



# ILLINOIS 47

*US Route 14 to Charles Road*

## Illinois Route 47 Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #1



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*January 21, 2010*





# *Meeting Agenda*

- Introductions
- Purpose of Meeting
- Project Overview
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Overview
- Group Exercise Overview
- Next Steps



# *Introductions – Study Team*

## Joint Lead Agencies

IDOT, FHWA

## Project Consultant Team

Strand Associates, Inc. - *Prime Consultant*

**American Survey & Engineering:** Surveys and Mapping

**Christopher B. Burke Engineering:** Drainage Studies

**Lin Engineering:** Hydraulics

**Images, Inc.:** Public Involvement/CSS



## *Purpose of Meeting*

- Project overview and schedule
- Explain CSS process and define consensus
- Discuss ground rules
- Identify issues/concerns
- Determine project goals and objectives
- Discuss project Problem Statement
- Next steps



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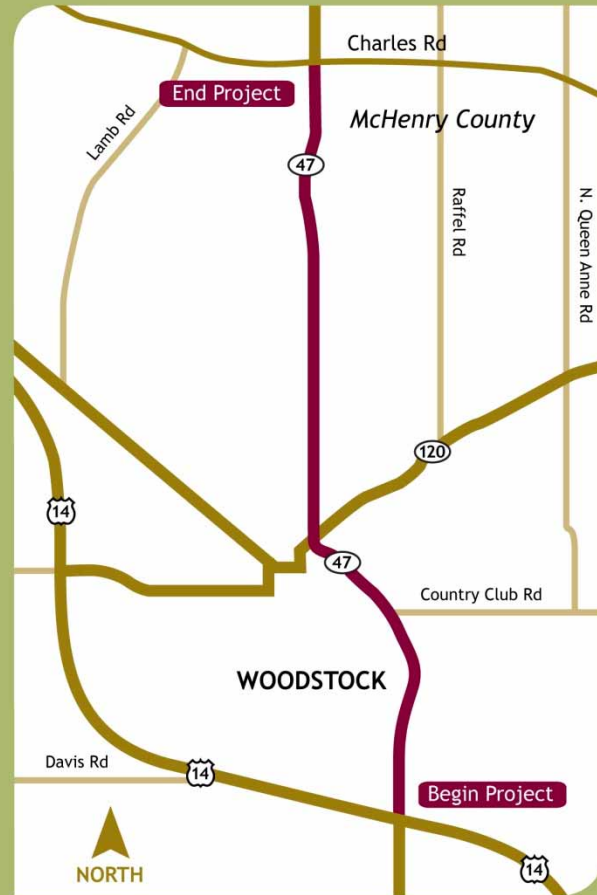
# *Overview and Schedule*



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# Study Area





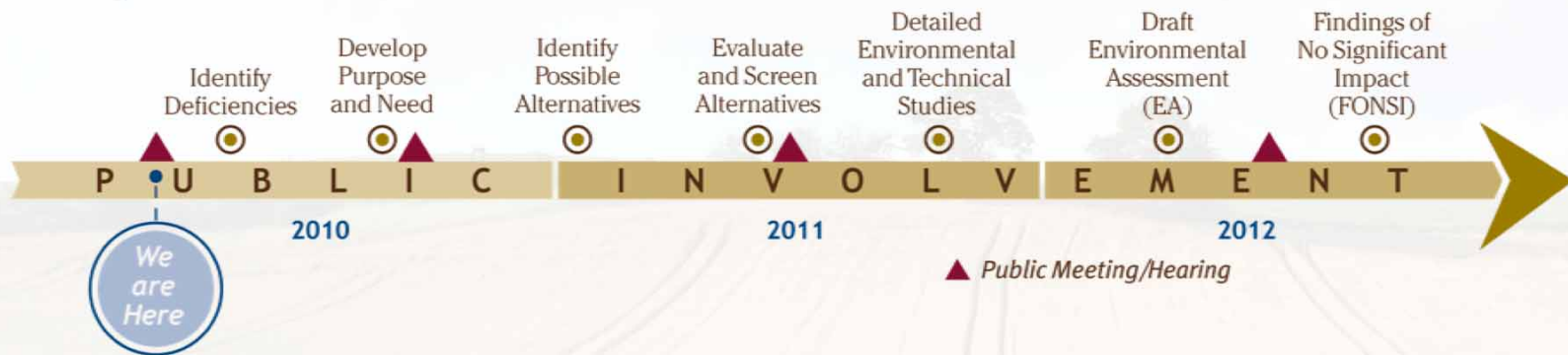
# *Project Overview*

- Prepared as Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Facilitate open study process
- Solicit, develop, and evaluate alternatives
- Reach consensus on a preferred alternative
- Obtain Record of Decision and Design Approval



