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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Illinois Route 4/15 over the Kaskaskia River Bridge Study

St. Clair County, Illinois

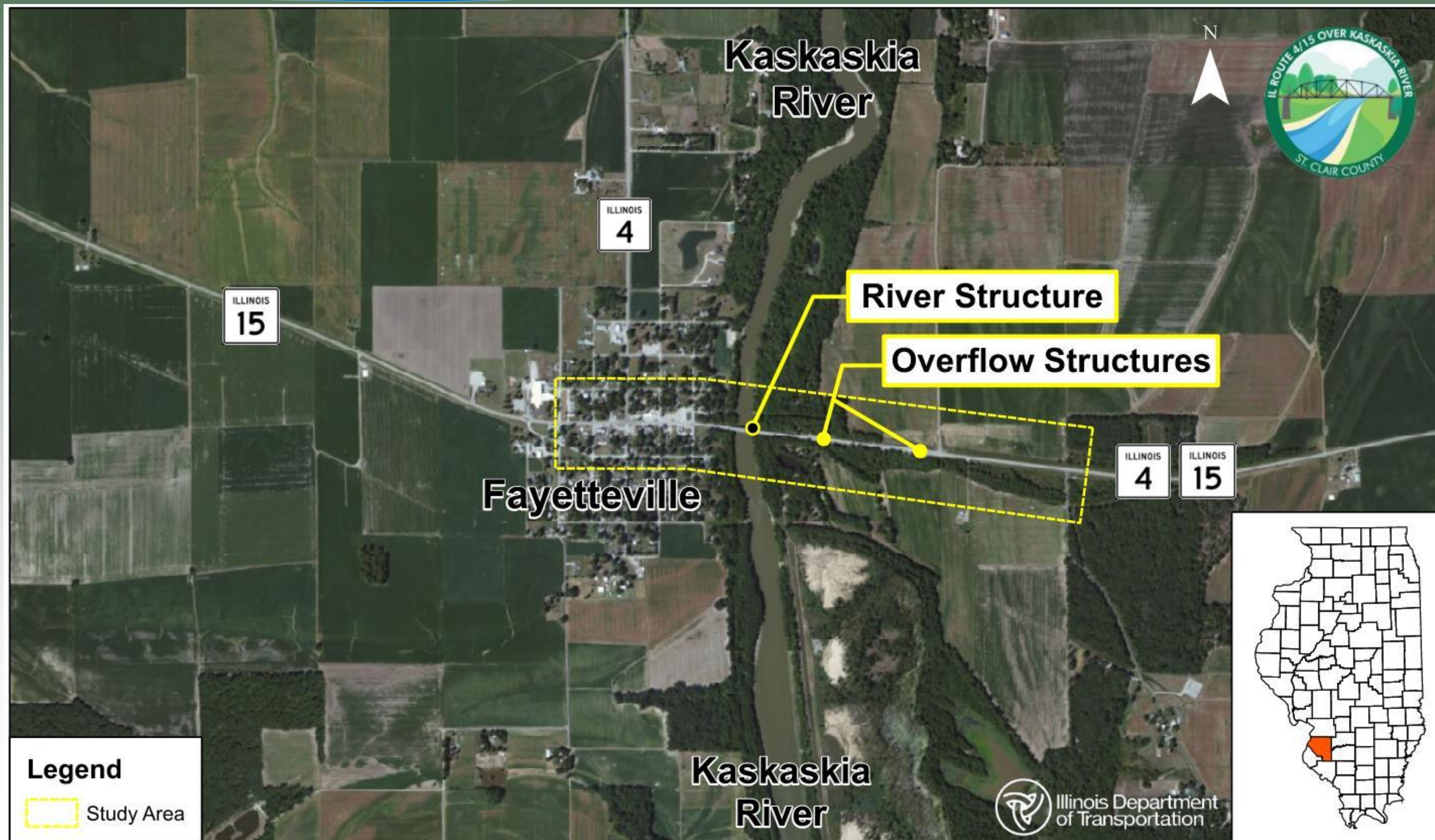
March 19, 2025



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STUDY AREA





PURPOSE OF MEETING

- ❖ Provide information on the Preferred Alternative.
- ❖ Inform the public of the project schedule.
- ❖ Receive input from the public.





