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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 02, 2009
City of Rock Falls City Council
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:
Mayor David H. Blanton
City Administrator Richard Downey
City Clerk William B. Wescott
City Attorney Jim Reese
City Engineer Brian Frickenstein
Alderman Mark Vandersnick
Alderman Daehle Reitzel
Alderman Brian Snow
Alderman Glen Kuhlemier
Alderman Jim Schuneman
Alderman Dave Hand
Alderman Bob Thurm
Water Supt. Ted Padilla
Wastewater Supt. Ed Cox
Electric Supt. Paul Jakubczak
Fire Chief J. W. Larson
Police Chief Mike Kuelper

Project Study Group:
Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Michael Walton (Volkert)
Gil Janes (Howard R Green)

Handouts (see attachment):
Power Point –Preliminary Engineering; June 2009 Project Update

Meeting Purpose
Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the City of Rock Falls-City Council to present a project update.

Study Team Presentation
Michael Walton opened the presentation by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Rock Falls on the project status. He then gave an overview of the project. Gil Janes then explained the process and the progress made on creating and evaluating the various US30

alignment alternatives. The City Council members were given a handout highlighting the information covered and questions were taken.

Presentation

- Summary of second Public Informational Open House conducted on January 29, 2009. The open house was attended by 237 people. Presented to the CAG were Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG corridors & Final Corridors.
- Reviewed the corridors presented to the CAG.
- Shared public informational open house concerns/comments: agricultural land, environmental issues, preference for corridor south of Morrison, development, and what progress has been made.
- Summary of the Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting conducted on February 3, 2009; including the NEPA final corridors
- Reviewed the process of Corridors to Alignments, All Criteria Map, and Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor.
- Alternatives evaluated in matrix - Six alignments were screened against 23 factors within four major categories: Traffic & Safety, Social & Economic, Environmental, and Cost.
- These alternatives were then scored and ranked as followed: #1 Alternative 4
  #2 Alternative 5
  #3 Alternative 6
  #4 Alternative 1
  #5 Alternative 2 & 3
- Next Steps: 1) Begin in-depth study of six (6) alternative alignments
  2) Take alternative alignments west of Morrison to NEPA/404 Merger Meeting in September
- Timeline: DEIS Chapters on affected environment and alternatives to IDOT: July 2009
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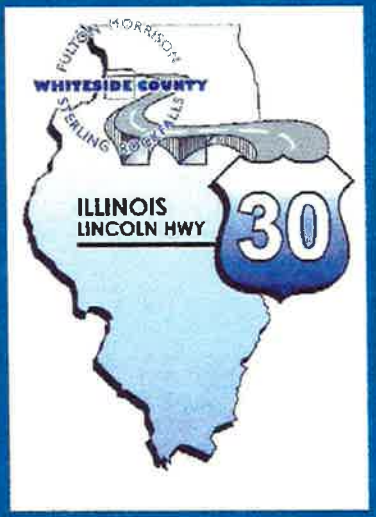
Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Q. Does the project extend to Prophetstown Road?
A. Yes. All the way to Highway 40.

Q. Is the Council welcome to attend the CAG meeting on Wed 6-10 in Morrison?
A: Designated representatives of the City of Rock Falls serve on the CAG. Others may monitor the meeting if they like.

