

**VOLUME IV – PART B:**  
**Public Involvement Meetings and**  
**Stakeholder Outreach**

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PIM Series #1  
January-February, 2008



NOTICE  
U.S. 51 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Illinois Department of Transportation will hold three Public Information Meetings on January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to introduce the public to the US 51 study. The limits of the study are the Fayette/Christian County line to the U.S. 51/IL 177 interchange (east of Irvington). For the public's convenience, three identical meetings will be held. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Centralia City Council Chambers  
222 S. Poplar Street  
Centralia, Illinois  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Kaskaskia College (Vandalia Campus)  
Multi Purpose Conference Room  
2310 W. Fillmore St.  
Vandalia, Illinois  
1:00 to 4:00 PM

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Ramsey Community High School  
716 West 6th Street  
Ramsey, IL 62080  
5:30 – 8:00 PM

The purpose of the meetings is to introduce the public to the US 51 study process, the schedule and to kickoff the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) public involvement process. The meetings will follow an open-house format with brief presentations on the hour as warranted. Three meetings are offered to accommodate residents and individuals throughout the study corridor who are interested in the project. Identical information will be presented at each meeting. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tim Jackson of the Illinois Department of Transportation (217-342-3951) to advise of planned attendance and needed accommodations.

**NOTICE**  
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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold a second Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:00 PM at the Centralia Recreation Complex at 115 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Project Team is offering another meeting to encourage feedback. The first meeting was not well attended, and public involvement is very important to having a successful project.

The purpose of the meeting is to

- Introduce the US 51 study to the public.
- Answer questions and receive comments from the public.
- Seek volunteers to be a part of a Citizens Advisory Group.

The limits of the study are the Christian/Shelby County line to the U.S. 51/IL 177 interchange (east of Irvington). The public is asked to submit comments and indicate interest in serving on advisory groups. These advisory groups will assist in determining the location of a future four-lane US 51 through or around the Centralia area and other areas within the project corridor.

The meeting will follow an open-house format with brief presentations on the hour as warranted. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tim Jackson of the Illinois Department of Transportation (217-342-3951) to advise of planned attendance and needed accommodations.



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SANDOVAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Illinois Department of Transportation will hold a Public Information Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to introduce the public to the US 51 study. The limits of the study are the Shelby/Christian County line to the U.S. 51/IL 177 interchange (east of Irvington). This meeting is a reschedule of the March 4th meeting which was postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting time and location is as follows:

Sandoval Village Hall  
102 N Cherry St.  
Sandoval, Illinois  
4:00 to 7:00 PM

The purpose of the meetings is to introduce the public to the US 51 study process, the project schedule and to kickoff the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) public involvement process. The meeting will follow an open-house format with brief presentations on the hour as warranted. Content of this meeting will be identical to meetings previously held in Centralia, Vandalia, Patoka and Ramsey. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tim Jackson of the Illinois Department of Transportation (217-342-3951) to advise of planned attendance and needed accommodations.

*In the event that the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> is also postponed, the make-up date will be April 1, 2008 at the same time and location identified above.*



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## JANUARY 23, 2008 CENTRALIA PUBLIC MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME	ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	EMAIL	ADD ME TO THE MAILING LIST	HAVE INTERNET ACCESS
Bill Sprueke	CENTRALIA INDUSTRIES	15 CLEAR LAKE DR CENTRALIA	532-1734		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Gustafson	City of Centralia	1292 CR St Joseph VI	217-918-1140	jgustafson@cityofcentralia.org	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sellers		23 Blackberry Run	533-7666		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
✓ GREG PALMSEN	IDOT	400 W WABASH EFFINGHAM, ILL.	217-342-8327		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL KRACHT	CITY OF CENTRALIA	1701 GRAGG ST CENTRALIA	618-533-7660	mkrachte@cityofcentralia.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JOE NIEDERHOFER	RHUTASEL AND ASSOCIATES	201 S. LOCUST ST CENTRALIA	618-532-1992	joe.niederhofer@rhutasel.net	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alan Hoffmann	WTBO	413 S. Pearl Salem IL, 62451	618-559-7662	alan.hoffmann@gmail.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VIKI LOOMIS		501 MELROSE CENTRALIA	618 533-2068		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MIKE LOOMIS		501 MELROSE CENTRALIA	618 532-6362	fm mloomis@charter.net	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VERNELLE BURRIS	SELF	P.O. BOX 324 CENTRALIA, IL 62801	618-204-0775	VERNELLE BURRIS @YALTOU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Steven Corley	D-7 IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theresa L. Patton	D-7 IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dwight Pease	D-7 IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Nava-Silvantes	"				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delbert Crouse	D-7 IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Wenthe	D-7 IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREG JAMERSON	"				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Welton	"				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JERRY PAYONK	CLARK DIETZ				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacie Dovalovsky	Clark Dietz				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dw SCHUM	HDR				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allen Staron	Clark Dietz				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Lazzara	HDR				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Moore	Clark Dietz				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MATT HIRTZELL	IDOT				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Terry Swann	City Vandalia	112 W Madison Vandalia, IL 62471	283-3620		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean J Bencharat	Co. Board	1208 W KILLMORE VANDALIA,	283-2225		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rich Well	SUBT. VANDALIA CUSD #203	1109 N 8th VANDALIA	283-4525	rwell@fayette.k12.il.us	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Dan Freeman	FAYETTE CO.	813 OLD THEATER DR VANDALIA	283-2454		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LARRY CABLE	CITY OF VANDALIA	1828N 8TH, VANDALIA IL	283-0491		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
George F Resk	Vandalia	2104 BRIAN ST Vandalia	283 1071		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>DON BERNHARDT</i>		<i>#1 Woodlawn Lane VANDALIA IL 62471</i>	<i>618-283-2296</i>	<i>Don.Bernhardt@att.net</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>MICHAEL A. MAXEY</i>	<i>FAYETTE COUNTY</i>	<i>P.O. Box 297 VANDALIA, IL 62471</i>	<i>618-283-5025</i>	<i>fchd@celebrityinc.com</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>FRANK + JOAN MOXEY</i>	" "	<i>1990 ZEMT DR VANDALIA, IL 62471</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Billie Hall</i>	" "	<i>R-R-2 RAMSEY</i>	<i>618-423-2992</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Robert Harte</i>	" "	<i>Vandalia Ill.</i>	<i>618-283-1361</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Matthew Howard</i>	<i>Laborer Local 1197 Field Rep</i>	<i>Brownstown IL</i>	<i>618-267-1687</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Rich Bauer</i>	<i>The Leader-Union</i>	<i>229 S 5TH ST Vandalia</i>	<i>618-283-3374</i>	<i>r.bauer@leaderunion.com</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pete Burnam</i>		<i>2065 South Gate Dr. Vam. 62471</i>	<i>618-283-3090</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Byron Sikma</i>	<i>South Central FS Inc</i>	<i>1800 Hillsboro Rd Vandalia, Ill.</i>	<i>283-0789</i>	<i>b.sikma@southcentralfs.com</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Mike Clife</i>	<i>Vandalia Tractor</i>	<i>2611 W. Maria</i>	<i>618 283-2893</i>	<i>uts sales @ sweetland.net</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>JoAnn Sasse Givens</i>	<i>City of Vandalia</i>	<i>RR1, Box 318 62471</i>	<i>618-322-6521 618-283-9188</i>	<i>econderv@VandaliaIllinois.com</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>Beth Tarter</i>		<i>RR3 Box 556 Vandalia</i>	<i>283-1250</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<i>Jenni Hill</i>		Rt 2 RAMSEY #11	618-423-2992		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>John R Caldwell</i>	<i>Vandalia</i>	2017 HAREN ST	618-283-3317		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>HAWK KERSHAW</i>	<i>LOCAL 634 ST Louis Council CARPENTERS</i>	PO BOX 608 1325 W. WHITTAKER, SACON IL	618 548 2944		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>Paula Barenfanger</i>		2024 Progress West Vandalia IL 62471	618-283-1211	pbaranfanger@hotmail.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Greg Parrish</i>		RR1 Shobonier 62885			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Ed Helm		2504 WHITLER LANE VANDALIA	618-283-4998		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry Satterthwaite	Pine Ridge Homes	Rt. 3 - Vandalia	618-283-4340		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Little		Rt. 3 Box 548 Vandalia	618-283-2080		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WALT BARENFANGER		P.O. BOX 68 VANDALIA, IL 62471	618 283 1211	KASKAS123@AOL.COM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mary Berg	Tenn Bureau	R.R. #2 BOX 197 ST. ELMO, IL 62458	618-979-3304		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William York		Box 10 Vandalia, IL	618-283-4676	WYork@compass.us	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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JOHN TAYLOR		RT 1 Box 97 SHOBONIER, IL	618 846-2000		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Clark		R.R.1 Box 17 Shobonier, IL	618-846-2222		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken C. CRIFE	Vandalia Forest & Orange Dist Farmer	PO Box 96 VANDALIA IL	283-1406		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Sanders	Fayette Co. Farm Bureau	Rt 3 Box 853 Vandalia IL	423-2024	ksanders@swetlandinc.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dana L. Smith	Days Inn - Vandalia	1920 N. Kennedy Blvd Vandalia, IL 62471	618-283-4400	daysinn51@hotmail.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAN STOCK	ADS ELECTRIC	215 W GALLATIN VANDALIA ILL	618-283-2171		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RICK MYERS		RR1 Box 193-1 SHOBONIER IL 62805	618-783-3034	myerselawgroupllc.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Weger	The Leader Union	RR#2 Box 167 Vandalia IL	618-283-7172		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAVID GRAMMER	R	R2 Box 294 VANDALIA IL 62471			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Don Rourke		RR 2 Box 8 2 Brownstown	618 427-5309		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willie E. Foxworth		703 JANETTE DRIVE VANDALIA, IL 62471	618 283-2458	billie@FGI.NET	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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# US ROUTE 51 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## JANUARY 24, 2008 RAMSEY PUBLIC MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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# U.S 51 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Patoka Public Meeting

3:00 - 7:00 PM - March 5, 2008

### Sign in Sheet



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David R. Britt	1224 Britt Rd Patoka IL 62875	432-5927	
Cory Hassell	7214 Marshall Crk Rd Patoka IL 62875	339-8740	
John Van Schoyck	1496 Deercreek Patoka IL	432-7199	
JEFF FOLTZ	6202 BOWEN ROAD PATOKA IL 62875	267 4519	
Robert Pugh	1100 west Bond Patoka 62875	432-7707	
LESLIE A. BRITZ	1881 KINOKA RD PATOKA, ILL 62875	432-7663	
LARRY A. BRITT	1843 KINOKA RD PATOKA, ILL 62875	432-5595	
Jason Maxey (Exxon/Mobil Pipeline Co)	8328 US Highway 51 Patoka, IL	432-5646 Ext. 19	
Annette Mc Nicol, Village Treasurer	301 S. Oak P.O. B. 160, Patoka 62875	432-5855	vpatoka@ussonet.net
Jeff Tune	7383 US Hwy 51 Patoka 62875	432-5935	
Roger Tune	1010 S OAK, PATOKA 62875	432 5928	
Charles Mc Cabe	322 N B ST VERNON 62892	432 7136	



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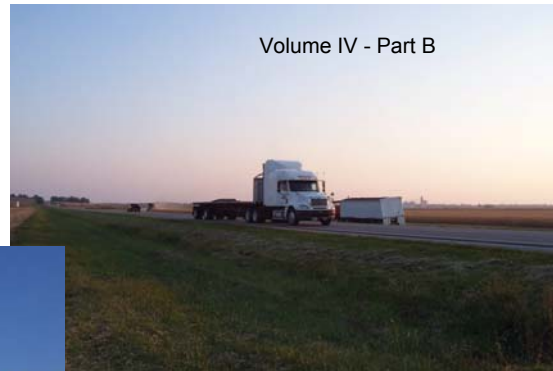
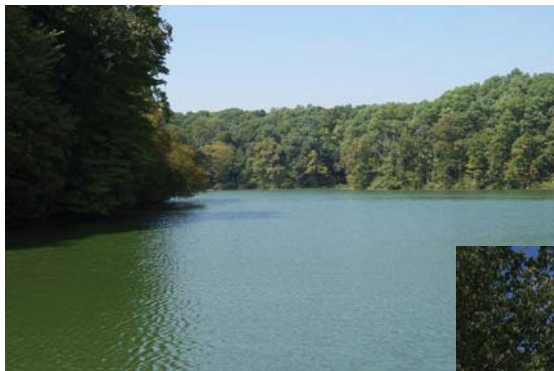
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HARRY BRADDOCK	1170 BOND RD	432 5941	
Jan Seidel	938 Boone Street Road Sandoval	618-247-3151	diseidel@frontier.net.net
Ryan [unclear]	7383 U.S. Hwy 51 Patoka IL	618-432-5935	
Ken Buchanan	219 N. Harrison, Central City IL	618-532-2834	
Lana Briscoe	6260 Bowen RD Patoka IL	618-432-7776	
Dennis Dunnill	8795 Old Hwy 50 Breese, IL	618-526-0285	dennis@dunnillengineering.com



# Welcome

Goals of today's meeting:

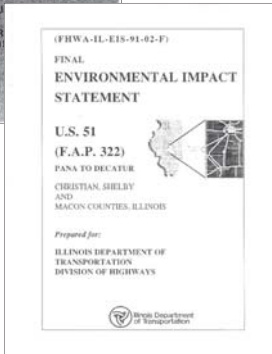
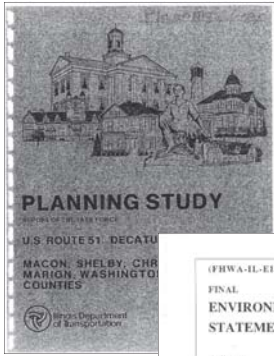
- Introduce the US 51 Environmental Impact Statement Project
- Introduce the stakeholder involvement process
- Get public input on project scope and concerns in the study area
  - Request your future participation

Please browse the exhibits, ask questions, and fill out a comment form. A brief presentation on the project will be given approximately every hour.

