

VCAG Meeting #6
February 9, 2011

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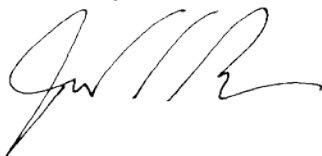
Re: US 51 Environmental Impact Statement Project
Vandalia Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The February 3 Vandalia CAG meeting postponed due to the weather has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Vandalia City Hall located at 431 W. Gallatin Street.

As stated in the earlier announcement, the meeting will include a review of public comments from the November 23rd Public Information Meeting, a review of revised resource impacts, a discussion of the memorandum sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and a discussion of the upcoming meeting with the FHWA.

You will be contacted to verify your attendance. Feel free to e-mail Barbara Moore at Barbara.Moore@clark-dietz.com or call her at 217-373-8948 and let her know if you can or cannot attend. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the study and we look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Payonk
Project Manager

cc: file, Matt Hirtzel (IDOT)

Attendance Roster – Vandalia CAG Members



Community Advisory Group Meeting

February 9, 2011 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Vandalia City Hall

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US 51 Environmental Impact Statement



Illinois Department
of Transportation



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Highway
Administration



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- Resource Impact Updates
- PIM Summary
- NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
- Next Steps
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Resource Impact Updates

- Additional information received
 - Wetlands
 - Businesses
 - Ecologically sensitive sites
- Data collection is an ongoing process



Resource Impact Updates

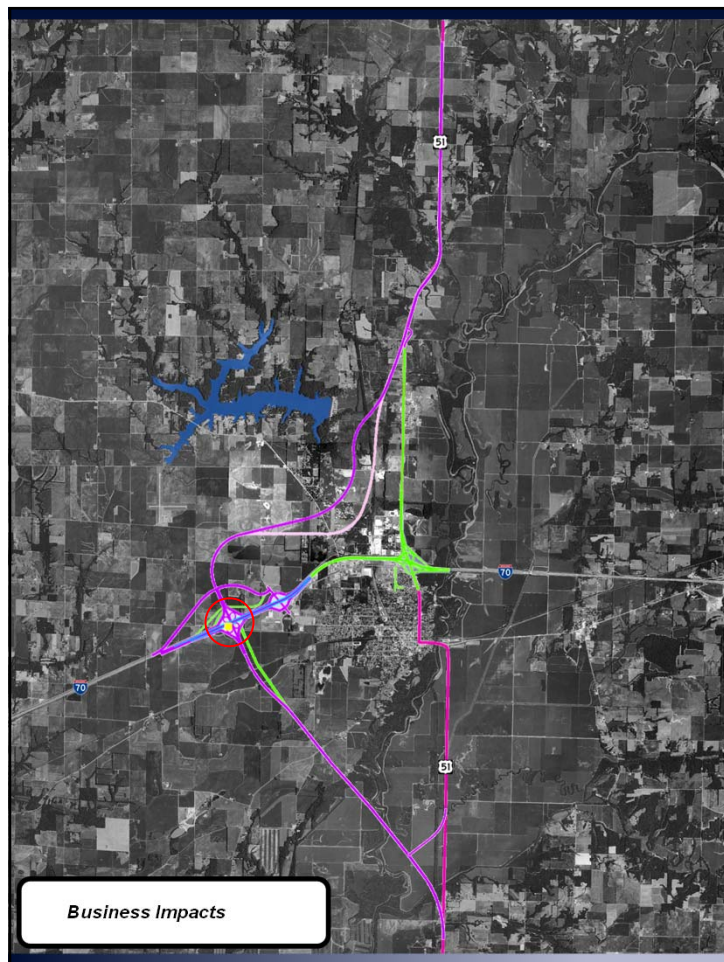
Resource	Western Bypass Yellow	Dual Marked Green	Parallel Yellow	VS	VU	Eastern Bypass Green
Wetlands (Nov '10)	69.4	45.7	42.1	51.6	39.3	72.8
Wetlands (Feb '11)	36.8	27.8	23.6	25.8	17.7	56.7



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Businesses (Nov '10)	0	5	0	0	0	17
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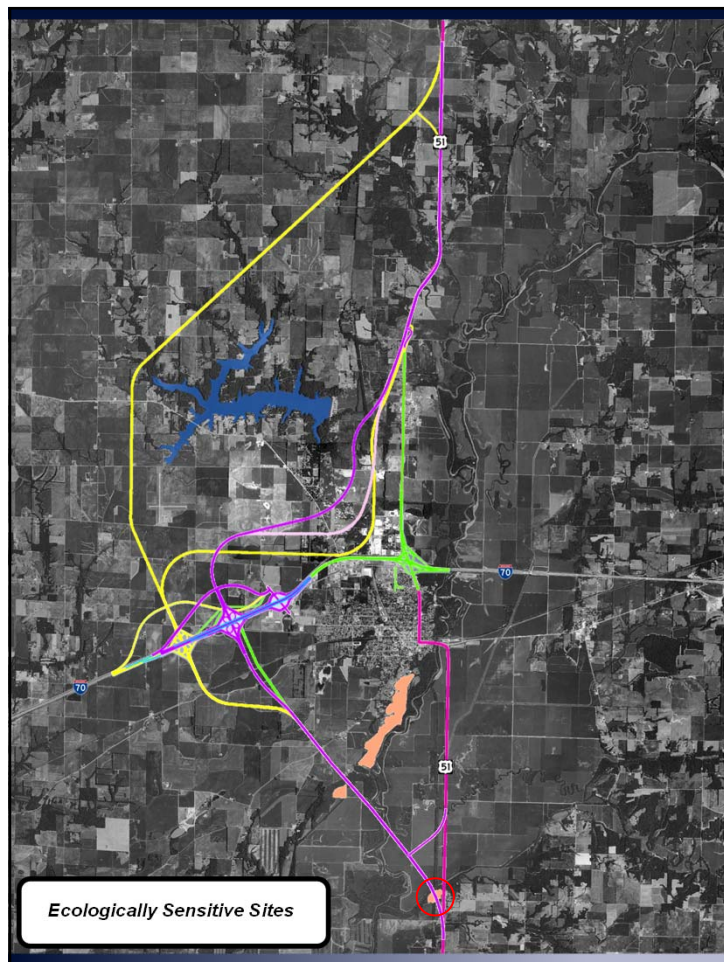




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Ecologically Sensitive Sites (Nov '10)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecologically Sensitive Sites (Feb '11)	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	0





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PIM Summary

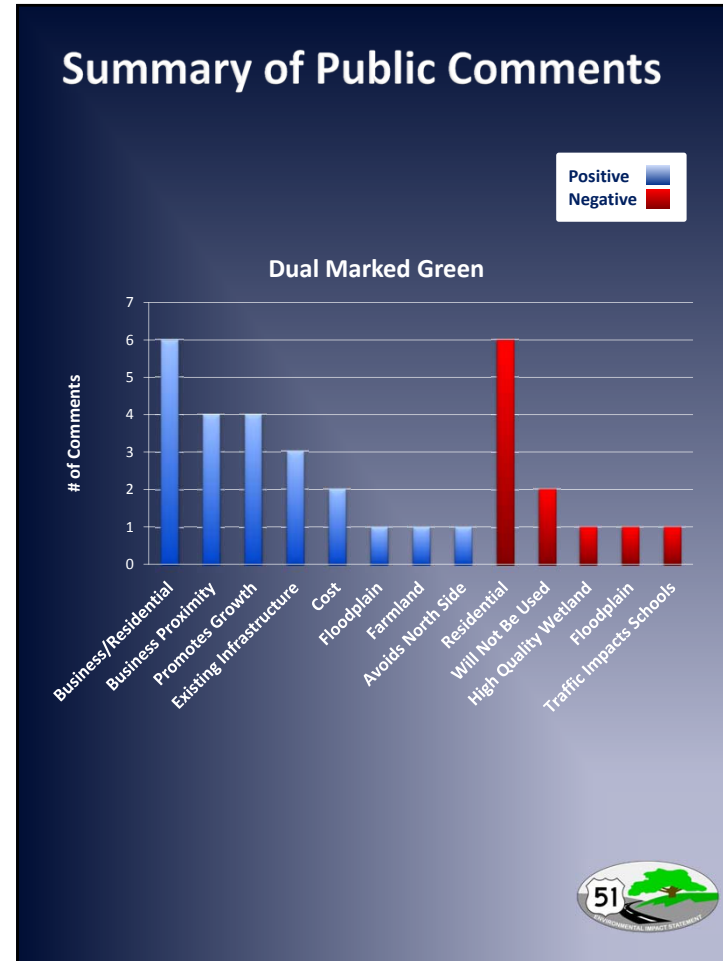
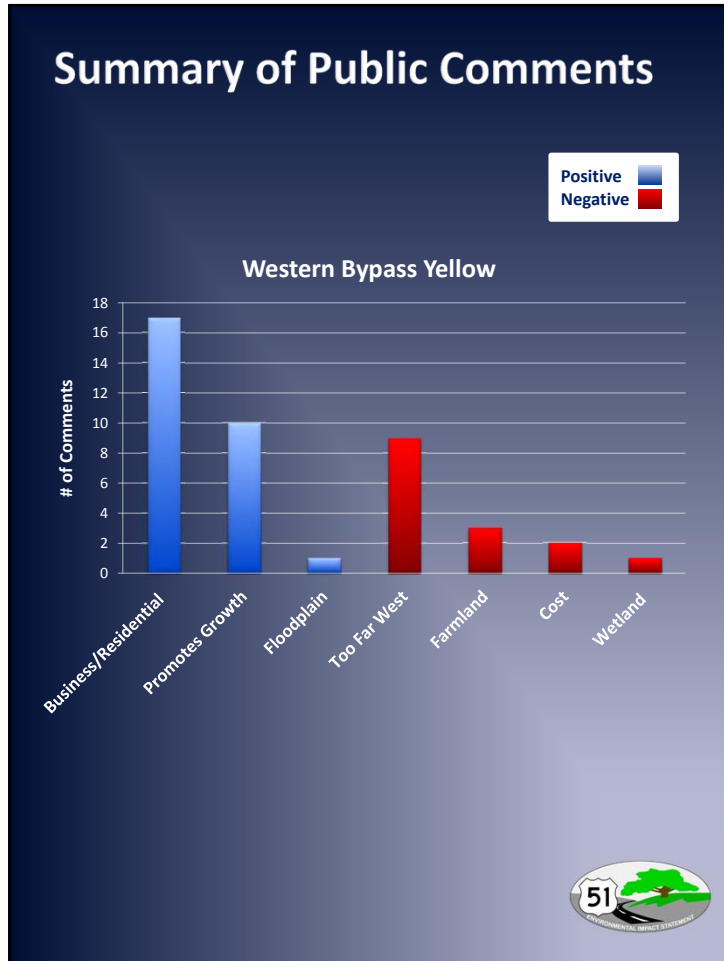
Public Information Meeting – November 23, 2010

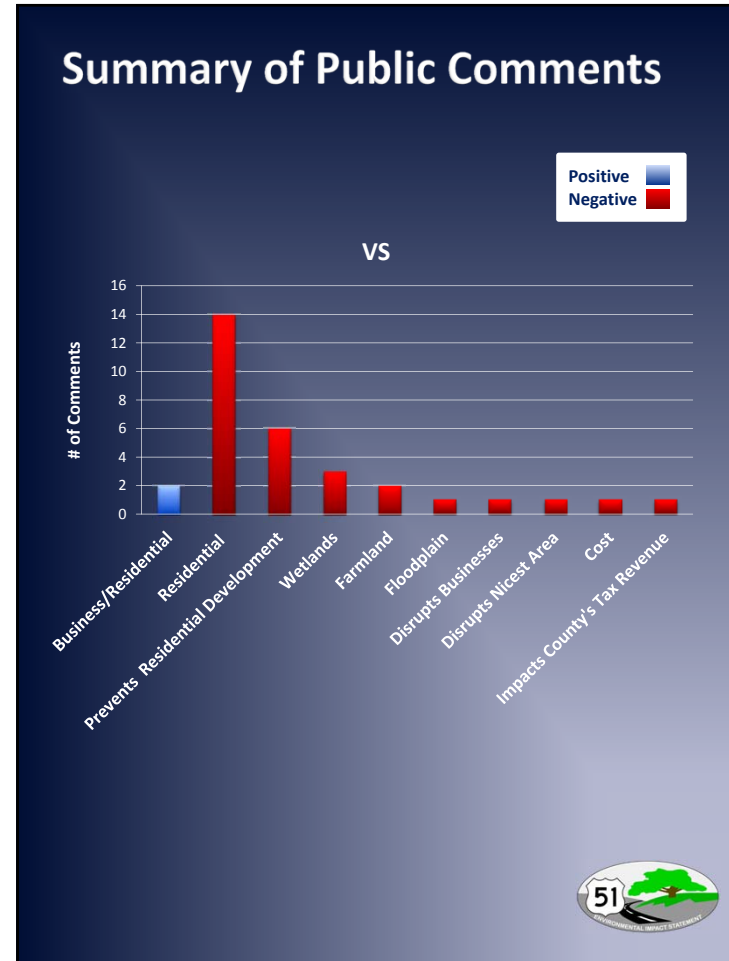
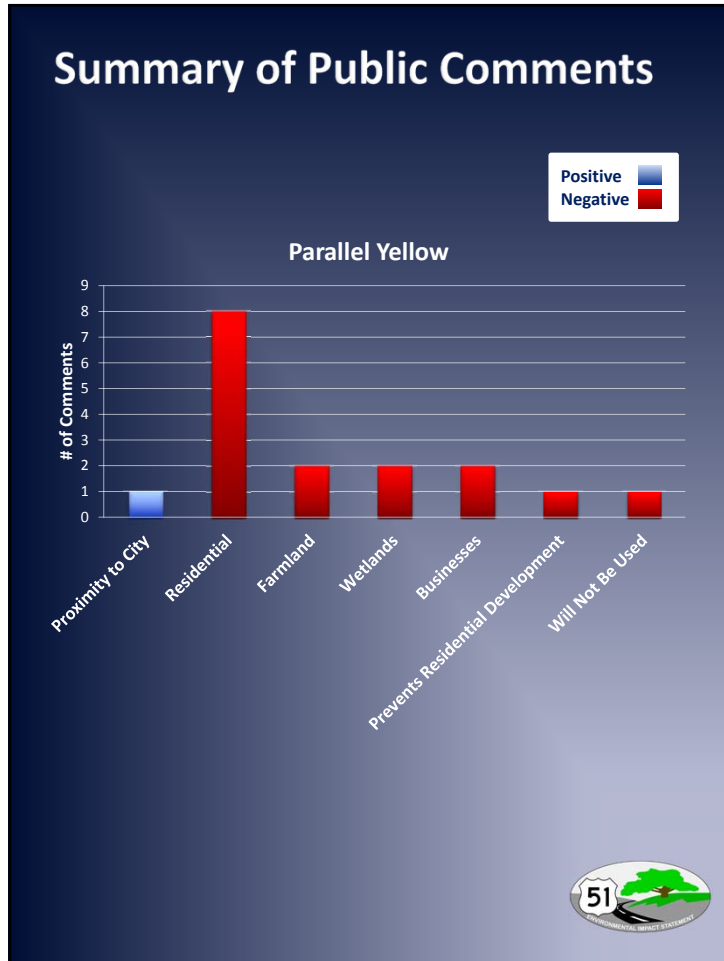
- 104 attendees
- 54 total comments received