STUDY OVERVIEW – PURPOSE & NEED

- ❖ The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge that carries IL Route 4/15 over the Kaskaskia River.
- ❖ The bridge is safe however the NEED for replacement of the existing IL Route 4/15 bridge over the Kaskaskia River is due to:
 - Age of structure (Built in 1946).
 - Continual and rising costs of maintenance.

Various areas of paint failure, section loss of steel beams



Various areas of concrete deck cracking and deterioration





PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING & SCHEDULE

IDOT has a three-phase project development process, as shown on the timeline graphic below. The IL Route 4/15 Kaskaskia River Bridge Study is Phase I of the project development process, which develops the preliminary design. During this phase the proposed geometry, environmental concerns, and proposed right-of-way are identified.

**WE ARE
HERE**



All three phases are currently identified in the IL FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway & Multimodal Improvement Program



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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING #1 AND #2

Public Meeting #1

- June 15, 2022, in Fayetteville, IL.
- Approximately 132 people attended.
- 38 comments were received.

Common themes were:

- Keep the bridge open to traffic during construction.
- New bridge needs to be wider to accommodate farm equipment.



Public Meeting #2

- March 14, 2024, in St. Libory, IL.
- Approximately 73 people attended.
- 19 comments were received.
 - North Alternative was preferred by the majority





COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

- As part of the in-depth public involvement process called Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS), a Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed for this study.
- The purpose of the CAG has been to provide input from the public's perspective on various elements of the study, including developing a problem statement, identifying issues important to the public, and providing feedback on alternatives.
- The Project Study Team has held two CAG meetings.
- **CAG Meeting #1** held Nov. 9, 2022, helped identify the two biggest concerns were keeping the bridge open during construction and the new bridge being wide enough to accommodate farm equipment.
- **CAG Meeting #2** held Jan. 17, 2024, CAG members reviewed and commented on the two potential preferred alternatives.



IDOT formed the CAG which represents local business, commuters, local officials, emergency response, schools and residents.





PROBLEM STATEMENT

The members of the CAG helped in developing the project problem statement. A problem statement identifies the problems within a project study area that need to be addressed.

