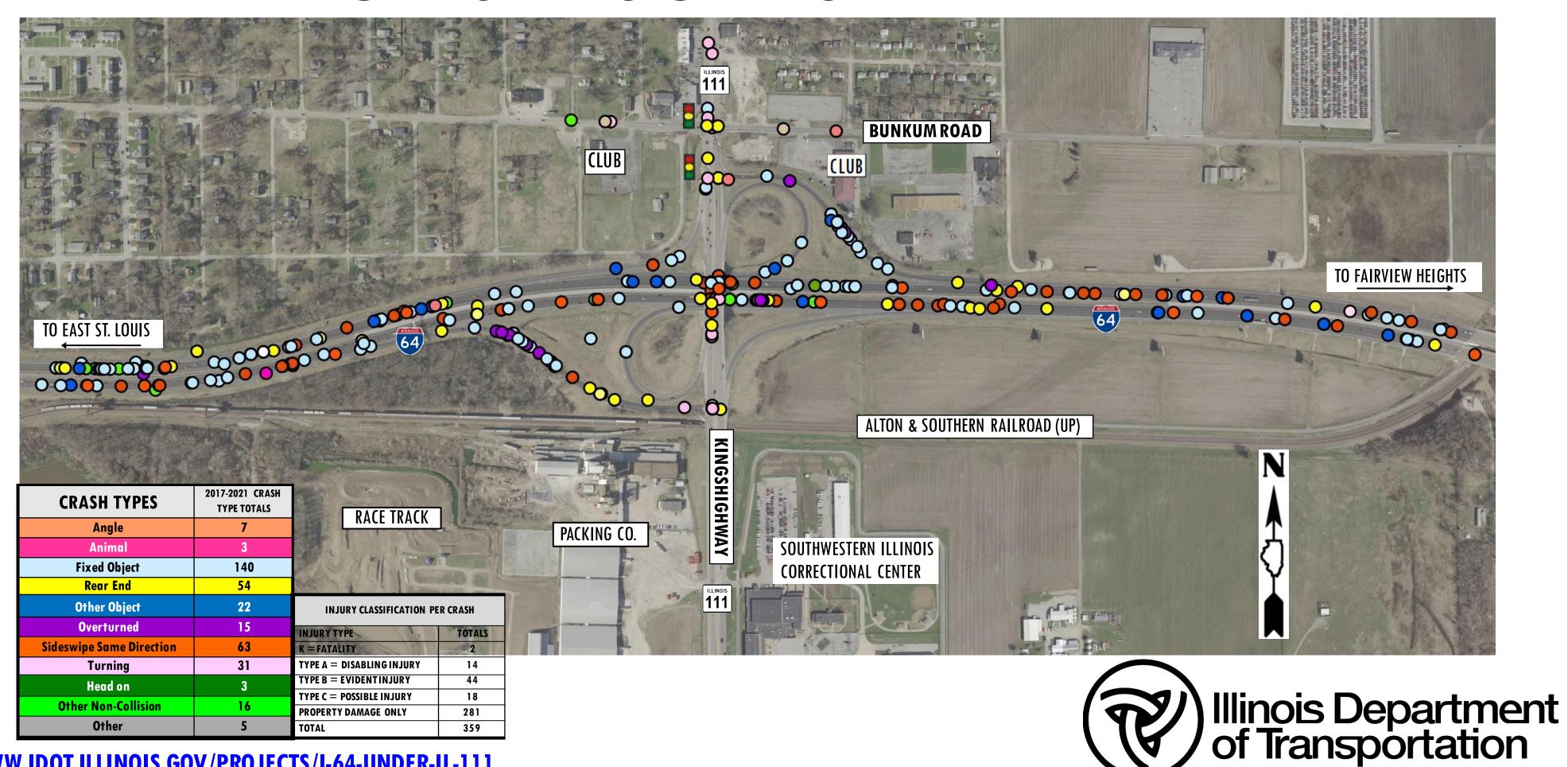
• Trucks have struck the bridge numerous times.