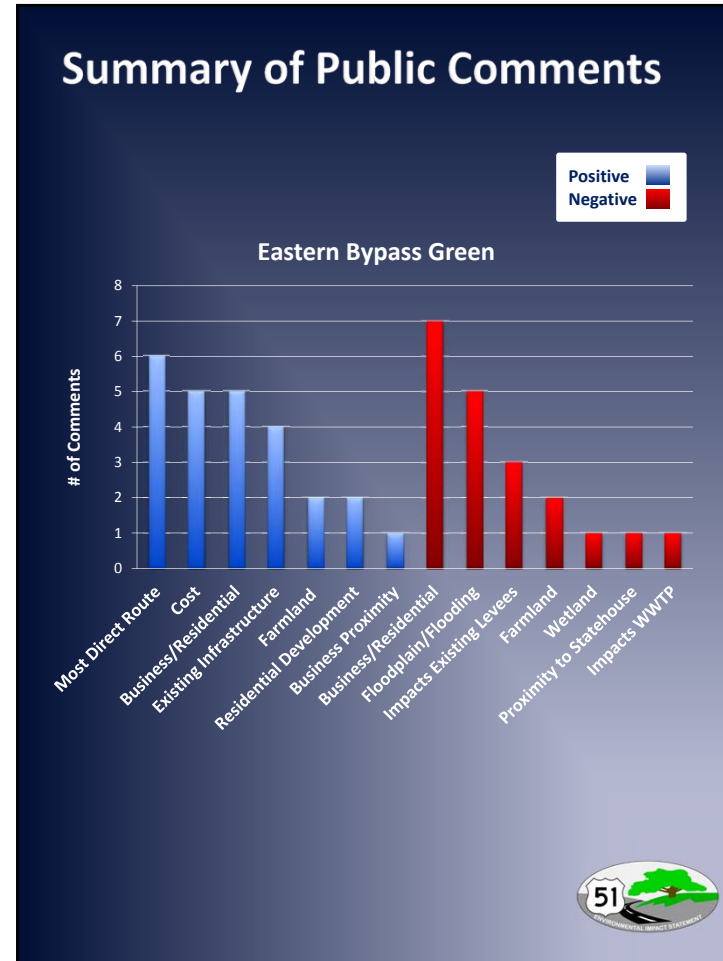
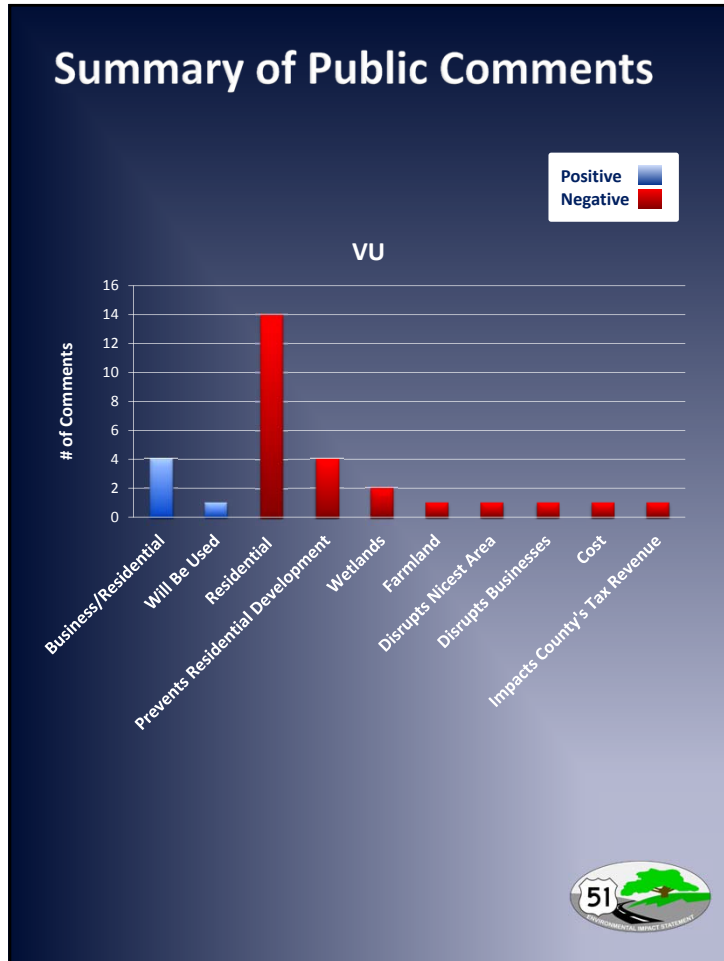


Summary of Public Comments









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- **NEPA/404 Merger Meeting**
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NEPA/404 Merger Meeting

- Memo to FHWA submitted January 2011
 - VCAG reorganization
 - Alignment development and evaluation
 - Resource impacts
 - Public comments
 - Recommended alternatives to be carried forward for detailed study in the DEIS

Western Bypass Yellow

Dual Marked Green

VS

VU



NEPA/404 Merger Meeting

February 15, 2011

Must obtain concurrence from each of the following agencies:

- *Federal Highway Administration*
- *United States Environmental Protection Agency*
- *United States Army Corps of Engineers*
- *United States Fish & Wildlife Service*
- *Illinois Department of Agriculture*
- *Illinois Department of Natural Resources*
- *Illinois Historic Preservation Agency*



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Next Steps

- Inform VCAG and public of NEPA/404 merger meeting results
- Study alternatives in detail in the DEIS
 - VCAG Meeting
- DEIS available for public review and comment



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Resource Impact Summary

Resource	Western Bypass Yellow	Dual Marked Green	Parallel Yellow	S	U	Eastern Bypass Green
High Quality Wetlands (acres)	5.5	16.3	12.3	7.6	5.7	12.3
Wetlands (acres)	31.3	11.5	11.3	18.2	12.0	44.4
Floodplain (acres)	55	123	95	89	66	241
Prime & Important Farmland (acres)	524	403	530	455	450	262
Residences (number)	7	9	14	9	9	36
Businesses (number)	0	6	0	1	1	17

*US 51 Partners, A Joint Venture***Meeting Notes**

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Notes by: JKT	

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See attached sign-in sheet for CAG member attendees

Topics Discussed: Resource Impact Updates, Vandalia Public Information Meeting (PIM), NEPA/404 Merger Meeting, Next Steps

Resource Impact Updates (Jerry Payonk and Joyce Tanzosh)

A series of slides summarizing the resource impact updates was displayed. Subsequent to the last VCAG meeting and Vandalia PIM, new information pertaining to wetlands and ecologically sensitive sites was received from the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) based on field visits conducted in 2010. Business impacts were updated based upon a field review by the project team. A summary of resource impact updates is as follows:

- Wetland impacts for all six alignments decreased based on additional information received from INHS. The order of magnitude of impacts remains generally the same.
- INHS identified ecologically sensitive sites in 2009 and were avoided by all six alignments during the VCAG alignment development process. In 2010, INHS identified one ecologically sensitive site south of Vandalia and west of existing US 51. The site contains an abundance of native plant species; no threatened or endangered species were identified by INHS. The ecologically sensitive site is also considered a high quality wetland and was included in the wetland impacts. All six alignments with the exception of Eastern Bypass Green equally impact the site identified in 2010 (3.4 acres of impact). Impacts to the site will be minimized, if feasible, through alignment refinement during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- Business impacts increased by one for three of the six alignments (Dual Marked Green, VS, and VU). The impacted business is Sloane Implements located south of I-70 and west of Interchange 63. The business will be considered for avoidance through alignment refinement

Data collection and impact analysis is an on-going process and will continue throughout the EIS process.

PIM Summary (Jerry Payonk and Joyce Tanzosh)

A series of slides summarizing the public comments received after the Vandalia PIM, held on November 23, 2010, was displayed. According to the sign-in sheets, 104 people attended the PIM, and 54 comments were received within a two week period following the PIM. The majority of commenter's preferred Western Bypass Yellow and Dual Marked Green. Eastern Bypass Green also received some public support. Parallel Yellow, VS, and VU received the least amount of public support. The most common reasons people listed for supporting or not supporting each alignment was graphically displayed.

Based on public comments and/or resource impacts, four alignments were selected by the project team as recommended alignments to be evaluated in detail in the DEIS. The recommended alignments are:

- Western Bypass Yellow
- Dual Marked Green
- VS
- VU

Parallel Yellow was eliminated because it received little public support and did not result in fewer environmental impacts when compared to the other five alignments. Although Eastern Bypass Green did receive some public support, it was eliminated due to high floodplain, wetland, business, and residential impacts.

NEPA/404 Merger Meeting (Jerry Payonk and Joyce Tanzosh)

A series of slides summarizing the NEPA/404 Merger Meeting process was displayed. The project team submitted a memo to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in January 2011. The memo detailed the VCAG reorganization process, alignment development and evaluation process, resource impacts, PIM, public comments, and the recommended alternatives to be carried forward into the DEIS. The memo will be reviewed by the FHWA and several State and Federal resource agencies prior to the February 15, 2011, NEPA/404 Merger Meeting. At the meeting, the project team will give a presentation to the FHWA and the agencies detailing the findings in the memo, and seek concurrence on the four recommended alignments to be carried into the DEIS. Each agency must give concurrence on each of the four alignments. It is possible that the agencies will choose to eliminate an alignment.

Postscript: The project team received concurrence to study all four alignments in the DEIS at the February 15, 2011, NEPA/404 Merger Meeting.

Next Steps (Jerry Payonk and Joyce Tanzosh)

The project team will notify the CVAG members of the results of the NEPA/404 Merger Meeting via email. The project team will study the concurred upon alignments in detail in the DEIS during 2011. VCAG meetings will be held less frequently during that time, and will be scheduled on an as-needed basis as specific issues arise. The DEIS will be issued in 2012 and will be available for public review and comment.

Survey (Jennifer Mitchell)

The VCAG members participated in an interactive survey in which each member received an electronic responder, or clicker. Attendees were presented with multiple-choice questions through a slideshow. Each person responded to the question by pressing a button on the clicker that corresponded to their desired answer. Following each question, a chart showing how the group answered was displayed for the audience to provide immediate feedback.

The questions and results are as follows:

Question 1: Which interest area do you represent on the Vandalia CAG?

a. Local Business or Economic Development	3 responses	25%
b. Historic District	1 responses	8%
c. Homeowner- North Side	1 responses	8%
d. Homeowner – Corporate Limits	0 response	0%
e. Homeowner – Carlyle Road/Woodyard	0 response	0%
f. Homeowner – Existing US 51	1 response	8%
g. Agriculture/Environment	2 responses	17%
h. Municipal/Elected Official	0 response	0%
i. Ministerial Alliance/School Board/Park District/Other	4 responses	33%

Question 2: How often have you discussed the CAG’s efforts with representatives of your interest area?

a. Many times a day	0 response	0%
b. Several times a week	2 responses	15%
c. Few times a month	11 responses	85%
d. Never	0 response	0

Question 3: What location would you consider to be your residence in the Vandalia area?

a. North of I-70	7 response	54%
b. Between I-70 and Randolph St.	3 responses	23%
c. South of Randolph St.	1 response	8%
d. Outside of the Vandalia area	2 responses	15%

Question 4: Where do you work?

a. In the Vandalia area	11 responses	92%
b. Outside of the Vandalia area	1 response	8%
c. Do not work/Retired	0 response	0%

Question 5: How often do you travel outside of the Vandalia area?

a. Every day	2 responses	15%
b. Few times a week	4 responses	31%
c. Few times a month	7 responses	54%
d. Once a month or less	0 response	0%

Question 6: What resource is most important to you?

a. Business	6 responses	46%
b. Residential	7 responses	54%
c. Wetland	0 responses	0%
d. Agriculture	0 responses	0%
e. Floodplain	0 responses	0%
f. Other	0 responses	0%

Question 7: Which if the six US 51 alternatives best meets the needs of Vandalia?

a. Western Bypass Yellow	9 responses	69%
b. Dual Marked Green	1 response	8%
c. Parallel Yellow	0 response	0%
d. VS	0 response	0%
e. VU	2 response	15%
f. Eastern Bypass Green	1 response	8%

Question 8: Which if the four remaining US 51 alternatives best meets the needs of Vandalia?

a. Western Bypass Yellow	10 responses	83%
b. Dual Marked Green	1 response	8%
c. VS	0 response	0%
d. VU	1 response	8%

Closing

The VCAG members were invited to browse exhibits showing the six alignments and a table listing the updated resource impacts, and to ask the project team questions.



February 16, 2011

Dear Vandalia CAG Member:

As discussed at our last CAG meeting on February 9th, we received concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration and the regulatory agencies to continue study on four alternatives at the NEPA/404 Merger Meeting on Tuesday, February 15th. These alternatives are:

- Western Bypass Yellow
- Dual Marked Green
- Modified VS
- Modified VU

Through the rest of 2011, we will be developing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and examining these four alternatives in greater detail. CAG meetings will be held less frequently during this time, and will be scheduled on an as-needed basis to discuss specific alignment issues. Thank you for your continued participation in the Vandalia Community Advisory Group.

Sincerely,

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The last VCAG meeting was held in July of 2011. Since that time the project team has continued to refine the four remaining Vandalia alternatives in an effort to simplify the proposed interchanges and to further minimize impacts.

VCAG Meeting #8 is scheduled for Wednesday February 13, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Conference Room (21 Mattes Ave.) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to present the alternative refinements, seek your input, and bring you up to date on the project in general.

We will be calling you early next week to verify attendance. Feel free to e-mail Megan Murray at megan.murray@clarkdietz.com or call her at 217-373-8903 and let her know if you can or cannot attend.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Jerry

