



Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Monday, February 2, 2009
US 30 Coalition
Whiteside County Courthouse

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

Attendees:

Edith Pfeffer (President)
Tom Determann (IIHP)
Carolyn Tallett (IIHP)
Bill Abbott (Whiteside County Board)
Dave Rose (IIHP)
Glen Kuhlemier (Blackhawk Hills RC&D)
Tim Long (City of Morrison)
Bud Thompson (Mayor of Prophetstown)
Eric Johnson
Heather Bennett (Fulton Chamber)
Scott Shumard (City of Sterling)

Project Study Group:

Rebecca Marruffo (IDOT)
Jon Estrem (HR Green)
Michael Walton (Volkert)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point- US 30 Fulton to Rock Falls, Illinois Project Update

Meeting Purpose

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the US 30 Coalition to present a project update.

Listed below is an outline of the presentation:

- Project Update
- Development of the Corridors by the Community Advisory Group
- Screening Process
- Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations
- Project Timeline
- Next Steps

The project update included the following:

- Project Initiation & Public Informational Open House June 2007
- Project Study Group (PSG) made up of State and Federal Agencies was formed

- Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed to represent the community interests
- Environmental Studies begun
- Survey Work initiated
- Roadway Corridors Developed by CAG
- Project Purpose and Need (P&N) approved
- Corridors analyzed using P&N, Engineering & Environmental Issues
- Corridors identified to focus Study of Alignments

Study Team Presentation

Becky opened the meeting by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the group for taking time to meet with the team. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the US 30 Coalition on the project status.

Jon Estrem provided an overview of the project update and a summary of the CAG meetings. He also reviewed the screening process and methods used to obtain the current corridors that will be studied further.

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

During the presentation the group had the following comments and questions.

Comments:

Eric Johnson stated he does not agree with the Purpose & Need of the project and wants the alignment to connect with I-88 as a project goal. He also wishes to continue to study the yellow area to the south of existing US 30 in Section 3.

Members of the group stated that their preference is the southern corridor around Morrison.

Tom Determann commented on the need to connect IL 78 N to IL 78 S.

Glen Kuhlmeier stated his viewpoint of the need to connect to Rock Falls. He added that the yellow area in Section 3 was not a lead option due to the preference to minimize land acquisition.

Questions:

Q: Tom Determann asked if the plan is to build a four-lane? Tom and others strongly voiced their preference for a divided four-lane facility. They added that they do not want a Super 2 highway and have been successful at stopping attempts to construct this highway type in Iowa.

A: Jon Estrem stated it has not yet been determined if a four-lane roadway is required. The study process requires that we consider various cross-section alternatives, with a four-lane expressway being one of those alternatives. At this time the study team is proceeding on the assumption that proposed facility will be a four-lane expressway. However, this is subject to change dependent on traffic projections, environmental study and warrant determination. It was evident during this discussion that the group was very concerned about the possibility that the roadway would not be four lanes in width. The project team made an effort to explain that the study process must adhere to NEPA requirements in order to move forward, and that this process requires that we keep alternatives such as a “Super 2” on the table at this stage of the study.

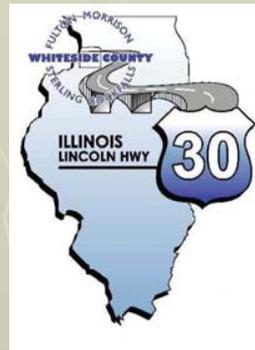
- Q: Stimulus funding for this project? If not, the coalition wants the project in the Transportation Bill in 2010.
- A: Becky stated the Stimulus Package will not consider the project because it is not “shovel ready.”
- Q: What is the estimated funding need for the final design phase?
- A: Jon answered that it will likely be similar to the cost of the preliminary engineering. As such, the cost is estimated to be approximately \$8 million.

The study team closed the meeting by thanking the group again for their time and on-going commitment to support the project.