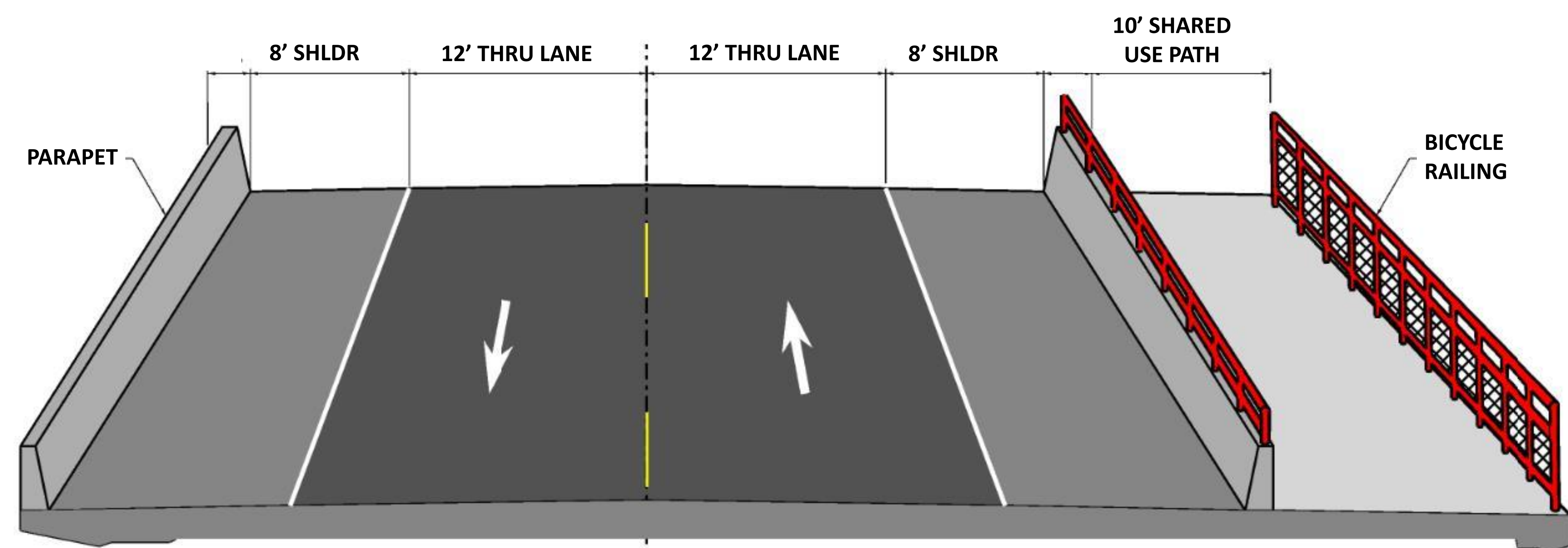
“The existing bridge carrying IL Route 4/15 over the Kaskaskia River is aging and in need of continual repairs. There is a need to provide a cost-effective, long-term improvement that provides reliable access across the Kaskaskia River for farm equipment, Emergency Management Services, school buses, and everyday users of the bridge and reduces the need for continual repairs, while demonstrating respect for our environment.”