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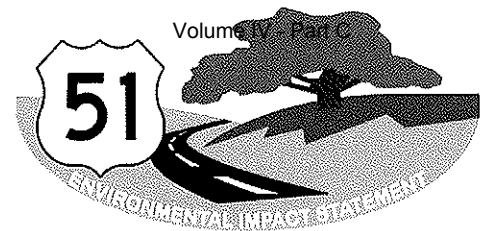
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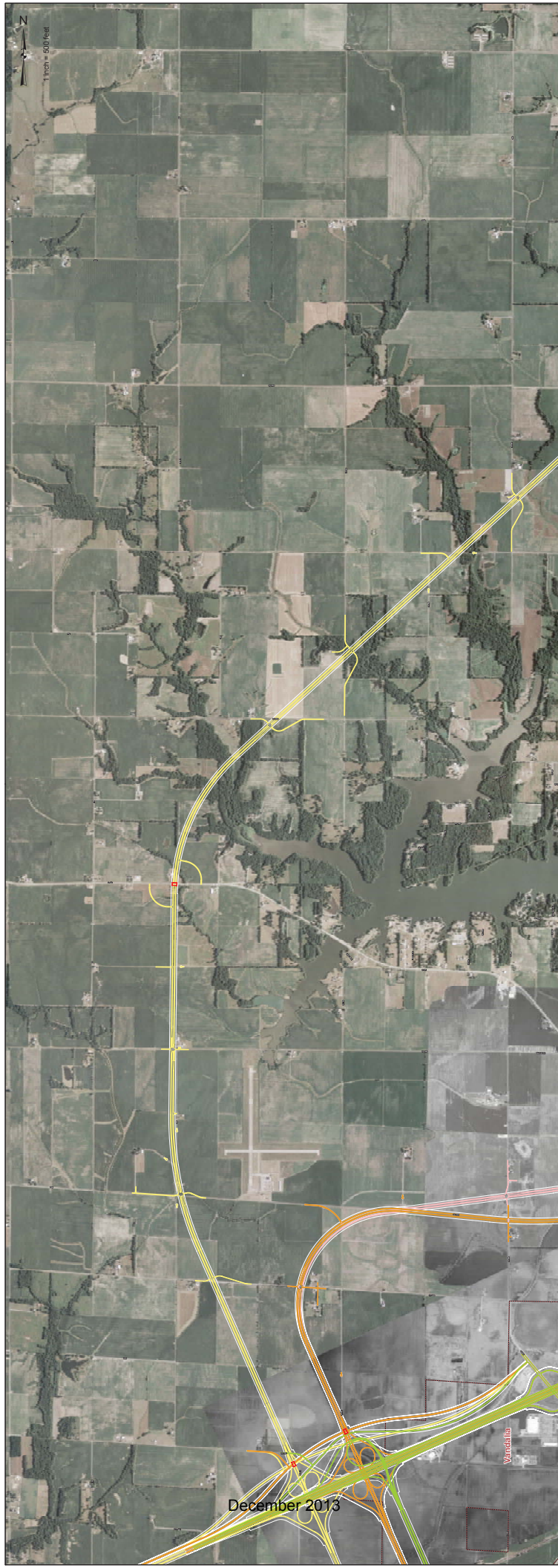
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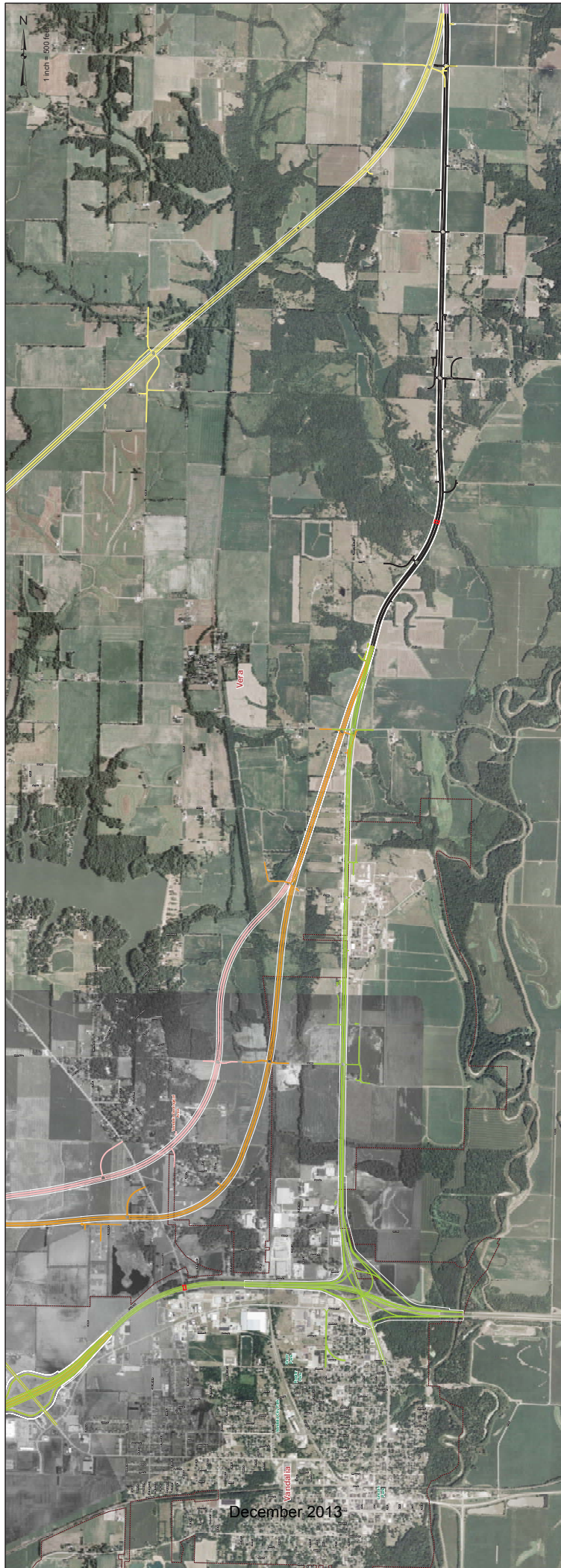
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Meeting Notes

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Topics Discussed: Refined Alignments

Refined Alignments

The refined alignments, including interchange locations and proposed east-west arterial, residential, and commercial access locations in Vandalia were displayed on a series of exhibits. A small-scale image showing the proposed US-51/I-70 interchanges were displayed on a series of exhibits. The project team encouraged the VCAG members to review the alignments and provide comments, particularly on access locations. The project team encouraged the VCAG members to attend the Public Information Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2011, at Mother of Dolors, and to notify their neighbors of the meeting.

Jamie Tunnel Bents provided an update on noise collection in Vandalia. The project team was scheduled to collect data in the field on July 21 and 22 using the noise monitor to collect existing noise level readings. Jamie gave a brief demonstration showing how the noise monitor worked for those interested.

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Vandalia Citizen's Advisory Group (VCAG)
Meeting
February 13, 2013


US 51 Environmental Impact Statement



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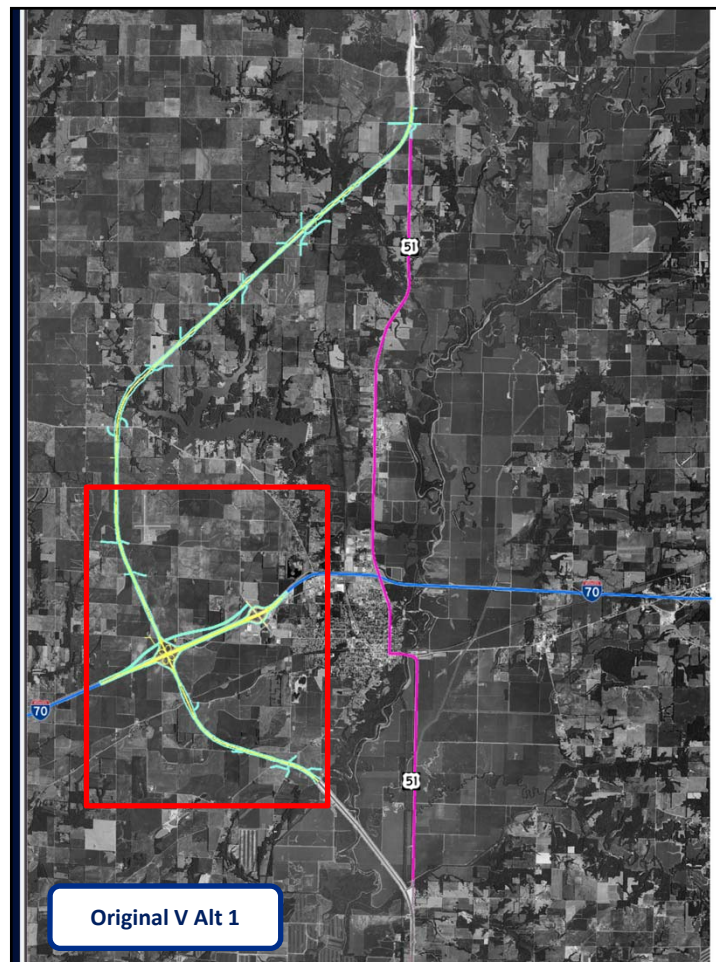
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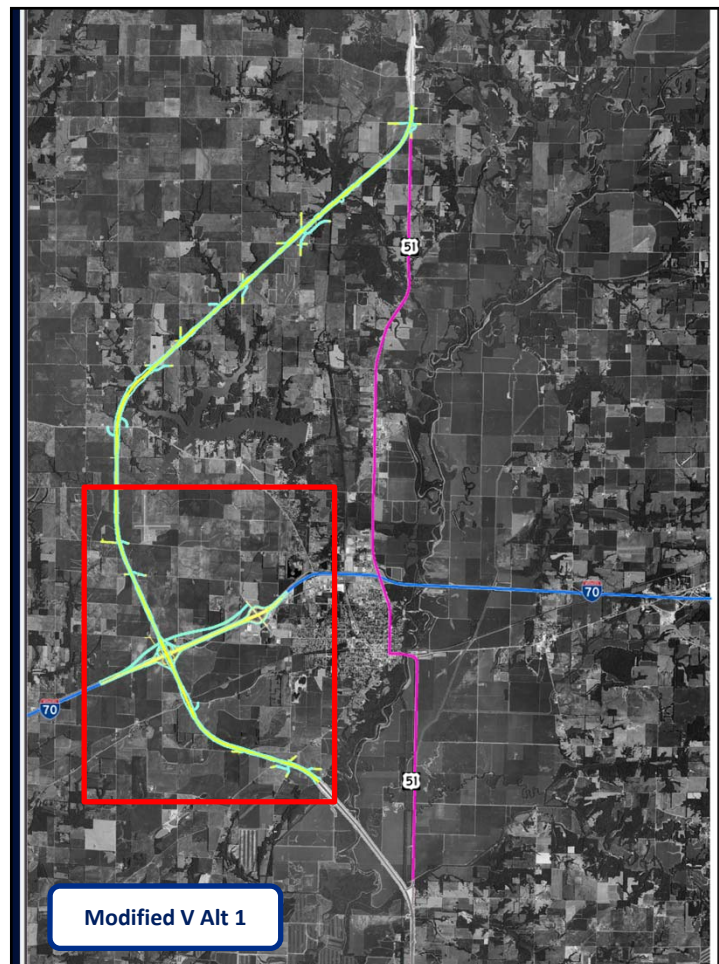


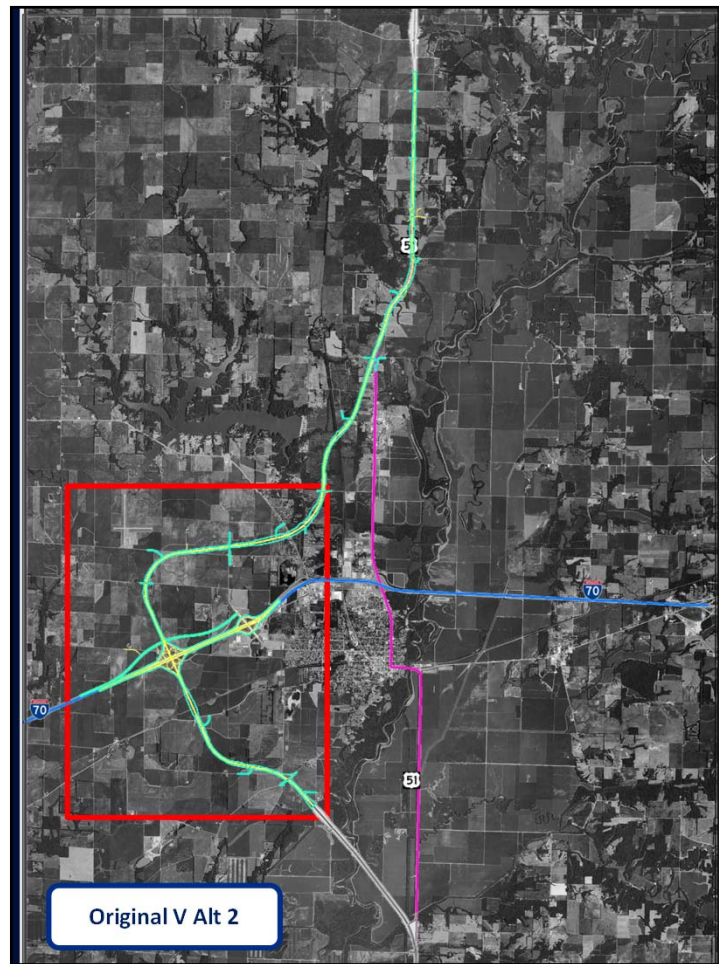
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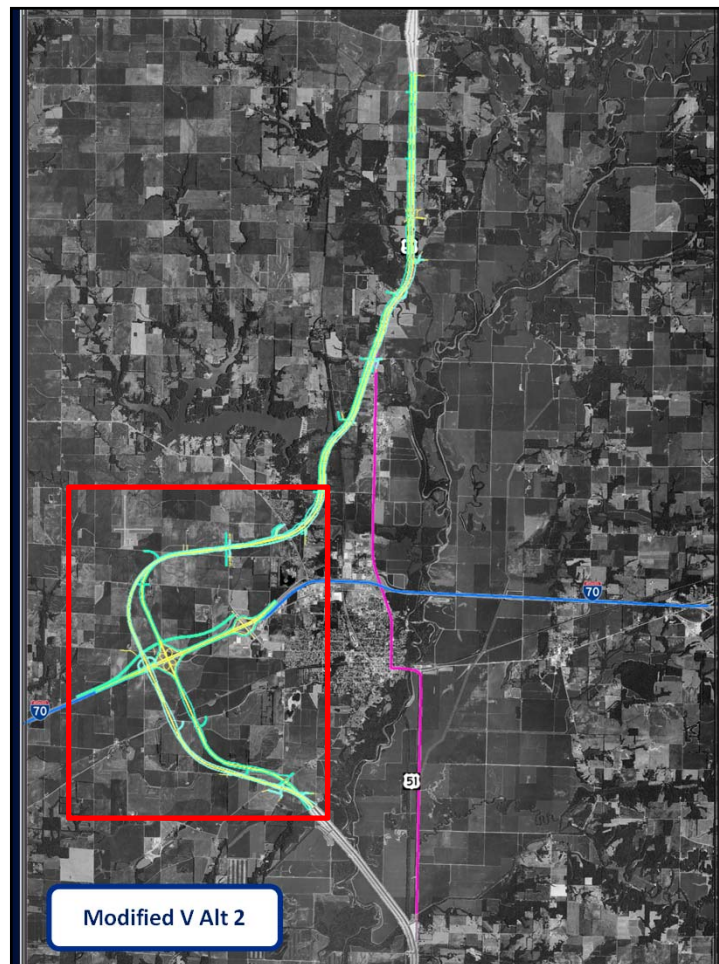
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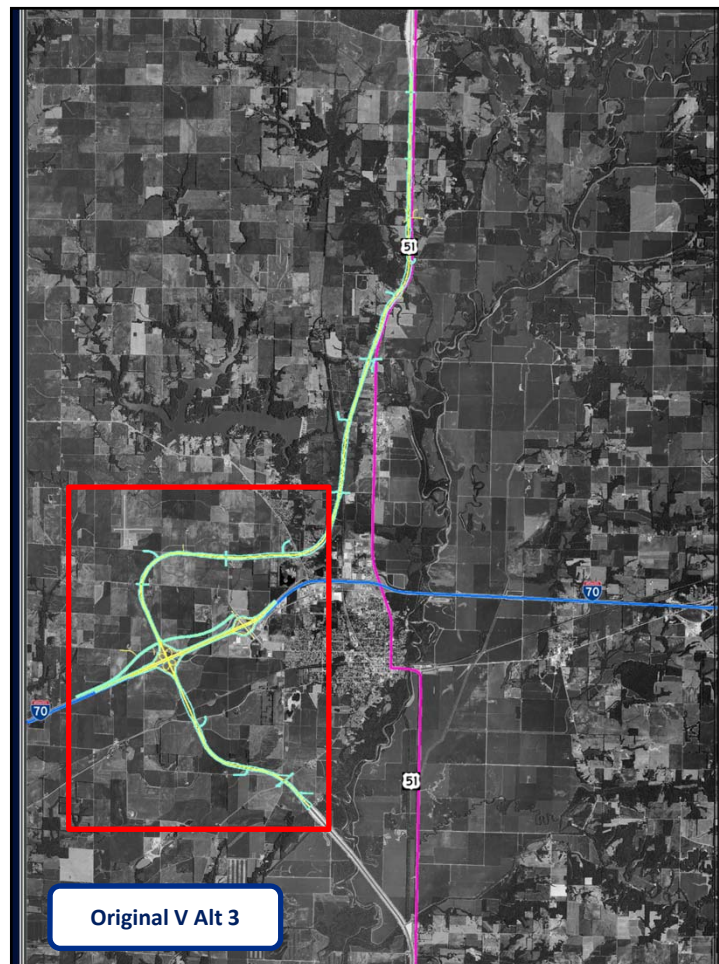
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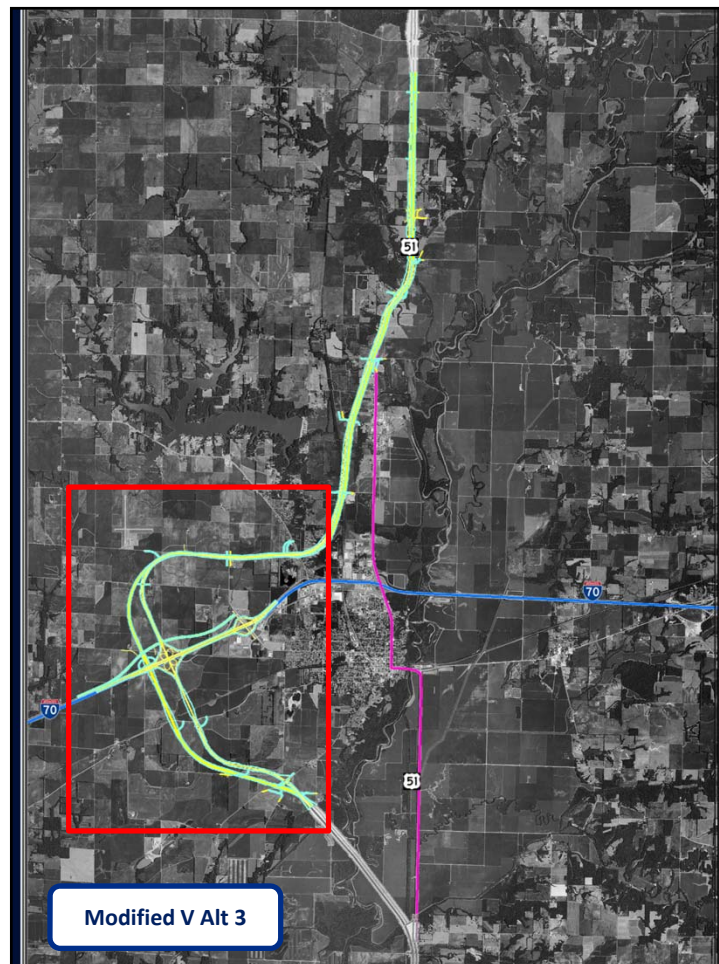


