

**STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN (SIP)
EAST SIDE HIGHWAY STUDY
McLEAN COUNTY, BLOOMINGTON, and NORMAL**

PLAN PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the SIP is to provide a guide for implementing a public involvement plan for the study of an East Side Highway corridor. The project will involve the study and recommendations for a new highway facility east of Bloomington-Normal between I-74 to the south and I-55 to the north in McLean County, Illinois.

A 2002 Feasibility Study examined the ability to connect I-55 to I-74 east of Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. It explored the impacts of providing a new major facility that would relieve urban traffic congestion and improve regional access. The Bloomington-Normal urban area has experienced growth the metropolitan area and this growth is expected to continue. This expansion is expected to place stress on all existing infrastructure networks; transportation, water, sewer, education, etc. A new highway is being considered to mitigate the impacts of the new and continued development on the east side.

Considerable public interest was experienced during the development of the Feasibility Study. The SIP will build upon the work performed during the Feasibility Study. The project will be developed using the principles of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits into its surroundings and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources while maintaining safety and improving mobility.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Identify all stakeholders of the project and ensure their opportunity for meaningful input into the project's development from beginning to end.
- Determine project context with stakeholder input and consensus.
- Develop a project purpose.
- Identify reasonable alternative solutions to solve identified transportation problems with stakeholder input and concurrence.
- Choose a preferred alternative solution to identified transportation problems for the project with stakeholder input and concurrence.
- Treat all involved parties with respect and dignity, in a transparent manner and in a way that ensures that their input was duly heard and considered.

PROJECT STUDY GROUP

A Project Study Group (PSG) will be formed for the East Side Highway project. The PSG is multi-disciplinary team which will develop the project for McLean County, Bloomington, and Normal. The disciplines within the PSG will depend on the context of the project. The membership of the PSG is not static, but can and will evolve as the understanding of the project's context does. From the initial scoping of the project and its apparent context components, the following persons were assigned to the PSG.

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