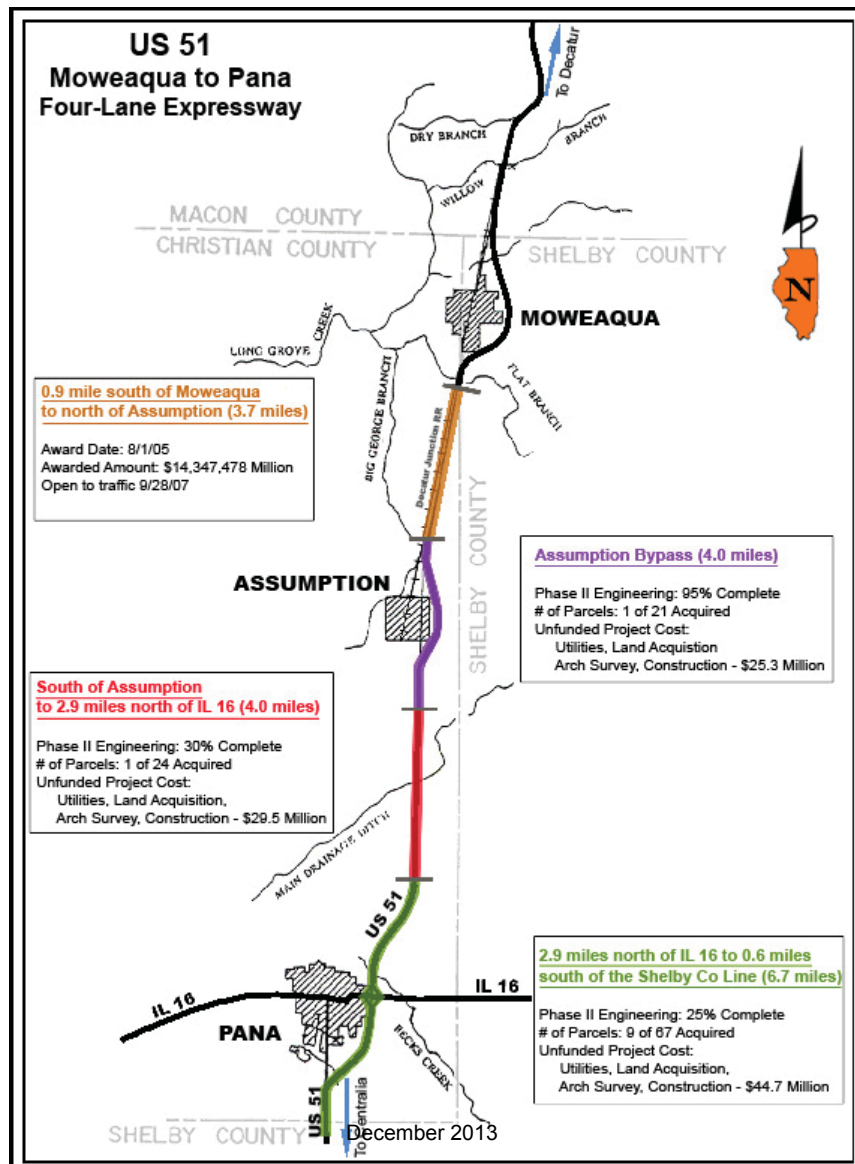
Your input is needed to help shape the scope of the study!

# US 51 Study History

- Studies of corridor on-going since 1970's
- Planning study in 1987 recommends expansion to 4-lanes from Decatur to I-64
- EIS from Decatur to Pana
- US 51 North of study area in various stages of design and construction
- US 51 South of study area 4-lanes



Currently under design or construction:



# The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

## Who

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

## What

Planning Study for improvements to US 51

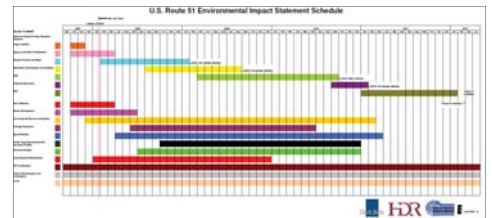
## Where

Project Study Limits



## When

Project Study Schedule



## How

Follow Guiding Principles

**Guiding Principles**  
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- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA):**
  - Integrates environmental values into decision-making processes
  - Encourages coordination with public and resource agencies
- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU):**
  - Legislation passed in 2005
  - Additional requirements for environmental review
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS):**
  - Illinois Department of Transportation Policy
  - Interdisciplinary Approach
  - Seeks effective, multi-modal transportation solutions
  - Encourages early, frequent and meaningful communication with stakeholders

**Stakeholder Involvement**  
Who is a Stakeholder?  


- Agencies
- Residents
- Representatives for:
  - Agriculture
  - Business
  - Environment
  - Other Interested Parties

 What is the Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP)?  

- Guide to stakeholder involvement opportunities, processes, timing and coordination efforts
- Identifies the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders
- Defines the process for Project Development Activities

 Stakeholder Interaction Diagram

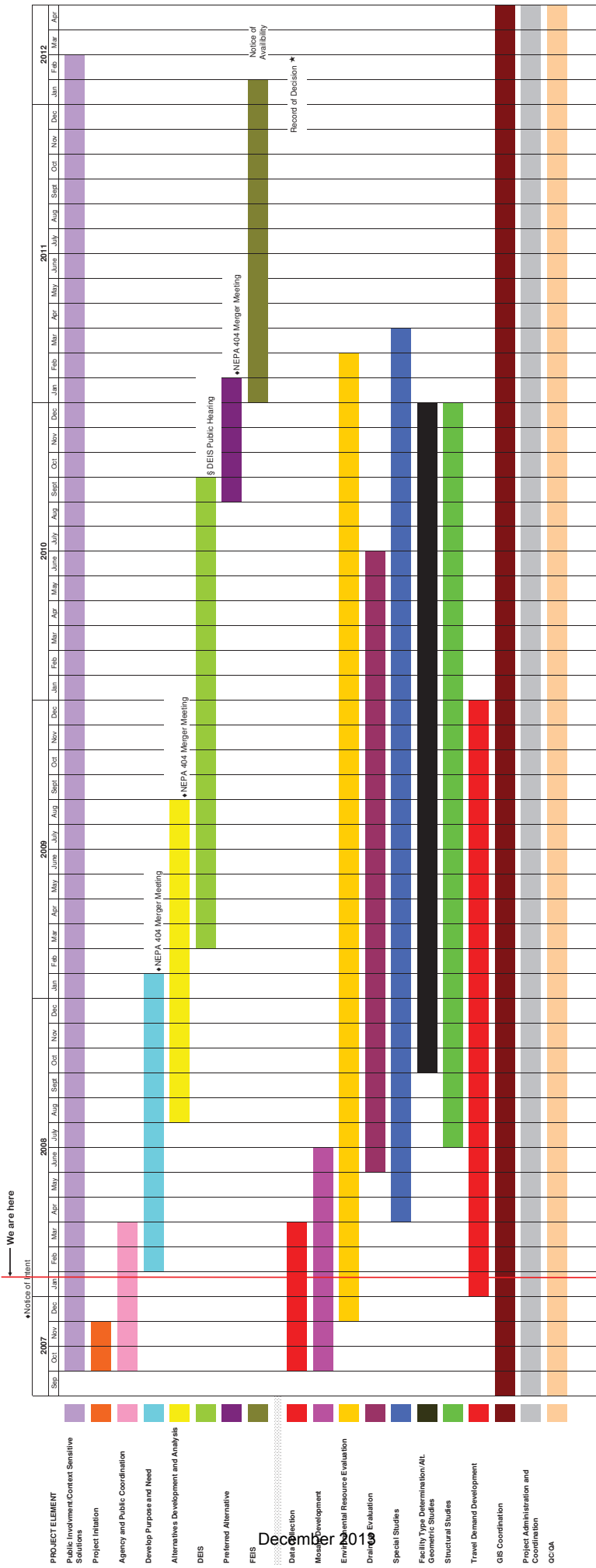
**Project Process**



## Goal

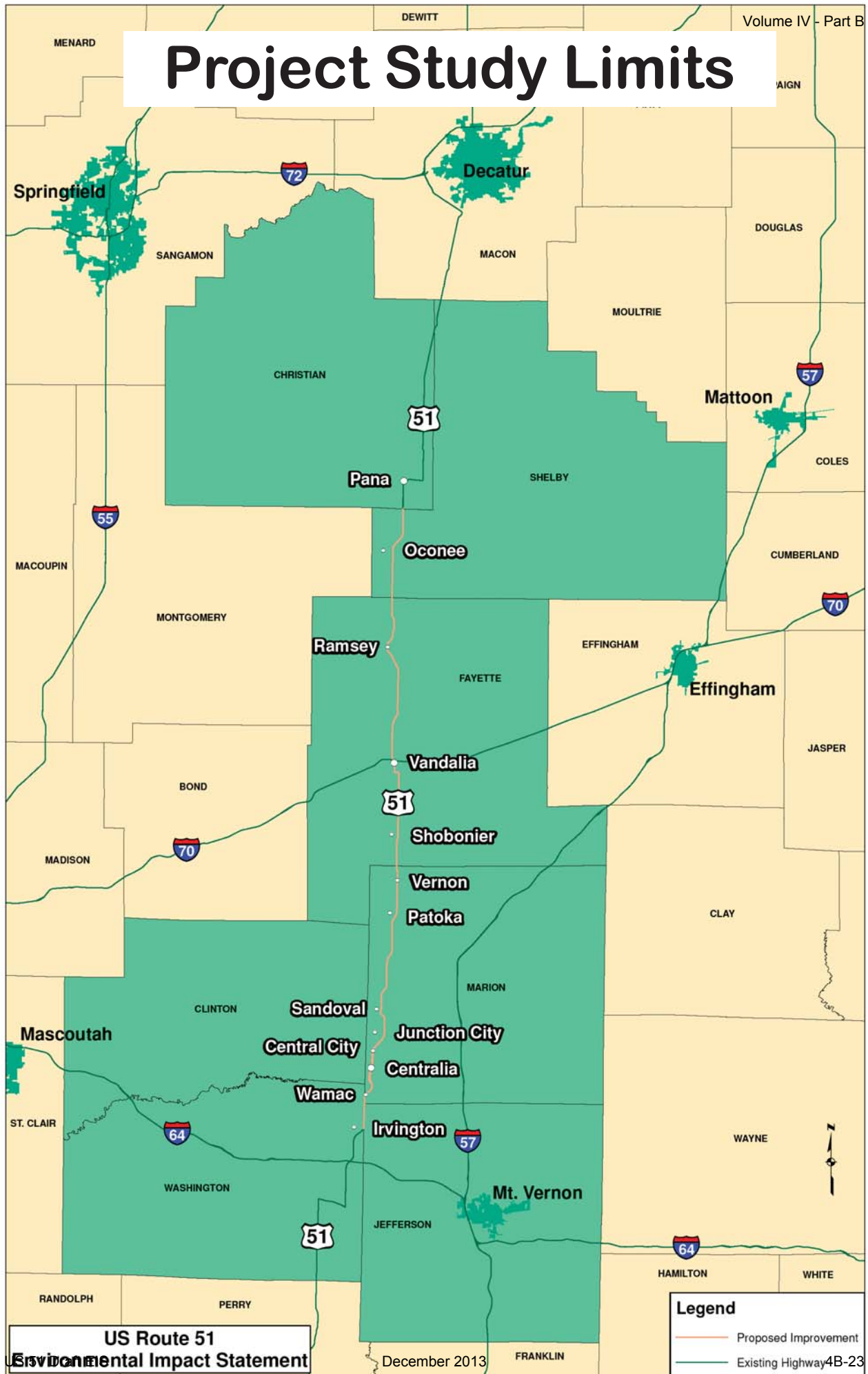
Obtain a Record of Decision (ROD) that identifies a Preferred Alternative for a transportation improvement that addresses transportation needs in the US 51 Corridor