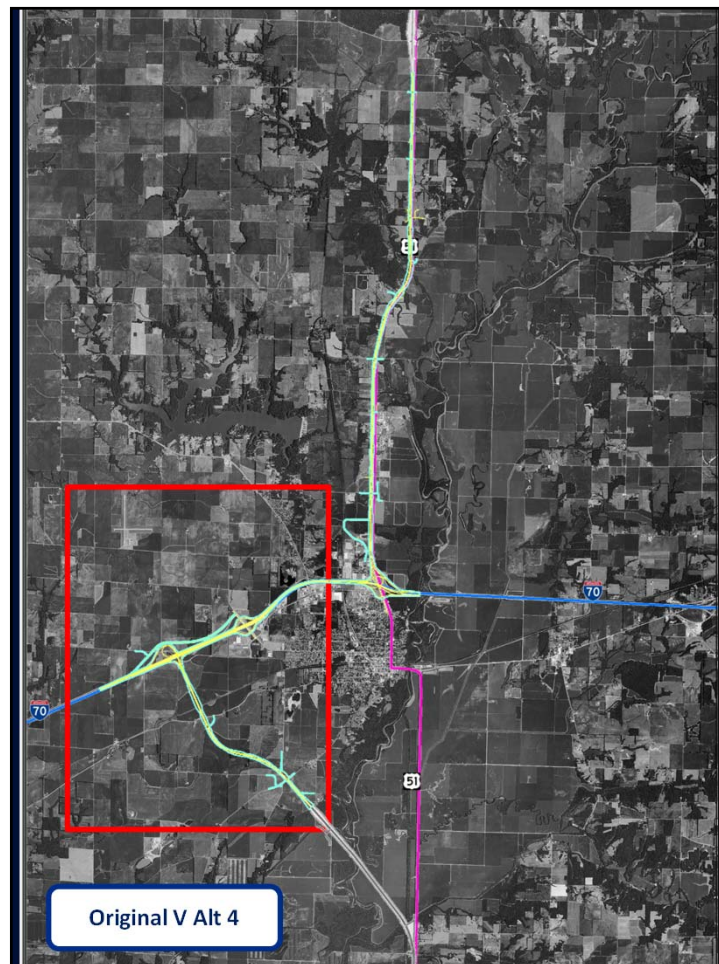


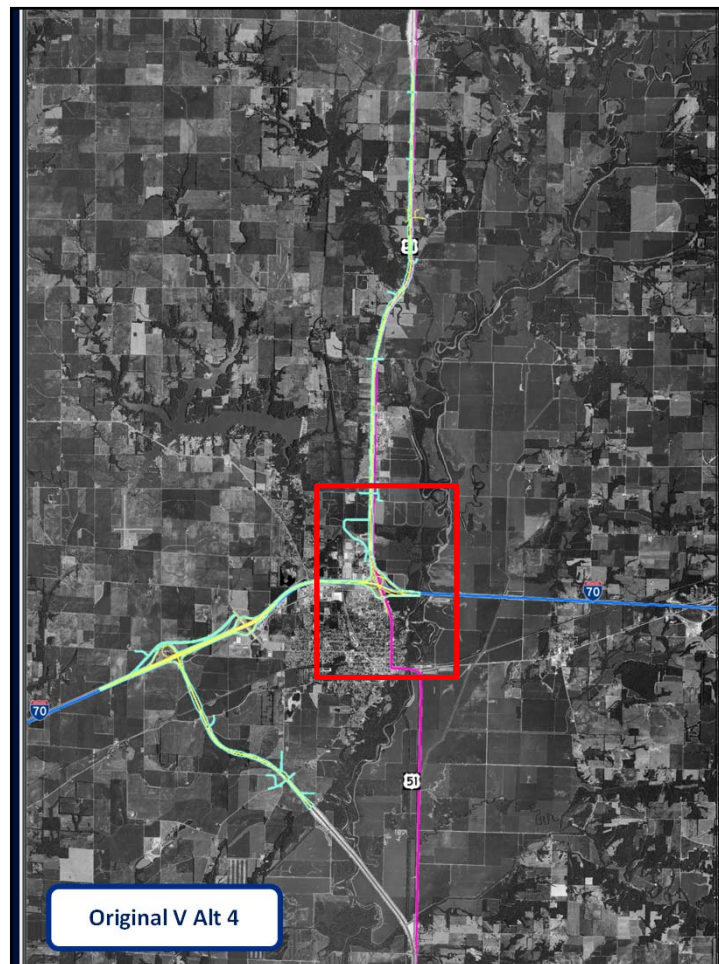


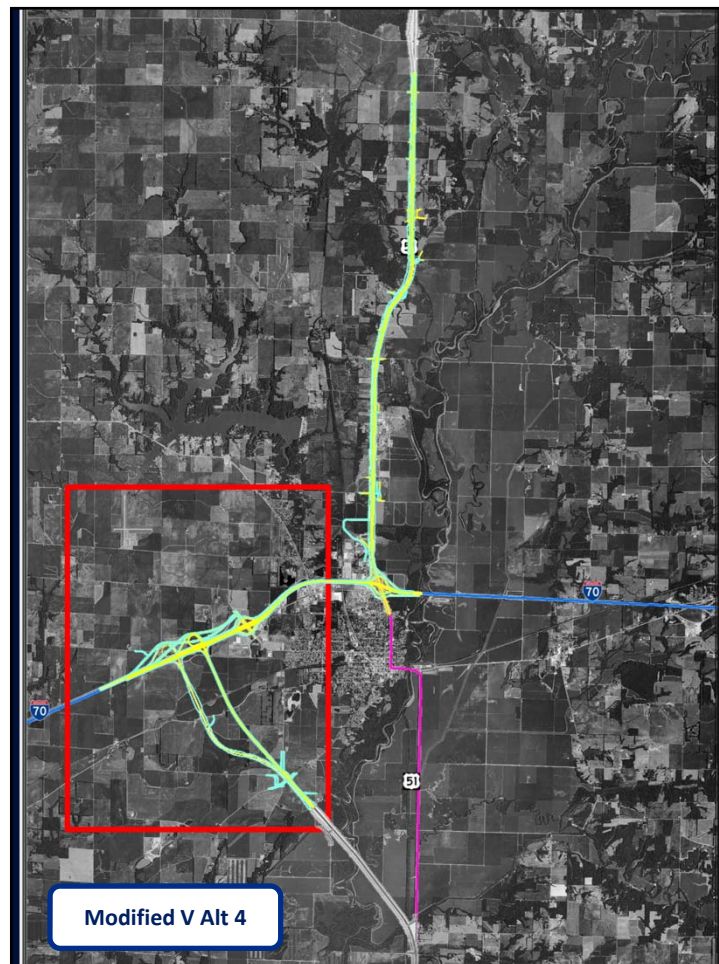
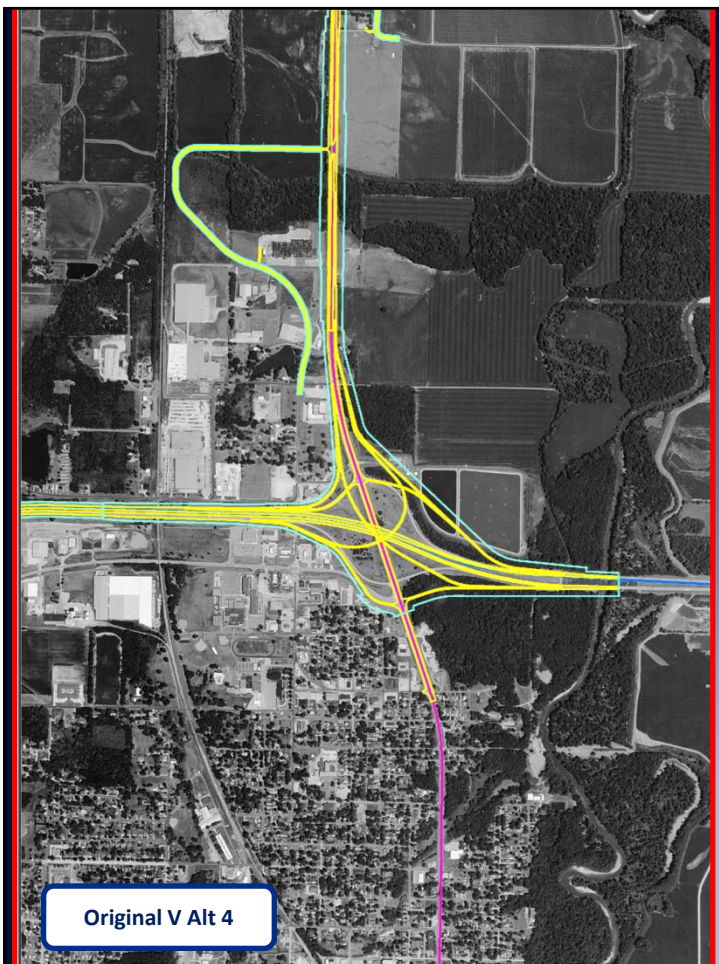


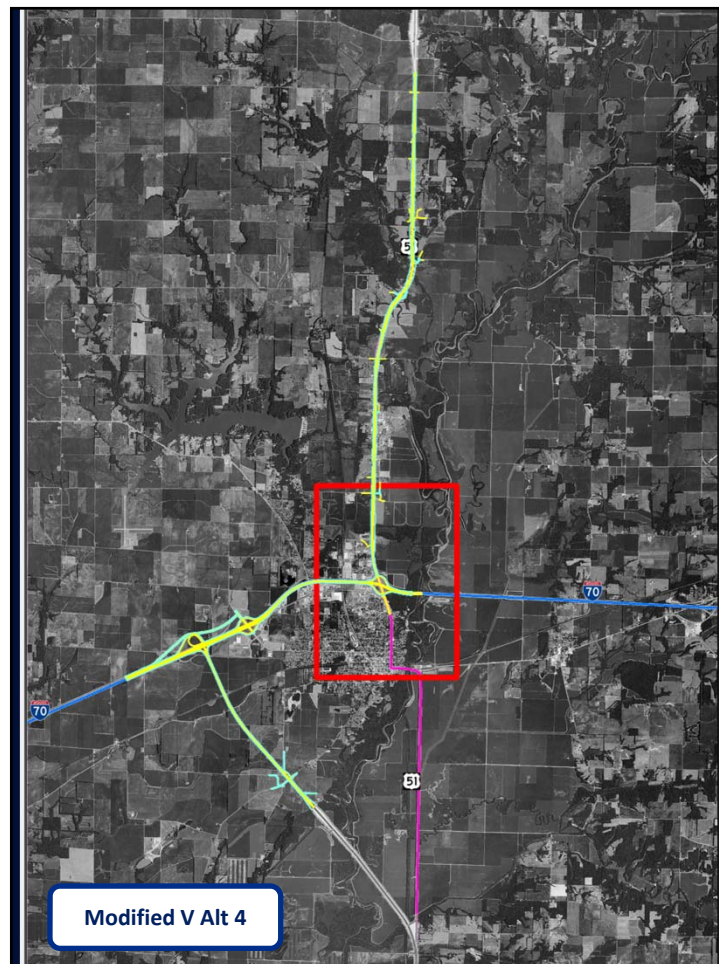














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February 20, 2013

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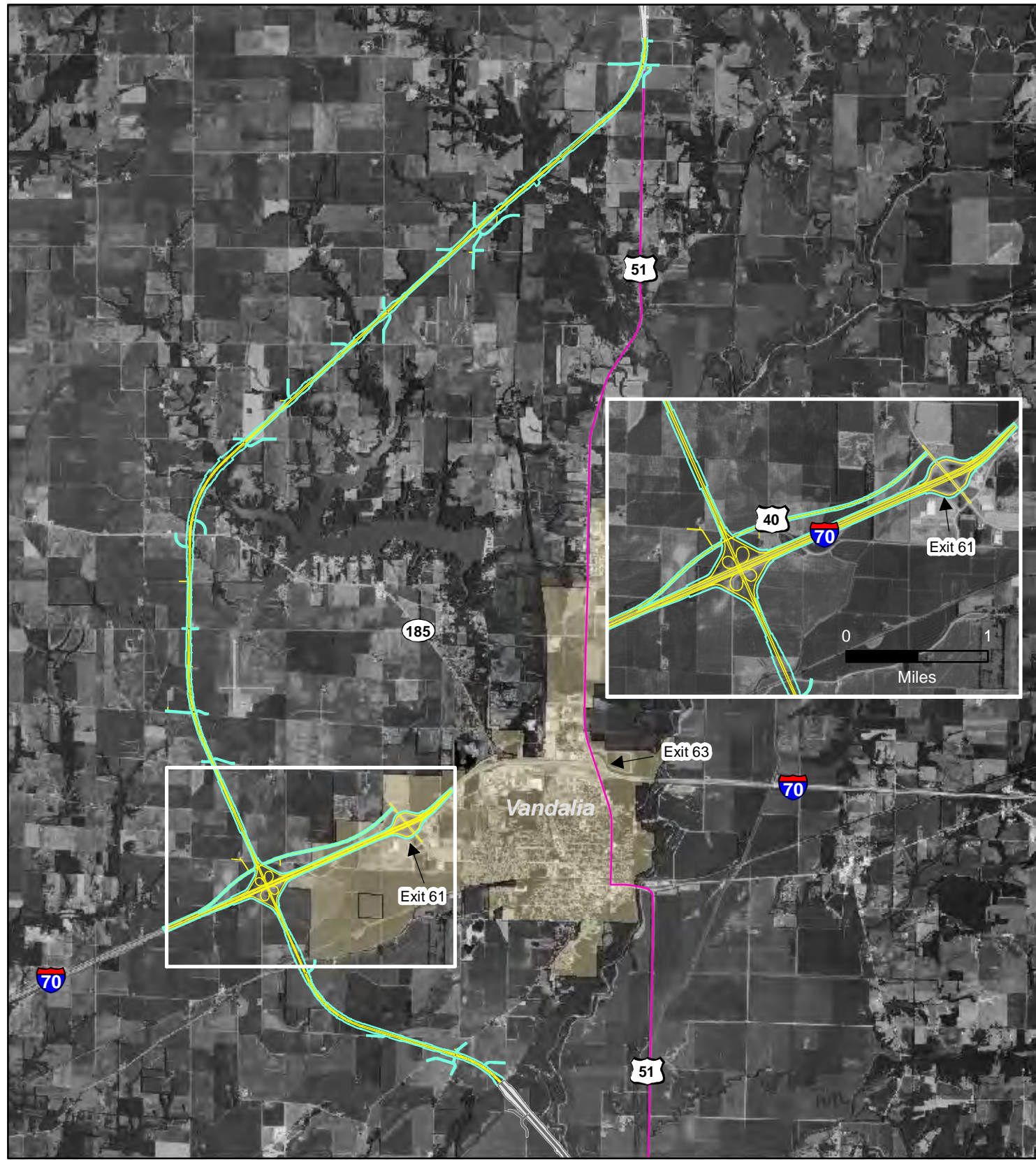
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- DEIS available for public review
- Public Information Meeting