#### CRASH LOCATION MAP



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Other Non-Collision

Other

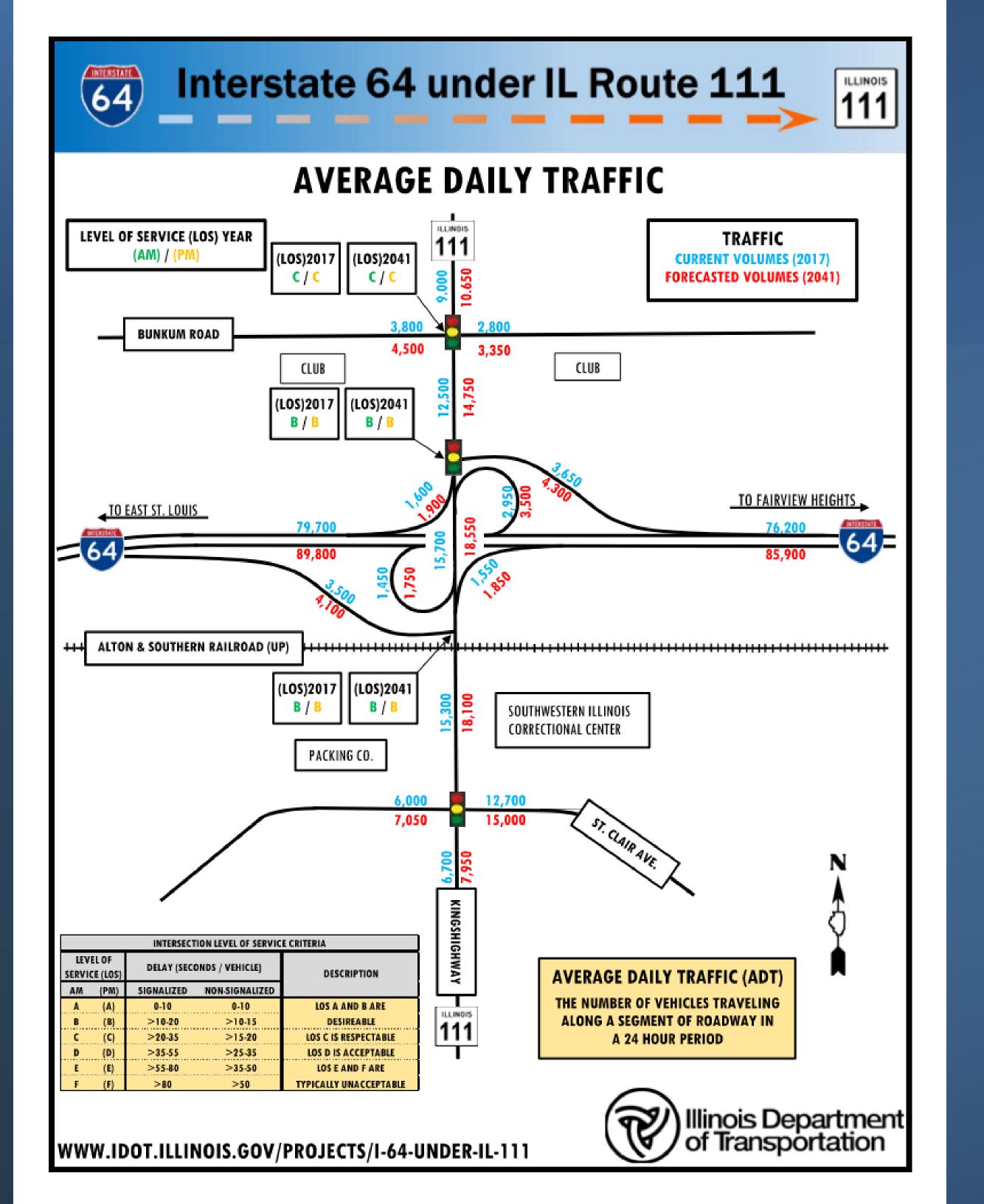
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PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY

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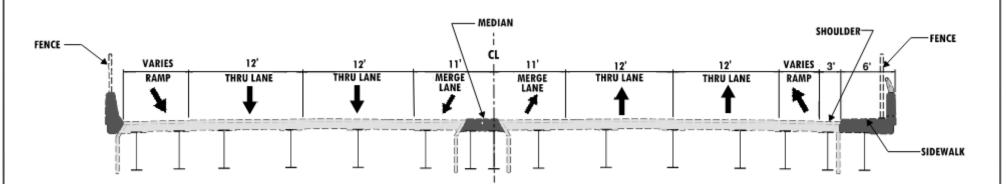
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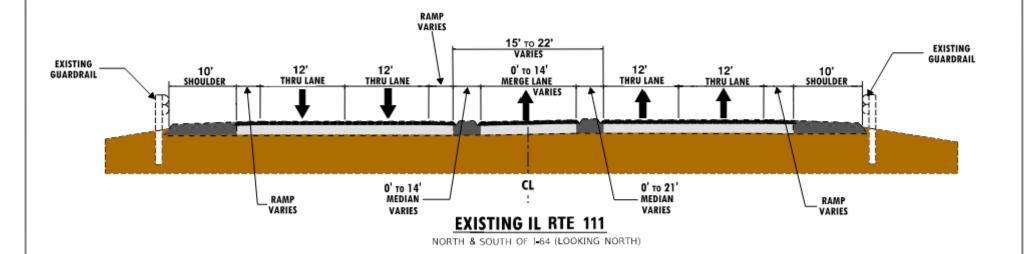