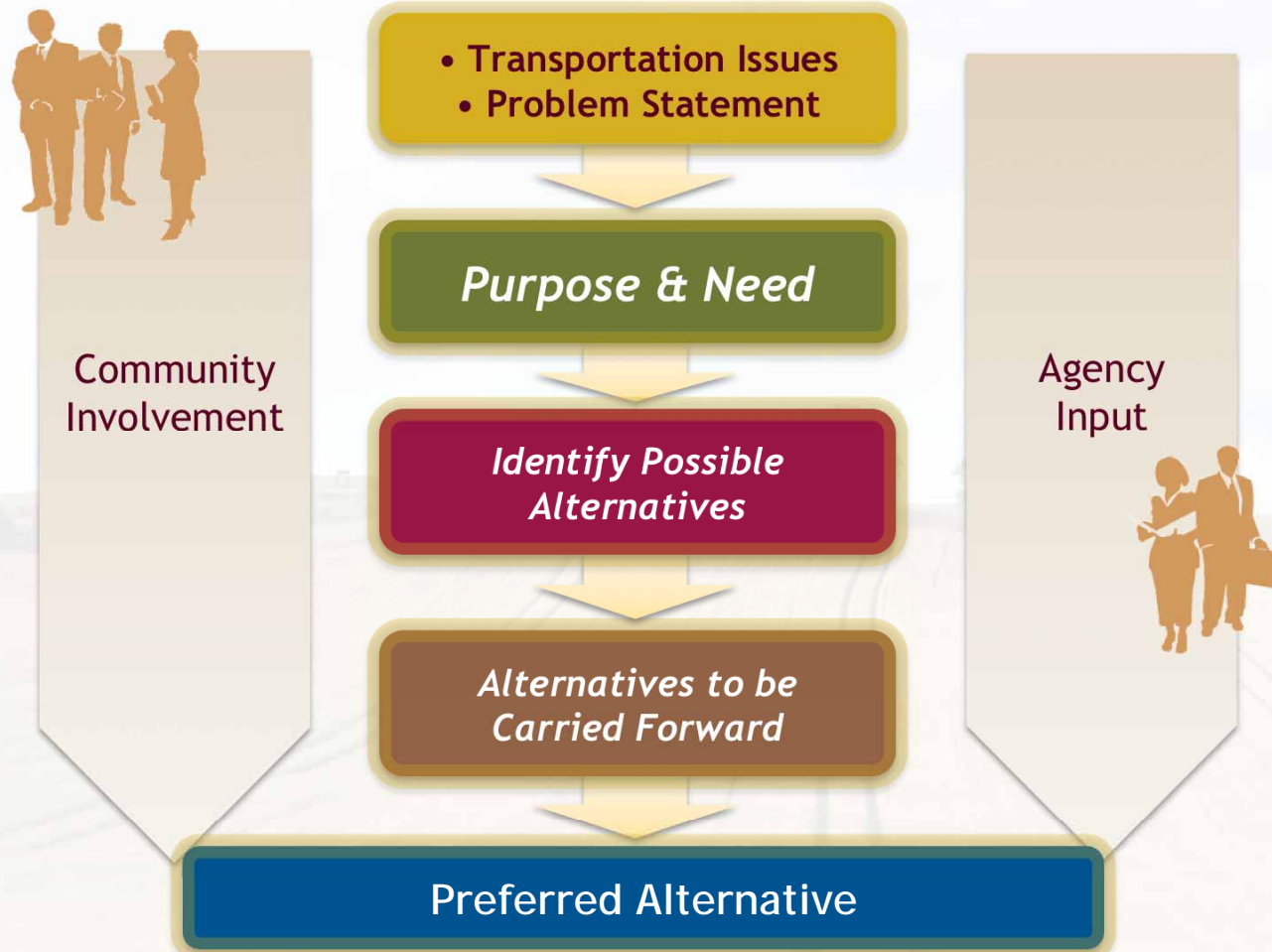
# Project Schedule

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# Project Process





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# *Stakeholder Involvement/CSS Overview*



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# Context Sensitive Solutions

- Flexible and creative approach to design
- Promotes frequent communication from stakeholders
- Addresses all modes of transportation