# U.S. Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Schedule

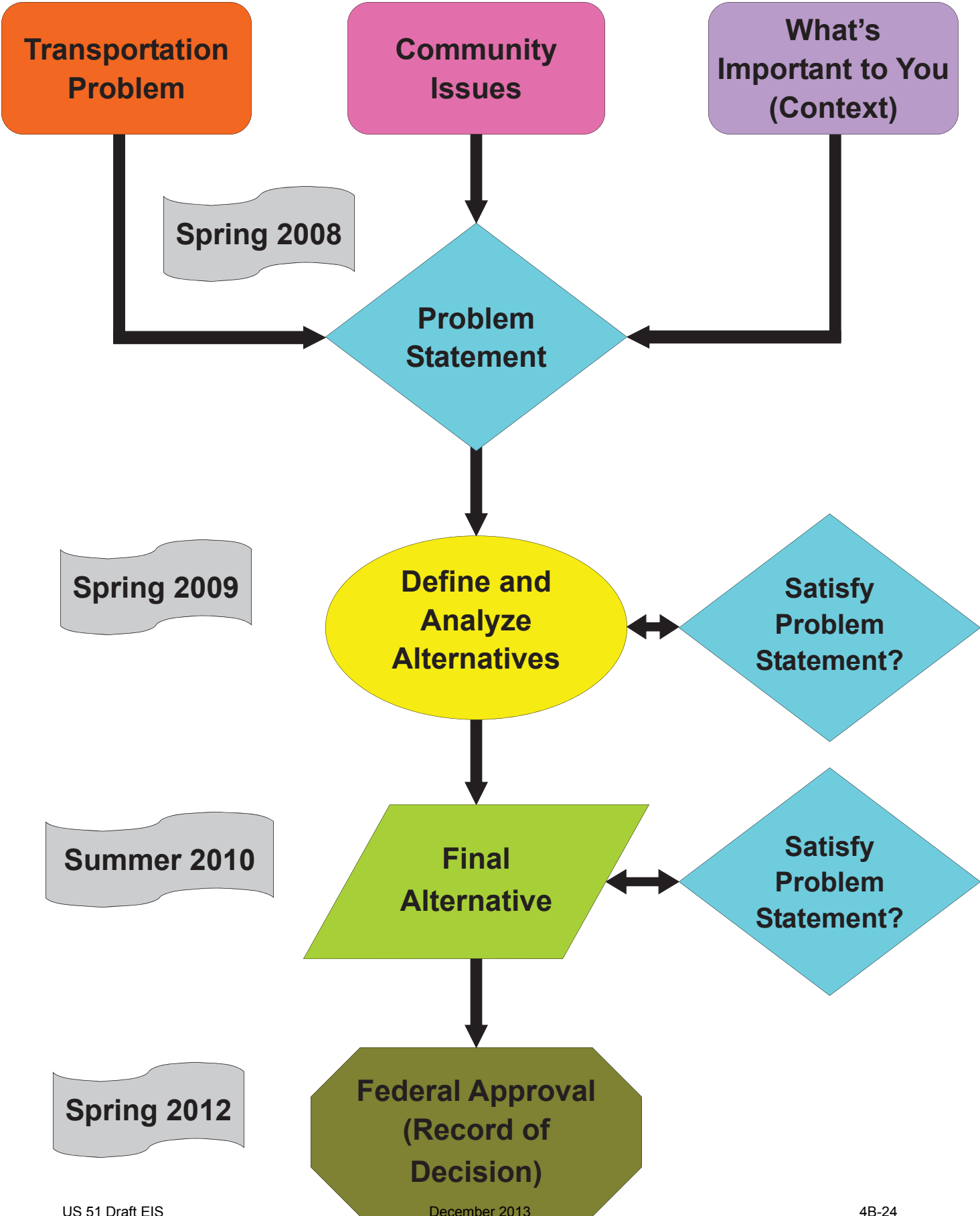




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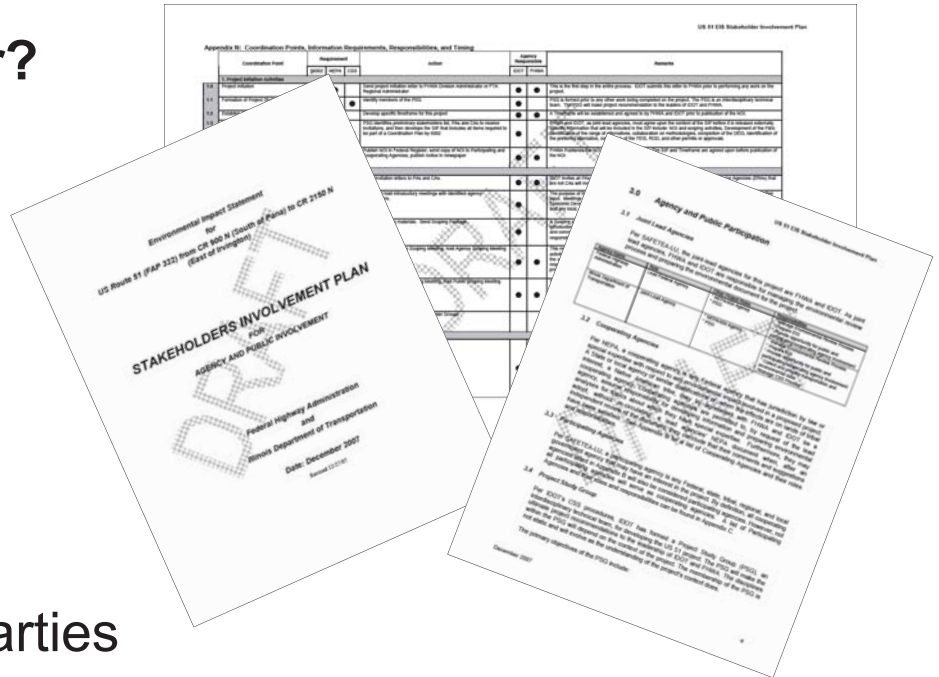
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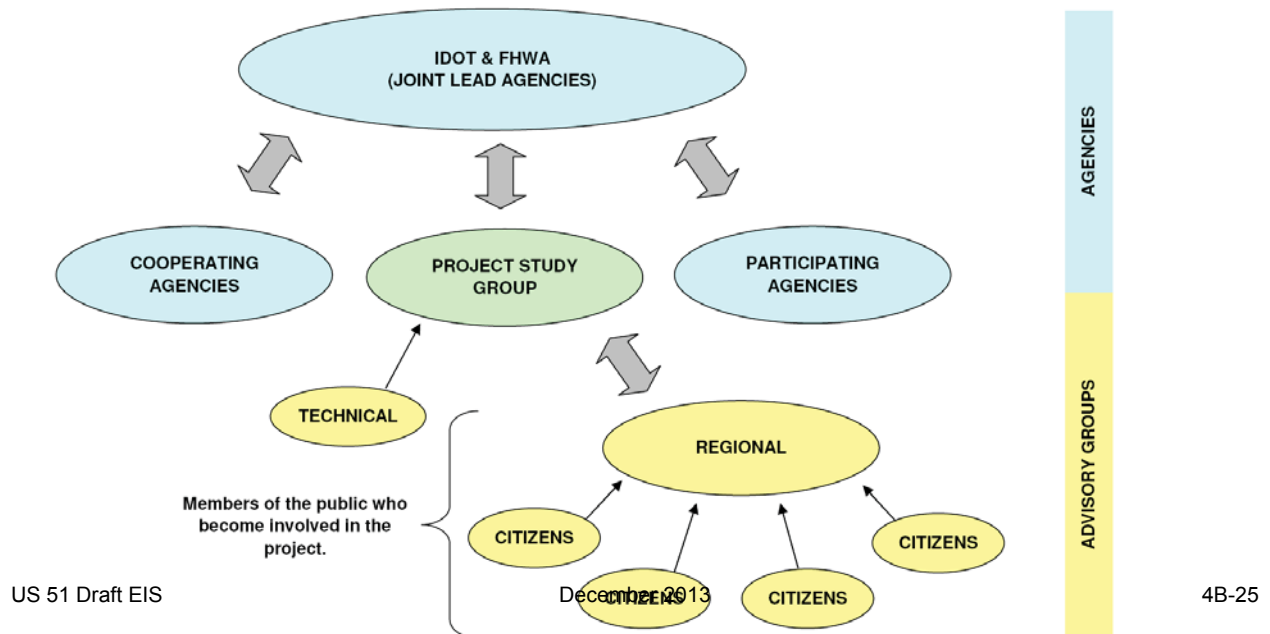
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# Thank You!

Thank you for attending today's meeting.

Please fill out the comment form and a meeting feedback form and drop them in the box.



Keep up-to-date on project information at

[www.us51-IDOT.com](http://www.us51-IDOT.com)





# Welcome to the January 2008 US 51 Public Information Meeting

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 7 welcomes you to this Public Information Meeting for the proposed improvements of US Route 51 from the Shelby/Christian County line to the IL-177 interchange east of Irvington.

We invite you to inspect the project exhibits on display and visit with personnel from IDOT and their consultant (The US 51 Partners), who are in attendance at today’s meeting. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this meeting and you are encouraged to provide them in writing or discuss them with staff in attendance. Written questions or comments should be directed to Jerry Payonk and placed in the comment box or mailed to the address shown in this brochure. Mailing information is on the other side of this handout.

## PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

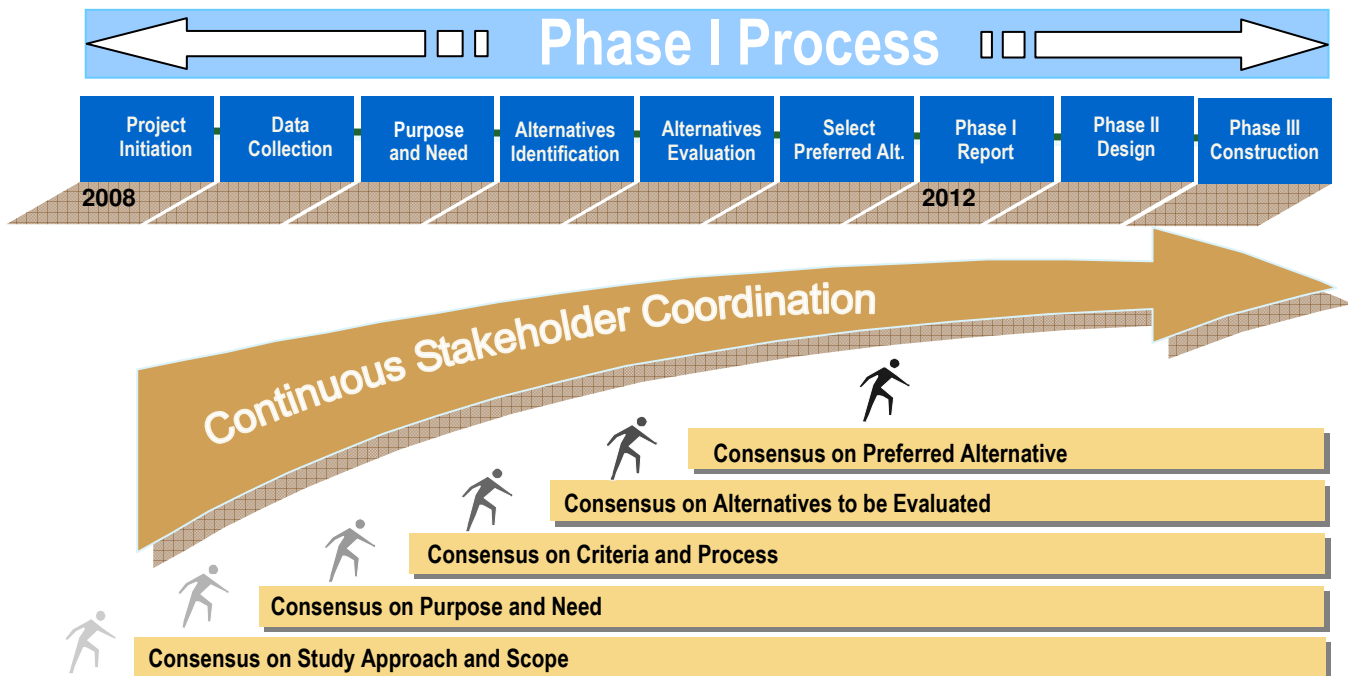
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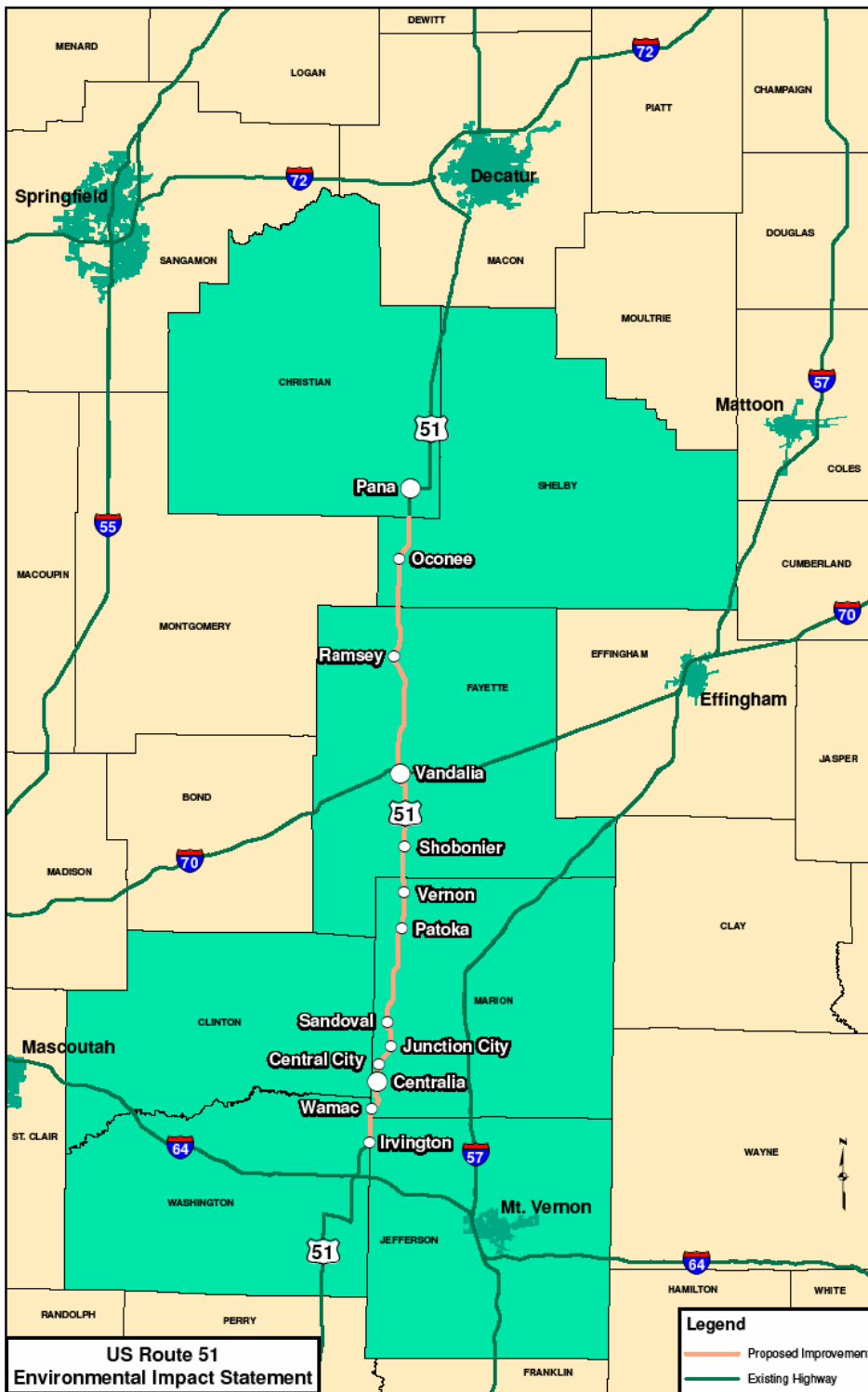
- Introduce the communities to the project, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and the project schedule.
- Kickoff the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) public involvement process.
- Provide residents, business owners, and other interested persons an opportunity to provide comments to the project team regarding the project’s purpose along with social, cultural and/or environmental issues.
- Identify potential Regional and Citizen Advisory Group Members.

The project team realizes individuals living close to the project want to be informed of the possible effects of the project on their homes and businesses. However, exact information is not available at this stage of the planning process. More detailed information will be available as the project moves forward so that input from the stakeholders/residents can be incorporated into the project.

## PLANNING PROCESS

The US 51 EIS involves preparing a report which focuses on an alternatives analysis and environmental evaluation. After the alternatives evaluation process is complete, a Preferred Alternative is selected. Through IDOT’s CSS procedures, there will be opportunities for stakeholders to get involved and provide input throughout the entire study process. Refer to the *Phase I Process* diagram below to see the level of coordination that will take place.





## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

The US 51 study corridor is approximately 70 miles in length and extends from the Shelby/Christian County line to the IL-177 interchange east of Irvington. The study corridor is contained in the Illinois counties of Christian, Shelby, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Jefferson, and Washington.

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

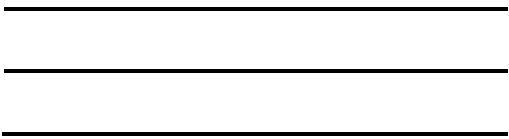
Written comments and opinions may be submitted during the Public Information Meeting or mailed to the address below *no later than February 15, 2008* in order to become part of the official Public Meeting Record. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Clark Dietz, Inc.  
 Attn: Jerry Payonk  
 1817 South Neil Street, Suite 100  
 Champaign, Illinois 61820

*We're on the web!* Please visit the US 51 EIS website for project status, updates and ways to get involved:

**[www.us51-idot.com](http://www.us51-idot.com)**





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## POST MEETING COMMENT FORM

Thank you for attending the US 51 EIS Public Information Meeting. To improve our meetings in the future, we are asking you to complete this brief questionnaire and provide any other comments you may have.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please place it in the comment box at the front table – or – fold, staple and mail this form to the addressee on the back side. Other means of forwarding comments are as follows:

Website: <http://www.us51-idot.com/>

E-mail Address: [US51EIS@Clark-Dietz.com](mailto:US51EIS@Clark-Dietz.com)

Phone: (217) 373-8951

**1. Did the location and times for the meetings make it convenient for you to attend?**

Yes                       No

**2. Was the length of the presentation and the meeting as a whole acceptable?**

Yes                       No

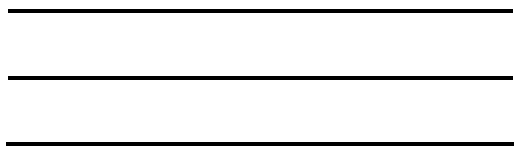
**3. Did you feel that the meeting fulfilled its stated purpose?**

Yes                       No

**4. What method is most convenient for you to receive project information?**

Mail       E-Mail       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Land owned ON US 51, EAST SIDE  
Family owned KAMA FOR 60 YEARS*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

please print clearly



Illinois Department  
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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

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*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*YES*

please print clearly



NAME: AMOS L. SMITH

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*I believe that if RT51 bypasses Ramsey,  
2 roads into Ramsey similar to the way  
Macon is would be better suited than  
multiple ones such as Mowqua.*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes.*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
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mtm@msi



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Go east of Ramsey and Build  
Underpass For Lock Redlin*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

NAME: *Kenneth Cunningham*

ADDRESS: *Ramsey Ill 62080*

PHONE: *618-423-2588*



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Project impact on Ramsey Schools.  
(Elementary & High School)*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
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Ramsey IL 62080

PHONE: 618-423-2335 (work)

E-MAIL: bshute@ramsey.fayette.  
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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

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*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*Yes - Either*

**please print clearly**

*HAROLD WESLEY GREEN*

NAME: *CAROLYN KAY GREEN*

ADDRESS: *RR 2 BOX 318B*

*RAMSEY, IL. 62080*

PHONE: *618-423-9930* (618-267-1028) <sup>CELL</sup>



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<i>Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?</i>
<i>Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?</i> <u>yes</u>

please print clearly



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NAME: Hubert Moske

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Romsey, IL,

PHONE: 618-423-9395



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*not at this time*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
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NAME: Leon Cotto

ADDRESS: Rt 3 Box 4

Ramsey

PHONE: 618 423 9270





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*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*Yes*

please print clearly



Illinois Department of Transportation

NAME: John Aderma 1212

ADDRESS: RT 3 Box 55 (Mayo?)  
Ramsey Ill 62080

PHONE: 780-4861

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

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*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*YES*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

NAME: DAVID BENTHOFF

ADDRESS: RR #1 Box 302-A

RAMSEY, IL - 62080

PHONE: 618-423-2536



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

In the area of Sharon Township I feel it would be in the states best interest to add 2 lanes on the east side of the existing Route 51.