Illinois Department of Transportation

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING



June 2009
Project Update

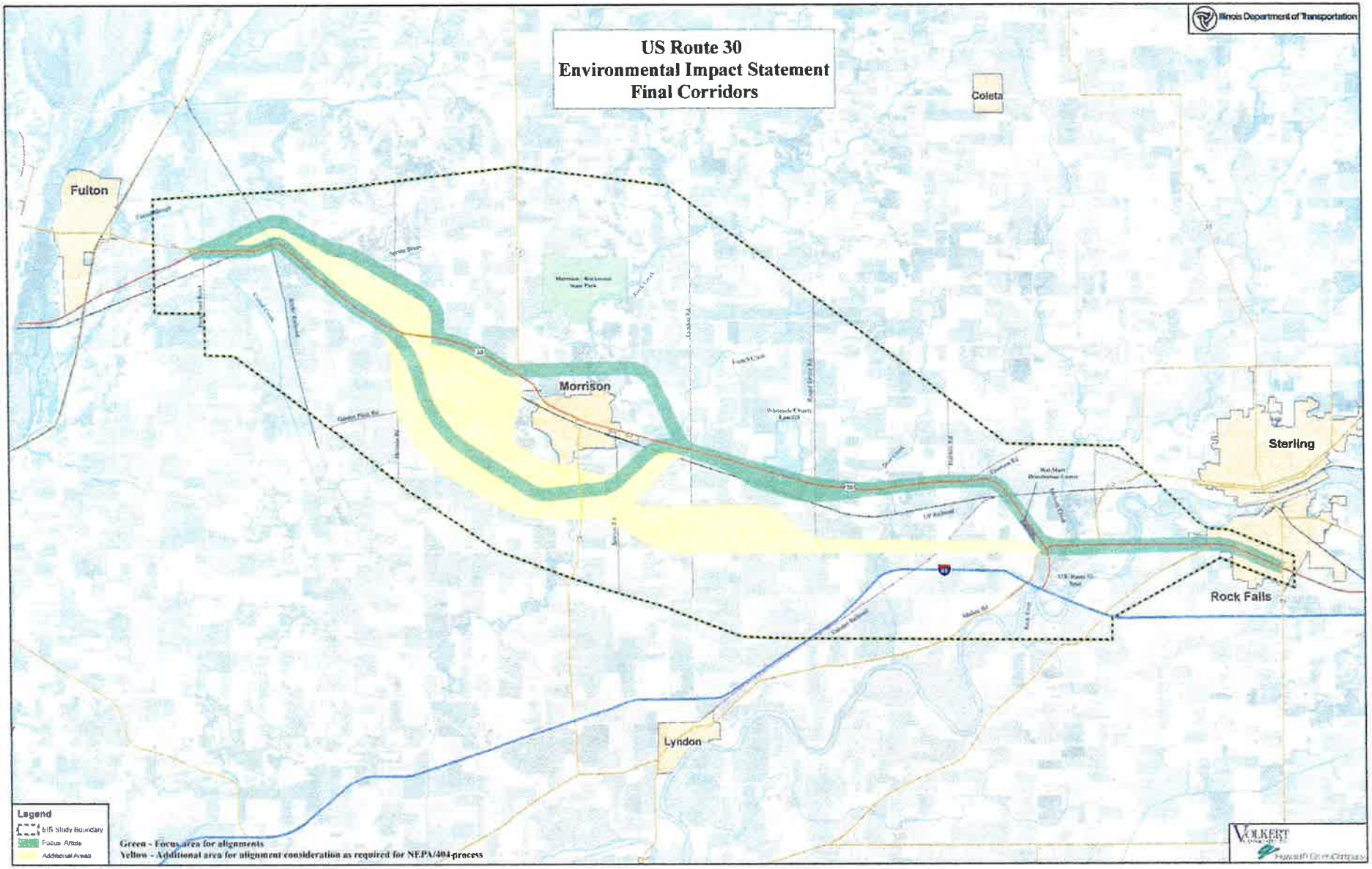
AGENDA

1) Public Informational Open House
2) Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
3) Corridors to Alignments
4) Alternatives Evaluated in Matrix
5) Rankings
6) Next Steps
7) Timeline

Public Informational Open House

- January 29, 2009; 1:00-7:00pm; Morrison
- 237 people attended
- Presented Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG Corridors & Final Corridors

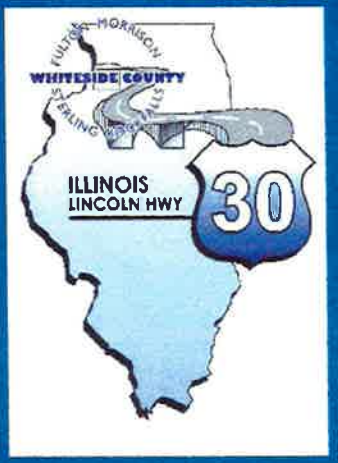
Corridors Presented



Public Informational Open House Concerns/Comments

- Agricultural Land
- Environmental Issues
- Preference for Corridor South of Morrison
- What progress has been made with the project?
- Development

