



IL47 TO DUGAN ROAD

# Community Advisory Group Meeting

US 30

IL 47 to Dugan Road





# Meeting Agenda

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- Introduction
- Purpose of Meeting
- Project Overview
- Public Involvement Process
- Group Exercise
- Next Steps



# Introduction

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## **Lead/Joint Agency:**

IDOT/FHWA

## **Project Consultant Team:**

HR Green, Inc., Prime Consultant  
Images, Inc., Public Involvement



# Purpose of This Meeting

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- Provide a project overview
- Explain Public Involvement process
- Discuss CAG ground rules
- Identify issues and concerns
- Determine goals and objectives
- Develop a problem statement
- Next steps





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# Project Overview





# Study Area

## IL47 to Dugan Road





# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

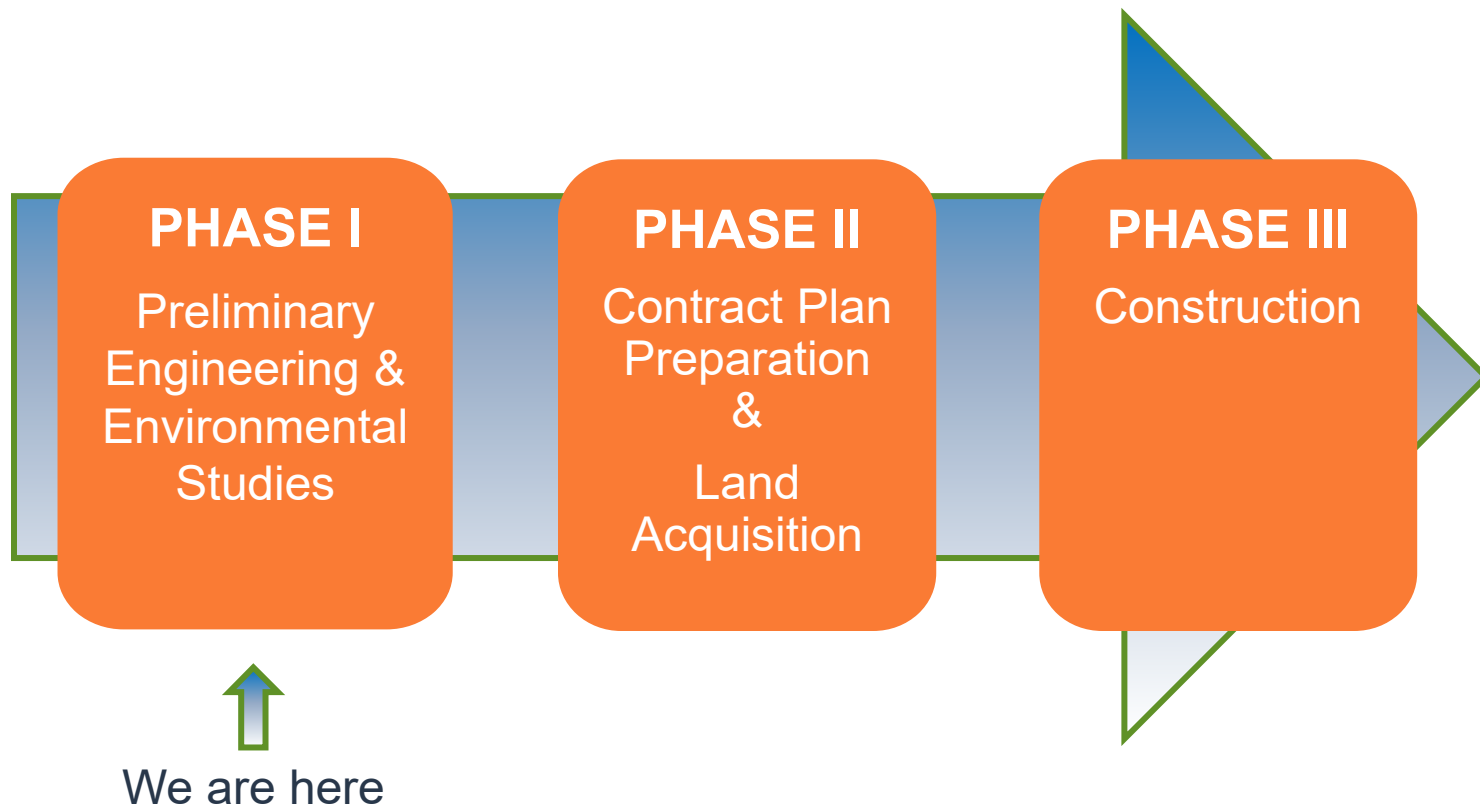
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- Passed into law in 1969
- Compliance required for federal funding eligibility
- Full range of reasonable alternatives, including “no-build” alternative, must be considered
- Comprehensive environmental review (avoid, minimize, mitigate impacts)
- Public involvement
- Formal documentation/disclosure