Because

1. Housing concerns
2. Cemetary concerns
3. Relocation of power lines that are now on west side of Rt 51.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

Yes - I am a "soon to be retired I.D.O.T. employee."

please print clearly



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of Transportation

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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

What % of funding will be federal, what % will be state?

~~What~~ What studies will be conducted concerning drainage both ground and surface run-off?

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

Yes

**please print clearly**



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

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*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

Yes

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

NAME: Dana Smedley-Horkstine

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Ramsey, IL 62080

PHONE: 618-780-1250

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attended  
Vandalia's PIM

US 51 PIM #1  
Mailed to  
Ramsey's Citizens Ad. Group



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

As a resident of rural Ramsey area, I feel the building of this 4 lane road a huge waste of money. Having major 4 lane roads just to our east and another to our west going north & south. We cannot justify this. there are much better places to spend money. Highway 51 simply doesn't have enough traffic to justify this. The higher volume of semi traffic is due to trucks bypassing mt Seals on the other roads

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

No

please print clearly



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Public Information Meeting #2  
December 2, 2008 – Centralia and Ramsey, IL  
December 3, 2008 – Vandalia, IL

Purpose and Need Review  
**COMMENT FORM**

I agree with the elements of problem statement. It covers all areas of concerns with this project. Expanding Route 51 will have a positive economic impact on Vandalia and the region. It will also facilitate commuter traffic throughout the area.

Written comments may be submitted during the Public Information Meeting or mailed to the address on the reverse side *no later than December 17, 2008.*

**please print clearly**

Where did you review the Purpose and Need?  
(Please circle one):

Centralia      Ramsey      Vandalia      Online

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**Jerry T. Payonk**

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**From:** John Denton [sdenton1212@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2008 4:44 PM  
**To:** US51EIS  
**Subject:** US 51 Purpose and Need

To Whom It May Concern:

After reading through the Purpose and Need, I felt that I needed to contact you. I own farmland two to three miles north of Ramsey through which US 51 currently passes. It is at the point where the road curves to the east then back to the south.

This is another hazardous area where, over the years, many crashes have occurred due to the sudden curve to the left after a long straightaway for southbound vehicles. These happen mostly at night and during poor visibility situations.

It's my desire that the new US 51 not impact any more of my farmland, and further, that a hazardous area be eliminated. With your predictions of increased traffic, and with all the statements about the current hindrance that US 51 presents, it seems that a logical solution would be to move the highway to an area east of its present location so that it would more properly align with the rest of the highway.

Thanks for the opportunity for input.

Sincerely,

John Denton



## Jerry T. Payonk

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**From:** Bruce Geary [bruceg@dbge.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2008 11:10 AM  
**To:** Jerry T. Payonk  
**Subject:** US 51 EIS Purpose & Need

Jerry

Just a couple of minor comments regarding the draft EIS distributed at meeting on 11/18/08.

Page 7 - Graph colors make it a little hard to read but not impossible. Also, maybe it is too much detail, however as a reader it would be useful to know identity of the employers or at least a description of type of business so as to relate to potential impact on transportation. i.e.: "health care" brings to mind cars, while "Mfg or Dist" brings to mind trucks.

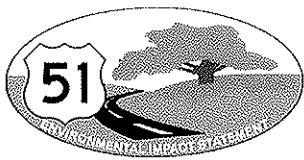
Page 8 - The last sentence is awkward, or it may just be my reading of it. There is an extra word in line 2. I guess as the reader I had to guess at what you mean by "the other modes of transportation available" It probably is ok just as it is and you probably mean "exclusive of air, everything else". On first reading it just seemed confusing.

Page 11 - I thought that was an interesting point in referring to existing traffic south of the project area and it seems to support the case for an improved RT 51 northward. However it made me ask the question to myself as to what about the north end of the project area such as traffic counts from Assumption or Macon to Decatur in particular, where the 4 lane already exists.

Page 13 - The labeling of the graphics seems unclear. I think a reader looking only at the graphs would have no idea as to their meaning and would have to search the document for a reference to the graph. The reference doesn't refer to 5% segments, only five locations or segments. Anyway, I think the graph should just say "Identified areas with higher than expected accident rates" or something to this effect but maybe shorter.

Hope this is useful.  
Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

Regards  
Bruce Geary  
Centralia



Public Information Meeting #2  
December 2, 2008 – Centralia and Ramsey, IL  
December 3, 2008 – Vandalia, IL

Purpose and Need Review  
**COMMENT FORM**

RECOMMEND 51 ON RAILROAD PROPERTY  
(FORMER)  
TO GO THRU RAMSEY

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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

If you plan to go east of Ramsey, I suggest you straighten the road south of Parag~~at~~ bypasses Coonsee. This would then give you a straight shot to the east of Ramsey.

At this point Rt. 51 cuts through my farmland leaving 10 acres on the west end and about 150 acres on the east (John Wayne Denton Trust in the Plat book). I don't want to have anymore of my farm taken for the road project. In fact I would prefer Rt. 51 to bypass my land entirely.

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

yes - I own property in Fayette County North of Ramsey.

**please print clearly**



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*moved to  
Ramsey  
list*

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### US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I own land north of Ramsey. The southern border of my land is along CR 3100N, and the western border is at CR 800. The current U.S. 51 cuts through the SW corner of my land putting a small section on one side of 51, a large section on the other side, and reducing tillable acreage. I would NOT want to see further reduction in acreage.

U.S. 51 coming from Pana south is ~~west~~ considerably east of my land as is 51 south of Ramsey. It seems logical to make it a straight line from Pana running well east of Ramsey.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

Yes.

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Not at this stage in the project.*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*Yes, most definitely!*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*WE ARE RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG HWY 51  
SOUTH OF SHOBNIER..*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I would suggest Route 51 in the VANOOKA AREA to tie into THE EXISTING TAKEAWAY WEST OF VANOOKA. Mile marker 60 PROCEED EAST ON I 70 USE EXISTING I 70 BRIDGE OVER RIVER AND THEN PROCEED SOUTH

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project? *Yes*

please print clearly



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

I WOULD LIKE (PANEL 3) VANDALIA

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

AS A County Board member I ~~was~~ concerned  
that the Road to be put EAST OF TOWN  
IF Danube is grow. That has to be the  
PLAN

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

No

please print clearly



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I own LAND Adj TO Hwy 51.

Concerned re LOCATION of FUTURE Hwy

I Feel ROUTE SELECTION SHOULD BE

WEST of VANDALIA.

Will Address issues LATER

Thank You

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I would like to see the Highway 51 project go to the West of Mendota. This seems the most advantageous to our city and its growth toward the West Interchange.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?



please print clearly

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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

Empty lines for project-related issues or comments.

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

Yes

**please print clearly**



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Moved to Ramsey CAG list

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Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

My husband owns land north of Ramsey. The southern border of our land is along CR 3100N, and the western border is at CR 800. The current U.S. 51 cuts through the SW corner of our land putting a small section on one side of 51, a large section on the other side, and reducing tillable acreage. I would not want to see further reduction in acreage.

U.S. 51 coming from Pana south is considerably east of our land as is 51 South of Ramsey. It would seem most logical make it a straight line from Pana running well east of Ramsey.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project? No

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Not at this time*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

Structural stability of buildings in historic area downtown.

Traffic loss to downtown businesses.

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

YES



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please print clearly

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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

*This is a VERY NEEDED project for ALL AREAS involved*

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

*Yes, I would.*

please print clearly



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I THINK IT SHOULD DEFINITELY GO TO THE WEST AROUND VANDALIA AND TIE IN TO THE EXISTING #61 I70 EXIT. IF COULD COME SOUTH TO I70 EXIT #63 AND GO ON THE EXISTING I70 WEST TO EXIT #63 THEN SOUTH AROUND THE SOUTH WEST PART OF THE CITY CROSS THE RIVER AND TIE BACK IN TO EXISTING US 51 SOUTH OF VANDALIA.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

please print clearly



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

Please let the route go thru the city  
downtown. IT would SAVE MONEY  
AND we need to preserve historical  
VANDALIA,

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project? *No*

please print clearly



Illinois Department  
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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I would like to see the route go down  
the town by the Old State House to  
save money on the project & for business  
to our downtown area.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project? *No*

please print clearly



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

SEE NEXT P.S

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?* YES

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

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Jerry Payonk, P.E.

I attended your 2 pm. Rt. 51, Public Information Meeting on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at Vandalia. I left considerable information with Gary Welton, I.D.O.T. Studies and Plans Engineer, regarding hydrological and flooding information. I Addressed that cover letter to you, I hope Gary possibly shared that information With you.

As to your public input process, I'm interested in being involved. I've been Involved with other group planning organizations, such the Carlyle Lake Water Shed plan. To be truthful, that hasn't seen the light of day since its conclusion.

I grasp how Federal and State bureaucracies are more in tuned to the aspect Of public involvement so to quell assertions that they make rules and plans without the public's input. The new process to ask the "locals" before doing, helps to somewhat tame the political nature of public descent when new projects are proposed and the local environment is changed.

Being an enthusiast of the history of why our current environment is the net Result of a long history of our ancestor's past influence. What seems inconsequential to us today, was of major importance to those of the past. That is why those apparently arbitrary artifacts of our past ancestors seem to clutter and disrupt our plans for today. It's all the more important that we put much more forethought into our plans, so future generations don't wonder why their environment is so cluttered with our creations.

My current philosophy in life is to "Keep it simple Stupid". Define the goal in As few words as possible. Define all the problems circumventing the goal. Then set down and devise a multitude of solutions, in the end picking and choosing the best features from this multitude of solutions and testing it against my philosophy. If it's not simple, start all over again.

I assume your group already has well defined goals for alternate Rt. 51. As a User of Rt. 51, I'll tell you what I want, and I suspect they are the same as the group.

To drive as near to Interstate conditions as possible. No stop lights. No speed Reduction Zones. And, I don't want to add time to my trip; added fuel cost; wear and tear on my vehicle; driving miles around a former community that old route 51 Used to passed through, just to get around that community.

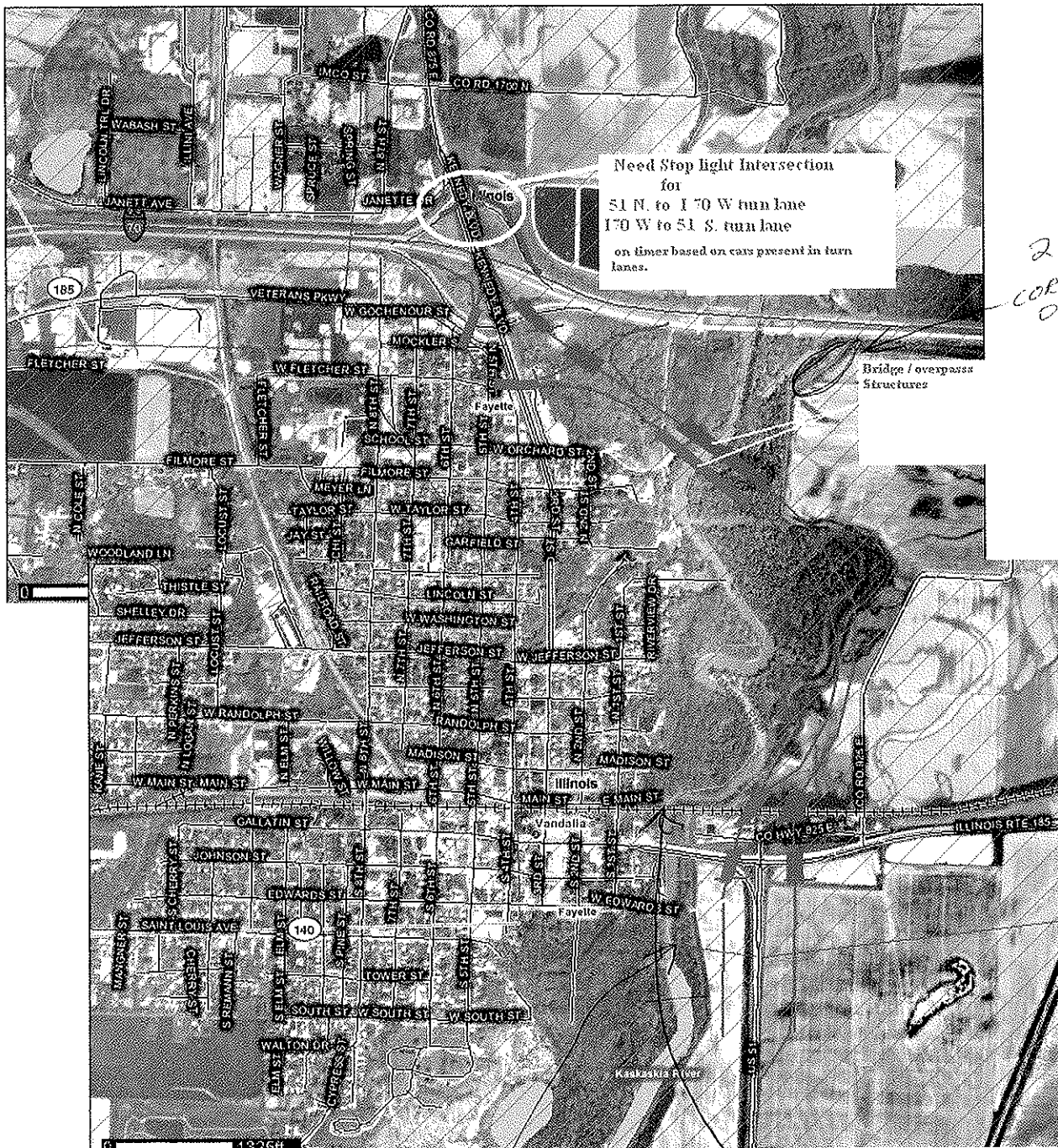
**There are citizens of Vandalia, that I'm sure would love to see the Alternate Rt. 51 provide the community with another interstate interchange. I don't See it. The development already at the west I 70 interchange precludes an easy Fit for the new Rt. 51 to pass around the west of Vandalia and intersect very well there. To go further west fails the objective of a short distance around Vandalia. And last, the disruption to rural township and county roads as well as the disruption by land parcel division is just not needed in this ag community.**

**Going straight through Vandalia is possibly the least expensive and straightest Route. It will possibly disrupt the character of Vandalia as a community by having Even more traffic through it's center, and this route absolutely fails for speed due to Speed zones, and the need of stop lights.**

**I've taken my "crayons"; drawn on the maps; and concluded that the least disruptive Route around Vandalia is "EAST". It involves bypasses and bridges, but I can't conceive or how going west won't involve as many bypasses and bridges (if not more).**

**There is inclined to be nature loving environmentalists (from outside this community ) who will protest the disruption to the wooded "WETLAND" flood plain to the east of Vandalia. When their address is "Wetland" Kaskaskia River, east Vandalia, Illinois; they exist as a rare species of Homo Sapiens that reside in Poison Ivy draped silver maples and cottons woods; and show extreme resistance to all mosquito born diseases; I will take note of their concerns and the loss of their environment.**

**Jon Phillips**



Need Stop light Intersection  
for  
51 N. to I 70 W turn lane  
170 W to 51 S. turn lane  
on timer based on cars present in turn  
lanes.