# Consensus

- Goal is to achieve consensus



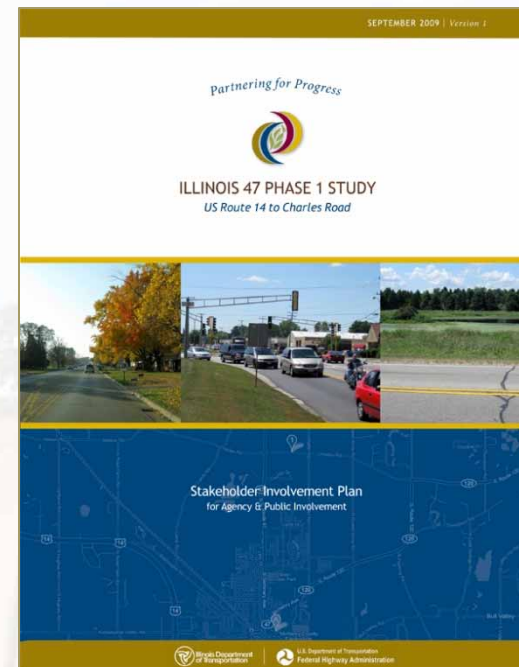
## Consensus is defined as:

“ “ *When a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agree its input has been heard and duly considered and the process as a whole was fair. ” ”*



# Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP)

- Blueprint for defining outreach tools and methods
- Framework for achieving consensus
- Identifies roles and responsibilities of participants
- Establishes timing of stakeholder activities
- SIP on website for review ([www.IL47woodstockstudy.com](http://www.IL47woodstockstudy.com))





# Public Involvement Opportunities





# *One-on-One Meetings*

*Introductory meetings have been held:*

- **Municipality:** City of Woodstock
- **County:** McHenry County
- **School District:** Woodstock Community Unit District 200
- **Economic Development:** McHenry County Economic Development Commission, McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- **Townships:** Dorr Township



# Project Study Group (PSG)



- **PSG Purpose:**
  - IDOT and FHWA make ultimate project decisions for the project
  - Will meet throughout the study process to provide technical oversight and expertise in key areas including study process, agency procedures and standards, and technical approaches
- **PSG Responsibility:**
  - Manage the project development process
  - Identify and resolve project issues
  - Promote partnerships
  - Work to develop consensus