# Federal-Aid Project Process







# Phase I Engineering

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- Define Existing Conditions
- Develop Purpose and Need for Improvement
- Identify and Evaluate Alternatives
- Identify Alternatives to be Carried Forward
- Select Preferred Alternative



# Project Background

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- Existing Conditions
- Project Constraints
- Traffic Volumes
- Crash History
- Traffic Operations



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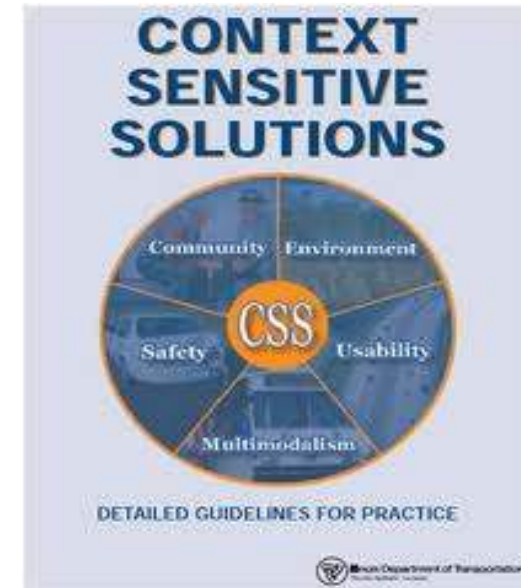
# Public Involvement Process





# Context Sensitive Solutions Principles

- Project will follow CSS Principles
  - Involves all stakeholders
  - Early, frequent and meaningful communication with stakeholders
  - Transportation facilities that fit into surroundings.
  - Flexible and creative approach to design
  - Addresses all modes of transportation







# Public Involvement Process

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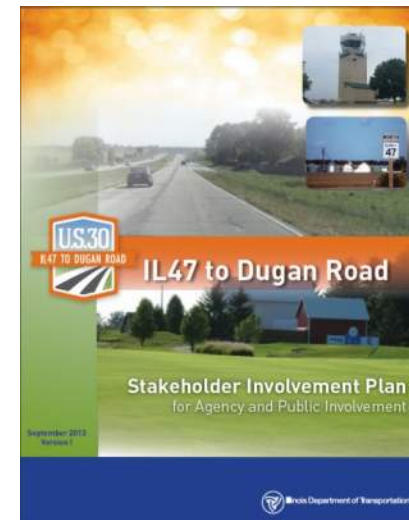
- The goal is to achieve general understanding of agreement

A **general understanding** is when all stakeholders agree their input has been heard and duly considered and the **process was fair**



# Stakeholder Involvement Plan

- Blueprint for defining outreach tools and methods
- Framework for achieving general understanding of agreement
- Identifies roles and responsibilities
- Establishes timing of activities
- SIP on website for review
  - [www.us30il47todugan.org](http://www.us30il47todugan.org)





# Project Study Group (PSG)

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## Consists of IDOT, FHWA, and Consultant

### Role:

- Provide technical oversight and expertise in key areas
- Meeting throughout the study process
- Ensure compliance with design and environmental policies

### Responsibilities:

- Manage the project development process
- Identify and resolve project issues
- Promote partnerships with stakeholders
- Work to develop general understanding of agreement



# Community Advisory Group (CAG)

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## Consists of Community Leaders and Stakeholders

### Role:

- Identify criteria that reflect the interests and ideas of the entire community
- Assist in preparing a Problem Statement
- Provide feedback at key project milestones

### Responsibilities:

- Provide insight about community and stakeholder interests
- Collaborate with the PSG
- Commit to attend CAG meetings and adhere to ground rules
- Share information and encourage community input





# CAG Ground Rules

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- Input on the project from CAG members and all stakeholders is duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- The list of CAG members and stakeholders is subject to revisions/additions at any time as events warrant.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly, and treat one another with respect and dignity.
- The role of the CAG is to advise the Project Study Group (PSG) which will make the ultimate decisions on this project. A general understanding from CAG members on project choices is sought, but the ultimate decisions remain in the hands of the PSG and IDOT.