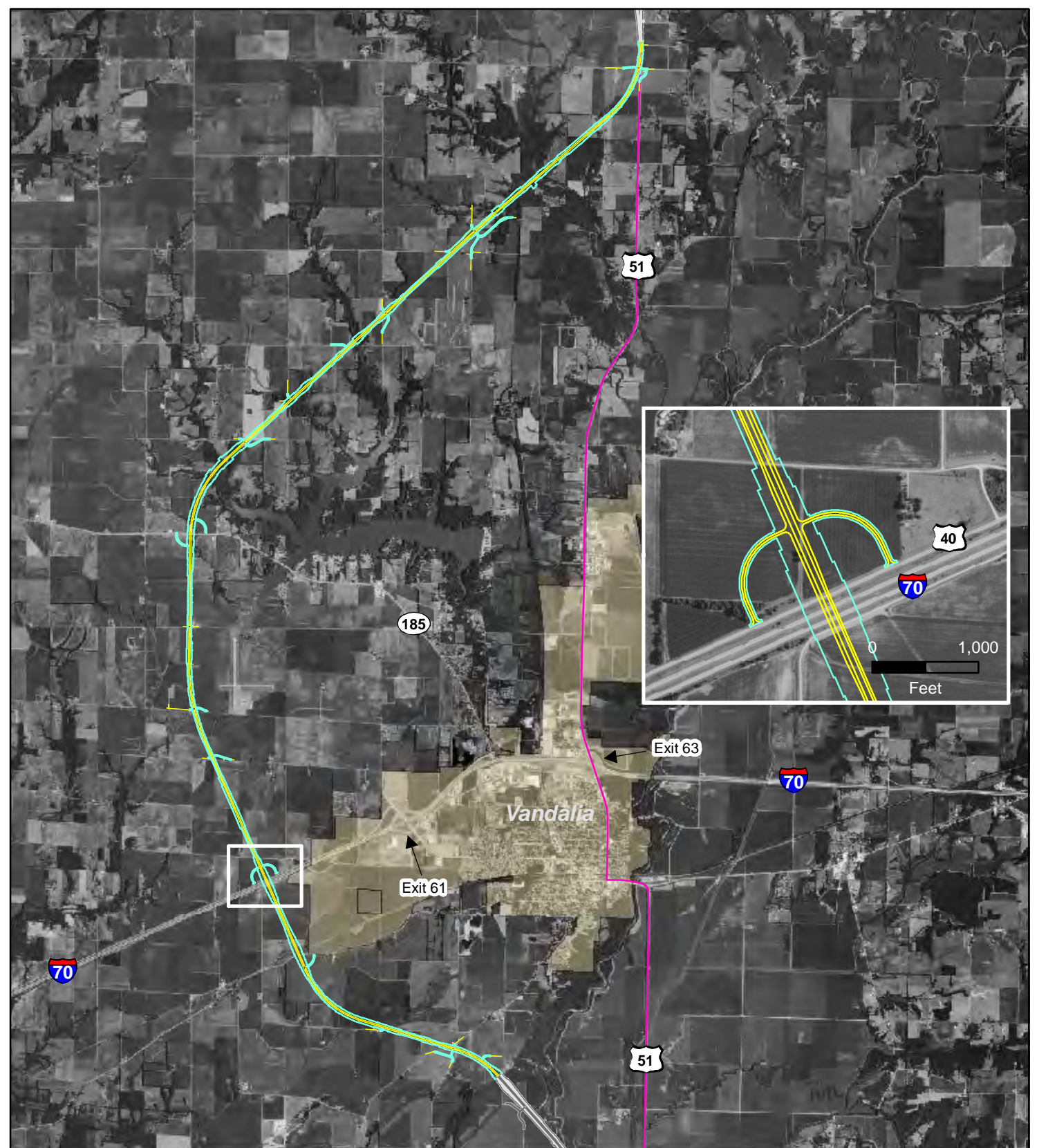




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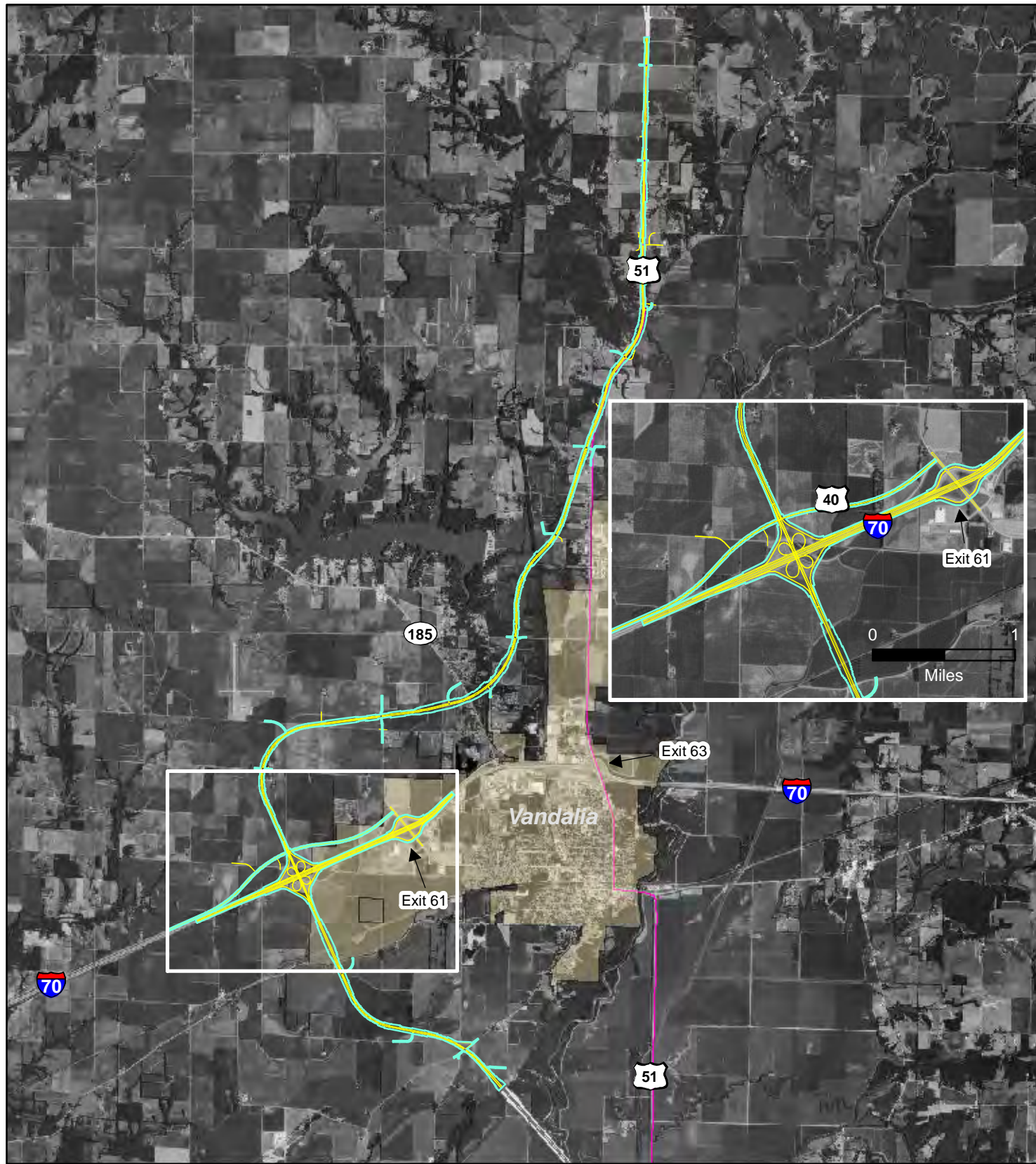
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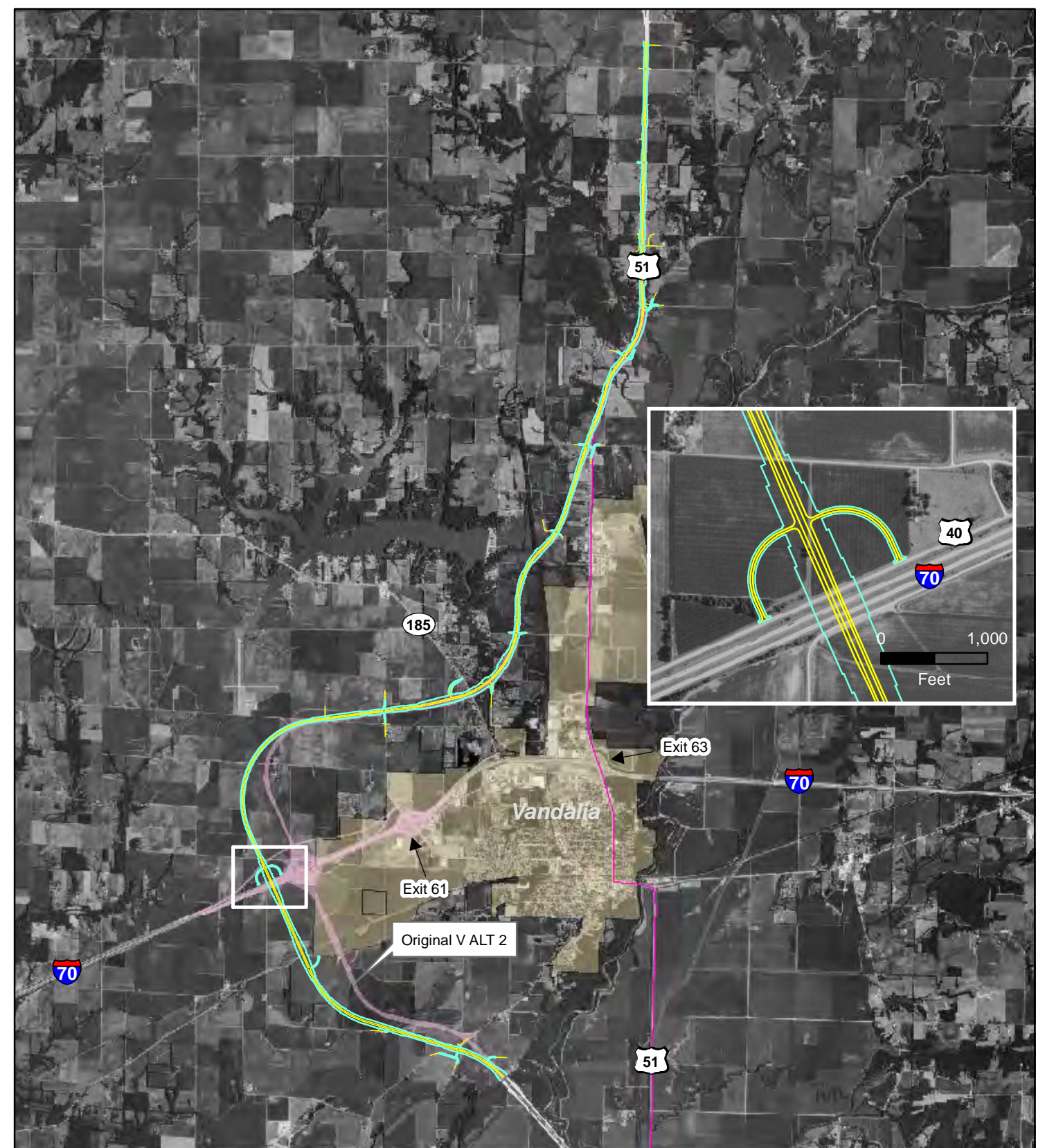
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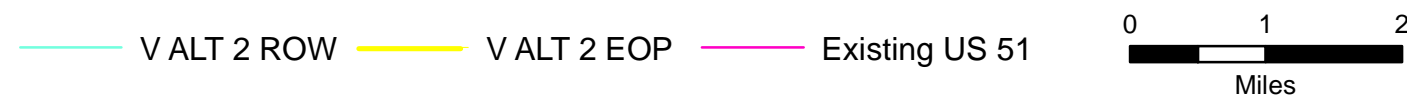
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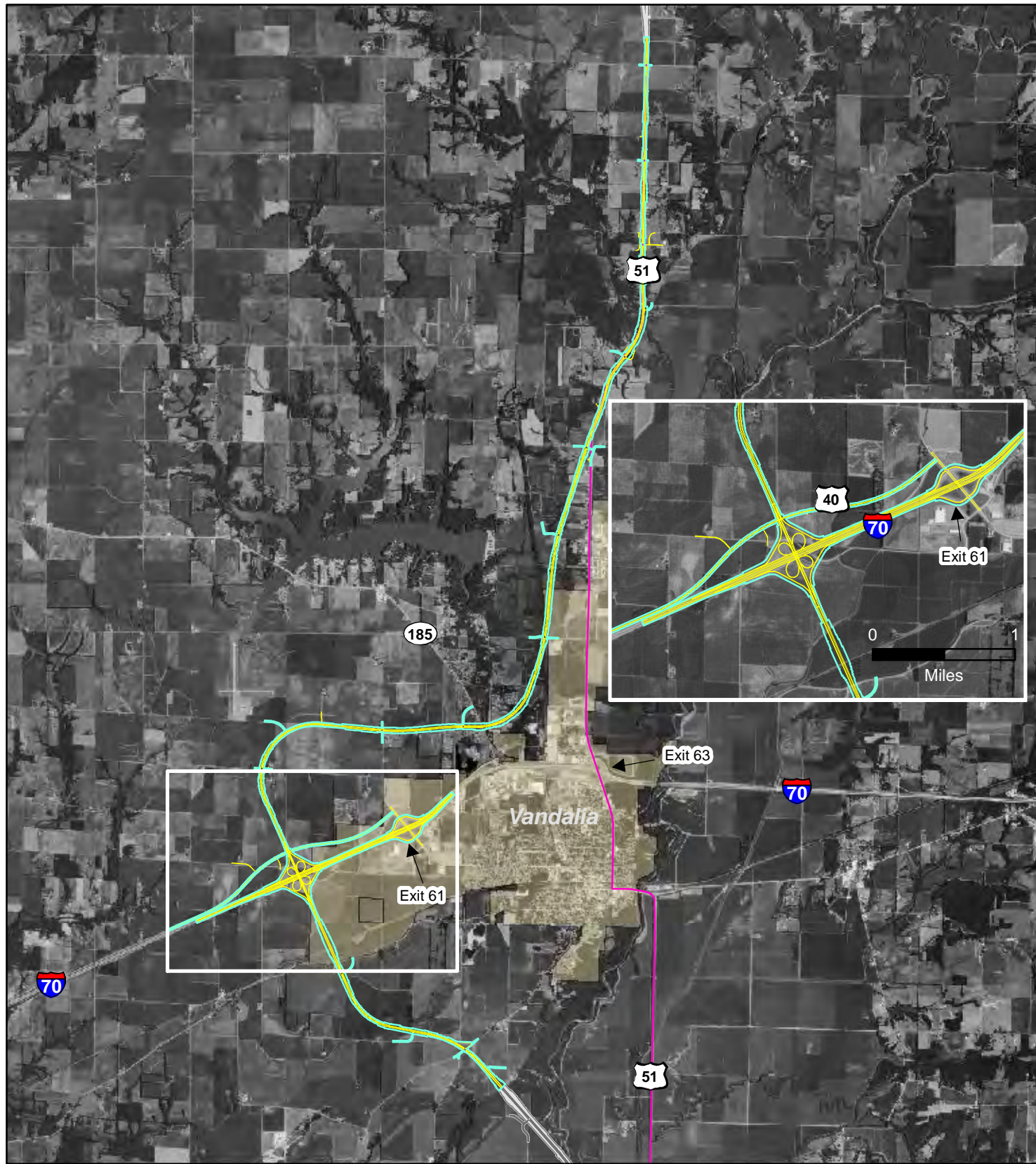