## Project Working Group Structure: Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)

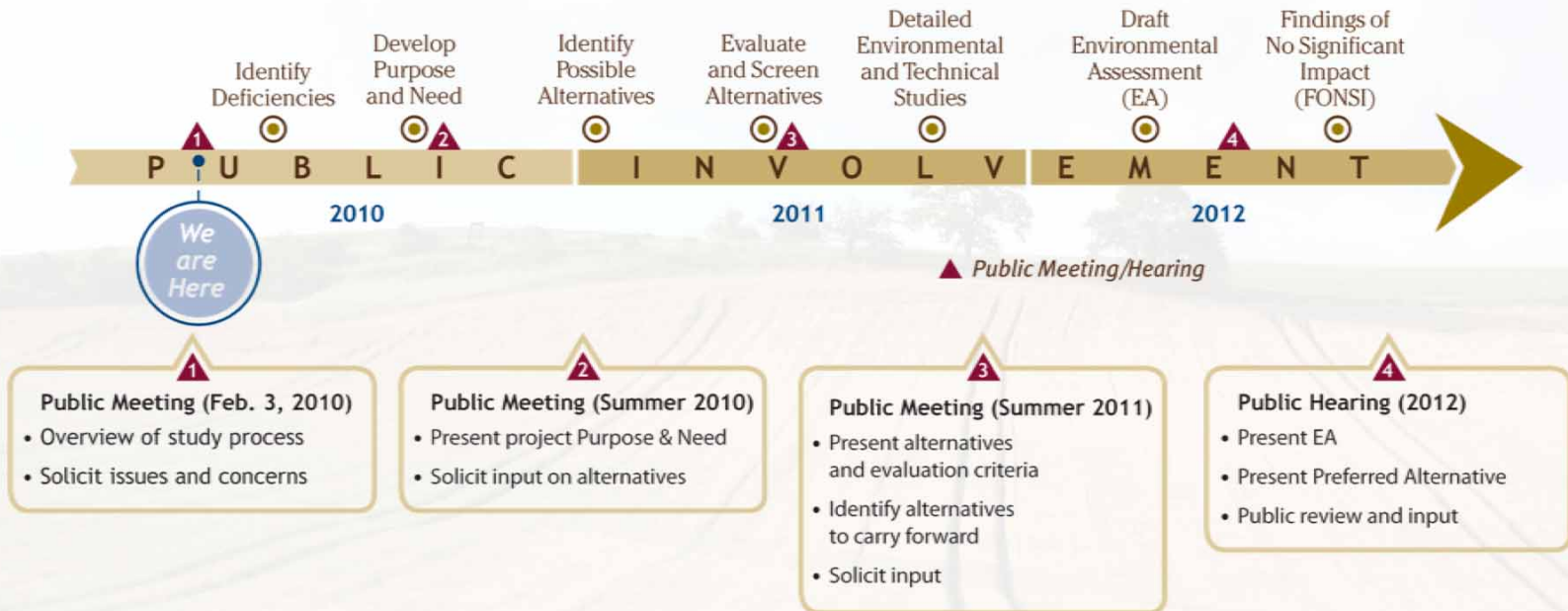


- **Purpose:**
  - Provide input on Purpose & Need Statement
  - Provide input on alternatives to be carried forward
- **Responsibility:**
  - Commit to attend CAG meetings
  - Collaborate with Project Study Group
  - Provide input and consensus



# Project Working Group Meetings

## Project Schedule





# *Membership Expectations*

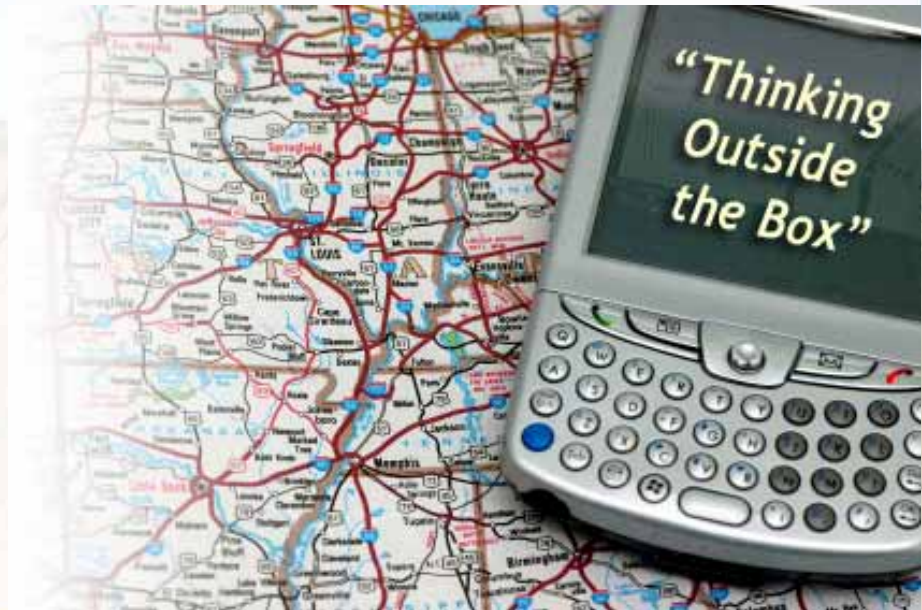
- Commit to meetings
- Agree to act as a team in a spirit of collaboration
- Candidly communicate local issues
- Respect all opinions
- Contribute to identifying a consensus solution
- Provide timely reviews of all submittals





# Decision Making

- IDOT will utilize input throughout the decision-making process
- Final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA



# Workshop



## Group Exercise

**Part 1:** Identify Issues and Concerns

**Part 2:** Defining Goals and Objectives

# Workshop



## Part 1: Develop a list of issues and concerns in the project area

These may include:

- Transportation
- Environmental
- Land Use
- Safety
- Traffic Congestion
- Modal Options
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life

These issues and concerns will be used to *draft a project problem statement, which will assist in the development of the Purpose & Need Statement*

# Workshop



## Part 1: Issues and Concerns - Discussion Notes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

# Workshop



## Part 2: Project Goals and Objectives

- What are your general goals?
- Categorize goals of the project area

# Workshop



## Part 2: Issues and Concerns - Discussion Notes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
- 6.



## *Next Steps*

### Public Meeting #1 - February 3, 2010

- Define transportation issues

### CAG Meeting #2 - March 2010

- Summarize goals and objectives
- Obtain consensus for Problem Statement
- Discuss environmental process
- Identify existing conditions and deficiencies



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Thank you!  
*Questions?*



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