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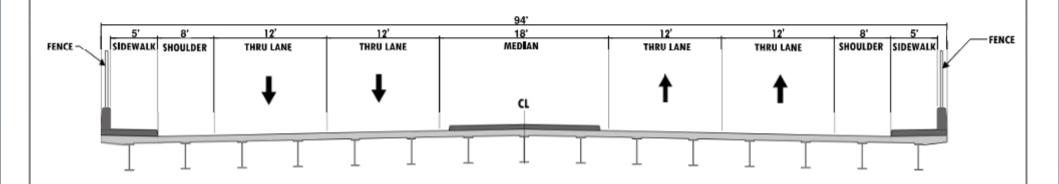
#### **IL ROUTE 111 EXISTING TYPICAL SECTIONS**



EXISTING IL RTE 111 BRIDGE OVER I - 64



#### **IL ROUTE 111 CONCEPT BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION**



CONCEPT IL RTE 111 BRIDGE OVER I - 64



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#### CONCEPT INTERCHANGE

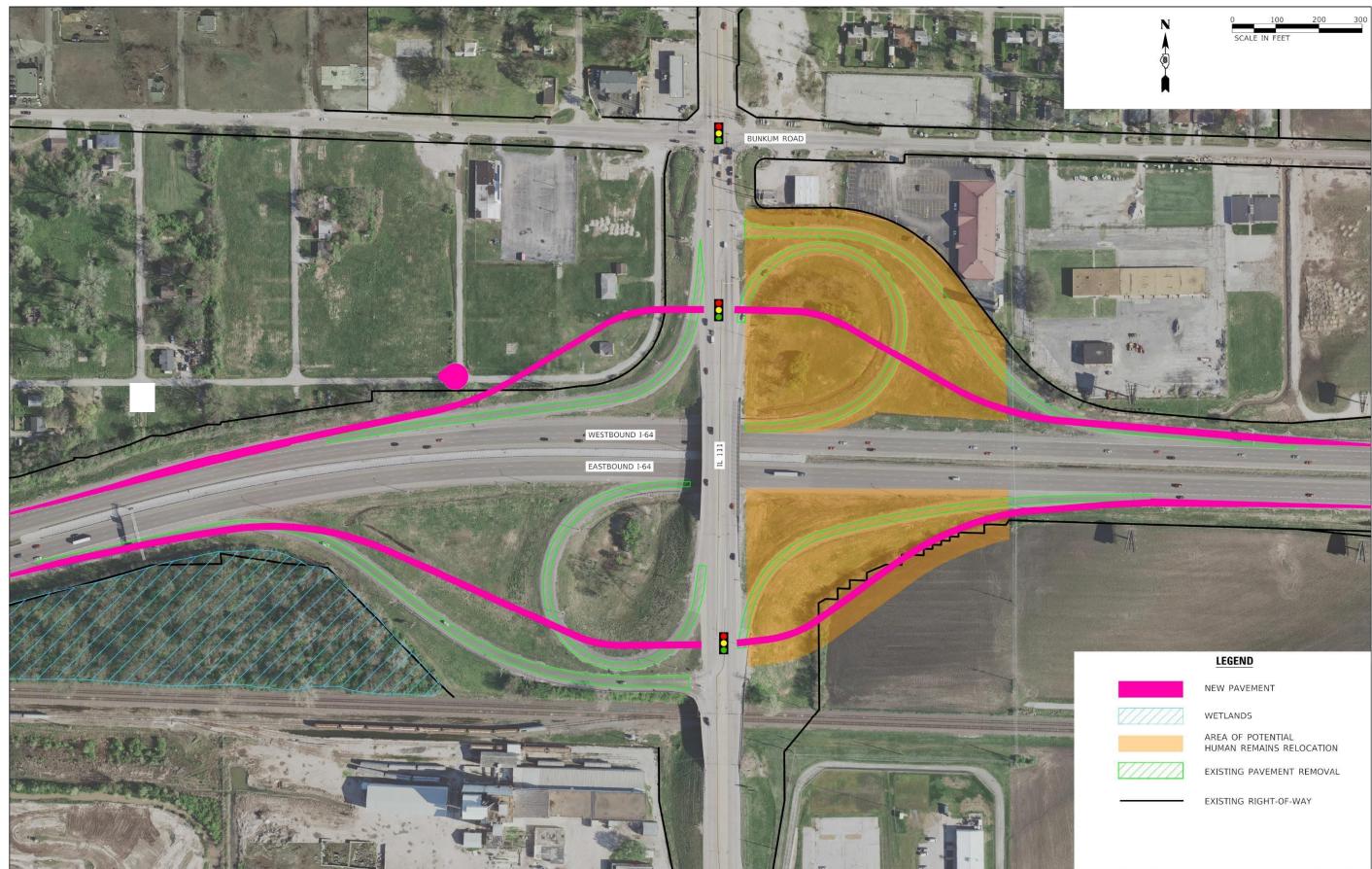
- IDOT developed an interchange concept that will meet the project purpose and need to:
- Address Bridge Deficiencies,
- Improve Traffic Operations and Safety, and
- Improve Mobility at the Interchange.
- Addressing these issues will allow for this interchange to serve as a vital link to the interstate system in the St. Louis metropolitan area.
- Access to the Village of Washington Park and surrounding communities will also be improved.
- Any conceptual interchange designs would result in the relocation of existing human remains from the right-of-way impacted by the project.







