

Centralia CAG # 2 June 25, 2008			
Community Characteristics and Land Use			Present ?
In your community, are there any...			Replied
			Yes
			No
...	major industrial districts?		19
...	public use facilities (schools, fairgrounds, parks, gathering spots)?		16
...	transportation centers that serve cars, trains, buses, trains and pedestrians?		12
...	manmade features (railroads, pipelines, lakes, prisons, quarries, mines, etc.)		9
...	commercial centers of local/regional significance?		8
...	social or community features (churches, monuments, cemeteries, etc.)?		6
...	major populated urban areas?		5
...	agricultural lands of local/regional importance?		3
...	historically significant features (landmarks, monuments, etc.)?		3
...	densely populated urban areas?		2
...	mixed residential/commercial city centers?		2
...	architectural features (structures that convey information about community)?		1
...	entertainment centers or key attractions?		1
...	archaeological features (area where artifacts have been found)?		0
...	natural features (rural areas, stream, hills, valleys, etc.)?		0

Transportation System		Present ?		
Are the following present in your community along US 51:		Yes	No	Replied
	...convenient access to the interstate?			22
	...access to commercial/retail areas?			16
	...access to airports and regional air travel?			15
	...access to east/west or north/south State routes?			14
	...bicycle lanes/paths/facilities?			6
	...connections to public transportation?			6
	Does traffic travel in a safe manner?			4
	Is the roadway network compatible with existing business?			3
	...access to farming operations?			2
	...sidewalks?			0
	...street and pedestrian lighting?			0
	...pedestrian crossings and crosswalks?			0
	...signals (traffic & pedestrian)?			0
	...access to residential areas?			0

Economic Resource		Present ?		
In your community....		Yes	No	Replied
	...is US 51 important to businesses?			24
	...have areas been identified for new development or redevelopment?			23
	...is improving movement along US 51 a local/regional concern?			15
	...are visitor regularly attracted to the area?			11
	...does US 51 serve as a commuter route (primary route for going back/forth to work)?			7
	...is the local economy supported by historical, natural, cultural or entertainment spots?			6
	...is sprawl a concern?			2

Community Planning		Present ?	
		Yes	No
1	Does your community have a plan for growth and development? If yes, describe the proposed plan:		
2	Are you aware of any growth management plan adopted by local governments? If yes, describe the plan and its location.		
3	Do you think an expansion of US 51 will serve local transportation needs in addition to regional travel? If yes, explain why:		
4	Are there any other scheduled or planned projects that may tie into this project or impact this project? If yes, list project names and describe project.		
5	Are there any community / traffic safety issues within your community? If yes, please list:		
6	Are aesthetics important within your community? Comments:		
7	Are community parks and open areas important within your community? Comments:		
8	Are there any location where access to a recreational area is important within your community? If yes, please list:		
9	Area there any seasonal events that may be affected by the proposed US 51 expansion in your community? If yes, please list:		

Centralia Context Audit
Citizens Advisory Group Meeting # 2, June 25, 2008

Community Characteristics

- Major Industrial District
 - Factories
 - Industry
 - Jobs
 - 2 Districts
 - Swan
 - EFI
 - Universal
 - Big 3
 - CN IC Railroad
 - Gelster
 - Monsanto
 - KWI Kaskaskia Workshop
 - Graphic Packaging

- Public Use
 - Foundation Park
 - Fairview Park
 - Recreation
 - Swimming
 - Disc Golf
 - Balloon Fest * August
 - Skate Park
 - Brings People
 - Recreation Center
 - Ballparks
 - Cultural Society
 - Rotary Field
 - Lions Park Central City
 - Seasonal Festivals
 - Fall Fest / Halloween Parade (Older than Macy's)
 - Kaskaskia College – (First Community in the State)
 - City Schools
 - High Schools
 - 3 other schools
 - Central City, Willow Grove, N. Wamac
 - St. Mary's

- Transportation Center
 - Amtrak
 - South Central (Local Bus)
 - Airport (Local)
 - Used by Business people
 - Training / Instructional School
 - Trucking Companies
 - Terminals
 - Midstate
 - Freight

- Manmade Features
 - Railroads (3)
 - Prison
 - Murray Center – Development
 - Lakes – Water Source
 - Recreation

- Commercial – Local / Regional
 - Downtown Area
 - West side shopping center
 - Wal-Mart, Aldi
 - Central City
 - 51 Corridor – Lots of Commercial
 - Important to Business

- Social Community Features
 - A lot of Churches
 - Bell Tower
 - Concerts
 - Band Shell > Historically Significant
 - Library & Park > Historically Significant
 - City Cemetery

- Major Residential
 - East & West Side
 - 3 Cities that run together

- Historical
 - 3rd :PR. Meridian Marker on 51 South
 - Possible Future Registered Buildings

- AG Land
 - AG Area to East & South
 - No Major Grain Elevators

- Entertainment
 - Museum
 - Cultural Society
 - Old High School – Local & Regional Groups
 - Redeveloping Theater
 - Bring in Live Performances

- Transportation
 - Access to Interstate
 - Easy Access to South
 - East & West Congested
 - Lack of Access hurts Growth / Business

- Access to Commercial
 - Need access for downtown development

- Access to Airport
 - Private Planes
 - Future Freight Growth

- Access to East / West & North / South
 - Important Commercial Trucking
 - Comp Plan Based on Access

- Bicycles / Paths
 - Plan for Bike connects KC, GOE 8 around Lake and crosses U.S. 51
 - Part of Comp. Plan

- Bicycles
 - Recreation
 - Future Mode of Transportation

- Connections
 - Greyhound was moved to Mt. Vernon because of Interstate Access
 - Future Intermodal Center in Plan

- Safe Manner
 - A lot of Int. wrecks
 - 161 & 51 Int.
 - Signalized Int. timing
 - Post Office Ent. Dangerous
 - Fire & Police Use Alley
 - Fire - Moving off 51

- Farming
 - Surrounded by AG
 - Tractors
 - South of Town

- Economic Development
 - Important to Business
 - Downtown, Industrial Park on U.S. 51
 - Locust was original U.S. 51
 - Coupled created in 1960's.

- Development / Redevelopment
 - Decreased Population over time
 - Growth by Annexation – Recent
 - Growth in County
 - Development on Shattuc Road – Clinton County.

- Improving Movement
 - Maintain
 - North is 2-Lane

- Visitors
 - Tourism – Need easier Access
 - Bus, Train Traffic (Tours – Civil War, Museum, Carillion)
 - Holiday Tournament (Basketball)
 - Family Destination
 - Attracted to Festival
 - Kids Activities
 - Christmas Lights in Foundation Park
 - Cultural Center for Region
 - Prison Visitors

- Commuters
 - More come in than go out
 - Some travel to West.