

<b>Ramsey CAG # 2 May 20, 2008</b>			
<b>Community Characteristics and Land Use</b>		<b>Present ?</b>	
<b>In your community, are there any...</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
			<b>Replied</b>
14	...public use facilities (schools, fairgrounds, parks, gathering spots)?		14
7	...agricultural lands of local/regional importance?		10
11	...social or community features (churches, monuments, cemeteries, etc.)?		10
6	...mixed residential/commercial city centers?		5
12	...natural features (rural areas, stream, hills, valleys, etc.)?		5
15	...entertainment centers or key attractions?		4
10	...historically significant features (landmarks, monuments, etc.)?		3
13	...manmade features (railroads, pipelines, lakes, prisons, quarries, mines, etc.)		3
8	...archaeological features (area where artifacts have been found)?		2
1	... densely populated urban areas?		0
2	...major populated urban areas?		0
3	...transportation centers that serve cars, trains, buses and pedestrians?		0
4	...commercial centers of local/regional significance?		0
5	...major industrial districts?		0
9	...architectural features (structures that convey information about community)?		0

<b>Transportation System</b>		Present ?		
Are the following present in your community <u>along</u> US 51:		Yes	No	Replied
11	...access to farming operations?			9
4	...street and pedestrian lighting?			7
5	...pedestrian crossings and crosswalks?			7
14	Does traffic travel in a safe manner?			7
1	...sidewalks?			5
10	...access to residential areas?			5
13	Is the roadway network compatible with existing business?			5
9	...access to commercial/retail areas?			4
2	...bicycle lanes/paths/facilities?			3
8	...access to east/west or north/south State routes?			3
6	...signals (traffic & pedestrian)?			1
3	...connections to public transportation?			0
7	...convenient access to the interstate?			0
12	...access to airports and regional air travel?			0

<b>Economic Resource</b>		<b>Present ?</b>		
<b>In your community....</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Replied</b>
7	...does US 51 serve as a commuter route (primary route for going back/forth to work)?			19
5	...is improving movement along US 51 a local/regional concern?			14
2	...are visitor regularly attracted to the area?			11
4	...is US 51 important to businesses?			11
3	...is the local economy supported by historical, natural, cultural or entertainment spots?			1
1	...have areas been identified for new development or redevelopment?			0
6	...is sprawl a concern?			0

<b>Community Planning</b>		<b>Present ?</b>	
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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:		

**Ramsey Context Audit**  
**Citizens Advisory Group Meeting May 20, 2008**

Community Characteristics

- Legion Hall
  - Used 5 days
  - Senior Citizen's Meals on Wheels – "Golden Circle"
  - Reunions
  - Veteran's Memorial
- Lions Park
  - Ramsey Sale
  - Ramsey Days
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Halloween Parade
  - Fish Fry
  - Concerts
- Bonner Stokes Park
  - Horse Show
  - Fire Department
- School Multi-Purpose Room
  - Charity Events
- High School Gym
  - Concerts
- School Fields
  - Ball Diamonds
  - Little League
  - Soccer
- AG or Rural Lands
  - Local Importance
  - Grain Elevators – East Main Street
  - Logging & Sawmill
  - Fertilizer Plant
  - Local Employees
- Social & Community
  - Already on maps
- Residential / Commercial City Centers
  - US 51
  - Casey's
  - Restaurant
  - Dairy-Dee
- Natural Features
  - Fishing at Ramsey lake
  - Protect Creeks
  - Hunting as far as PA

- Historical
  - Railroad Tower
    - Intent to make Historic Center / Museum
  - First Hospital in Fayette County.
  
- Archeological
  - Arrow heads

## Transportation System Assessment

- Farm Operations
  - Moving machines from field to field
  - Safety – slow moving vehicles
  - Time issues
- Lighting
  - Exists in downtown
  - Future needs to be will lighted
  - Hang flags and holiday lighting
- Cross Walks
  - One existing
  - No traffic signals
  - Safety of students crossing
- Travel in safe manner
  - Maintain current safe compatible with business
  - Present & important to local business
- Access to Commercial
  - Need to get to Vandalia
- Access to Residential
  - Need to get to other regional areas
- Sidewalks
  - Each side of 51 existing
  - Important to maintain
- Bicycle Paths
  - No existing paths
- Access to East/West & North/South State Routes
  - Important for Commercial North / South
  - Access for Williams Trucking
- Signals
  - No existing
  - School Flasher Important

## **Economic Development**

- **Commuting to:**
  - Prison
  - Vandalia
  - Decatur
  - Oconee
  - Effingham
  - Pana
  - Greenville
  
- **Movement**
  - Important for Commuting
  - No Passing Alderson Curve – Currently Not Marked.
  
- **Business**
  - Important to existing
  
- **Visitors**
  - State Parks Generates Business
  - Ramsey Daze
  - Community Sale – April
  
- **Historic**
  - Tex Williams on Saturday Night



## **Community Planning**

- Traffic Safety
  - Kids ride bikes on US 51
- Connectivity to Vandalia
  - Maintenance of existing US 51