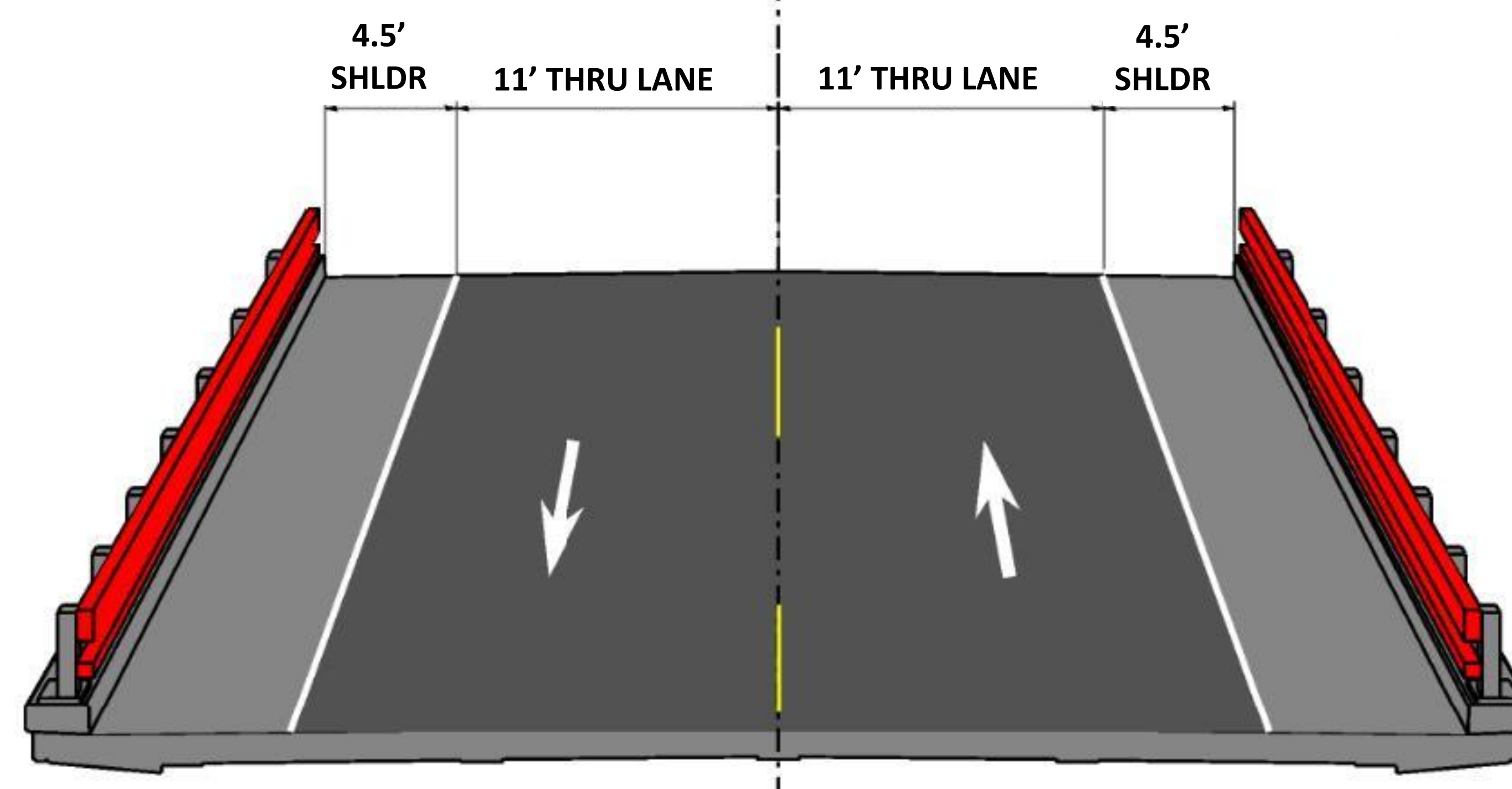


EXISTING & PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION

**PROPOSED BRIDGE
TYPICAL SECTION**



**EXISTING BRIDGE
TYPICAL SECTION**





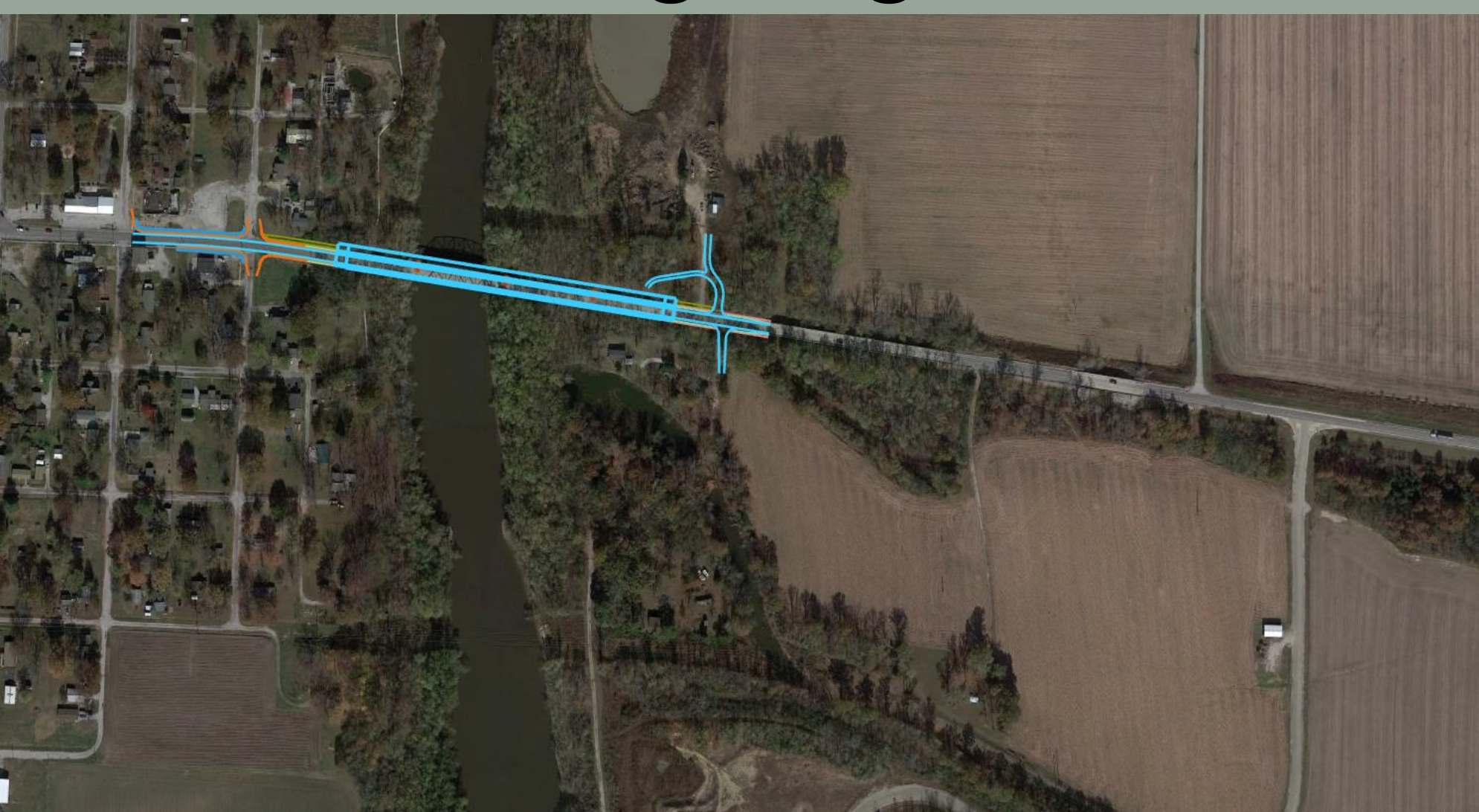
ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