# CAG Ground Rules, Continued

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- All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a general understanding. A general understanding is when all stakeholders agree their input has been heard and duly considered and the process was fair.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the project schedule, and all participants must understand that once a general understanding is reached on a topic, it will not be readdressed.
- IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will serve as the lead agencies and make final project decisions.
- A General Understanding is when all stakeholders agree their input has been heard and duly considered and the process as a whole was fair.
- Members of the media are welcome in all stakeholder meetings, but must remain in the role of an observer, not participants in the process.



# Decision Making

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



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# Workshop







# Workshop

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## Group Exercise

- Part 1: Identify Issues and Concerns
- Part 2: Define Goals and Objectives



# Workshop

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**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 and Need Statement*



# Workshop

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## Part 1: Issues and Concerns Discussion Notes

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



# Workshop

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## Part 2: Develop a list of project goals and objectives

- Develop goals and objectives based on themes generated in Workshop 1
- Categorize goals of the project area





# Workshop

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## Part 2: Goals and Objectives Discussion Notes

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# Problem Statement Development





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## What is a Problem Statement?

- Summarizes the issues and concerns within the project area
- States the important aspects of the project area
- Provides focus in developing the more detailed Purpose & Need Statement



# Problem Statement Development

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## Themes from Workshop exercises

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- 2.
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# Problem Statement Development

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“The transportation problem(s) along US 30 between Dugan Road and IL Route 47 to be addressed by this project is/are:

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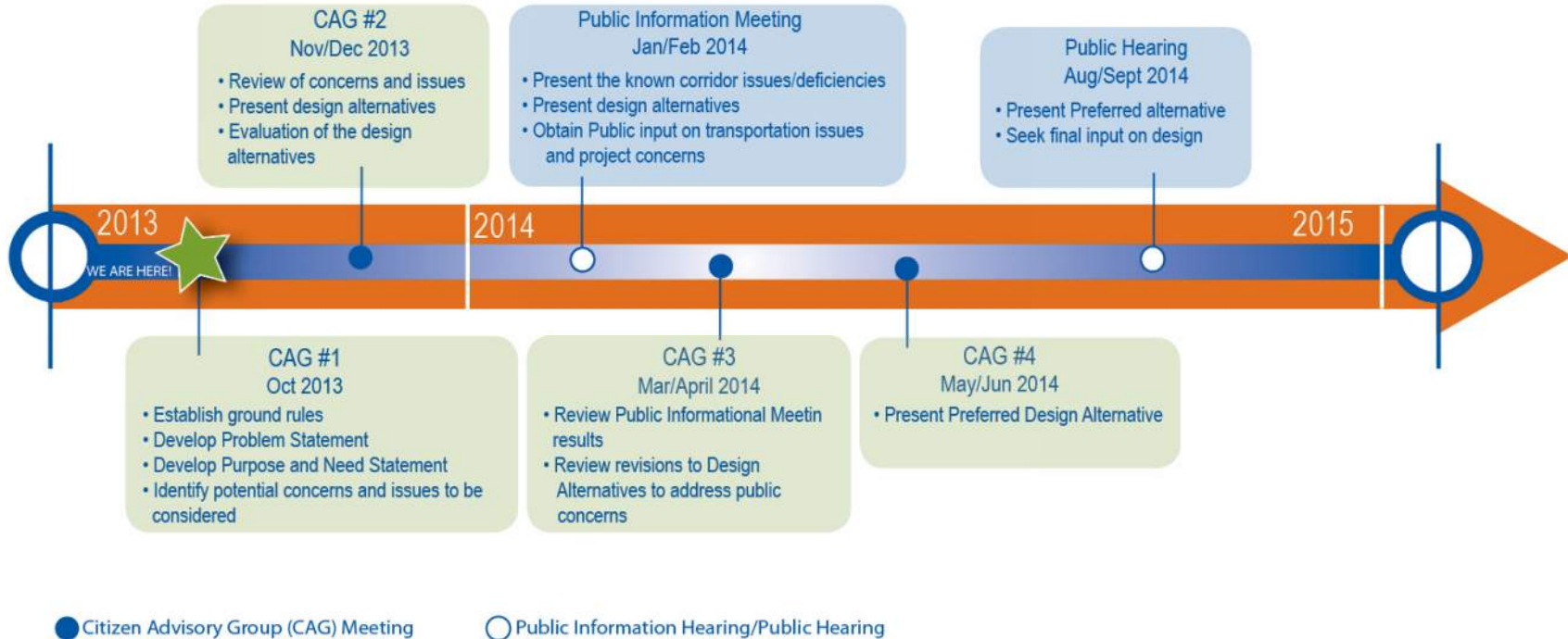
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# Project Schedule





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Q&A