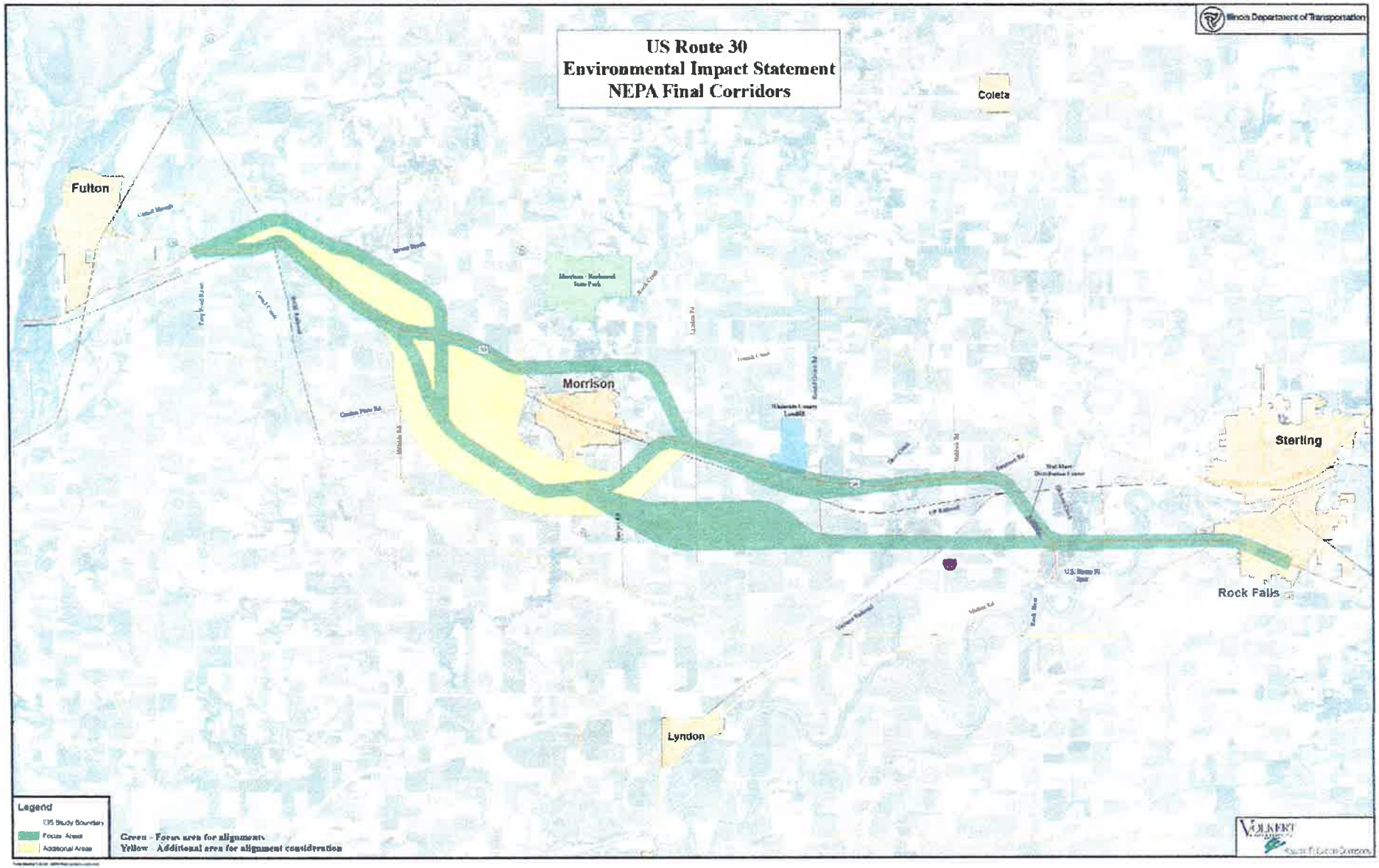
ILLINOIS NEPA 404 MERGER MEETING



PROJECT UPDATE

February 3, 2009

Final Corridors

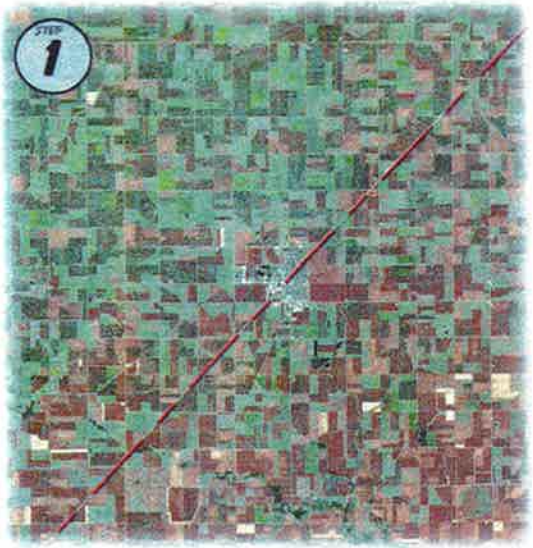


Corridors (1400 feet wide) to Alignments (200 feet wide)

