

Illinois Rail Needs Assessment Study

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Why Do We Need A Rail Needs Assessment Study?

- Purpose
- Study Team
- Project Approach

Scope Of Work

- Public & Stakeholder Outreach/Plan
- Inventory of Current Rail System Conditions
- Develop Goals and Evaluation Criteria
- Identify Priorities & Revenue Sources

Railroad Outreach

- Up to 40 Outreach Meetings
- Railroad Information
- Identify Potential Projects
- Evaluation Criteria
- Project Matrix

Condition Inventory

- Create Rail System Geodatabase
- Revise GIS for Updated RR Information
- Add Bridges for Replacement to Geodatabase
- Add at-grade crossing conflicts/add to Geodatabase
- System Inventory Report

Federal, State, Regional & Local Outreach

- 5 Regional workshops; 25 one-on-one meetings
- Local agencies, MPOs, RPCs, state and federal agencies
- Identify locally important projects/priorities

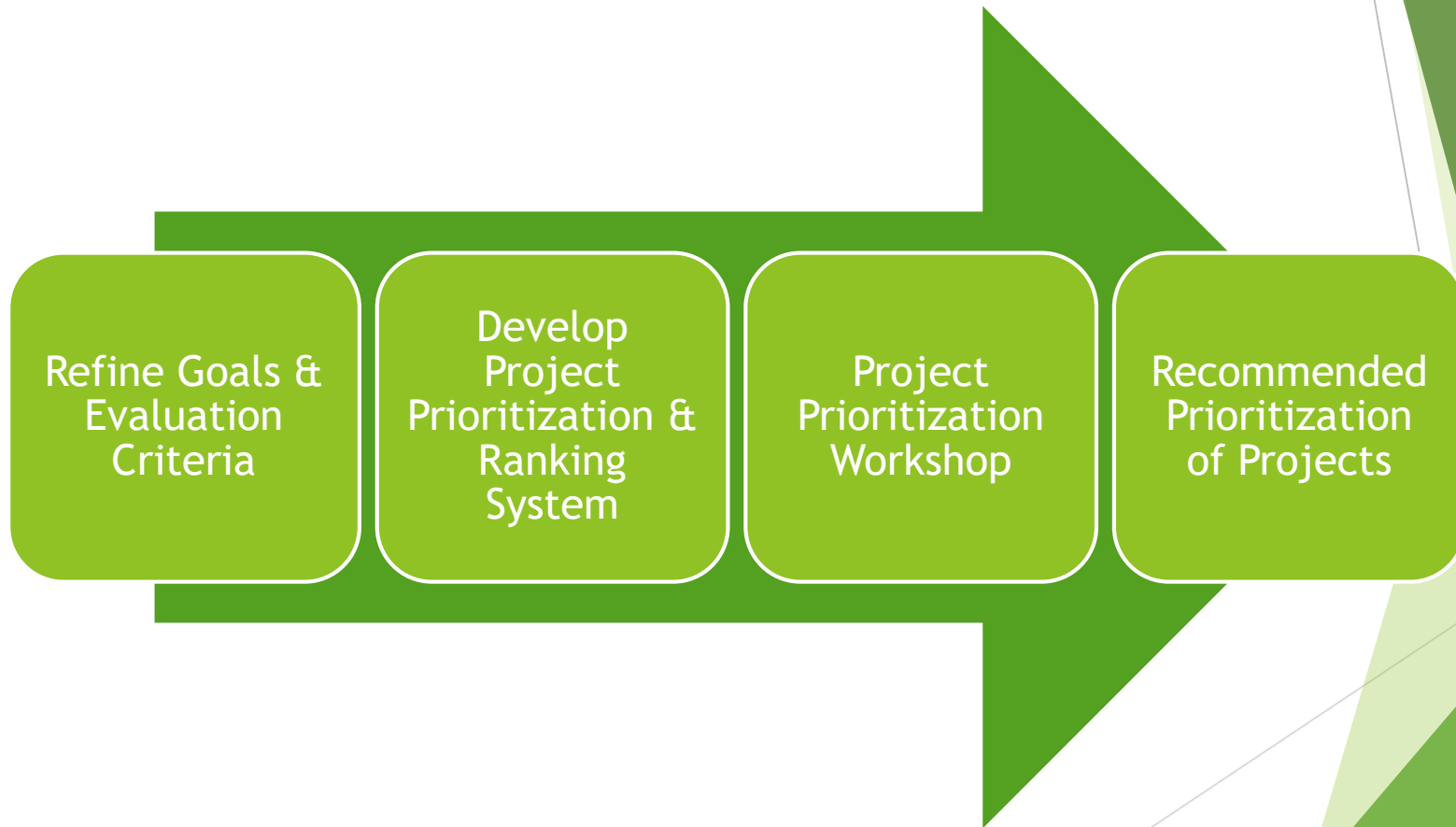
Shippers, Trucking & Logistics Outreach

- Conduct up to 10 meetings
- Needs/Constraints/Opportunities from perspective of shipping, trucking & logistics industry
- Identify Potential Projects

Public Outreach

- 2 Virtual Public Meetings
- Newsletter
- Media Content

Project Evaluation & Prioritization



Revenue Sources & Funding Strategy

- Identify Revenue Sources for Potential Projects
- Prepare General Rail Needs Revenue Sources Report

Prepare Illinois Rail Needs Assessment Study

- Final Report
- Project Sheets

Illinois Rail Needs Assessment Study Schedule

Project Schedule By Month

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Questions?



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