

# I-55

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## I-55 Reconstruction Design Study & Environmental Assessment



**Public Information Meeting  
Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

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# STATION 1

## PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Provides an overview of project's purpose, study team, study limits, activities, and schedule**



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# MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Acquaint public with I-55 Reconstruction Study
- Educate public about study process and activities
- Solicit public input and participation in study



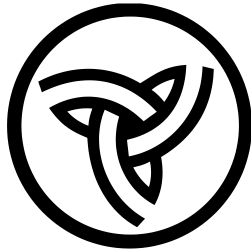
# STUDY PURPOSE

The I-55 Study is examining ways to improve the interstate around Springfield from south of the Sixth Street interchange to north of the Sherman interchange. Its purpose is to:

1. Relieve traffic congestion; and
2. Increase public safety for area residents and the traveling public.



# STUDY LEAD



## Illinois Department of Transportation

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the agency in charge of state-maintained public roadways, is conducting the I-55 Study with the assistance of a consultant team, led by Hanson Professional Services Inc.

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# CONSULTANT TEAM

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# STUDY COMPONENTS

- Alternatives analysis
- Additional lanes
- Interchange types
- Traffic capacity
- Safety
- Structures
- Drainage
- Documentation & approval
- Environmental impacts

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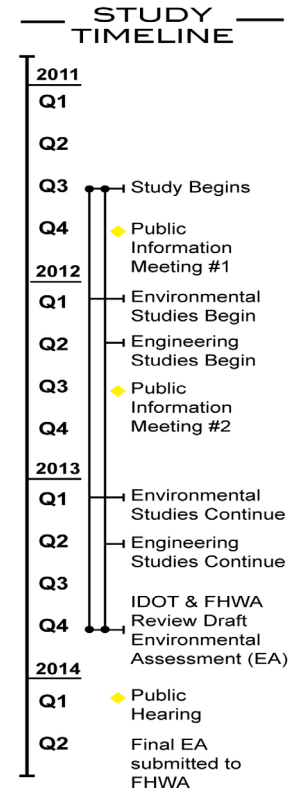
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# STUDY SCHEDULE

I-55 Study will take approximately 36 months to complete. During this time, IDOT and its team will:

- Collect and analyze roadway data
- Engage stakeholders and the public
- Develop and assess alternatives
- Produce an environmental and design document



"Q" refers to the quarter of the year in which the activity is scheduled to take place

FHWA refers to the Federal Highway Administration

# STATION 2

## ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

- **Explains that the study involves an Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- **Describes the EA process and components**

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# STATION 3

## TRAFFIC STUDIES

- **Reviews historic and projected traffic growth and explores the consequences of sustained growth**



# STATION 4

## STUDY MAPS & GRAPHICS

- **Provides aerial images of the study corridor**



# STATION 5

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- **Explores the study's public participation opportunities and solicits community input**



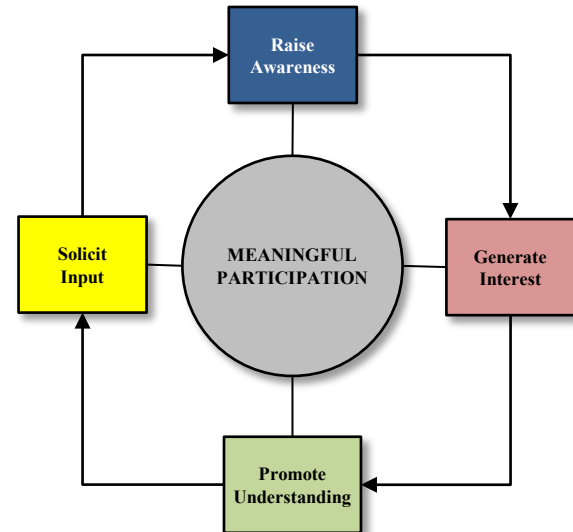
# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

## Public Involvement Goal:

- Obtain local community's meaningful participation in I-55 study process through various involvement tactics

## Objectives:

- ***Raise Awareness:***
  - Provide clear, accurate and easily attainable information on study
- ***Generate Interest:***
  - Address community's needs, interests and values
- ***Promote Understanding:***
  - Help community understand study's possible impacts
- ***Solicit Input:***
  - Seek community's feedback on study findings



# INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Join Advisory  
Committee

Visit Study Website  
[www.i55springfield.com](http://www.i55springfield.com)

**Attend Public  
Information  
Meetings**

Follow Local Media  
Coverage

- Give Your Input:
- Email:  
[contact@i55springfield.com](mailto:contact@i55springfield.com)
  - Call: (217) 782-4760

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# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- ***Purpose & Role:***
  - Provide community input on study
  - Identify local interests and concerns
  - Help build public awareness of and involvement in the study
- ***Membership:***
  - Anyone who is interested in the study may be considered for membership
- ***Meeting Frequency:***
  - 3 to 6 meetings over the course of the study (~ 36 months)
- ***Meeting Information***
  - Posted on study's website, including agendas, attendance, handouts and discussion summaries