## PROPOSED INTERCHANGE CONCEPT



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#### FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

- Held August 8, 2019, at Washington Park Village Office Senior Building.
- Introduced project and study area.
- 22 attendees, 11 comments submitted.
- Over half of comments received requested safe pedestrian and bike facilities.
- Comment identified presence of former cemeteries at project location.



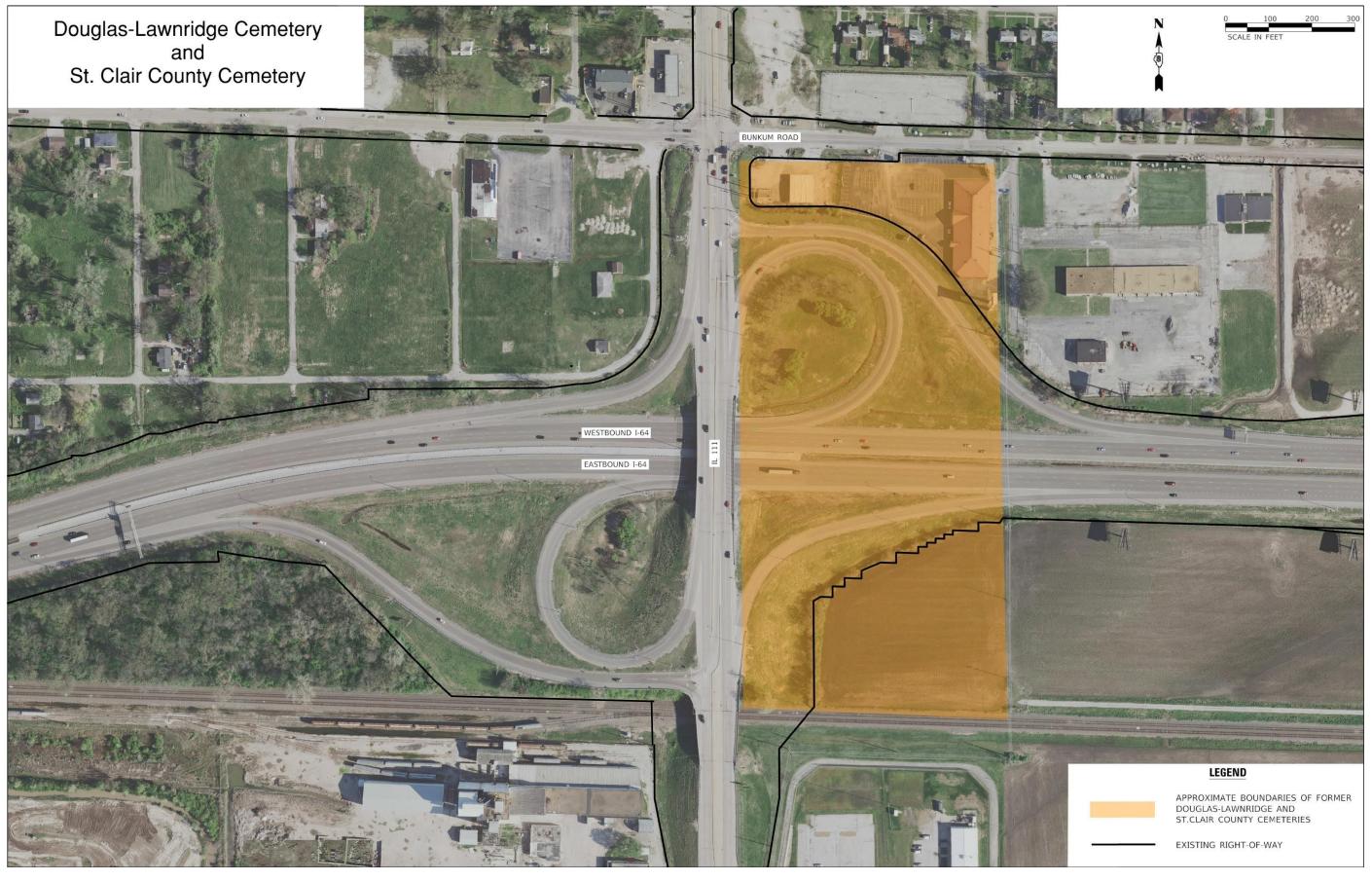






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#### FORMER CEMETERIES AT PROJECT LOCATION



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#### CEMETERY RELOCATION PROCESS

- Following the first public meeting, IDOT conducted background research on the former Douglas-Lawnridge and St. Clair County Cemeteries in the northeast and southeast quadrants of the interchange site.
- IDOT coordinated with the Illinois State Archeological Survey (ISAS) and the Illinois State Burial Coordinator.
- ISAS investigates, preserves, and interprets the archaeological heritage of Illinois.
- The Illinois State Burial Coordinator provides guidance for the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).
- Upon completion of ISAS' archaeological work, it appears likely that some burials within the interchange's footprint had not been relocated before the interstate's construction in 1968.
- Graves from Douglas-Lawnridge and St. Clair County Cemeteries were moved to Booker T. Washington (closed) and Sunset Memorial Garden (renamed to Sunset Garden of Memory Cemetery) in 1968.



#### CEMETERY RELOCATION PROCESS

- Illinois Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration,
   Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the State Burial Coordinator collaborated and determined the best course of action is to locate and then relocate any additional remains found within the project footprint.
  - Professional archeologists will be used to locate any remains within the project footprint.
  - This work will occur concurrent with the interchange construction.
  - IDOT will secure a location for the reinterment.
    - Possibly Sunset Garden of Memory Cemetery or similar location.





# RELOCATION SITE AND COMMEMORATION PROCESS WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

- How should the relocated remains be memorialized?
