

Vandalia CAG # 2 May 21, 2008			
Community Characteristics and Land Use			Present ?
In your community, are there any...			Replied
	Yes	No	
...agricultural lands of local/regional importance?			9
...historically significant features (landmarks, monuments, etc.)?			8
...commercial centers of local/regional significance?			5
...natural features (rural areas, stream, hills, valleys, etc.)?			5
...major industrial districts?			4
...public use facilities (schools, fairgrounds, parks, gathering spots)?			3
...mixed residential/commercial city centers?			2
...architectural features (structures that convey information about community)?			2
...manmade features (railroads, pipelines, lakes, prisons, quarries, mines, etc.)			2
... densely populated urban areas?			0
...major populated urban areas?			0
...transportation centers that serve cars, trains, buses and pedestrians?			0
...archaeological features (area where artifacts have been found)?			0
...social or community features (churches, monuments, cemeteries, etc.)?			0
...entertainment centers or key attractions?			0

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

Economic Resource		Present ?		
In your community....		Yes	No	Replied
4	...is US 51 important to businesses?			11
1	...have areas been identified for new development or redevelopment?			10
3	...is the local economy supported by historical, natural, cultural or entertainment spots?			6
5	...is improving movement along US 51 a local/regional concern?			5
2	...are visitor regularly attracted to the area?			4
7	...does US 51 serve as a commuter route (primary route for going back/forth to work)?			4
6	...is sprawl a concern?			1

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:		

Vandalia Context Audit
Citizens Advisory Group Meeting May 21, 2008

Community Characteristics

- AG Lands
 - Backbone of Community

- Historically Significant
 - Museum
 - State History
 - Visitors & Tourism

- Historic Houses

- Cemeteries
 - Old State

- Commercial Centers
 - Wal-Mart – Area ready for development.
 - Kaskaskia College – Regional
 - County Court House

- Major Industries
 - Graham Packaging
 - Van Seal
 - Orgill
 - Purina
 - Correctional Center

- Natural Features
 - Vandalia Lake
 - Camping
 - Fishing Club
 -
 - Kaskaskia River
 - Fishing
 - Hunting

- Wetlands
 - Water Fowl Hunting – Several Hundred Hunters
 - Carlyle Lake - #1 Harvest in Illinois

Public Use Facilities

- Park District
- Airport
 - Skydiving
- Country Clubs
 - Golf

Architectural Features

- Building may be Architecturally Significant but not Historically.

Mixed Residential City Centers

- Downtown Districts
- Events Downtown:
 - Grande Levee
 - June
 - 1830's Time Period
 - Corn Day
 - September
 - Old Time Christmas
 - Halloween Parade
 - Homecoming Parade

Transportation

- Access to Community / Retail
 - Downtown Community
 - North End
 - Grocery
 - Restaurants
 - Farm Implement Dealer
- Convenient Access to Interstate
 - More access to good
 - Maintain current access
- Farming Operations
 - Safety with slow moving vehicles

Compatible

- Restaurants – North Side
- Hotels
- Downtown Business
 - State Tourism & Regional
 - Some Local

Access to East / West & North / South

- Existing is Adequate

Access to Residential

- Existing is Adequate

Sidewalks

- Jefferson to Orchard – people walking in grass.

Signals

- Adequate

Safe Travel

- Trouble for Truckers making turn
- Intersection East side of River 40 -51 South

Important To Business

- Will improve business
- Attract more business
- Attract more traffic

Development

- Airport to Railroad to go West

Sprawl

- Concerns about loss of Farmland

Historic / Cultural

- Downtown
 - Festivals
 - Concerts

Movement

- More traffic good
- People commute To /From:
 - Decatur
 - Centralia

Other Issues

- Plans for Streets Scape in progress
- Proposed Ethanol Plant
- Coal Gasification

Vandalia Repeat CAG # 2 June 25, 2008			
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In your community, are there any...		Yes	No
			Replied
1	... densely populated urban areas?		0
2	...major populated urban areas?		3
3	...transportation centers that serve cars, trains, buses and pedestrians?		0
4	...commercial centers of local/regional significance?		6
5	...major industrial districts?		14
6	...mixed residential/commercial city centers?		1
7	...agricultural lands of local/regional importance?		12
8	...archaeological features (area where artifacts have been found)?		4
9	...architectural features (structures that convey information about community)?		0
10	...historically significant features (landmarks, monuments, etc.)?		15
11	...social or community features (churches, monuments, cemeteries, etc.)?		5
12	...natural features (rural areas, stream, hills, valleys, etc.)?		6
13	...manmade features (railroads, pipelines, lakes, prisons, quarries, mines, etc.)		13
14	...public use facilities (schools, fairgrounds, parks, gathering spots)?		8
15	...entertainment centers or key attractions?		0