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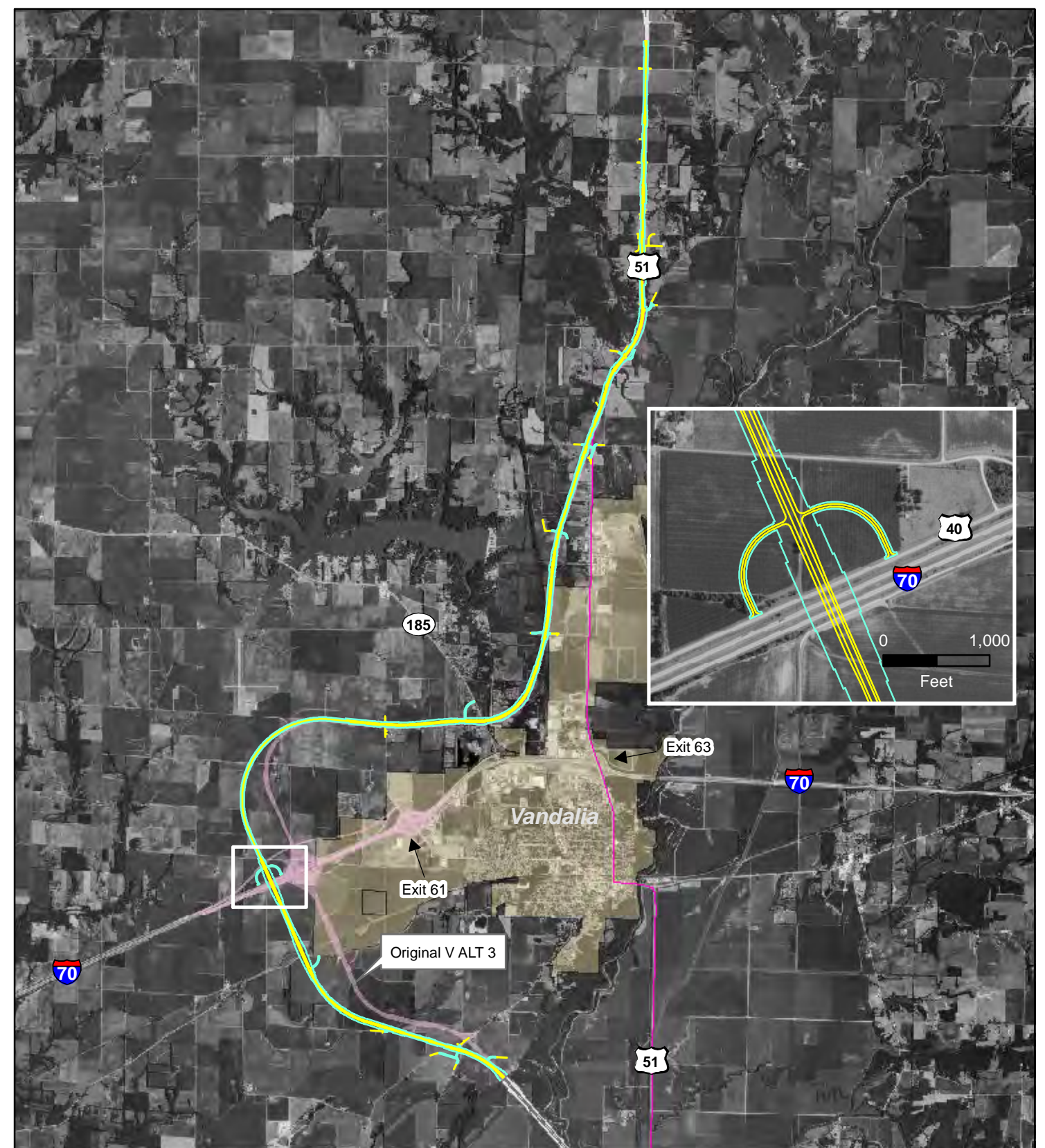




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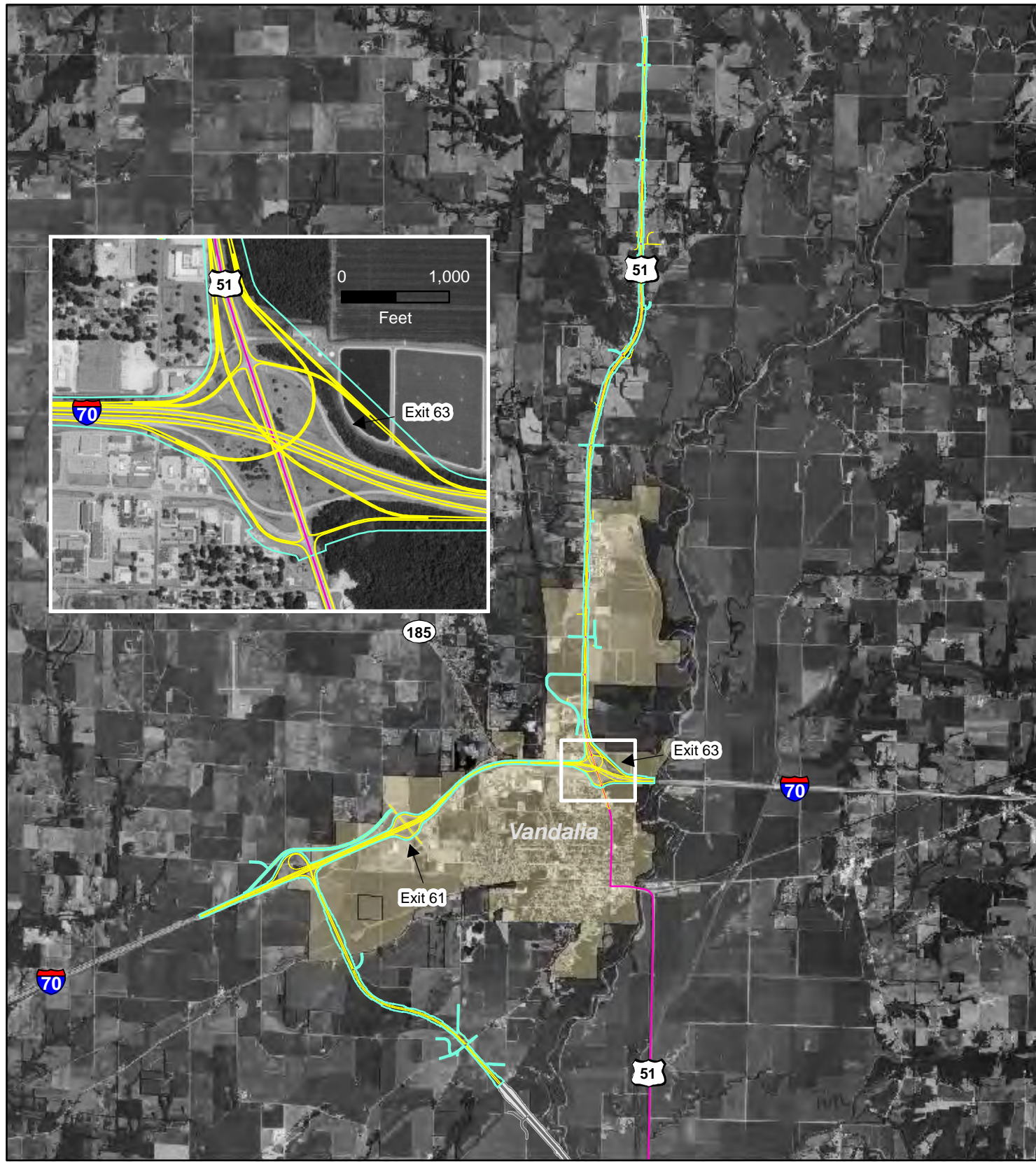
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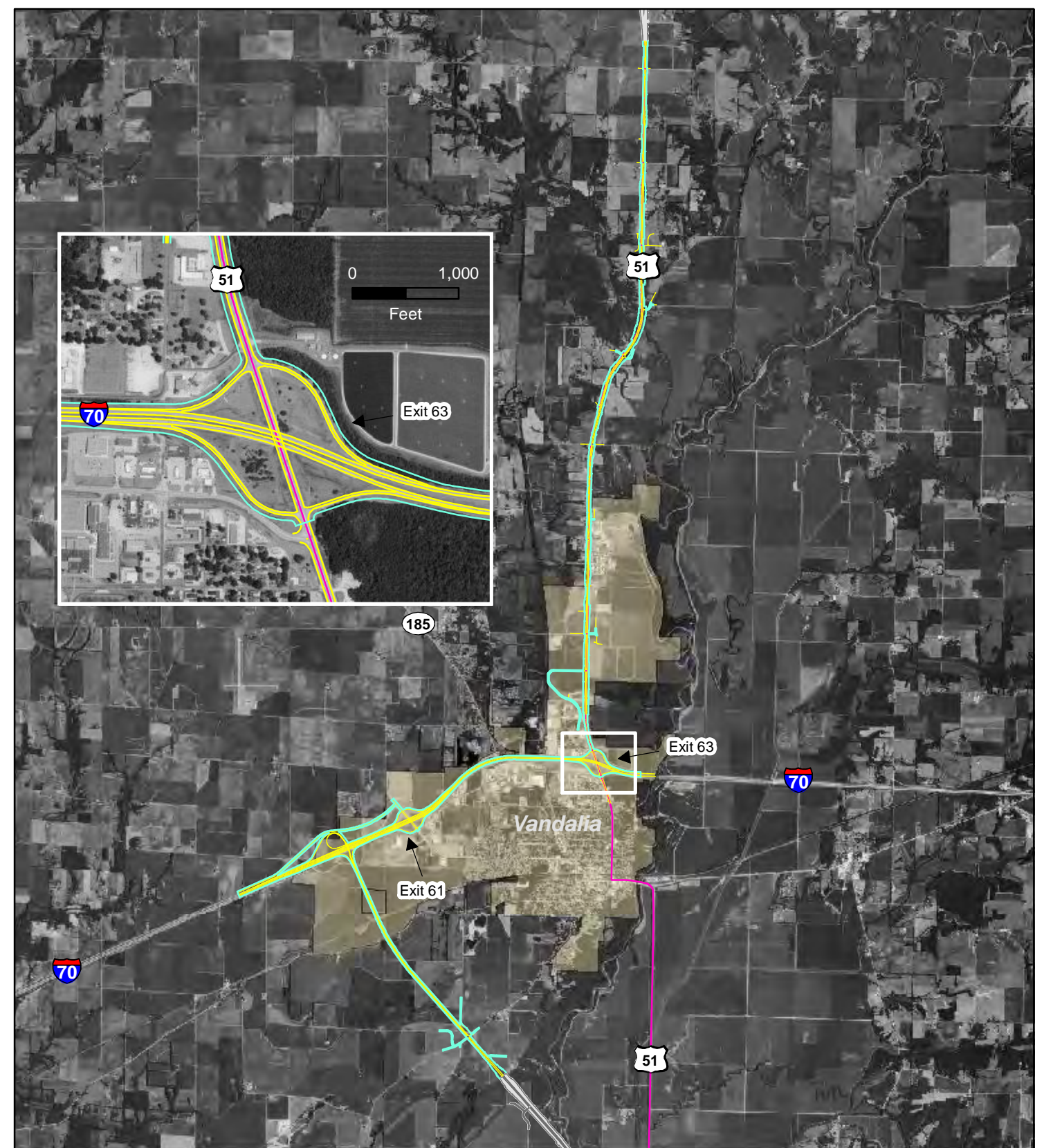
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Vandalia CAG Meeting

February 13, 2013 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Holiday Inn Conference Room



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VCAG Meeting #9
June 11, 2013

US 51 Partners, A Joint Venture

Volume IV - Part C



May 29, 2013

Re: US 51 Environmental Impact Statement Project
Vandalia Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The next meeting of the Vandalia CAG is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Vandalia City Hall located at 431 West Gallatin.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the remaining alternatives in Vandalia, and discuss the environmental and community impacts resulting from the alternatives. We will seek input from CAG members regarding which alternative should be eliminated and which should be selected as the preferred alternative to carry forward.

You will be contacted to verify your attendance. Feel free to e-mail Megan Murray at megan.murray@clarkdietz.com or call her at 217-373-8903 and let her know if you can or cannot attend. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the study and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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Sign-In Sheet