2ND  
CORPS  
DESIGN  
FOR  
OVERPASS  
SITE 1

Bridge / overpass  
Structures

NEED TO RAISE  
V.L.D. LEVEL NORTH  
OF CON RAIL. & DESIGN  
2ND OVER TOPPING SITE;  
HEREAR OVER

CONRAIL NEEDS  
NEW BRIDGE - EXPAND  
THE RIVER OPENING,  
EVERY THING SOUTH OF CON RAIL

SOUTH OF VANDALIA WEST  
OF U.S. RT. 140 & OLD ILL. RR,  
FILL NEED PRIMARY  
TOPPING SITE IN VANDALIA

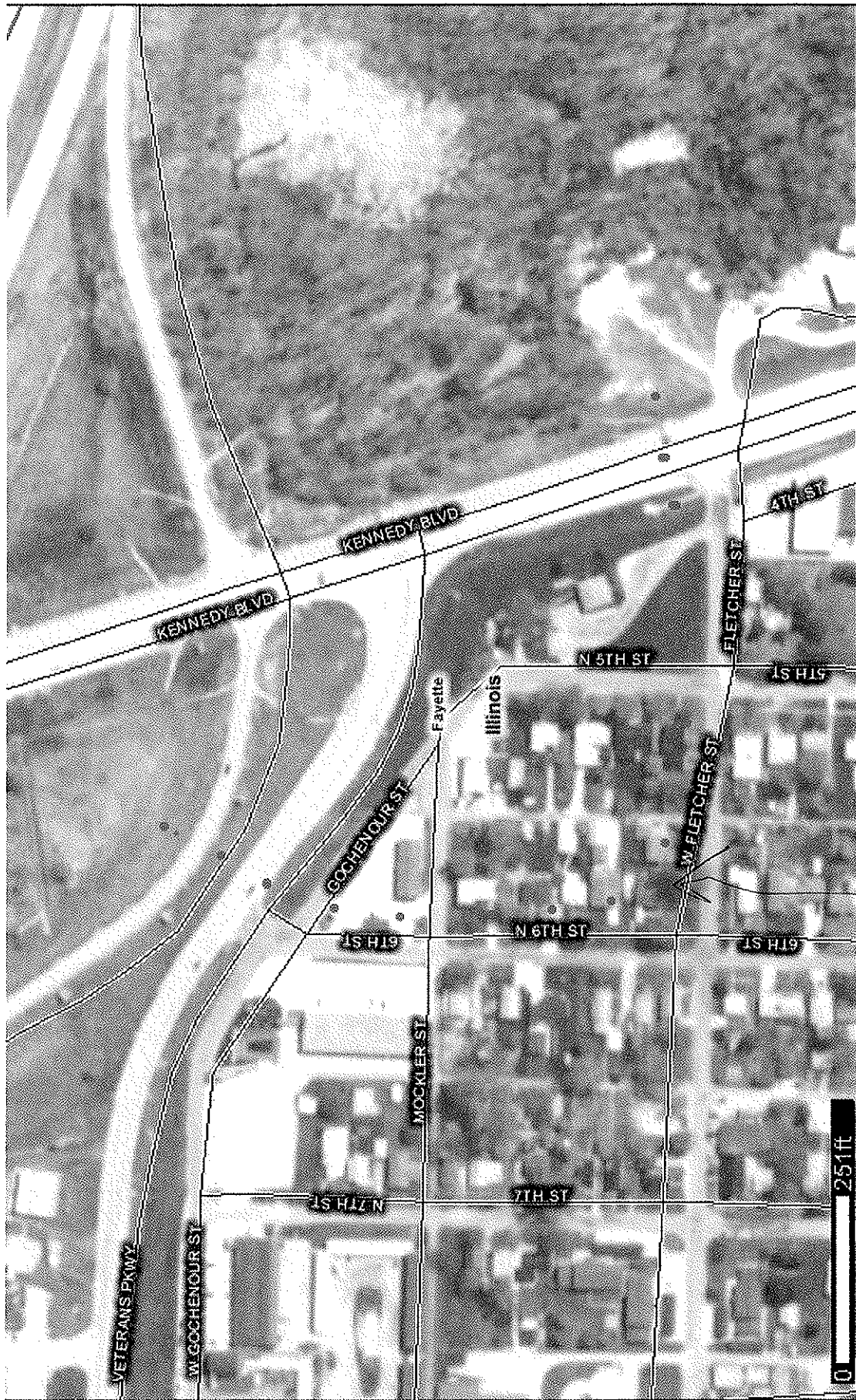
BRIDGE NEEDS RIVER BANKS  
LOWEDED 12'-15' TO ALLOW GREATER  
FLOWS THRU.

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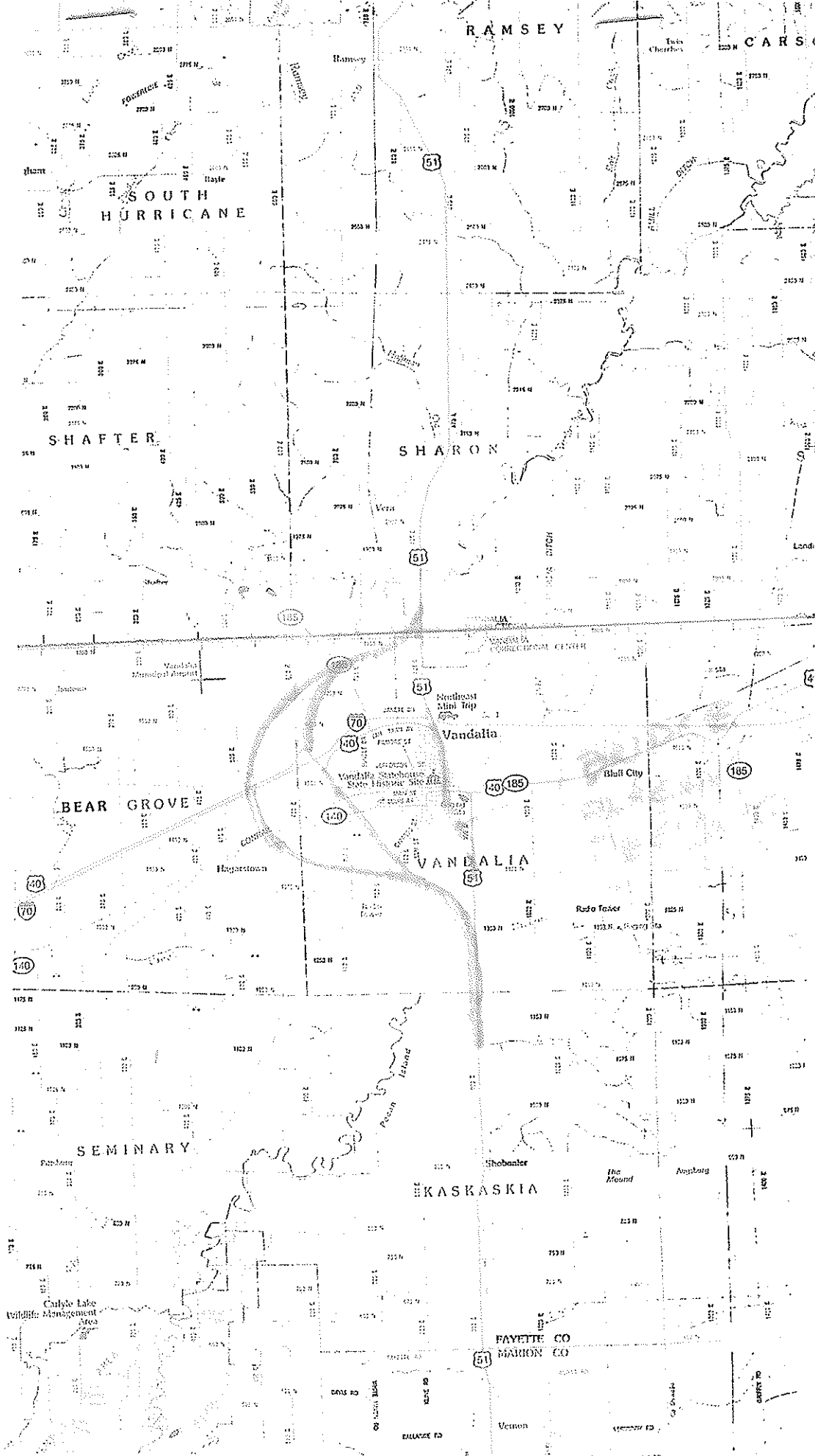


NORTH  
↑



DISRUPTION TO ONE BLOCK IN  
VANDALIA





*IT'S NOT RATIONAL TO GO  
 THROUGH THE WEST SIDE  
 OF VANDALIA.*



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

ADDON TO EIS  
NOISE STUDY

BILL HASELHORST

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

YES I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING

**please print clearly**



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Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I am in favor of us Route 51 going thru Vandalia on 3rd st, its present location. The state is pushing Abraham Lincoln History which The old state Capitol is part of. This puts us 51 traffic next to this important part of Lincoln History. I own several parcels of land close to this route in which I have business. Land north of Vandalia is already owned by the state prison (2 1/2 miles) which would not have to be purchased. US 51 is already 4 lanes from the present interchange (63) to Jefferson street (2 miles). It is the most economical route for route 51 thru Vandalia.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

No

please print clearly



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Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

Save money by having RT-51 go down by cemetery - Why spend more by taking another route

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project? NO

**please print clearly**



Illinois Department of Transportation

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Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I am a member of the Fayette County Board. I am chairman of 3 committees and also am on Building and Grounds committee.

I am receptive to public comments and would like to stay informed on this much needed project.

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

I would be very interested

**please print clearly**



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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*Farm land severance is a concern*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*Also: William (Bill) Friesner*

**please print clearly**



**Illinois Department  
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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

Empty lined area for project-related issues or comments.

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*Yes*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

See this 51 come thru  
Centralia, and connect  
to I-64.

Centralia, needs 4-  
lanes for 51 + I64.

"We are 'bored'" in  
and our growth is  
limited, look at the  
number of hotel rooms,  
and motels!

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory  
Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

YES

please print clearly



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# PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Due by: February 15, 2008

## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #1 – January, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

*yes*

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes*



**Illinois Department  
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**please print clearly**

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Yes                       No

2. Was the length of the presentation and the meeting as a whole acceptable?

Yes                       No       *NA*

3. Did you feel that the meeting fulfilled its stated purpose?

Yes                       No

4. What method is most convenient for you to receive project information?

Mail       E-Mail       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Presentation started late

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**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*I had another, but I did attend.*

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Comments:

*We need this I-51.*



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*Build it Soon!*



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*would have preferred more formal, power point*

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Yes       No

*w/ handouts*

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Mail       E-Mail       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Wished more citizens would have attended. Would have been nice to partner w/ local organizations to "Shake the trees & get people here" - more marketing.*



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Mail       E-Mail       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*joe.niederhofer@phutasel.net*

Comments: ATTENDANCE WAS POOR. DON'T KNOW WHY.

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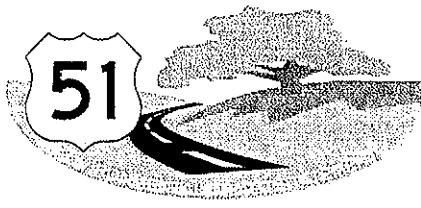
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Comments: Very informative & very professional

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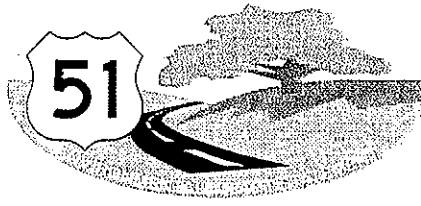
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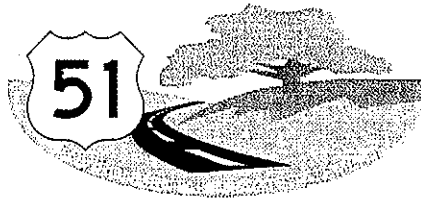
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FOR ANY QUESTIONS ASKED.....



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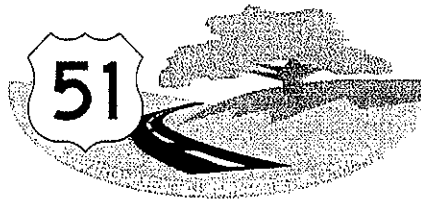
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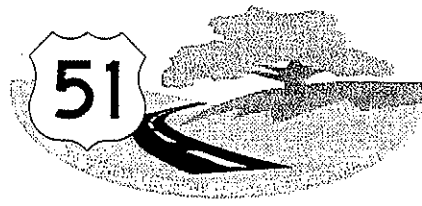
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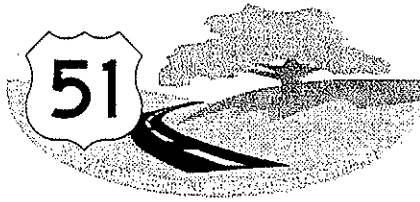
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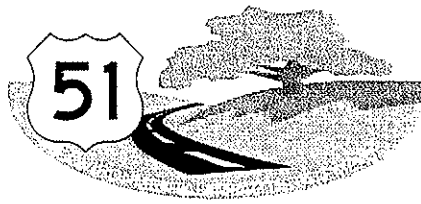
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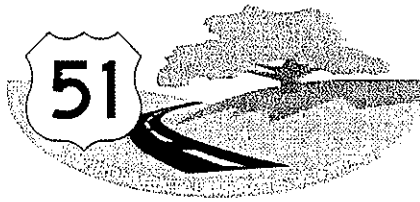
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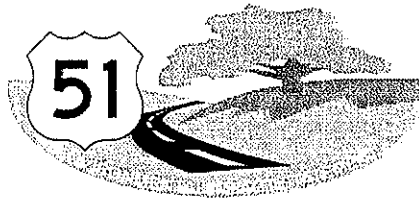
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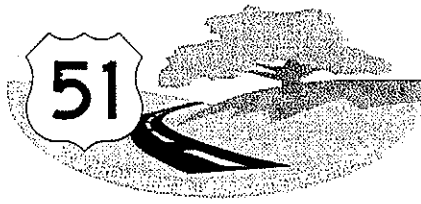
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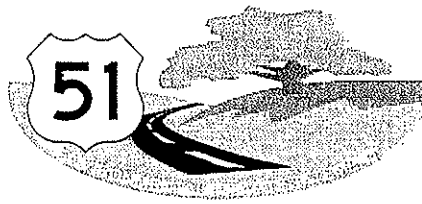
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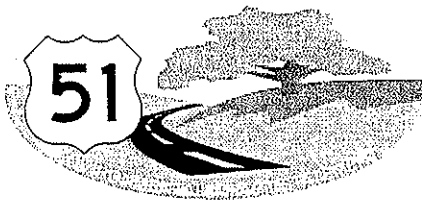
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Mail       E-Mail       Other *ldbriscoe72@yahoo.com*

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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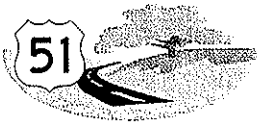
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Comments: Thanks For your Time  
and Effort



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Volume IV - Part B

Due by: March 14, 2008

## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #2 – March, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

Empty lined area for project-related issues or comments.