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Project Update

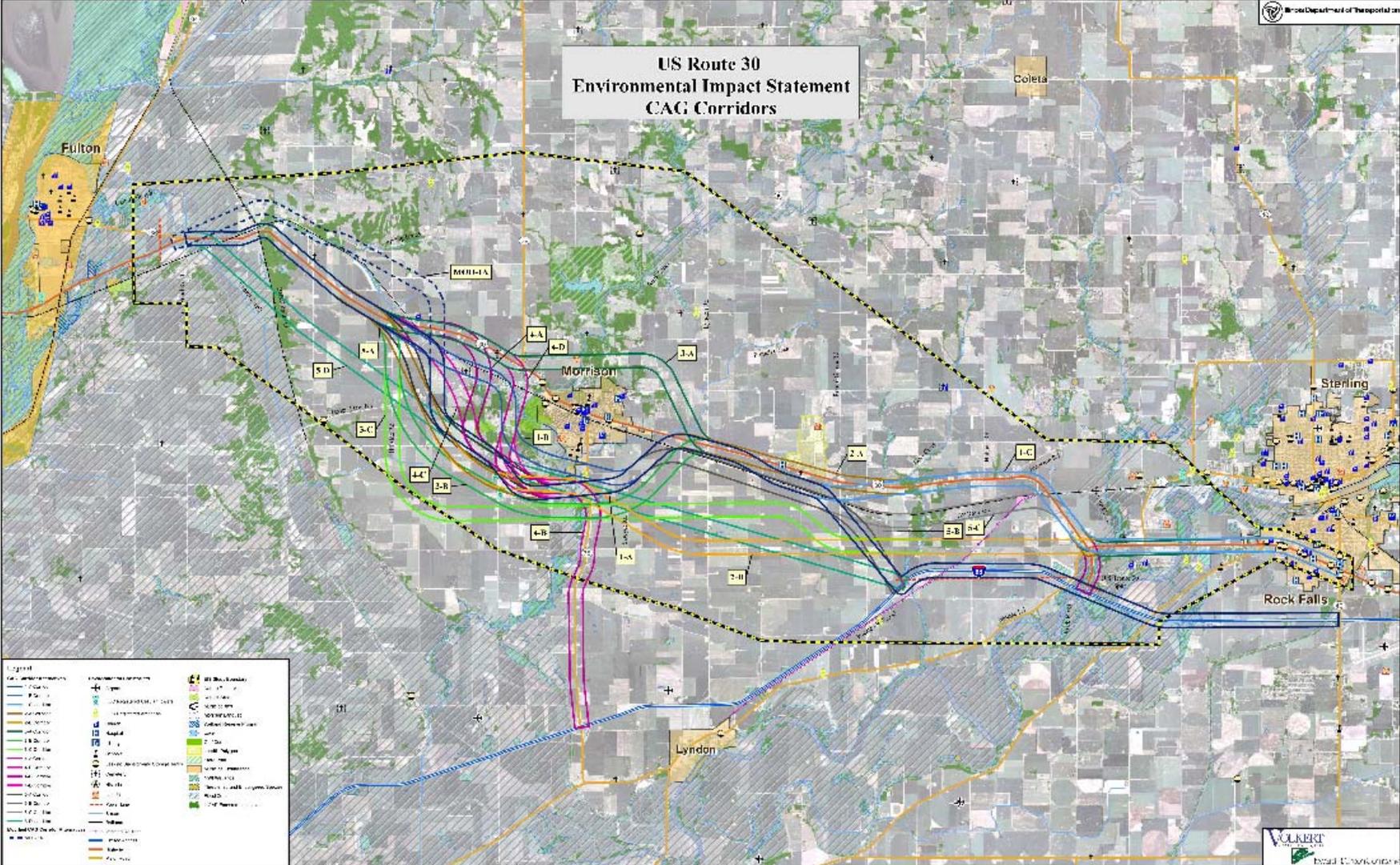
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Development of the Corridors by the Community Advisory Group (CAG)



CAG Developed Corridors



Screening Process

(Step 4 – Screen against the Purpose & Need Statement)

- ▶ Reduce Traffic Congestion
- ▶ Improve Traffic Capacity
- ▶ Improve Safety
- ▶ Accommodate Freight
- ▶ Establish Roadway Continuity



Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations



Section 1 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **1A**

Section 2 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **2L**

Section 3 – No Consensus - **3B & 3C** generally accepted

Section 4 – No Consensus - **4B**

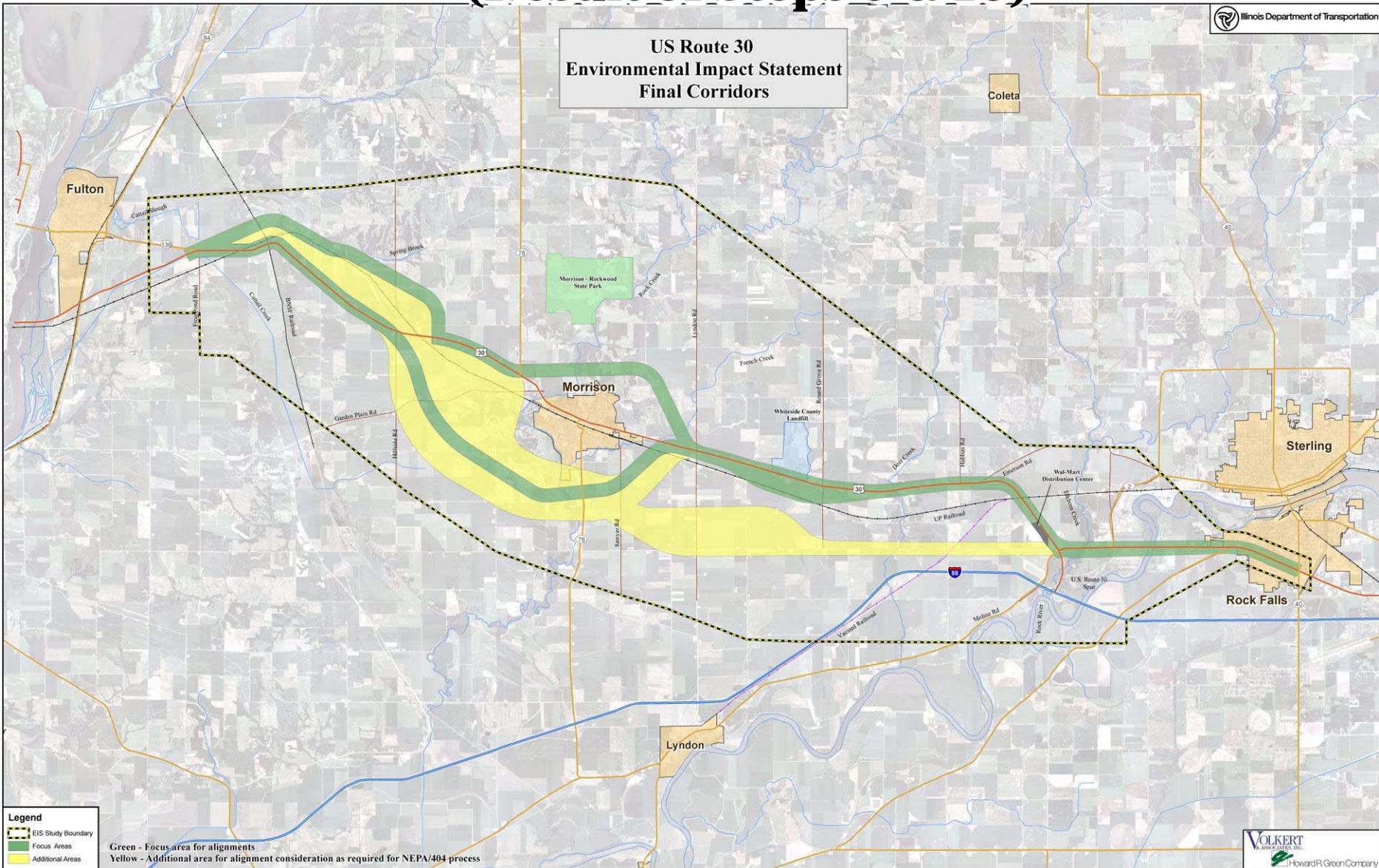


Screening Process

(Result of Steps 9 & 10)