EXAMPLE OF PROCESS

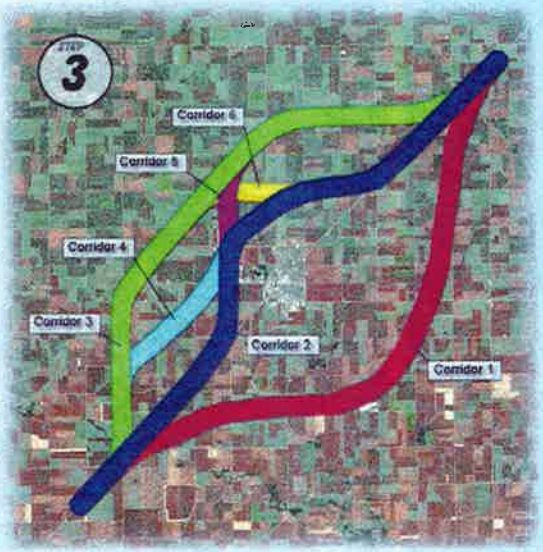
HOW DOES A HIGHWAY GET FROM PLANNING TO CONSTRUCTION?

THE EXAMPLE BELOW ILLUSTRATES THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A FINAL ROADWAY ALIGNMENT ONCE A NEED HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

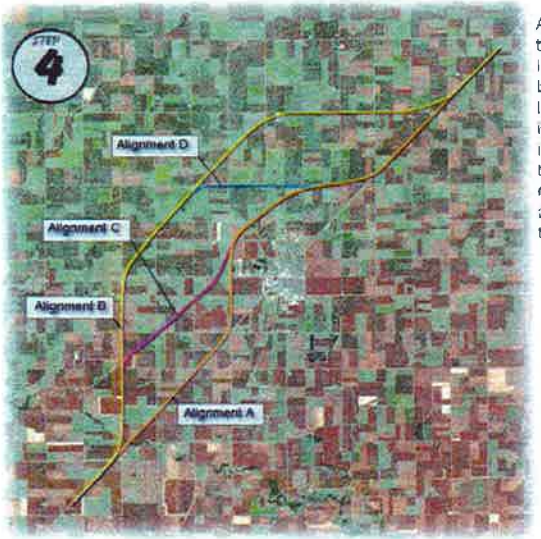


Local officials work in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation to initiate roadway improvement studies. Traffic congestion and safety concerns for an existing roadway (highlighted with a red dashed line) prompt a need to study alternative transportation improvements.

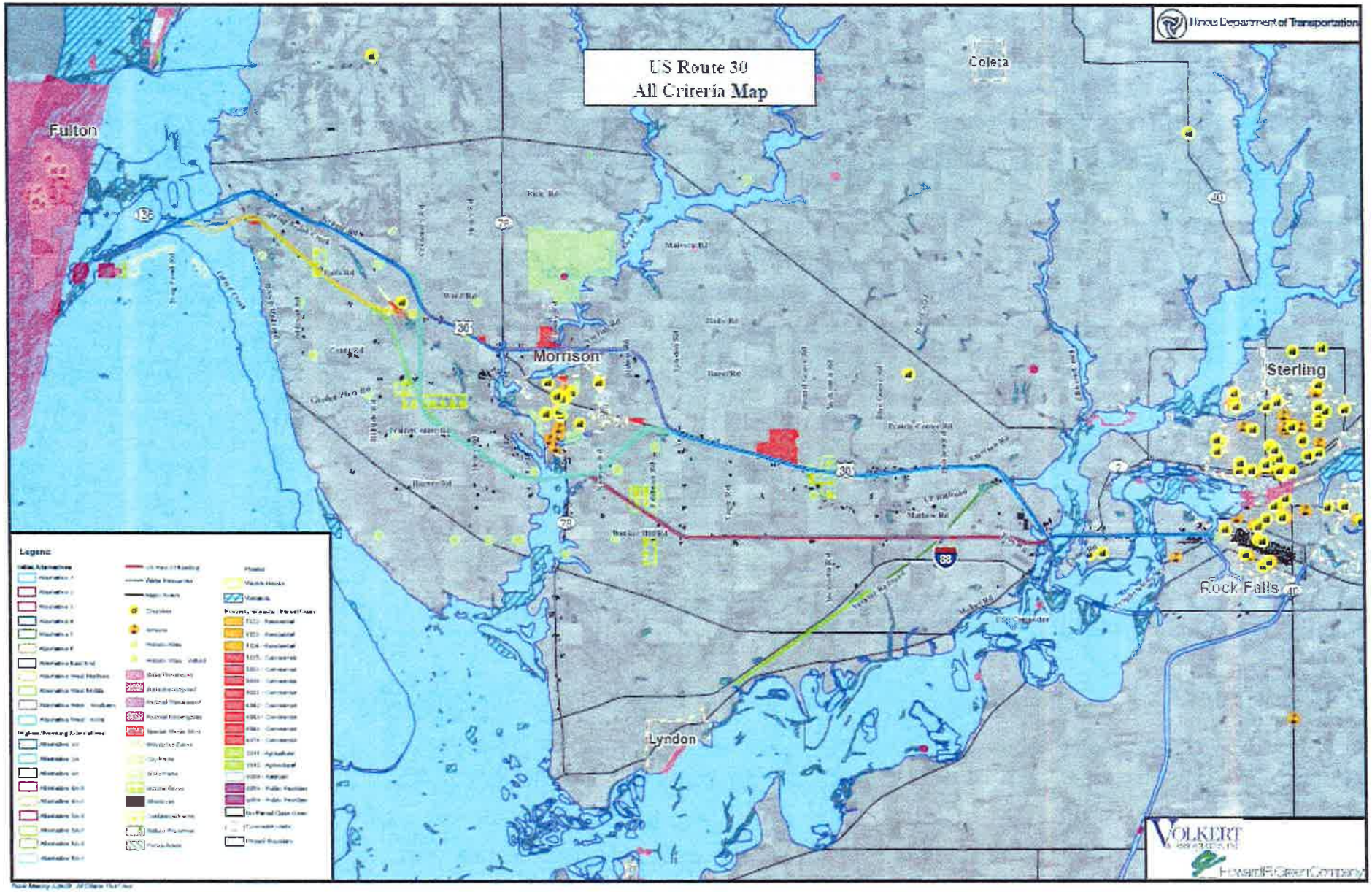
The study bands define the outer limits of possible transportation improvement. Based on the information collected, potential transportation corridors can be identified within one or both of these bands.