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

*yes as I am a township trustee and an employee of Marathon Pipelines*

**please print clearly**



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## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #2 – March, 2008

Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?

I HAVE PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED NEW ROAD.....

Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?

Yes

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NAME: MARY HALLAM

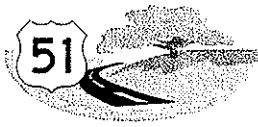
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*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*

FARMING AND PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*

YES

**please print clearly**



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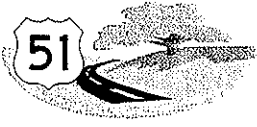
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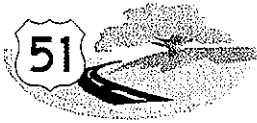


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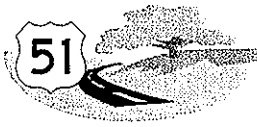
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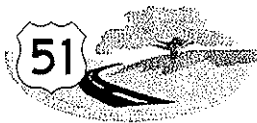
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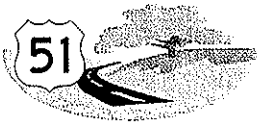
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*yes as I am a township trustee and an employee of Marathon Pipelines*

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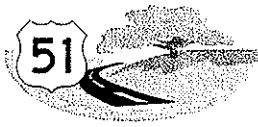
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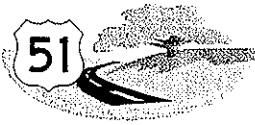
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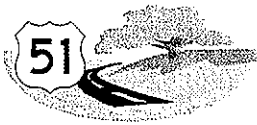
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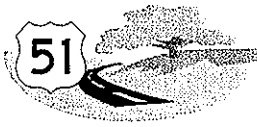
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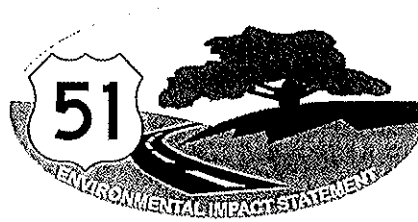
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*Thank you for allowing us to attend this important meeting*



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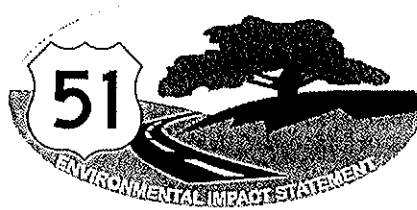
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Comments: *We came hoping to learn something about potential routes through Fayette County. Apparently the project has not yet gotten to that point. We'll keep watching for additional information meetings.*

*Harold Wesley Green  
Carolyn Kay Green  
hwgreen@mail.com*





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Comments: DONALD AND JUDITH WALKER  
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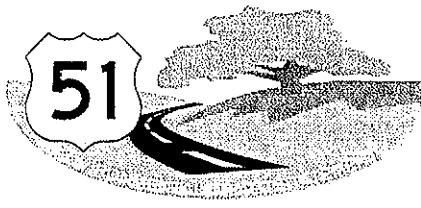
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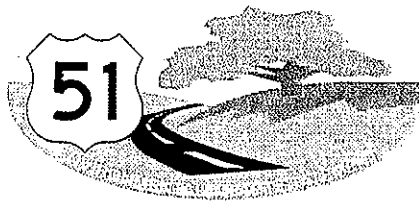
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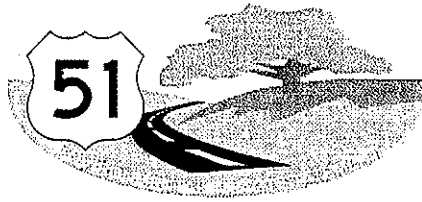
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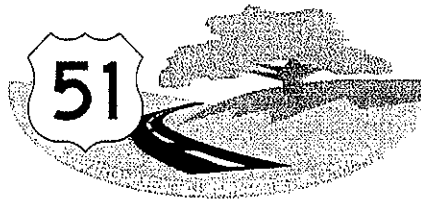
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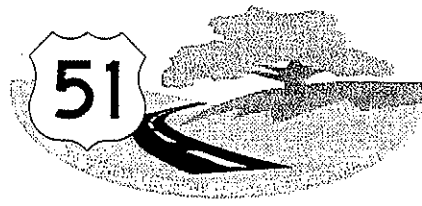
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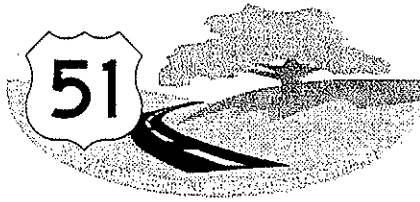
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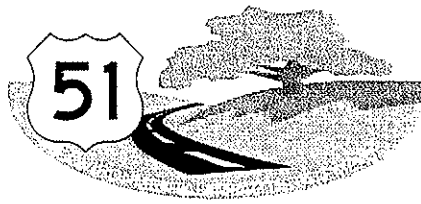
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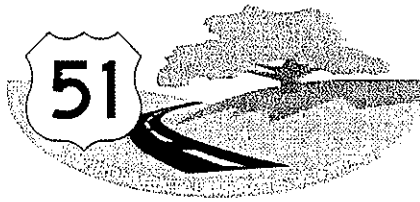
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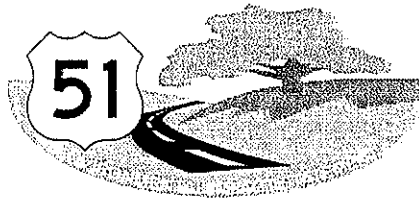
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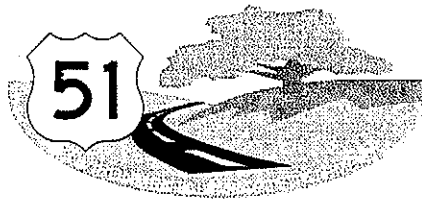
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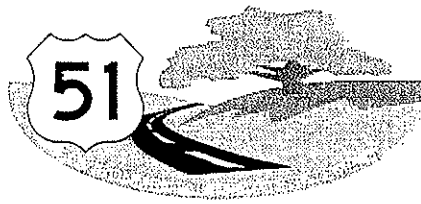
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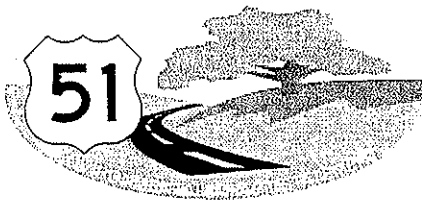
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PURPOSE AND NEED AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Purpose and Need for the US 51 Environmental Impact Statement is available for public review and comment. The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold Public Information Meetings to accept comments on the Purpose and Need on December 2 and 3, 2008. The limits of the study are the Shelby/Christian County line to the U.S. 51/IL 177 interchange (east of Irvington). The meeting times and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 - 12:00 to 6:00PM  
Centralia Recreation Complex  
115 E. Second Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – 3:00 to 7:00 PM  
Ramsey Village Hall  
401 S. Superior Street  
Ramsey, IL 62080

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 –12:00 to 6:00 PM  
Ramada Inn  
2707 Veterans Parkway  
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The Purpose and Need document will be available for review and comment at the meetings and project staff will be available to answer questions about the project. The Purpose and Need is also available to download and review on the project website at [www.us51-idot.com](http://www.us51-idot.com) and comments will be accepted by mail, email or fax until December 17, 2008. For those without access to the internet, call 217-373-8951 to request a copy by mail. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tim Jackson of the Illinois Department of Transportation (217-342-3951) to advise of planned attendance and needed accommodations.

# US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement



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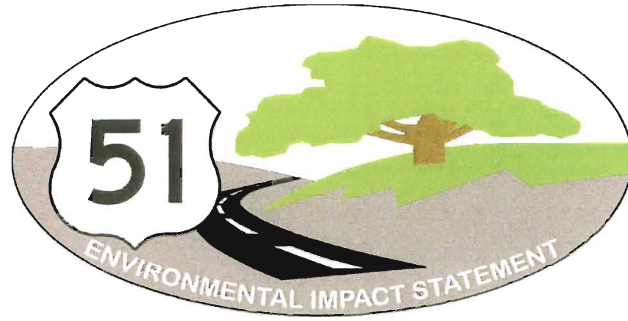
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# US 51 EIS Purpose and Need

## What is the US 51 Project?

*US Route 51 is part of a transportation corridor that extends the length of Illinois from Rockford to Cairo. In south central Illinois, US 51 is the only two-lane highway link in the four-lane north-south network (I-39, US 51, I-64, I-57). Improvements to the two-lane portion of US 51 are the subject of this study.*

### Where is the project located?

The study area for this project includes the counties of Shelby, Christian, Fayette, Washington, Jefferson, Marion, and Clinton. The following communities are located in the US 51 study area: Pana, Oconee, Ramsey, Vandalia, Shobonier, Vernon, Patoka, Sandoval, Junction City, Central City, Centralia, Wamac and Irvington. A map of the project study area is on page 2.

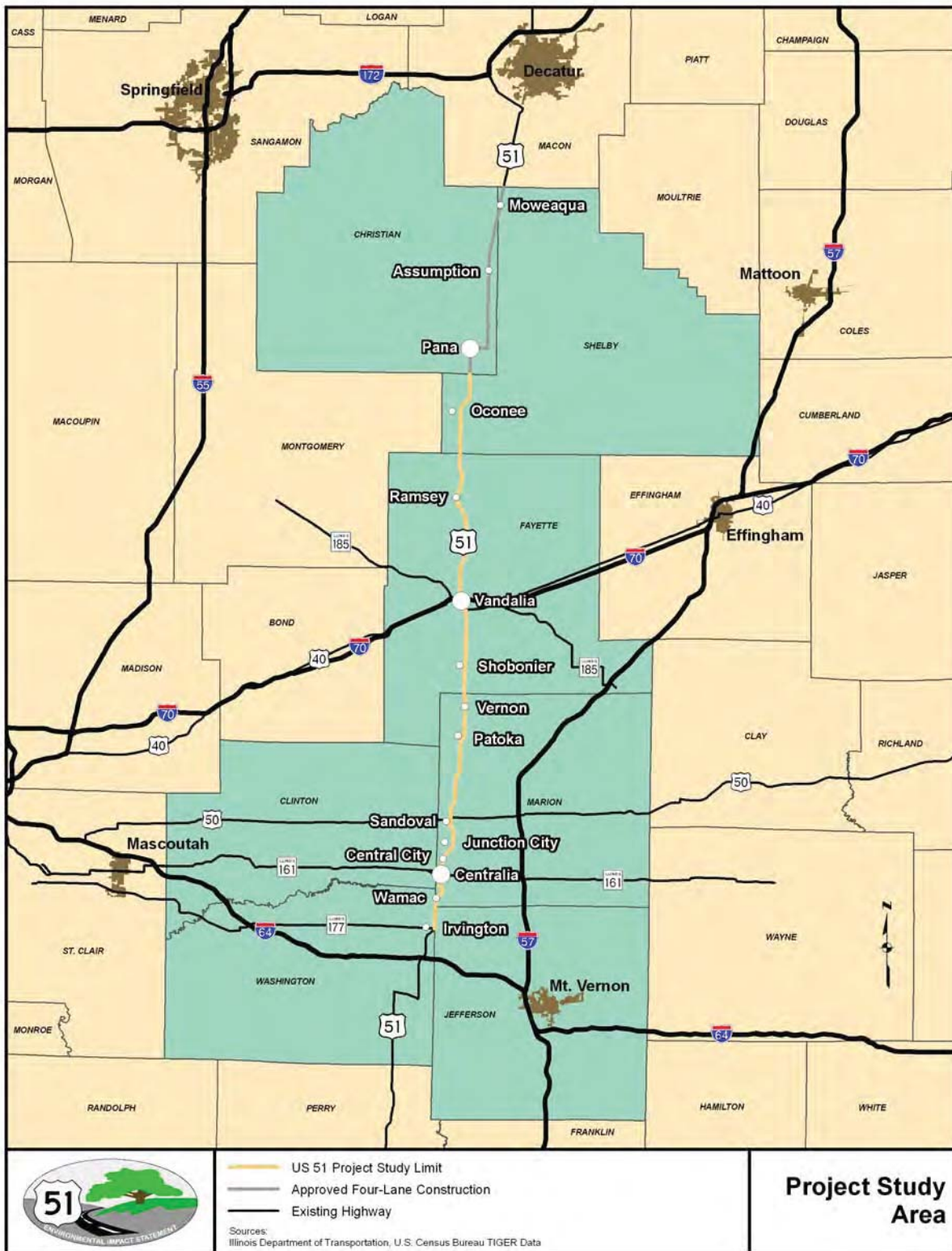
### What is the background of this project?

In 1979/1980, a study conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) along US 51 from Decatur to I-64 determined traffic levels did not warrant a four-lane section. Between 1980 and 1986, economic development initiatives spurred by the “Build Illinois” program and the completion of four-lane section improvements north of Decatur prompted a delegation of State legislators, elected city officials, and community leaders to request that IDOT revisit the concept of four-lane improvements from Decatur to I-64. A planning study for the corridor completed by IDOT in April 1987 concluded that based on economic development and regional connectivity, constructing four lanes along US 51 from Decatur to I-64 should be pursued. Funding for this Environmental Impact Statement has been earmarked as part of the 2005 transportation bill



North-south corridor through Illinois





legislation, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

**What other plans are underway for transportation improvements in the area?**

Of the 100 miles between Decatur and I-64 studied in the late 1980s, the 35 miles immediately north of the Christian/Shelby County line have been upgraded to or are planned to be upgraded to a four-lane section (refer to the project study area map on page 2). Most recently, an Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 1992 for US 51 between Decatur and Pana. A four-lane US 51 south of Moweaqua opened to traffic in the fall of 2007. The next section to be constructed is a four-mile long bypass around Assumption. Another four-mile straight line section from south of Assumption to north of Pana and a bypass extending seven miles around Pana are being designed and will be constructed when funding becomes available. This study begins south of the Pana bypass near the Christian/Shelby County line.



