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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 8, 2007
City of Rock Falls Safety and Public Works Officials
Rock Falls, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:
David Blanton – Mayor (CAG Member)
Richard Downey – City Manager
Mike Kurller -Police Commander
Beto Perez – Chief of Police
Mark Searing – Building Department
Ed Cox – Sewer Department
Jim White – Street Department
J.W. Larson – Fire Department
Paul Jahumczak – Electric
Bob Gasper – City Engineer
Ted Padilla – City of Rock Falls

Project Study Group:
Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Rebecca Marruffo (IDOT)
Jon Estrem (HR Green)
Mike Walton (Volkert)
Shelia A. Hudson (Hudson and Associates, LLC)

Handouts (see attachment):
Power Point- US 30 Environmental Impact Statement and
Phase I Design Report

Meeting Purpose
Members of the Project Study Group (PSG) met with the City of Rock Falls Safety, Public Works, and Utility Officials to present an overall project status report that included results from the feasibility study; an outline of the next study phase; and highlights of key issues that have come out of our recent stakeholder meetings such as, safety, access, roadway characteristic, and railroad crossings.

The following information was presented:

- Results from the Corridor Feasibility Study
- Federal Requirements for Next Phase (NEPA, EIS and CSS Policies)
- Project Timeline
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)– PSG Role and CAG Role
- Highlights of Advisory Groups
- Project Study Group (Development of Corridors)
- Results from First Round of Stakeholder Meetings/
- Public Outreach Activities

Study Team Presentation
Rebecca Marruffo opened the meeting by thanking the City for agreeing to meet with the team and for their on-going support; introduced the team and highlighted their roles; and highlighted the EIS/CSS process.

Jon Estrem and Mike Walton presented the power point presentation. Shelia Hudson closed the meeting by thanking the officials for their time and on-going efforts to support the project.

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Comment:

Mayor Blanton shared with the team the City's plan to build a new sewer plant. He went on to say accessibility in and out of the industrial park is a concern of the City's. Mayor Blanton went on to say he realizes the project may be built before the new roadway system so for now should his staff be concerned about the future planning of the project? Both Rebecca and Jon suggested they continue with their plans to build the plant and industrial park. At the point when the project reaches a milestone of identifying a potential roadway that will be the critical time for his staff's input. Jon went on to express the importance of the City's staff / PE working in coordination with IDOT staff now regarding permits, ROW, and utilities needs.

Shelia stressed the role of TAG, and why the PSG will be forming a Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Mike Walton went on to elaborate more on the role and responsibility of the TAG and why PSG will be reaching out to them for technical assistance.

After the meeting, Jon Estrem and Mike Walton met with Richard Downey and Ed Cox, who presented Jon with a map which highlighted the site plans for the new sewer plant.

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US 30 PRESENTATION

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Safety and Public Works

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US 30 Project

This project proposes 4 lane improvements to US 30 in Whiteside County Illinois, from the junction of IL 136 near Fulton to the junction of IL 40 in Rock Falls.

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The US 30 Corridor Feasibility Study determined there was a need to:

- ***Improve Regional Mobility***
- ***Accommodate Land Use Planning Goals***
- ***Address Local System Deficiencies and Safety***