14 Alternatives were studied

2 alternatives on
existing alignment

3 alternatives south of
existing alignment

9 alternatives north of
existing alignment



- 12 of the 14 alternatives did not meet the problem statement or had engineering flaws.

Examples of engineering flaws include:

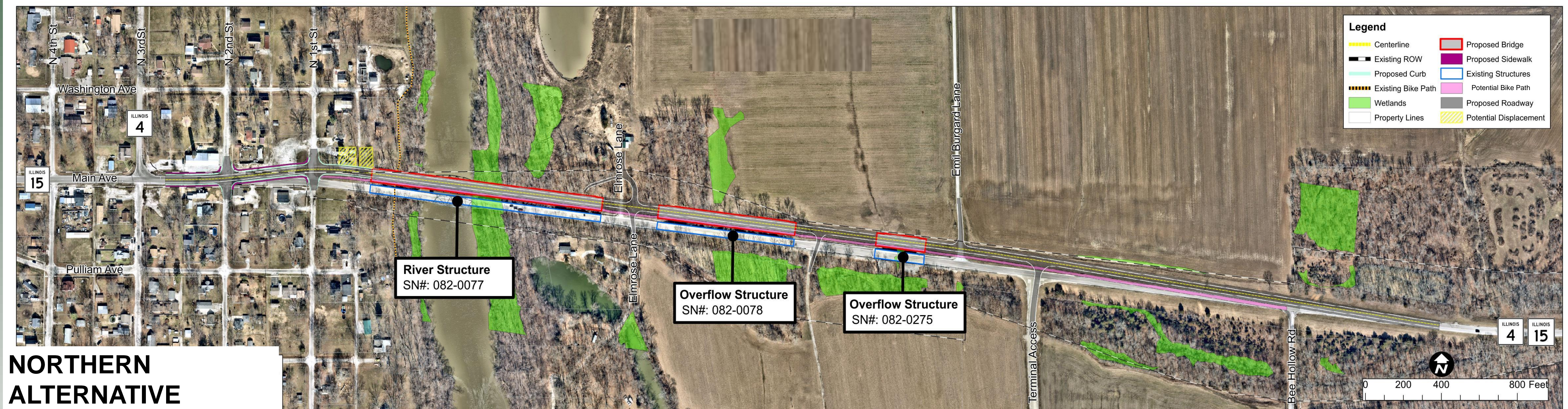
- Extended roadway closure time during construction.
- Non-policy roadway design for existing speed limits.
- Negative impacts to river hydraulics and local area drainage.





ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

TWO (2) ALTERNATIVES MOVED FORWARD FOR FURTHER STUDY



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CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVE COMPARISON

CRITERIA	NORTH*	SOUTH
Potential Displacements	2	7
Wetland Impacts	0.5 acres	2.5 acres
New Right-of-Way/Easements	2.2 acres	1.6 acres
Tree Removal	3.5 acres	8.0 acres
Approximate Construction Cost	\$50-60 Million	\$50-60 Million
Bridge to remain open during construction	Yes	Yes
Width of Proposed Bridge accommodates farm equipment & semi-truck	Yes	Yes

** The North Alternative was identified as the preferred option by both the CAG and comments received from the public at Public Meeting #2.*

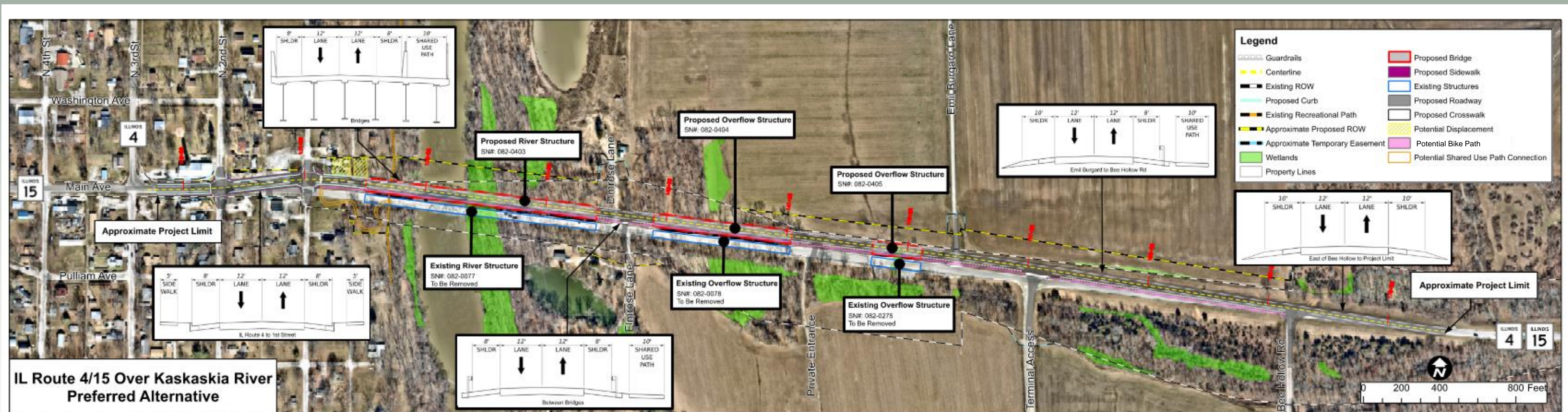




NORTH ALTERNATIVE—PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

PLEASE SEE THE LARGE AERIAL MAP ON THE TABLE

- The bridge construction activities will be completed adjacent to existing traffic with minimal impacts.
- Short-term closures are possible to make the connection on the east and west ends of the improvement.



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WE NEED YOUR INPUT

You can comment by any of the following:

- Complete a comment form and return it to IDOT within 14 days of this public meeting.
- Share your ideas with the study team tonight
- Contact Matthew Meyer from IDOT:
 - Email: Matthew.Meyer@illinois.gov
 - Phone: 618-346-3160
- Comment through the study website:
 - <https://idot.click/il-4-15-st-clair-co>
- Use the study website above to:
 - View the public meeting displays
 - Complete a comment form

COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 2, 2025



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