*Transportation improvements are planned for US 51 north of the study area.*

**What guidelines have been used in developing the current project?**

Since the conclusion of the previous studies, new procedures have been adopted for involving the general public and other stakeholders in developing transportation projects. This study is being developed using IDOT’s Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) policy and the Federal Highway Administration’s guidance under SAFETEA-LU legislation. These require early coordination with stakeholders to better understand the concerns and needs of the communities in the study corridor. The public’s input has been sought in the development of the project’s purpose and will continue to be sought throughout the project to provide the stakeholders in the US 51 corridor a project that addresses transportation issues and fits into the broader context of communities where they live and work.



*Context Sensitive Solutions: stakeholders involved in the decision-making process*

**What is a Citizen’s Advisory Group?**

A diverse group of local and regional stakeholders that provide input on the concerns and values of their respective communities.

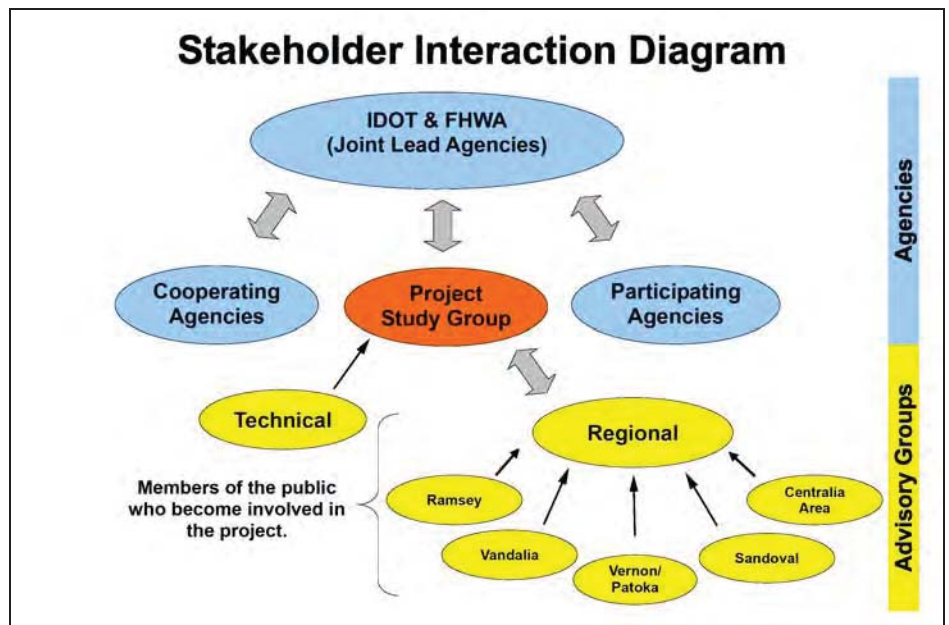


A Citizen’s Advisory Group identifying study area problems together.

**How have the public and other stakeholders been involved in developing this project?**

Using CSS and SAFETEA-LU guidelines, Citizen’s Advisory Groups (CAG) have been formed for the communities of Ramsey, Vandalia, Vernon/Patoka, Sandoval, and Junction City/Central City/Centralia/Wamac – communities that are adjacent to or separated by existing US 51. The project study team met with each group to discuss transportation problems, community issues and community context. Input from the CAGs was used to develop problem statements in the individual communities that address the transportation issues in the corridor from a user’s perspective.

A Regional Advisory Group (RAG), made up of representatives from each CAG and other stakeholders, was formed to provide input on regional issues and context. The input from the RAG will be used to look at existing US 51 between the communities and address transportation issues from a regional perspective. The diagram below depicts the relationship between the CAGs, the RAG and the project study team.



## What is the Purpose and Need of the US 51 Project?

### What was the public's input?

Working with the CAGs, issues and the context of each community along the study corridor were identified. The project stakeholders came to a consensus on three elements for the CSS problem statement for this study:

- The existing US 51 highway does not provide an efficient and safe connection between local communities and commercial centers, and does not encourage long distance travel.
- The US 51 highway hinders travel and the movement of goods and services, limits tourism and commerce, and limits residential, commercial, and industrial growth.
- The existing US 51 highway is unsafe for cars, trucks, buses, pedestrians, bicycles, and farm equipment to share the road at the same time.

The project team, working with the CAGs and the RAG, will address the identified problems while being sensitive to the unique aspects of each community. This will help to maintain or improve the quality of life within these communities.

### Why do we need the US 51 Project?

The purpose of the US 51 project is to improve the connectivity within the south central Illinois region and to enhance the highway system continuity. The region needs a centralized roadway that effectively connects communities as well as local and commercial centers, while also providing a roadway that promotes efficient and safe travel in the region for a wide variety of transportation users. Connectivity and continuity are issues that can be addressed by a transportation improvement, while being sensitive to the economic development goals and safety concerns expressed in the problem statements of the local communities.



*Safety concern: slow moving farm equipment sharing the road with faster moving cars and trucks.  
Photo taken: September 2008 on US 51 north of Vandalia.*

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### What is connectivity?

A roadway facility that provides *efficient* access for all types of transportation and *effectively* moves people, goods and services.

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**What is continuity?**

A roadway facility that maintains uniform speed and pavement width to promote the free flow movement of people, goods and services.

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**What is the role of US 51 at the local and regional level to allow people, goods and services to move freely?**

Centralia and Vandalia are the largest communities in the project corridor. For residents in this corridor, these are destination points to access retail, cultural, education and community services not available in the smaller communities. US 51 is the most direct north-south route for access to these local destinations.

In addition to connecting to local destinations, US 51 provides access to routes connecting to metropolitan areas throughout the Midwest. Seven highways cross US 51 throughout the project corridor:

- I-70 intersects US 51 in Vandalia
- US 40 runs east/west through Vandalia
- IL 185 in Vandalia runs northwest and southeast.
- US 50 intersects US 51 in Sandoval.
- IL 161 in Centralia and IL 177 in Irvington lead to St. Louis.

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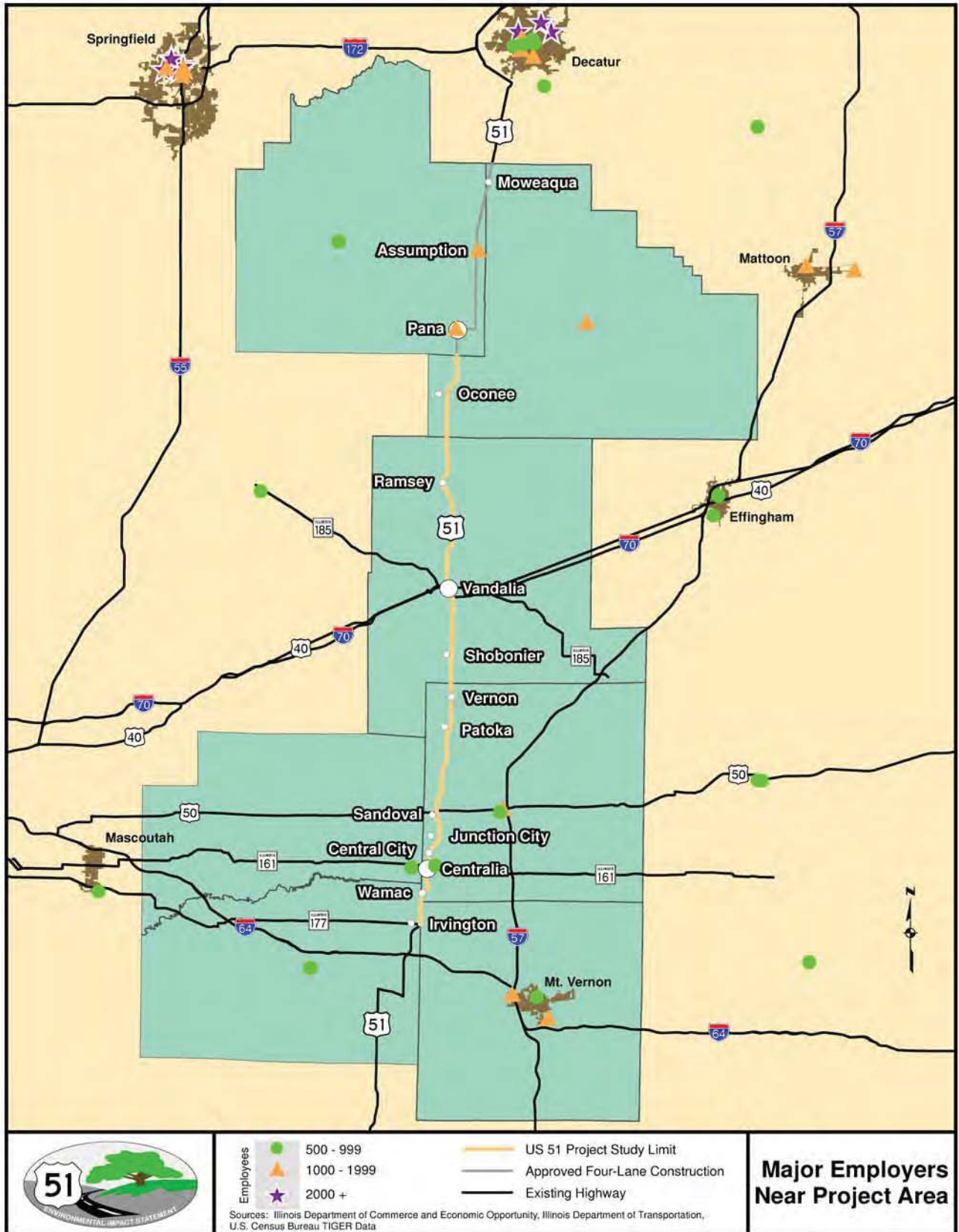
**What is considered a metropolitan area?**

The US Office of Management and Budget defines a metropolitan area as containing a core urban area with a population of 50,000 or more.

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Regional employment centers are scattered throughout the project study area, with the greatest concentrations in the metropolitan locations (see map on page 7). Providing efficient access to the interstates and major communities within the corridor combine to enhance the regional connections. Presenting solutions to the continuity issues (i.e. 90 degree turns and traffic signals) would remove one of the impediments to traffic flows. Truck traffic comprises a significantly higher percentage of the ADT (up to 24%) in the northern portions of the project corridor, with significantly lower numbers (6%) at the southern limits. One corporation, Grain Systems Inc., is headquartered north of the project study area near Assumption. In addition to Assumption, production centers for the company are located in Paris, Newton, and Flora, distributed east of US 51 throughout the project limits. Continuity on this route that





bisects the south central region would provide a viable alternate to the existing interstate system.

### **What is the role of other modes of transportation to allow people and goods to move freely?**

There are other modes of transportation in the region, such as rail, bus and air, that connect to destinations nationwide but do not provide as direct a north-south connection as US 51.



*Amtrak service through Centralia.*

Freight rail facilities in Centralia are served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, the Canadian National Rail and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Centralia has an Amtrak station with service to Chicago and Carbondale, IL, continuing on to New Orleans, LA. Amtrak's ridership records indicate this location realized a 40% growth in usage in 2007 over the previous year, and trends indicate continued increases. Other Amtrak stations in the region outside the study area are in Springfield, Carlinville, and Alton with service to Chicago and St. Louis, continuing on to national destinations.

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### **What is a one-way couple?**

A set of parallel one-way streets with traffic flowing in opposite directions that takes the place of a two-way street.

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There is no regional bus service in the local area. South Central Transit (SCT) is a demand responsive service that operates within Centralia and a few nearby communities. SCT maintains a Kaskaskia College Shuttle available within the City of Centralia and feeder routes to the Metro Transit system which services the St. Louis area.

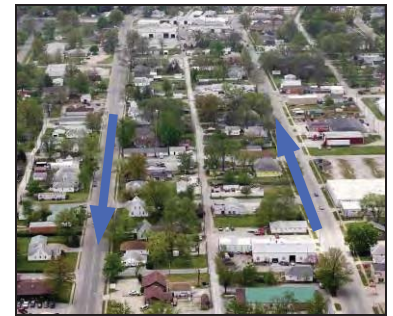
There is regional air service at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport or MidAmerica St. Louis Airport. There are municipal airports in Centralia and Vandalia. The other modes of transportation available in the south central Illinois region to do not connect people and goods to community services or employment centers nor do they provide a more efficient north-south route through central Illinois than US 51.

**How does US 51 discourage long distance travel and hinder efficient and safe travel?**

US 51 in the study area is generally a two-lane highway through small communities and rural areas of the study area. Two exceptions are in the City of Centralia where US 51 becomes a one-way couple through the city, and through a portion of the City of Vandalia where US 51 is a four-lane roadway for approximately one-half mile.

Drivers using US 51 will encounter traffic signals in Centralia and Vandalia, at grade railroad crossings in Sandoval and Centralia, business districts with on-street parking and cross streets, and multiple changes in speed limits, abrupt right angle turns in Vandalia, and slow moving oversized farm equipment throughout the corridor. These interruptions to free flow travel combined with limited opportunities to safely pass slower moving and oversize vehicles, frustrate efforts to move freely though the US 51 corridor, and encourage risky driving behavior. The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has linked behaviors such as speeding and unsafe passing to drivers who believe that their travel is being hindered unnecessarily.

Driving directly through the cities of Centralia and Vandalia and smaller communities along US 51 discourages long distance travel by presenting the driver with a wide range of speed limits that increase and decrease repeatedly along the route. The speed limit on US 51 is generally 55 miles per hour (mph) in rural areas, and is reduced to 30 mph in some municipalities. South of Wamac where US 51 is already a four lane divided highway, the speed limit increases to 65 mph. A continuous free flow condition does not exist for the motorist traveling the US 51 corridor due to the speed limit changes.



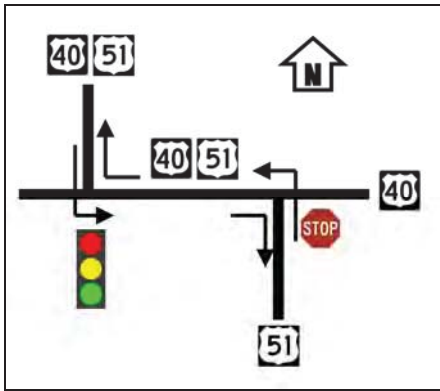
*One-way couple in Centralia.*



*Abrupt right turns in Vandalia. (View is looking south.)*

**Speed Limits in Communities Along US 51**

30 mph	Centralia
30 mph	Ramsey
30 mph	Vandalia
35 mph	Sandoval
40 mph	Vernon
55 mph	Unincorporated
65 mph	S. of Wamac



US 51 “jog” at the south end of Vandalia.

US 51 is a north-south route that undergoes an east-west “jog” at the south end of Vandalia as depicted in the diagram to the left. These are the only two 90 degree turns of US 51 along the corridor. With stop signs at the west intersection and traffic signals at the east intersection, free flow is hindered and travel times are increased.

During the spring planting and fall harvesting seasons, farm equipment volumes increase in the US 51 corridor. Many farm vehicles are oversized, encroaching into the opposing traffic lane as depicted in the photo to the left. Additionally, the limited time to complete their planting and harvesting often requires work and travel after sunset. Area farmers depend on US 51 for their operations, and they must share the two lane roadway with other users. This creates an impediment to efficient travel and causes safety concerns for both farmers and the traveling public.