Transportation System		Present ?		
Are the following present in your community along US 51:		Yes	No	Replied
1	...sidewalks?			0
2	...bicycle lanes/paths/facilities?			1
3	...connections to public transportation?			1
4	...street and pedestrian lighting?			2
5	...pedestrian crossings and crosswalks?			1
6	...signals (traffic & pedestrian)?			1
7	...convenient access to the interstate?			21
8	...access to east/west or north/south State routes?			10
9	...access to commercial/retail areas?			19
10	...access to residential areas?			5
11	...access to farming operations?			5
12	...access to airports and regional air travel?			1
13	Is the roadway network compatible with existing business?			12
14	Does traffic travel in a safe manner?			8

Economic Resource		Present ?		
In your community....		Yes	No	Replied
1	...have areas been identified for new development or redevelopment?			18
2	...are visitor regularly attracted to the area?			7
3	...is the local economy supported by historical, natural, cultural or entertainment spots?			10
4	...is US 51 important to businesses?			25
5	...is improving movement along US 51 a local/regional concern?			7
6	...is sprawl a concern?			0
7	...does US 51 serve as a commuter route (primary route for going back/forth to work)?			10

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Vandalia Repeat of # 2
Citizens Advisory Group Meeting June 25, 2008

- Historical Features
 - Old State Capital
 - Heritage
 - Economical Development
 - Museum / Lincoln History
 - National Road
 - Old State Cemetery
 - Tourism

- Industrial Districts
 - Existing Location (North) on U.S. 51
 - Future Expansion (West)
 - Jobs and Commuters / Future Residents
 - Access / visibility to Transportation System

- Man-Made Features
 - Quarry Activities (3) Van.
 - Recreation (Lake) Beach / Boating
 - Employment (Prison largest employer)
 - Tourism
 - Two Interchanges
 - Major Highway Exist in area
 - Local Airport with growth plans (Sky Diving)
 - Future RR Expansion
 - Shell Pipeline

- Agricultural Lands
 - Farming Industry Key to Area (County)
 - Agricultural Lands
 - Proximity to Grain Elevators
 - Centennial Lands
 - Farmland Preservation

- Public Use Facilities
 - Downtown Functions
 - Lake Activities
 - Parkland Dispersed
 - Campgrounds at Lake
 - Local Use of Facilities
 - Tourism through Tournaments

- Commercial Centers
 - Wal-Mart
 - Along Veterans
 - Primarily Retail/Fast Food
 - New Truck Stop
 - Corridor Between 61 & 63
 - Downtown Focus

- Natural Features
 - Water Supply
 - Recreational Use
 - Fishing
 - Hunting
 - Boating

- Social Community Features
 - Historical Cemetery
 - Poor Folks Cemetery
 - Historical Churches
 - Historical Statues
 - Downtown Historical Buildings
 - Hospital
 - Schools / College Local & Regional Significance
 - YMCA Facility
 - Ball fields / Golf Course / Country Clubs

- Archaeological Features
 - Indian Mound Sites (East of U.S. 51)
 - Local Searches
 - Privately Held Properties

- Residential Districts
 - Noise Concerns
 - Subdivision 185 / Lake
 - Limited Number Existing
 - Dense Housing in Downtown
 - All Existing Residences Important

- Mixed Residential / Community Centers
 - Home Based Businesses

- Interstate Access
 - Connections E/W & N/S Corridor
 - Transportation
 - Safety
 - Economic Development

- Commercial / Retail
 - Future Development
 - Retain Current Development
 - Providing Local Employment
 - Convenient
 - Concentration of Business
 - Important to Tax Base
 - Quality of Life

- Roadway Network Compatibility
 - Existing U.S. 51 Does provide Access to some Businesses along U.S. 51 (Industrial not Commercial)
 - Indirect Access is Provided

- Access to State Routes
 - Better Access to Businesses than Residential Areas

- Safe Travel
 - Important to Community
 - Accidents Along U.S. 51
 - Four lanes
 - Congested
 - Mixed type vehicles using U.S. 51 including Farm equipment
 - Downtown and residential areas pedestrian crossings

- Residential Areas
 - Adequate Indirect Access Exists
 - Access to Lake Communities

- Farming Operations
 - Mixed Usage is a Problem

- Street / Pedestrian Lighting
 - Limited sidewalks
 - Street lighting in town pedestrian / drivers

- Pedestrian / Bicycle
 - Alternative modes becoming more important
 - Recreational Use

- Public Transportation
 - No Services Provided Currently.
 - Desire Bus Service
- Pedestrian Crosswalks
 - In Downtown
- Traffic Signals
 - 4 in short length
 - Businesses vs. through travel
- Airport
 - Access could be important to Economic Development

- Important to Businesses
- New Development / Redevelopment
 - Current focus on downtown
 - Also along U.S. 42
- Commuter Route
 - Brings People in and out
 - Daytime Population Higher
- Local Economy
 - Tourism from Old State Capital
- Movement Along U.S. 51
 - Expediting Travel Flow
 - N/ S 4 lane off of Vandalia
 - Transportation / Trucking Especially
 - Growth Along Whole Corridor