

# PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS

# PHASE I STUDY PROCESS

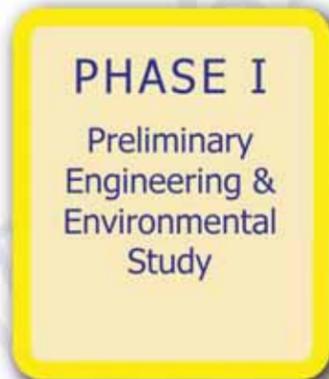
## IDOT PROJECTS PROGRESS THROUGH 3 PHASES

**Phase I:** Transportation needs and deficiencies will be identified, alternatives will be developed and evaluated, and a preferred plan will be selected and potential Right-of-Way identified.

**Phase II:** Detailed Construction Plans will be developed and land will be acquired.

**Phase III:** Construction will begin.

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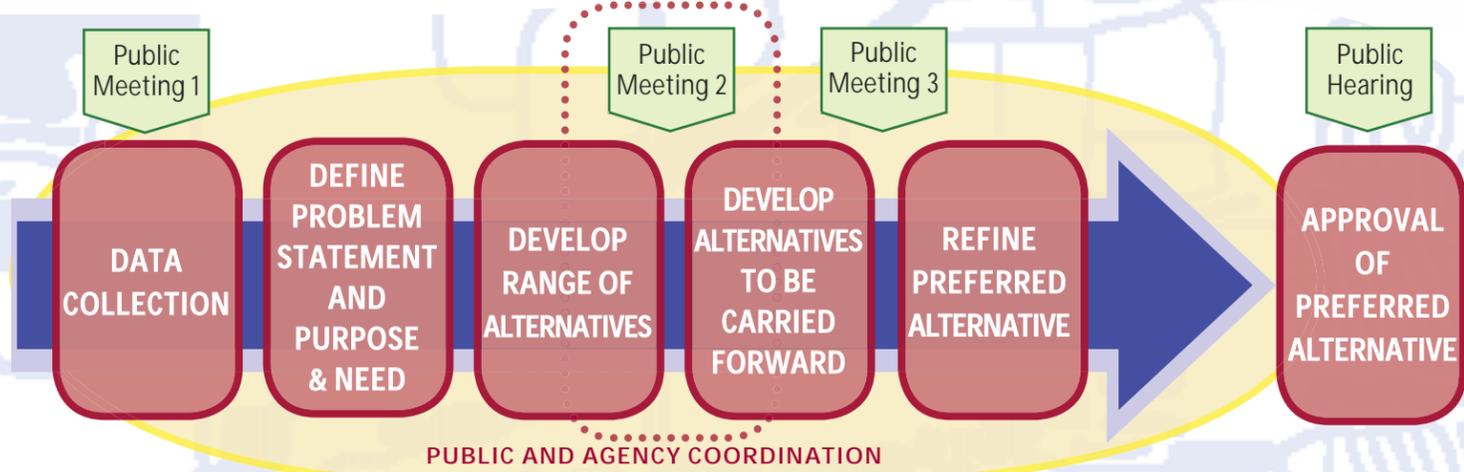
2011-2013

18 - 24 MONTHS

24 - 36 MONTHS

**Funding:** Phase I of this project is fully funded with Federal and local funding. However, Phases II and III are not currently included in the Department's Proposed

Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program but will be considered for inclusion in future programs.



The planning process is based on guidelines prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) which follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The **first public meeting** is meant to identify general issues, develop information on the community context, define the project's Purpose and Need, and to introduce the public involvement process. The Purpose and Need is a statement of the problem to be solved by the project.

During the **second public meeting** the Purpose and Need are presented, concept alternatives are introduced and feedback is solicited.

The **third public meeting** is held to present remaining alternatives being considered and to seek stakeholder input. A **final public hearing** is held to present the preferred alternative for the project.

## DRAFT PROBLEM STATEMENT

Forecasted population and employment growth in the Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield and unincorporated portions of northwestern Will County will cause a significant increase in travel demand on the local and regional roadway network and at interchanges that provide access to and from I-55.

Provision for traffic to either enter I-55 in a southbound direction or exit I-55 in a northbound direction is unavailable over a six-mile length of the interstate highway between the interchanges located at US Route 30 and at Weber Road. This leads to traffic generated by land uses within the corridor being concentrated at the I-55 interchanges with US Route 30 and Weber Road since both locations have full access in either a northbound or southbound direction.

Improvements are needed to facilitate mobility for vehicular and non-motorized travel within the regional area that will reduce delay and congestion, improve

traffic safety and provide full access to and from I-55. Access improvements will be considered while being sensitive to community values and the natural environment of the study corridor.

The Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield, along with IDOT, will lead the Phase I Study and Planning process in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Stakeholder outreach efforts will be performed by the consultant team to ensure the users of I-55 and the surrounding roadway network have the opportunity for meaningful input into the project's development.

## DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide improved access to Interstate Route 55 (I-55).

- Improve regional connectivity
- Accommodate forecasted growth
- Reduce delay due to adverse travel

### SHARE YOUR OPINION

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PROJECT PROCESS. WE ARE SEEKING YOUR INPUT ON THE PROBLEM STATEMENT, IDENTIFIED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR THE PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT AND RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED.

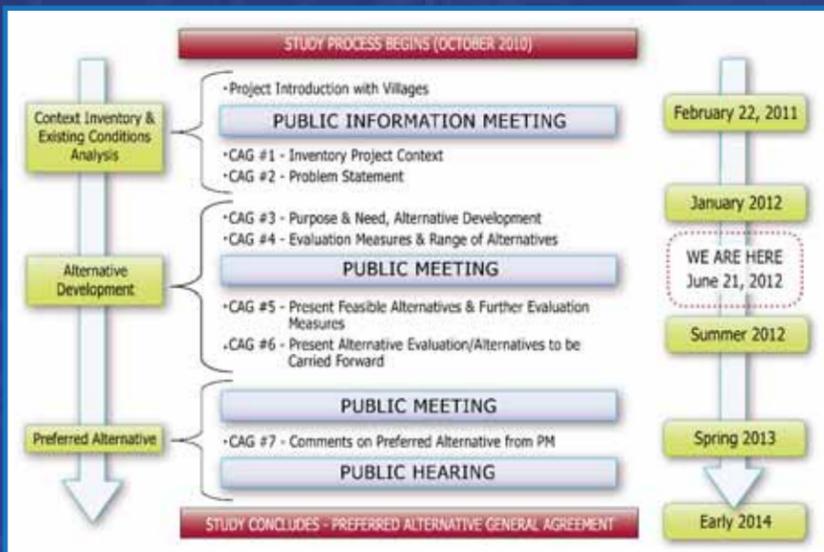
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT THE EXHIBIT AREA TO REVIEW THE PROJECT DETAILS AND TO MEET WITH THE STUDY TEAM MEMBERS.

# WHO IS INVOLVED?



# Potential I-55 Improvements

AT AIRPORT ROAD AND AT IL 126/ESSINGTON ROAD



## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & INFORMATION

WE INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS OR BY MAIL TO:

**V3 Companies**  
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COMMENTS ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME, BUT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING RECORD, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **JULY 9, 2012**.

**SECOND PUBLIC MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012**  
**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
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