Slow moving and oversize agricultural vehicles increase travel times.

The CAG identified features of existing US 51 that hinder safe, long distance travel from a driver’s perspective. For example, there are areas of US 51 where existing hills and curves may impede a driver’s view making it difficult to pass a slow moving vehicle or farm implement. Also, travelers entering or exiting driveways and field entrances often slow the through traffic along US 51, and the difference in speeds between through and turning traffic increases crash potential.



September 27, 2008: fatal accident closed US 51 for 2½ hours south of Vandalia

IDOT tracks crash data throughout the state and identifies locations with high potential for crashes. Locations with high potential are where more crashes occur than should be expected for the type of roadway and amount of traffic. The most recent report in 2008 identifies five locations or “segments” in the US 51 corridor where fatalities or severe injuries have occurred at rate higher than what should be expected. These roadway segments on US 51 are located north of Sandoval, the east side of Patoka, north of Shobonier,



between Vandalia and Ramsey, and two miles south of the Christian Shelby County line and can be seen in the figure on page 13.

### **How many cars and trucks use US 51 now ?**

The 2007 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes on US 51 vary throughout the study corridor (see page 14 for map). The ADT is between 2350 - 4250 cars, buses, and trucks in most rural areas and the communities of Ramsey, Vernon, Patoka and Sandoval. This increases to over 6,000 vehicles per day in the City of Vandalia, and over 7,000 vehicles per day in each direction of US 51 on the one way couple in the City of Centralia. The ADT on US 51 south of Centralia is between 4,200 and 5,500 vehicles per day.

### **What will the traffic volumes be in 2030?**

In order to estimate the predicted traffic, the project team studied the traffic volumes over the past 20 years, as well as the population and employment trends and land use changes. In the US 51 study area, the traffic volumes have fluctuated over the last 20 years (1985 to 2005 data). The project study area experienced average annual changes in ADT ranging from a decrease of 1.1% to increases of up to 1.8%. These historic traffic volume trends, along with population and employment trends, current traffic projections on adjacent roadways, recent changes in land use, as well as future land use plans were all considered in developing an estimate of future traffic volumes on US 51. The predicted traffic volumes are shown on the map on page 15.

### **What will happen if no improvements are made to US 51?**

Projections of traffic volumes in the region indicate that US 51 will experience increases in vehicles each day (see page 15 for map) with its current configuration. If no improvements are made to US 51, the existing conditions on the roadway, such as inconsistent traffic speeds, inefficient local and regional connections, and reduced safety for vehicles will not be improved. Inefficient connections

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### **What is ADT?**

A number that indicates how many vehicles pass a given point on average during a 24 hour period. This includes all vehicle types and is the total of both directions of travel.

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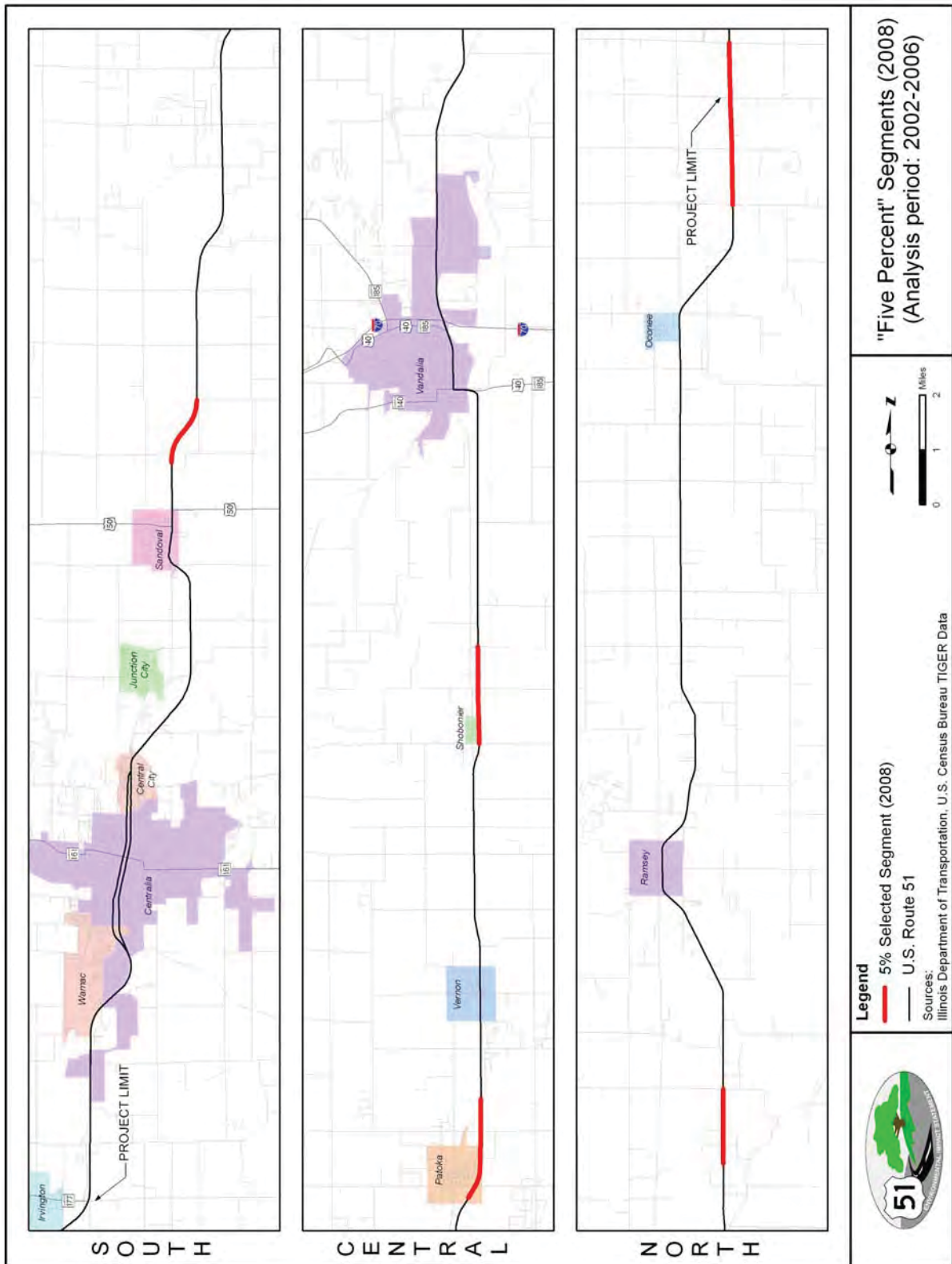
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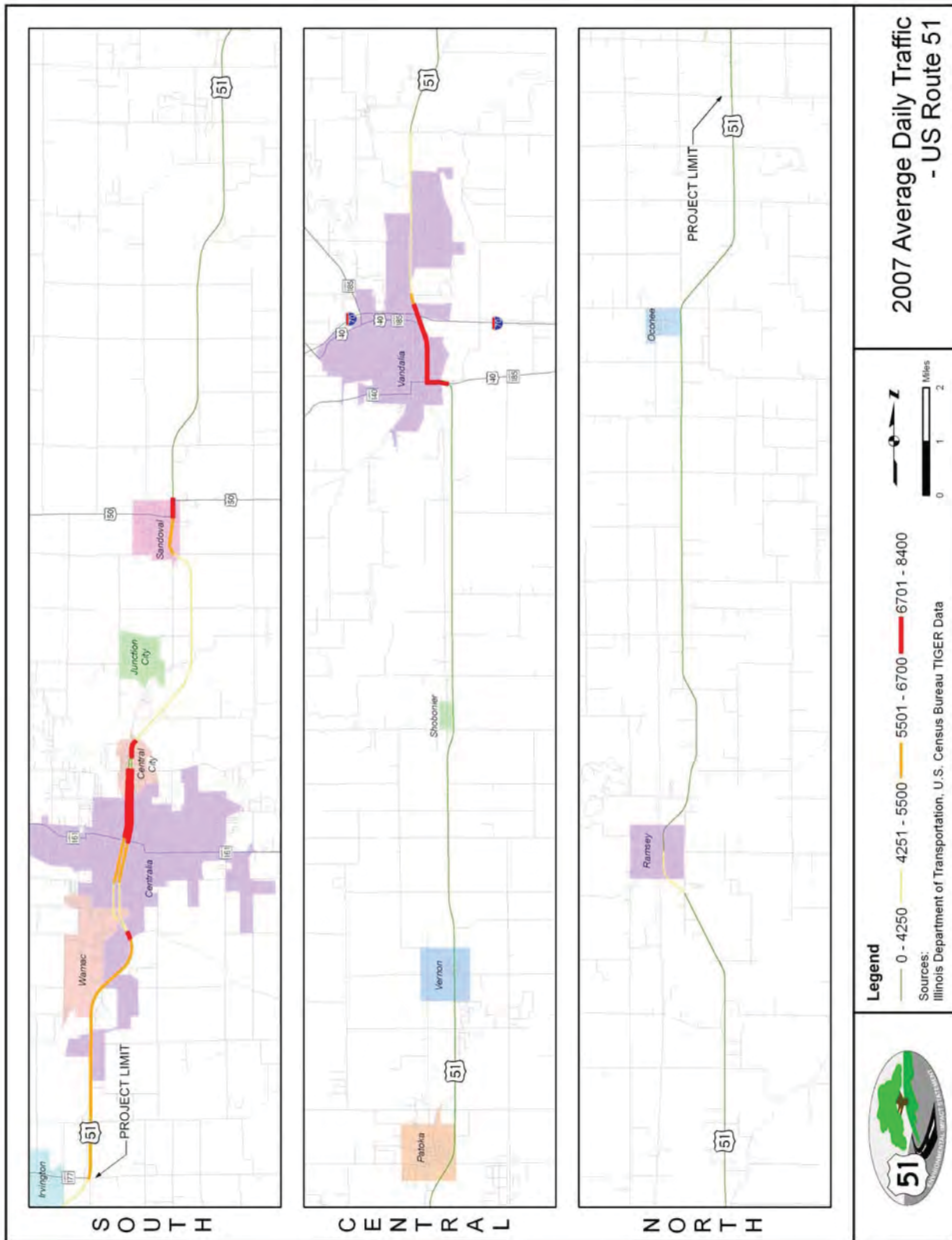
### **Is rural access important?**

According to IDOT's *2007 Illinois State Transportation Plan*, accessibility to activities and services is the greatest transportation need in rural areas.

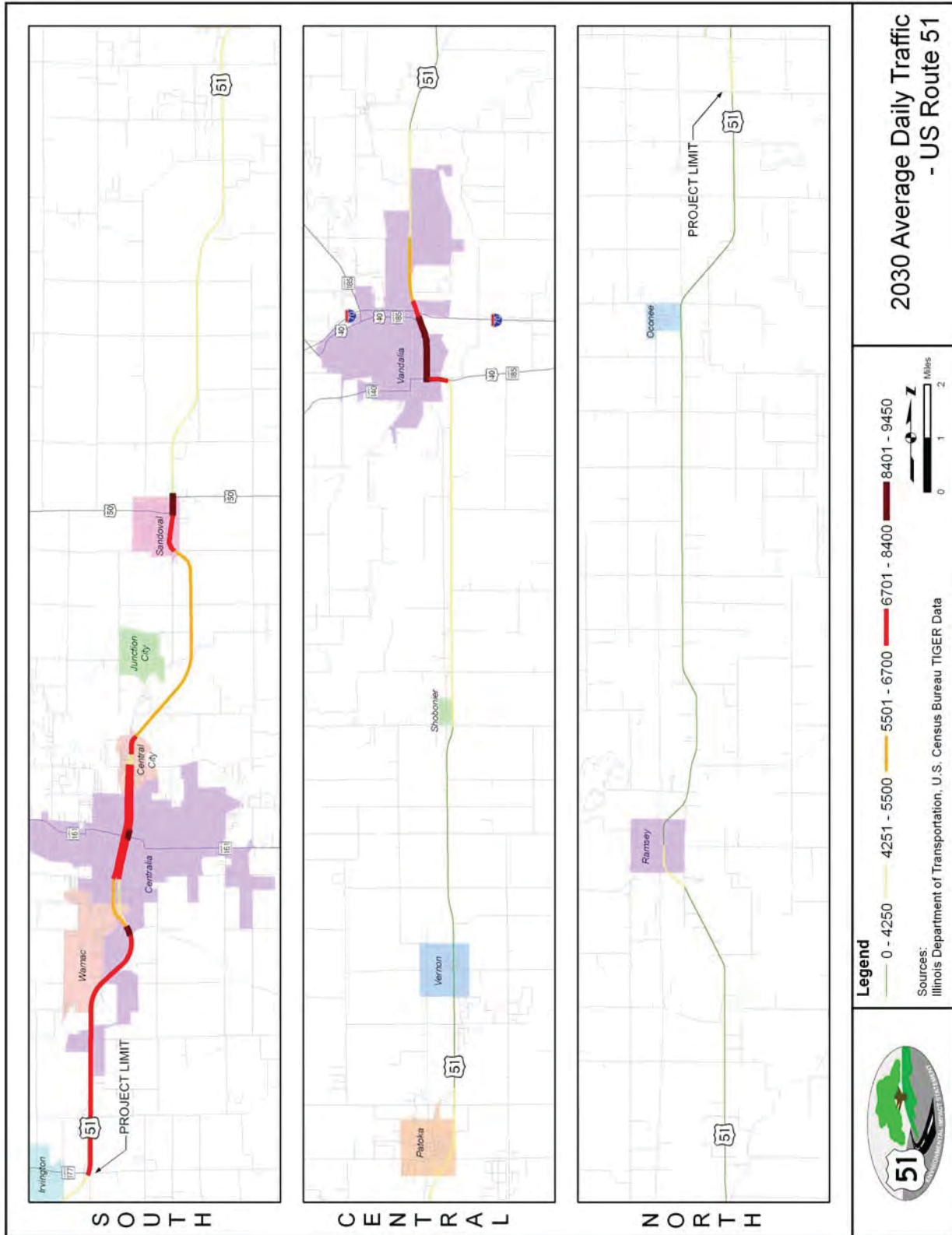
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hinder accessibility for rural communities. The movement of goods, services, and vehicles would continue to be impeded by the lack of connectivity and continuity associated with this section of US 51. This means local and regional traffic will be adversely affected by this two-lane section of US 51 that connects with the four-lane US 51 roadway to the north and south. The efficiency and safety of travel in the US 51 study area will continue to be a concern for the communities in the study area as there are few alternatives for travel in a north-south direction.











# PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Due by: April 4, 2008

## US Route 51 Environmental Impact Statement Public Information Meeting #2 – March 24, 2008

*Do you have any project-related issues or comments in your area?*


*Would you be interested in serving on a Regional or Citizens Advisory Group for the 4-year duration of this project?*


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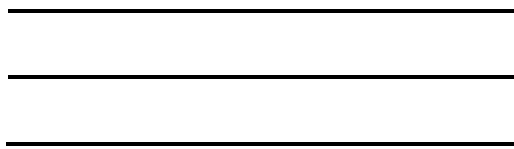


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