Vandalia Citizens Advisory Group (VCAG) Meeting

Tuesday June 11, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 PM



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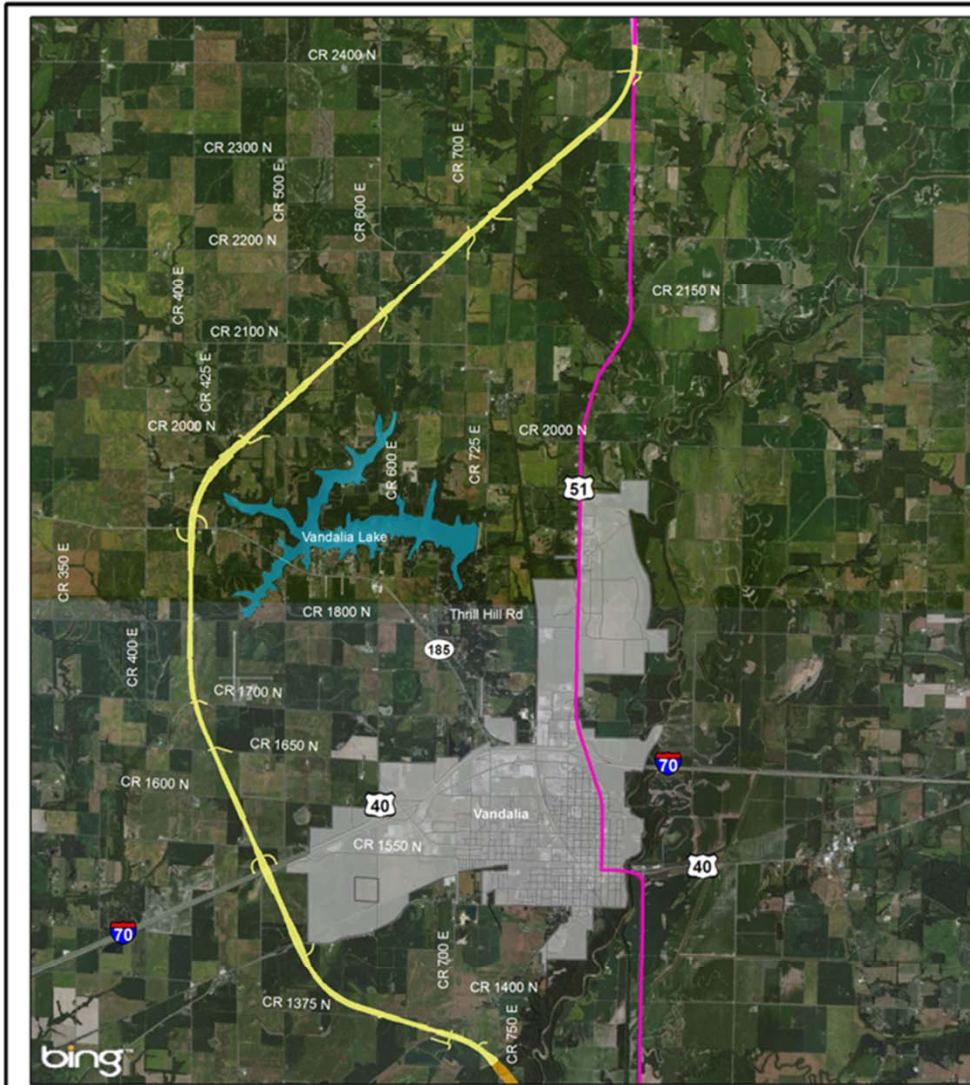
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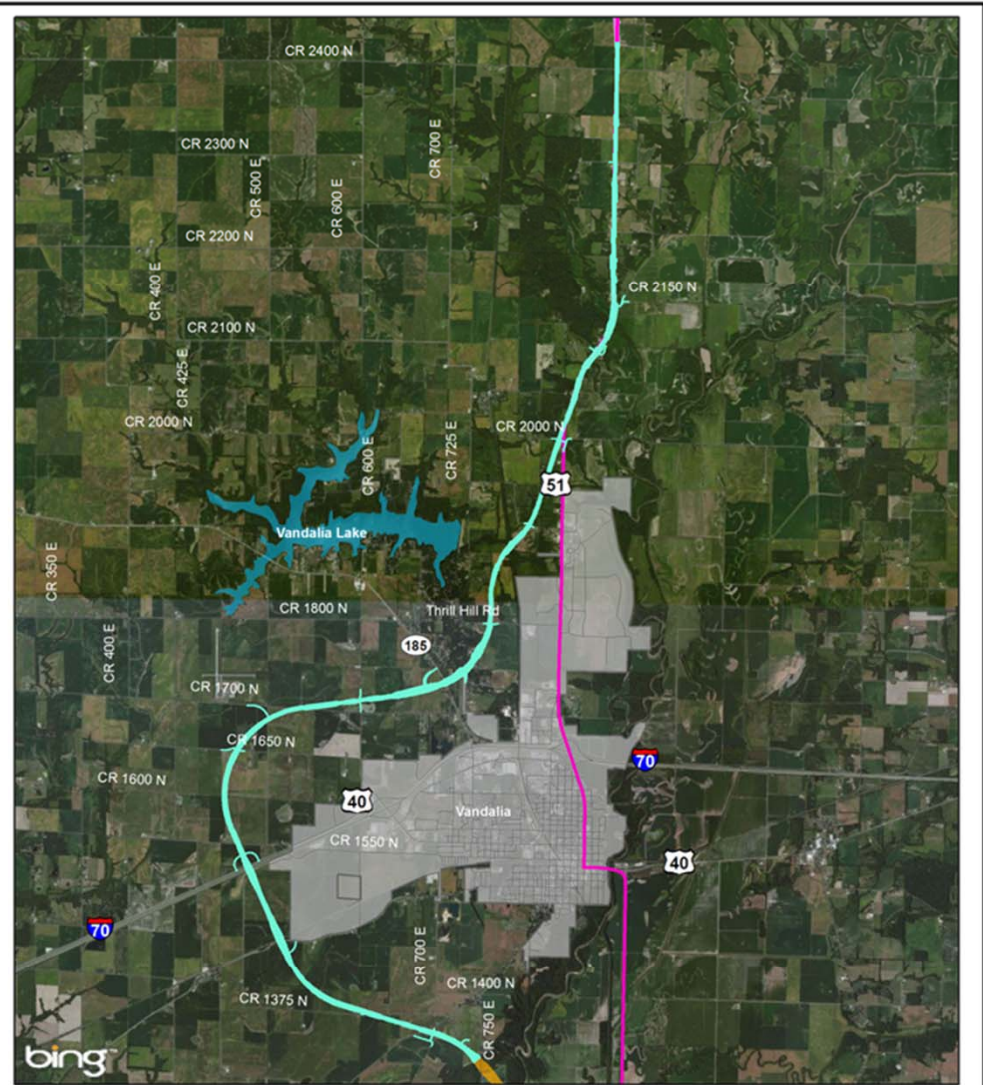
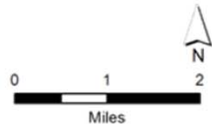
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Remaining Alternatives Near Vandalia



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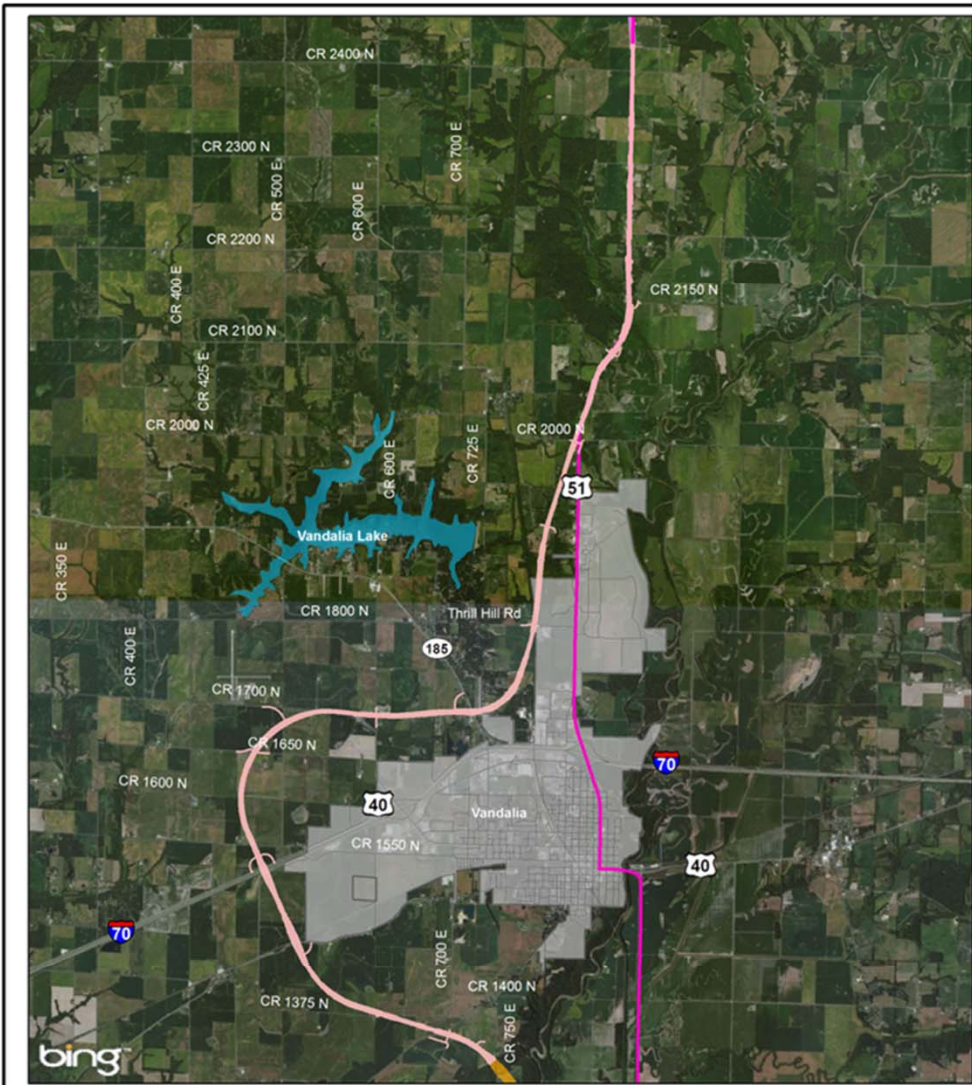


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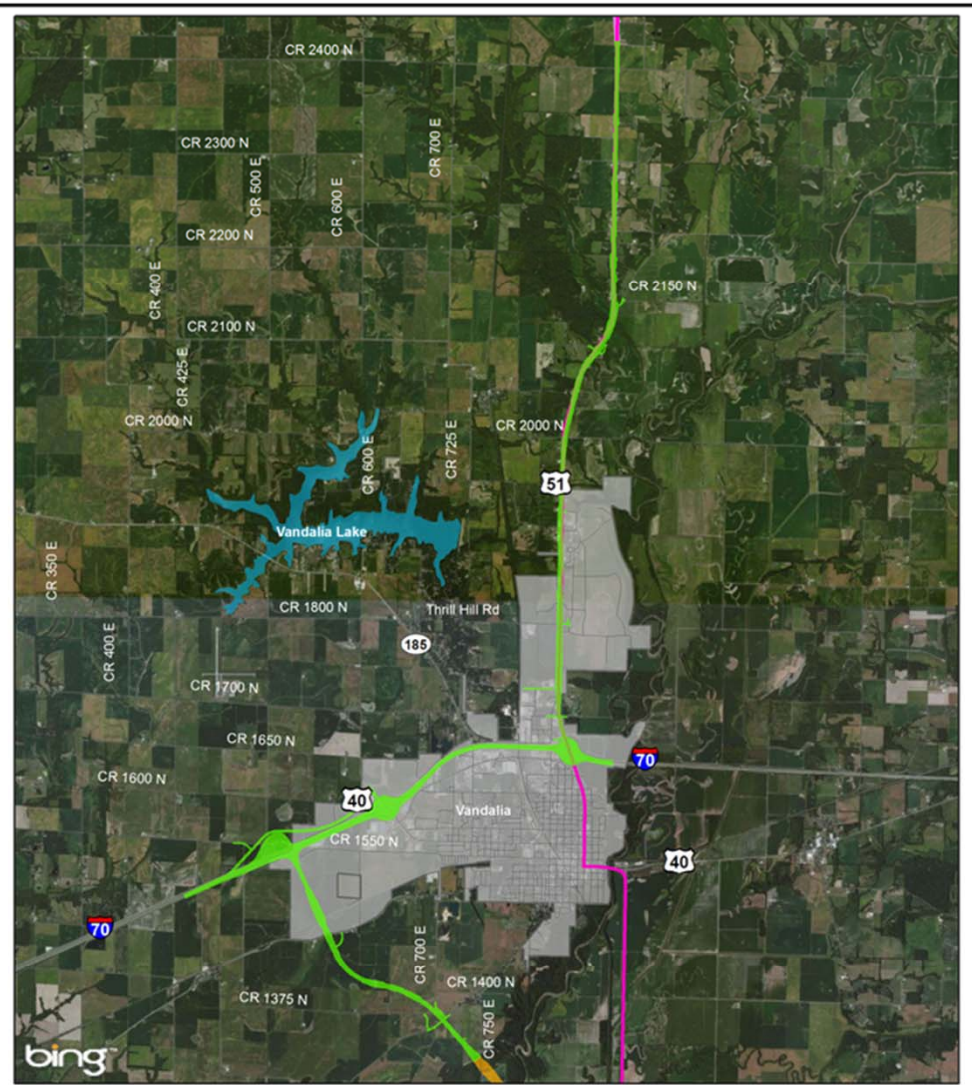
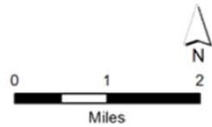


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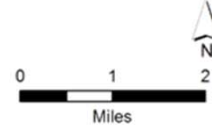
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Design Characteristics and Resource Descriptions for Vandalia

Design characteristic criteria and resource descriptions, sources of data, and methodology of impact assessment is listed below.

Design Characteristics

Length of Roadway

The total length of each alternative was measured in miles.

Right-of-Way Required for Construction

Total right-of-way (ROW) acquisition was calculated for each alternative. The total includes area that is in existing ROW.

Number of Interchanges

The number of interchanges proposed for each alternative was counted.

New Impervious Area

The new area of pavement required to construct each alternative was calculated. The area of pavement included the pavement required for the mainline roadway, collector distributor roadways, and all interchange ramps. All areas were calculated by measuring the length of each type of roadway and multiplying by its width. The widths for each type of roadway were determined from the IDOT BDE and included the inside and outside shoulders.

As the amount of impervious area increases, storm water quality may decrease, and the quantity may increase, which can have a negative effect on surrounding ecosystems. The total area of new pavement required was calculated to determine the amount of new impervious area that will be constructed for each alternative. This was determined by subtracting out the area of existing roadway pavement from the area of total pavement.

Estimated Cost

The estimate includes the cost of pavement, intersections, ROW, grade separations, interchanges, and drainage structures.

Social/Economic Criteria

Total Residences Displaced

Homes were identified within the alternative limits based on information from ESRI (Environmental System Research Institute, Inc.) data, Google Maps, and public feedback. Buildings were located by the project team using 2008 aerial photography and verified with field visits. The buildings identified as residences were compared to business and public facility buildings in order to remove duplicates.

A residence was considered impacted if any part of the building structure is located within the alternative limits. Only the residential structure was counted as being impacted; freestanding garages or other

structures on the respective property were not counted as impacted. Residential buildings under construction were counted. Farmsteads were included in the count of residential buildings.

Businesses Displaced

Commercial buildings were identified within the alternative limits based on information from ESRI (Environmental System Research Institute, Inc.) data, Google Maps, and public feedback. Buildings were located by the project team using 2008 aerial photography and verified with field visits. The buildings identified as businesses were compared to residences and public facility buildings in order to remove duplicates. A commercial property was impacted if any part of the building structure is located within the alternative limits.

Agricultural Criteria

Agricultural Soils

Agricultural soil is land within the proposed right-of-way that is currently used or could potentially be used as agricultural land. These areas do not include land within the proposed project right-of-way that is paved, covered by water, or urban development.

The digital format Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil maps for each county were used to measure agricultural soil impacts. In characterizing impacts to prime farmland, any agricultural land within the alternative footprint was measured and rounded to one acre.

Farm Severances

Severed farm operations occur when a new roadway divides a farm either laterally or diagonally, and separates one or more tract from others within a single farm operation. If an alternative takes farm land on the edge or perimeter of a farm tract, this is not a severance. Farm tracts were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In characterizing impacts to farm severances, if any portion of the alternative severs the parcel and the severance results in less than 25% of a parcel separated from the remainder of the parcel, it is counted as one impact. A severance was determined if a proposed alternative bisected a tract and resulted in two unconnected tracts. A severance was also determined if greater than 1/3 of the tract was taken by a proposed alternative.

Affected Farms

Farms affected are tracts that are either completely taken by a proposed alternative or less than a 1/3 of a tract was taken by a proposed alternative but the tract is not severed. Farms otherwise affected also included severed tracts where the resulting farmable area was less than 5 acres

Total Adverse Travel between Split Farm Parcels

Adverse travel occurs when a new roadway causes additional travel distance from one part of a farm operation to another part. Added travel is typically caused by severance of a farm operation by a new roadway or by a road closure, and is calculated as the one-way mileage per field visit. Adverse travel equals the old trip distance minus the new trip distance times two. This represents one round trip per year.

Prime Farmland

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 7, Volume 6, Section 657.5(a) defines prime farmland as land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and is also available for these uses. Prime farmland does not have to be cleared; however, it cannot be urbanized, paved, or permanently under water.

The digital format Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil maps for each county were used to measure potential prime farmland impacts. The digital soil maps identify each soil type designated as prime farmland. In characterizing impacts to prime farmland, any soil type designated as prime farmland within the alternative footprint was measured and rounded to one acre. Developed areas, including existing roadway under pavement, are not considered prime farmland and were subtracted from the total acreage.

Statewide and Local Important Farmland

Farmland of Statewide Importance is farmland other than Prime Farmland that is of statewide or local importance for the production of food, feed, fiber, forage, or oilseed crops, as determined by the appropriate State agency. Important farmland includes prime farmland soils with steep slopes or eroded farmland

The digital format Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil maps for each county were used to measure potential important farmland impacts. The digital soil maps identify each soil type designated as important farmland. In characterizing impacts to important farmland, any soil type designated as important farmland within the alternative footprint was measured and rounded to one acre. Developed areas, including existing roadway under pavement, are not considered important farmland and were subtracted from the total acreage.

Noise Impacts

Residences, Classrooms, or Churches with Noise Impacts

Highway noise depends upon four main factors: the number of vehicles present, traffic speed, the number of large trucks present, and the distance from the highway. A noise impact occurs when the NAC (Noise Abatement Criteria) (the noise level at which a barrier must be considered) is approached, met, or exceeded. The NAC classify impacts where noise levels interfere with human speech, and differ by land use. The NAC is approached at a level of 66 dB(A) for residential locations, which is comparable to normal speech at a distance of three feet. A noise impact can also occur if the noise levels increase by greater than 14 dB(A) from the existing condition to the future Build condition. For example, if noise outside a residence (NAC B) is currently at 40 dB(A), and noise is projected to be 55 dB(A) at that location after the project is built, then noise abatement will be considered although 55 is below 66 dB(A).