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NEXT STEP

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PHASE I DESIGN REPORT

Using Context Sensitive Solutions Process

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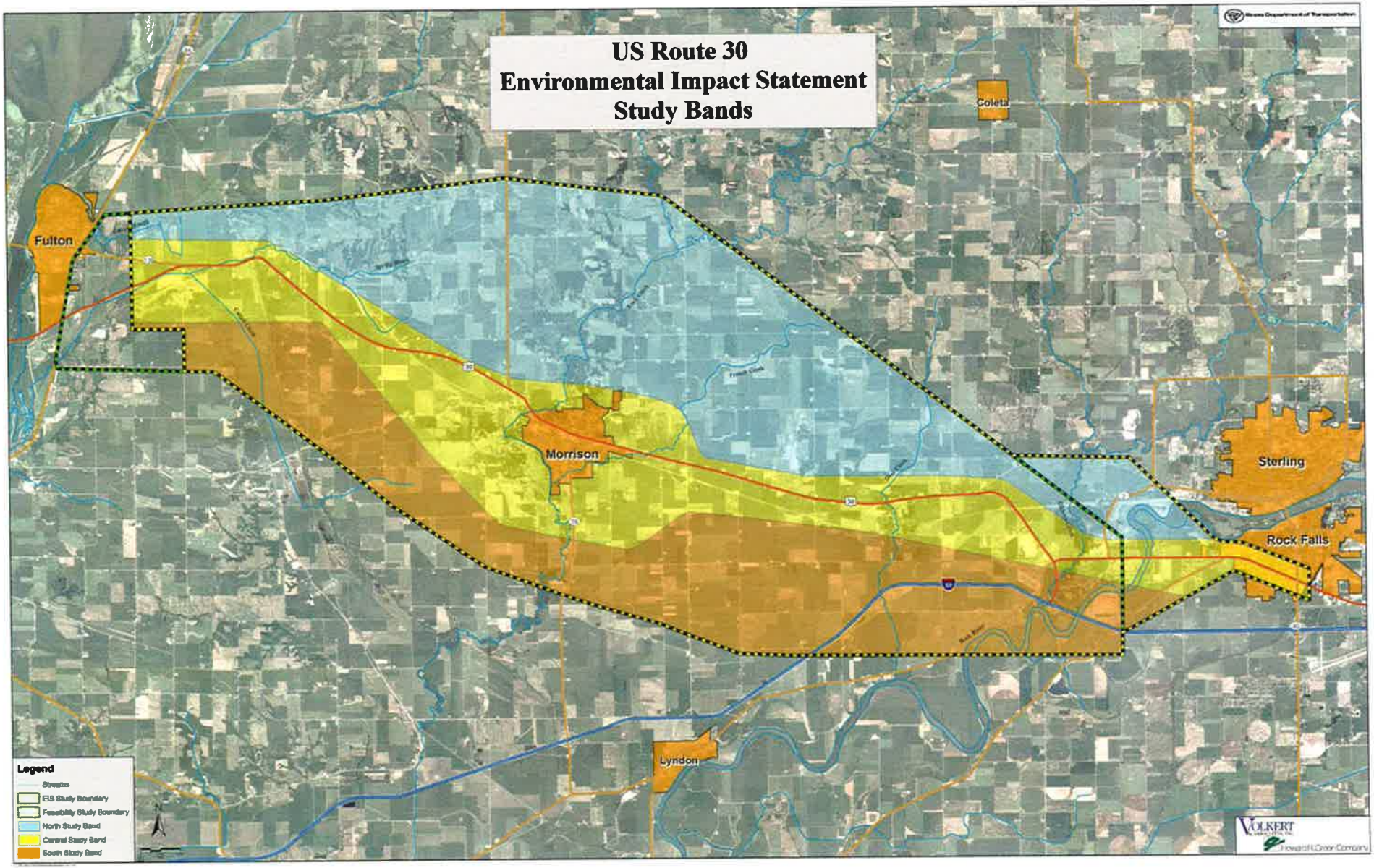
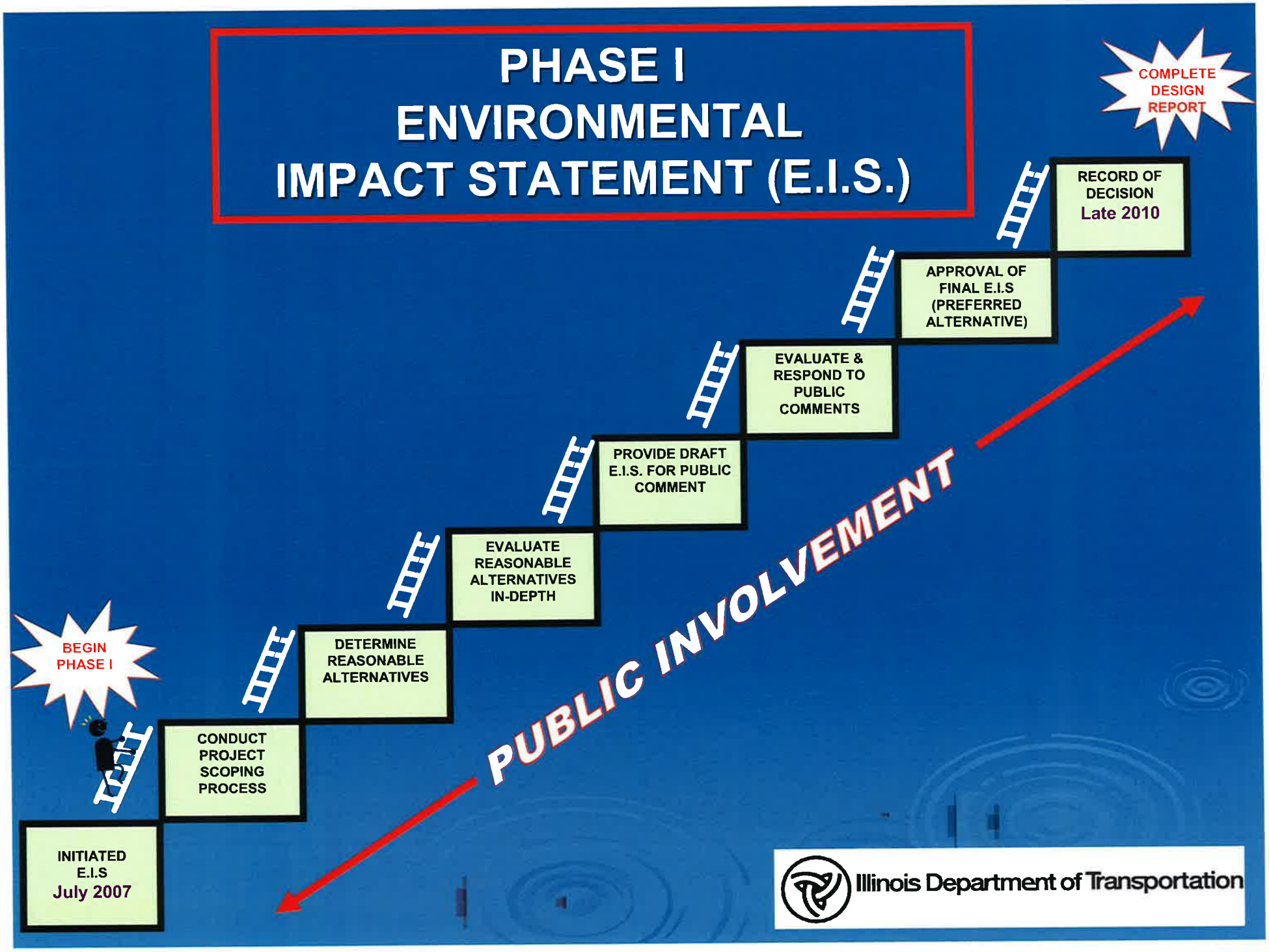
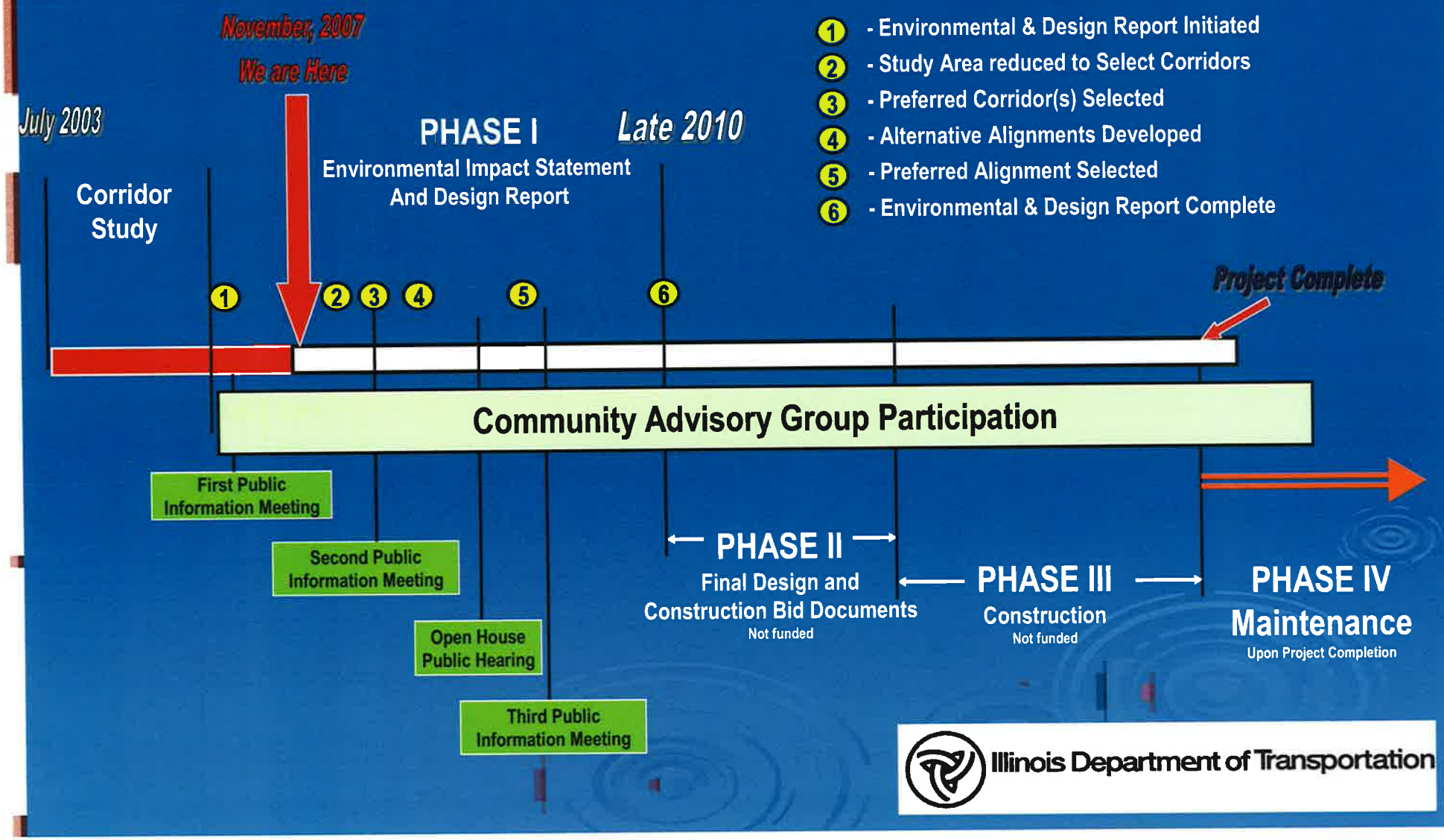
US 30 Study Bands



PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (E.I.S.)



Project Timeline



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

- STAKEHOLDERS
- COOPERATING AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
  - PROJECT STUDY GROUP
  - COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
  - TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS

PROJECT GROUP MEETINGS

DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDORS

- Provided CAG with engineering & environmental criteria in order to develop corridor alternatives
- CAG developed corridor alternatives on blank maps
- PSG will take these corridors and refine based on a Corridor Alternatives Screening Analysis, which includes Critical Flaw Screen & Environmental & Engineering Criteria Screen
- TAGs will be formed to provide expert advise on technical issues identified as the project proceeds

STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS

- We have met with numerous groups thus far including Several Legislators, County and Township Personnel, State and Federal Agencies, the US 30 Coalition, Business Owners, the Morrison-Rockwood State Park, City Councils throughout the study area and various community organizations.
- Input Important to Identify Community Concerns
- We will continue to update stakeholders throughout the length of the project

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Key Issues from Meetings

- Land Acquisition
- Bypass or No Bypass in Morrison
- Project Funding
- Did this backtrack?
- Effects on Businesses

Other Public Outreach Activities:

- *Public Information Meetings*
- *New Project Web Site*
- *New Project Hotline 1-866-ROUTE30*
- *Project Newsletters and Fact Sheets*

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