US Route 30
Environmental Impact Statement
Final Corridors

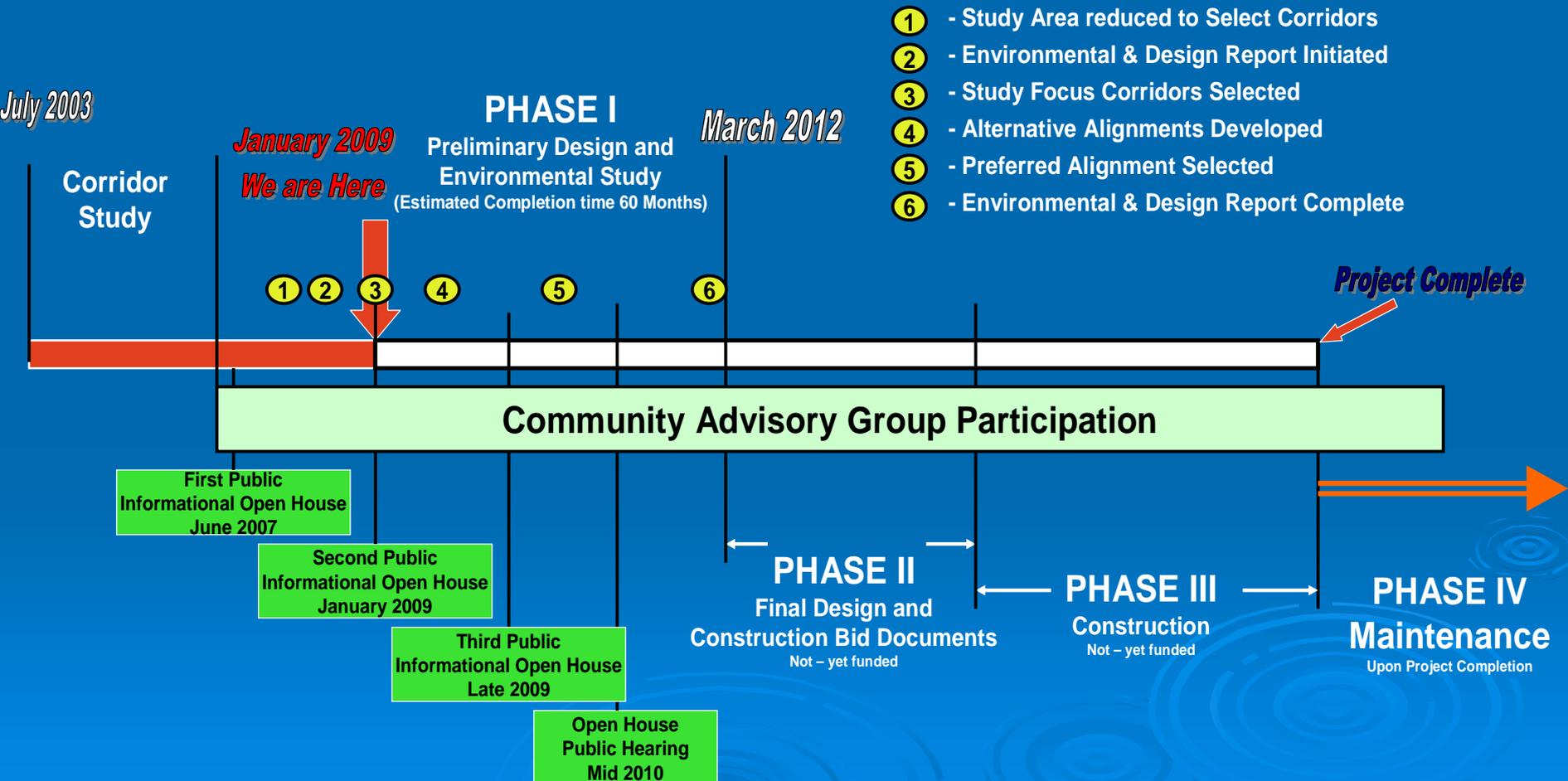


Legend
EIS Study Boundary
Focus Areas
Additional Areas

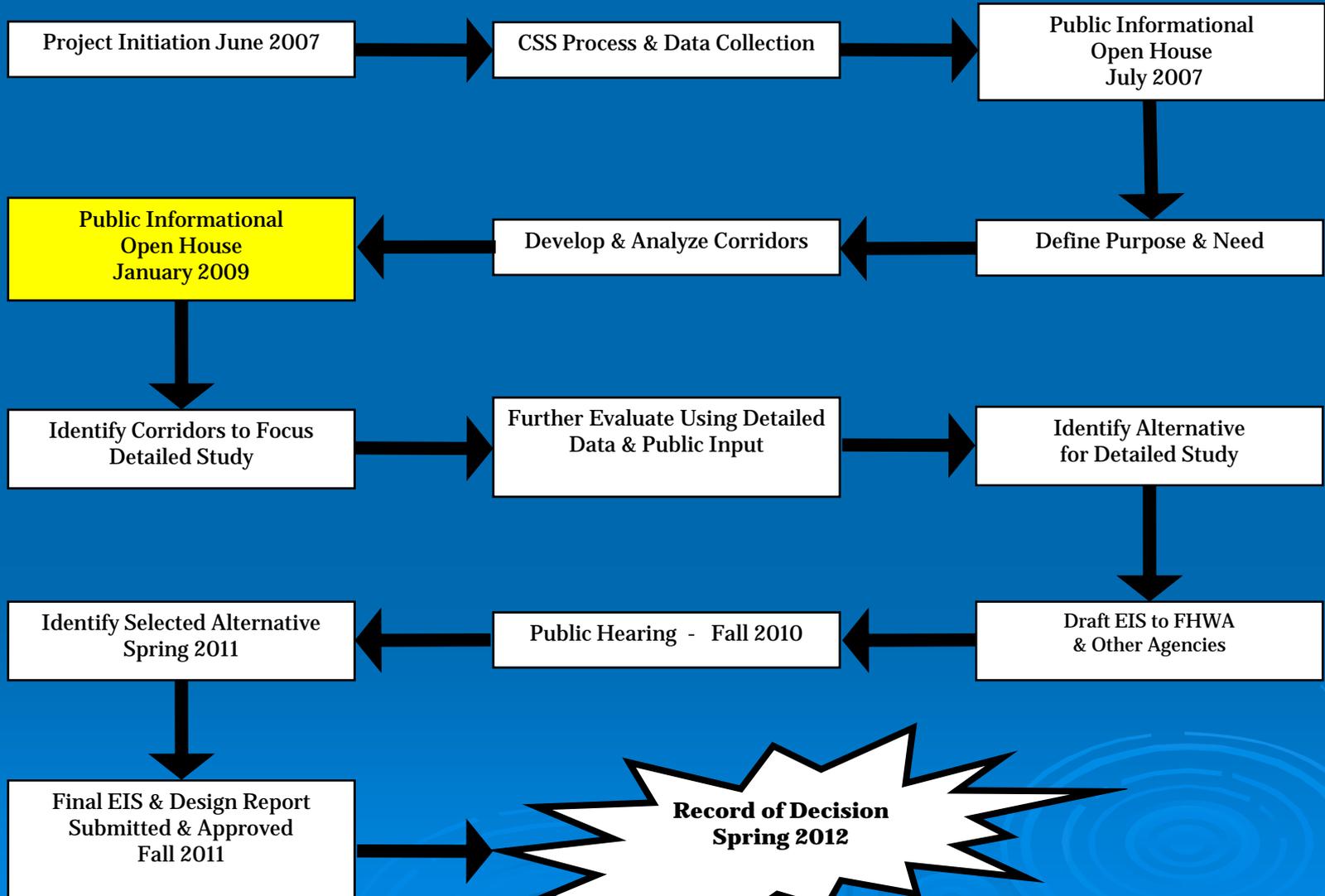
Green - Focus area for alignments
Yellow - Additional area for alignment consideration as required for NEPA/404 process



Project Timeline



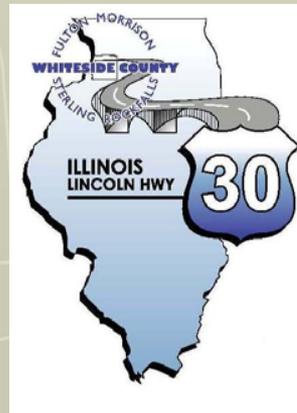
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