- Should the remaining burials be relocated to Sunset Garden of Memory Cemetery, where the previous burials were relocated?
   What are your thoughts?
- Please provide your input on the comment form provided, or at the project website shown below.



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## CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS (CSS)

- An approach to transportation project development that engages stakeholders early and often, especially before major decision are made.
- Goal is to create transportation projects that not only address safety and mobility, but that also seek to preserve
  or enhance an area's scenic, economic, historic, and natural characteristics "quality of life" issues.
- "Context" includes all the elements related to the people and place where a project is located:
  - Visible elements, such as environmental or historic resources.
  - Invisible elements, such as community values, traditions, and expectations.
  - The input of people who live and work in an area helps the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) understand these elements.
- IDOT will utilize the CSS process to educate stakeholders about the study and the study process, and to receive input and feedback for the duration of the study.
- IDOT's goal for this study is to understand stakeholder needs and concerns about transportation and mobility in the area of the Interstate 64 interchange at Illinois Route 111.
- More information on IDOT's CSS process can be found at: www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/context-sensitive-solutions/index







#### PROJECT TIMELINE

We are here



Public Involvement, Preliminary Design and Environmental Study

> Estimated Time: 24 - 48 Months

#### Phase II

Final Design, Construction Bid and ROW Acquisition Documents

> Estimated Time: 24 Months

#### Phase III

Construction of the Project

Estimated Time: 36 - 48 Months





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## QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

- TALK TO REPRESENTATIVES HERE TONIGHT
- FILL OUT A COMMENT FORM AND LEAVE IT WITH US
- TAKE A COMMENT FORM HOME AND MAIL IT TO US
- EMAIL ANY COMMENTS TO Matthew.Meyer@Illinois.gov