Study Corridors are defined within the study bands. Numerous corridors are studied to define and narrow available options. Information collected for the study bands is further refined at this point. From this, potential impacts of construction of a transportation improvement within each corridor can be determined and compared.



Alternative Alignments are developed within the study corridors that offer the least relative impacts while achieving the greatest transportation benefits. The alignments represent the actual location of a proposed roadway. The information is refined further still to determine the specific impacts each roadway could have. Additionally, this phase includes the detailed analysis of construction costs of the highway. From these alignments, one will be selected to move forward to the final design phase for construction.


US Route 30
All Criteria Map
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Sterling
Rock Falls
Lyndon
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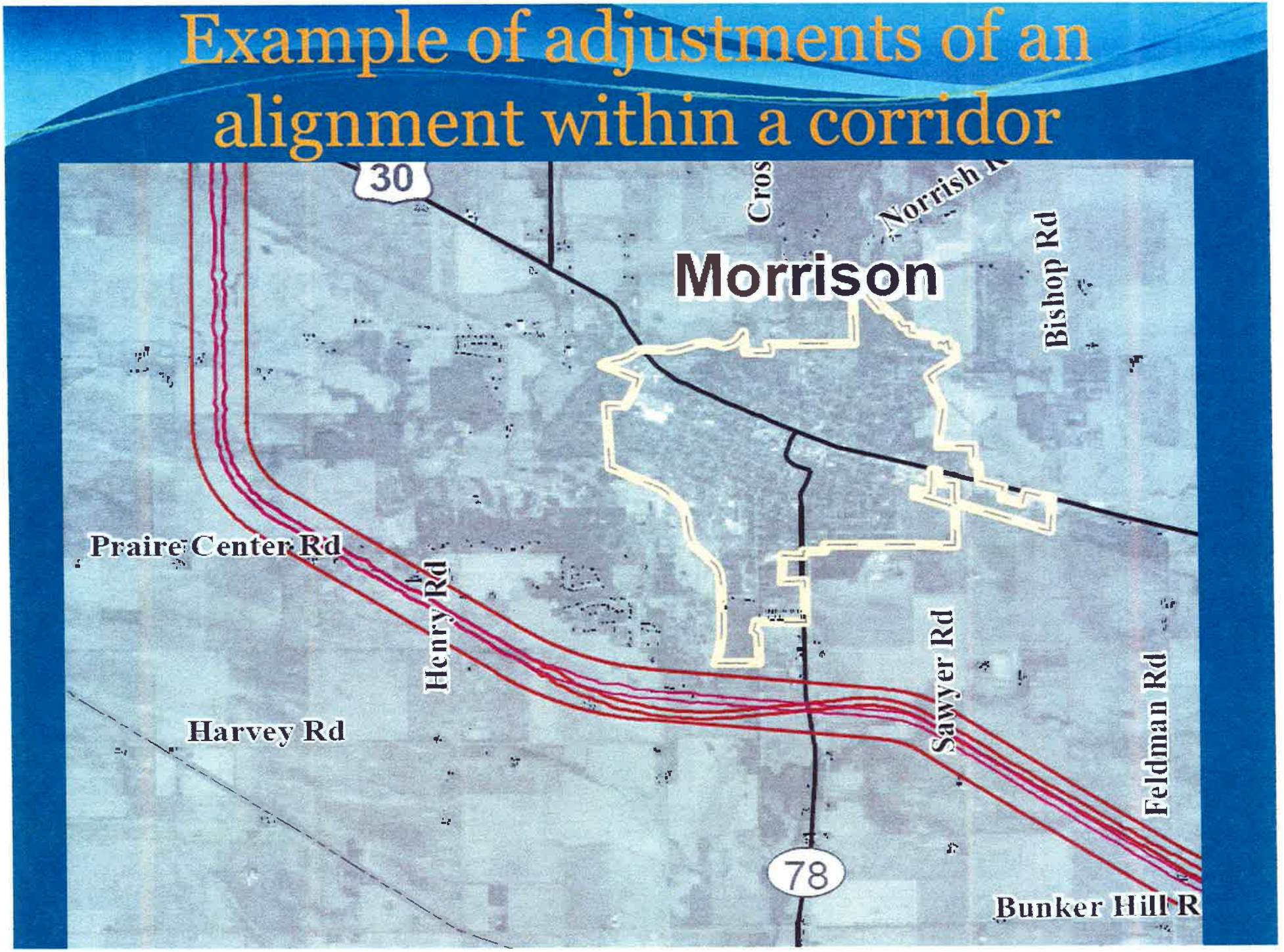
Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor



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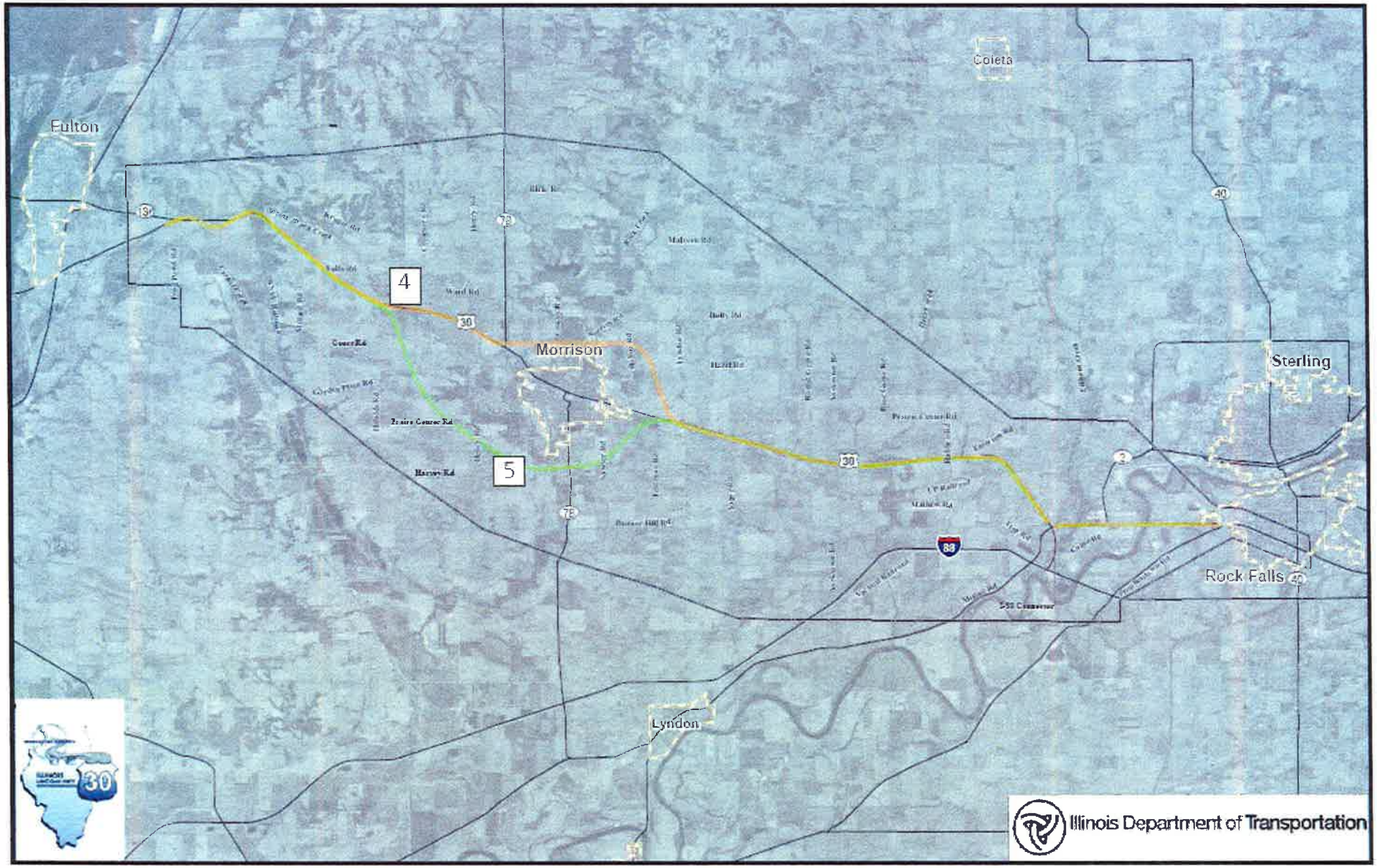
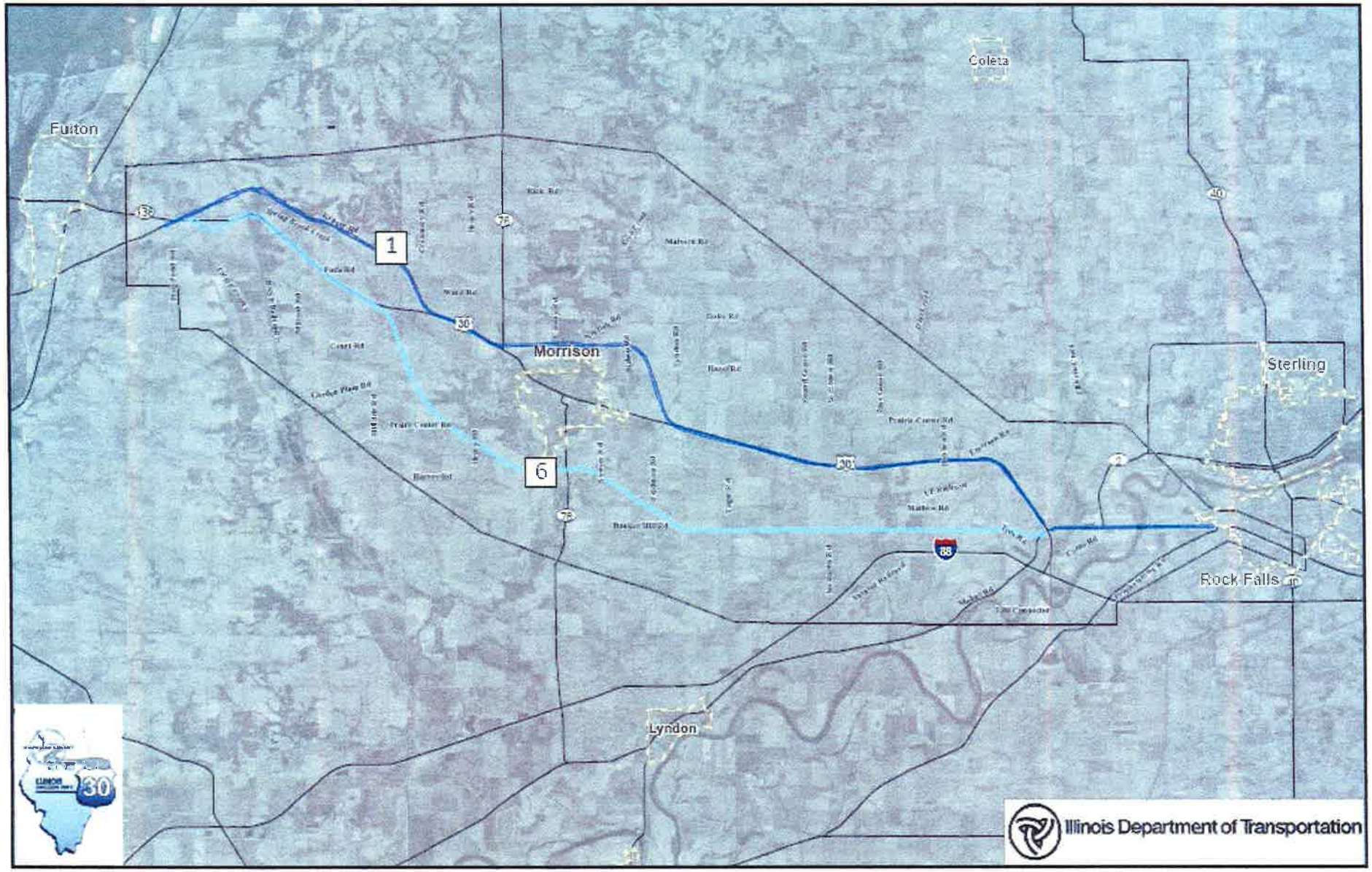


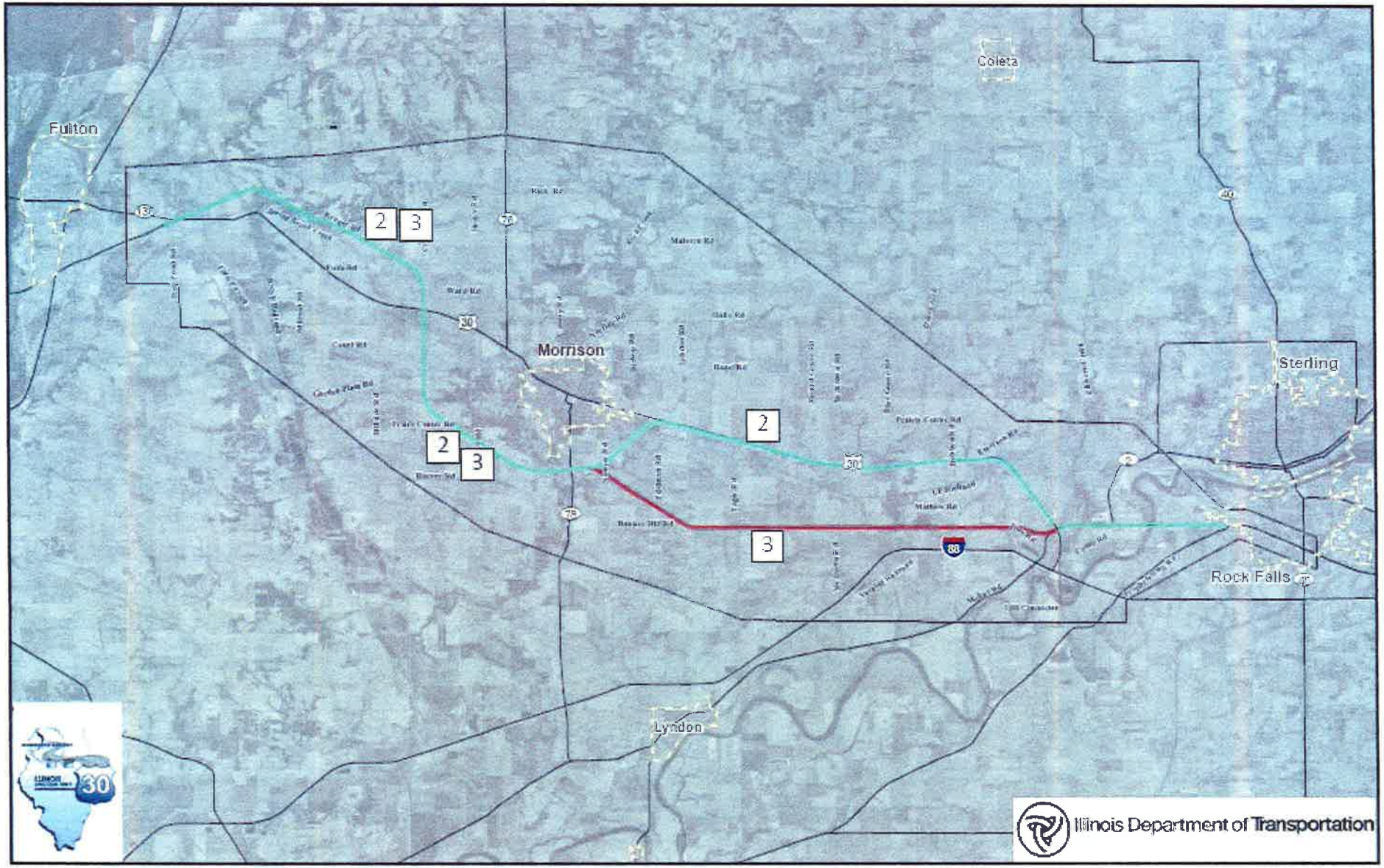
Alternative 6 ranked #3

Alternative 1 Ranked #4



Alternative 2 ranked #5

Alternative 3 ranked #5



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Thank You
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QUESTIONS???