Natural Resource Criteria

Forests

Forested areas were identified within the alternatives using an aerial map. In characterizing impacts to forested areas, any forested area within the footprint was measured and rounded to one half acre.

Large Forest Stands

Large forest stands are contiguous forests 20 acres or more in size. These areas were identified within the alternatives using an aerial map.

Protected Species

Protected species are threatened and endangered (T&E) species and all types of plants and animals which face possible extinction in the near future if steps aren't taken to protect them. These species are protected by both state and federal laws, such that avoidance of these resources is required to the maximum extent possible. T&E species were surveyed by the INHS during field visits.

Special and Protected Lands

Illinois Natural Area Inventory Sites

Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites are protected by the State of Illinois and may include threatened and endangered species within their boundaries. State laws have been established to define and protect these areas. Known INAI sites within the project area include Ramsey Creek and the Vandalia Geologic Area.

The Vandalia Geologic Area is located north of the Vandalia corporate limits and south of Thrill Hill Road. The designated INAI area is part of a larger formation that begins near Vera, IL and extends south to Carlisle Lake. A preliminary investigation into the nature of the site is available under separate cover. Based on the investigation and coordination with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), complete avoidance of this site is not necessary if the integrity of the site can be maintained. Therefore, alternatives that traversed the southeast corner of the INAI site are feasible.

Water Resources Criteria

Surface Water Crossing

Streams crossed by the alternatives were identified for purposes of providing a measure of water quality impacts. Each stream may have more than one crossing by the same alternative and each crossing is counted individually.

Private Water Well

Drinking water supplies represent groundwater and surface waters used as a supply of potable water. The main supply of drinking water for users within the cities of Normal and Bloomington limits is provided by Lake Bloomington, Evergreen Lake, and fifteen groundwater wells. Private wells provide potable water for residences located outside the Bloomington and Normal city limits. Sources of data used to identify drinking water supplies included Source Water Assessment Summary Fact Sheets from the IEPA website as well as the ISGS water well database.

In characterizing impacts to drinking water supplies private wells were identified within the ROW and within the setback zone to assess potential impacts. A setback zone is a geographic area containing a public or private well with restrictions on land uses within that zone to protect water supply—400 feet for public water supplies and 200 feet for private wells. Private wells within the ROW will be properly abandoned in accordance with state requirements.

Wells that can potentially be affected by a new roadway would be those within 200 feet of the roadway and are shallow, improperly cased, or directly hydraulically connected to highway runoff. For these wells there is the possibility of increased chlorides in the groundwater. Additionally, where shallow ground water aquifers exist, the direction and supply of groundwater must be maintained. The private wells within the ROW and 200-ft setback zone impacted were counted.

Floodplain

Floodplains are low-lying areas that often flood after storm events. The regulatory (100-year) floodplain is the portion of subject to floodplain laws, regulations, and ordinances. Executive Order 11988 (Protection of Floodplains) requires federal agencies to avoid to the extent possible the long and short-term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains, and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development when a practicable alternative exists. Floodplains within the alternatives have been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) maps were obtained from FEMA for each county. Linear feet of floodplains crossed and total number of floodplains crossed were counted for each alternative.

Wetlands

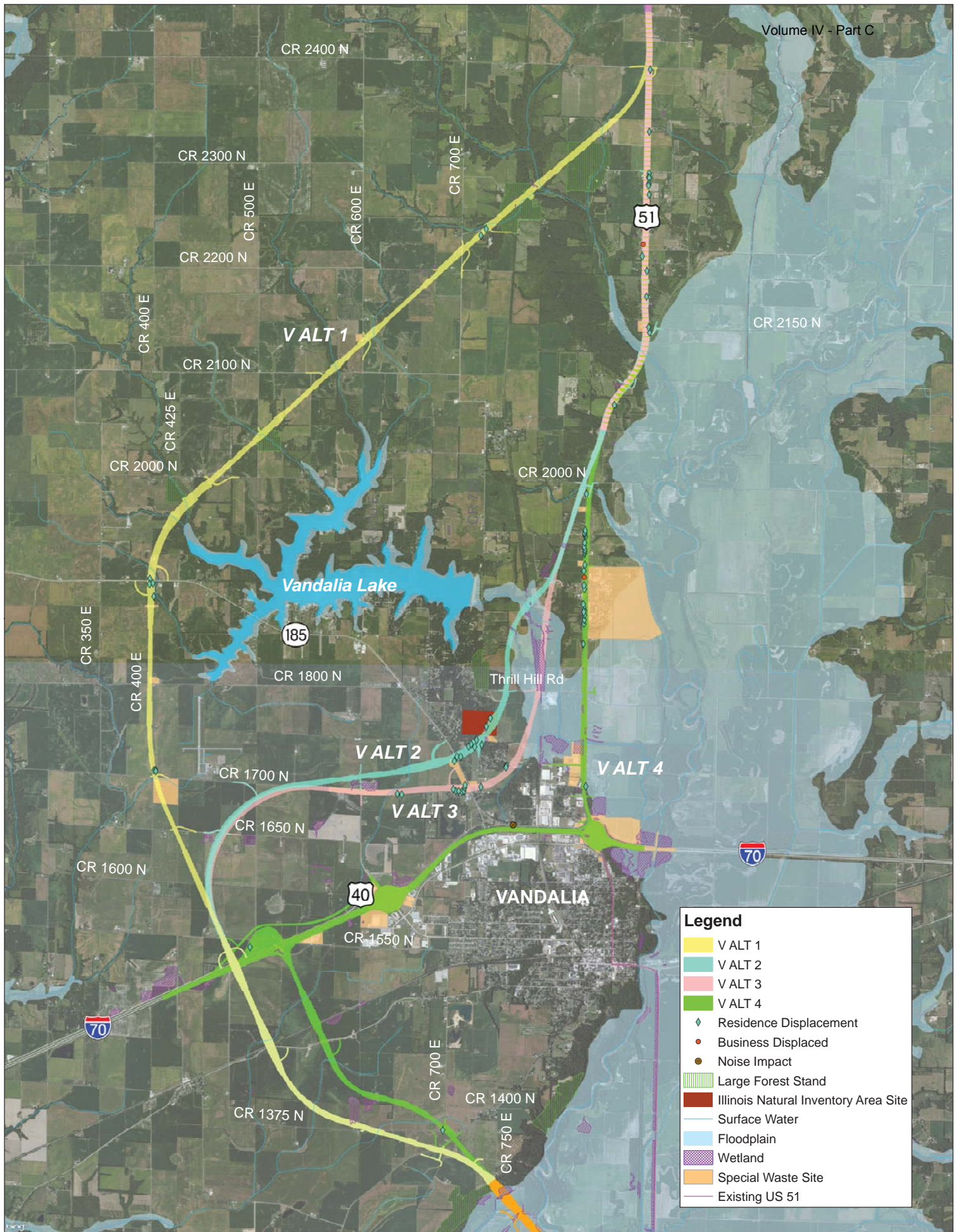
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (Federal Register 1982) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Federal Register 1980) jointly define wetlands as: “Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions”. Wetlands include forested areas, wet meadows, and a variety of habitats exhibiting the hydrology, soils, and vegetation required by the USACE.

Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) requires federal agencies to avoid to the extent possible the long and short-term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of wetlands, and avoid direct and indirect impacts whenever there is a practicable alternative. Avoidance of wetlands was of first importance in evaluating alternatives. Minimizing wetland impacts was an important criterion in evaluating alternatives. In characterizing impacts to wetlands, any wetland area within the footprint was measured.

Special Waste Sites

Special wastes are regulated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and also include a variety of waste materials, such as potentially infectious medical waste, pollution control waste, or industrial process waste, or petroleum contaminated soils. Special waste must be managed and disposed of properly to protect human health and the environment. Special waste sites affect construction projects because of high clean-up costs and safety hazards through exposure and material handling.

The Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) completed a database search of special waste sites in the study area. In characterizing impacts to special waste, any special waste site that lies within the alternative footprint is counted as one impact.



Remaining Alternatives Near Vandalia

June 11, 2013

December 2013

Miles



US 51 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Vandalia Alternative Impact Summary Table

Design Characteristics and Environmental Resources Affected	Remaining Alternatives			
	V ALT 1	V ALT 2	V ALT 3	V ALT 4
Design Characteristics				
Length of Roadway (miles)	14.6	14.3	14.8	14.3
Right-of-Way Required for Construction (acres)	804.1	761.4	760.8	760.7
Interchanges (number)	0	0	0	3
New Impervious Area (acres)	157.8	139.3	138.1	130.9
Estimated Cost (millions)	\$115.2	\$116.3	\$119.1	\$165.1
Social/Economic Resources				
Total Residences Displaced (number)	9	24	25	38
Businesses Displaced (number)	0	1	1	2
Agricultural Resources				
Agricultural Soils (acres)	500	433	408	279
Farm Severances (by tract)	39	29	26	14
Affected Farms (number)	78	84	84	67
Total Adverse Travel between Split Farm Parcels, Based on One Round Trip for each Operator (miles)	30.6	4.8	3.3	1.5
Prime Farmland (acres)	351	284	294	210
Statewide and Local Important Farmland (acres)	120	127	97	49
Noise Impacts				
Residences, Classrooms, or Churches with Noise Impacts (number)	0	0	0	1
Natural Resources				
Forest Impacts (acres)	92	34	32	39
Large Forest Stands Impacted (acres)	30.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Protected Species Potentially Affected (number)	1	1	1	1
Special and Protected Lands				
Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Sites Affected (number/acres)	0	1/ 11.5	0	0
Water Resources/Quality				
Surface Water Crossings (number)	19	10	10	7
Private Water Wells Displaced / Within 200 feet (number)	4/1	4/13	7/17	6/10
Floodplains				
Floodplain Crossed (feet)	0	2,415	7,750	9,410
Floodplain Crossed (number)	0	2	2	2
Wetlands				
Wetland Impact (acres)	1.3	2.7	15.3	4.8
Wetland Impact (number)	5	10	12	15
Special Waste Sites				
Special Waste Sites Affected (number)	4	3	3	17

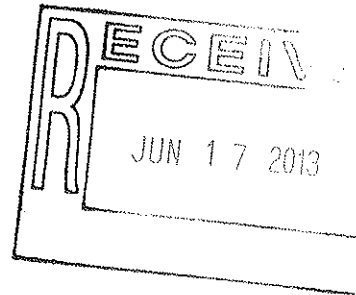
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Comments:

In conclusion, it just seems that V AET 1 accomplishes what the planning team set out to do - expanding US 51, ending up west of Vandalia for economic development, while at the same time preserving Vandalia's residential areas and having FAR LESS environmental impact and loss of property tax revenues.



COMMENT FORM

Vandalia Citizens Advisory Group Meeting
June 11, 2013

Please use this comment form to provide input on the information presented tonight. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this project and you are encouraged to provide them in writing today or soon after this meeting. Comments can be returned via mail (see reverse side of sheet), email (US51EIS@clark-dietz.com), or fax (217-373-8923). Please submit comments no later than **June 25, 2013**.

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Please provide your comments concerning V Alt 1, V Alt 2, V Alt 3, and V Alt 4. Please state clearly which alternative you prefer to be carried forward as the Preferred Alternative and why. Refer to the summary table of impacts to support your decision. General comments about the project can be written on the back page of this form.

Upon studying all the info, I 100% overwhelmingly feel that V ALT 1 that starts farther north of Vandalia and goes west, is the absolute hands-down best route for many reasons:

- ① the mileage is essentially the same
- ② it is the LEAST cost
- ③ the speed limit would be greater, making for faster transit
- ④ it disturbs in all ways the best residences and businesses
- ⑤ it would not disturb the aquifers that feed residential wells directly north of I70
- ⑥ it crosses NO floodplains
- ⑦ farmland acreage would be CHEAPER to obtain than residential
- ⑧ losing farmland to state would have far LESS property tax loss to city/county than losing residential properties.
- ⑨ V ALT 1 would leave intact the prime building lots in residential subdivisions along southern Zent Drive, (Vandalia has little of these areas left)
- ⑩ V ALT 1 has the LEAST wetland impact
- ⑪ Engineering would probably find it easier to go the V ALT 1 route because it is well-known that there is a very high water table in subdivisions off of south Zent. Don't take much digging to hit water. 90% of the wells are VERY shallow.

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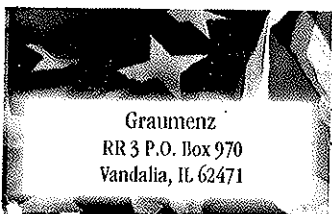
I think the most important factor to be considered is the number of homes to be displaced as this causes the most distress to families. The loss of prime farm land is a serious consideration, but when weighed against homes, it is the lesser of the two.

Therefore, I think that V ALT 1 is my choice of the four presented.

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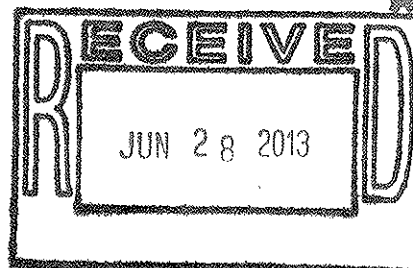
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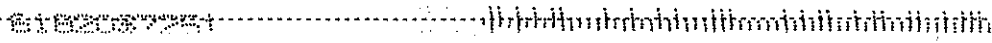
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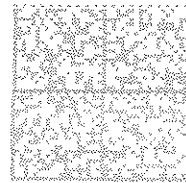
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I love VALT 1 because it was my idea to go west of The lake for expansion. It is the least expensive and least impact and trouble for everyone. VALT 2 would be my second choice it would catch all the I85 south bound traffic and divert it before it got to my house - less traffic for us. VALT 3 - this is my least desirable because it would go past our bedroom window and remove my neighbors. VALT 4 I feel is too much impact on business and families by the Car. Center. too much trouble for everyone.

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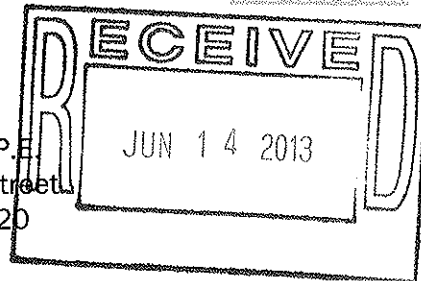
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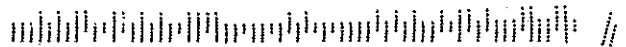
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My comments begin by eliminating V alt 2 and V alt 3. The residential impact is too severe with 24 and 25 residences being eliminated.

Originally, I was in favor of V alt 4 as it would utilize the existing 51 corridor and tie directly in with I-70. The residential impact is even greater at 38 homes being displaced. I have eliminated this alternative.

Therefore, my choice is V alt 1. As a banker with a strong ag background I am disappointed with the number of displaced prime farmland acres and as important, the number of affected farms and farm severances. But when you consider that this project for Vandalia may not come to fruition for 20-30 years, this choice becomes more obvious. And that explanation is centered around the community's growth potential in the next 20-30 years. The greater Vandalia community cannot expand to the east and south east due to the Kaskaskia river and the most logical expansion is the area to the west and north west. V alt 1 allows for that potential growth.

With regard to V alt 1, if chosen, consideration should be given to a full interchange complex to tie in with I-70. In all the meetings, I do not feel that this was discussed enough. For example, can an interchange be located north of I-70 near CR 1700 and the Vandalia airport? Regardless of any arguments, the future impact of V alt 1 becomes even more valuable and effective with a west interchange of some significance.

Also, there has been discussion regarding V alt 1 diverting business from Vandalia. For travelers from the north and south heading to St. Louis, that may be true. However, for travelers going north and south, they may choose to take the direct route of 51 through town because of the far west route of V alt 1. The same would be true for those north and south travelers heading east to Effingham.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process. I am available at 618-283-1141 and echappel@thefnb.com should any of my comments require clarification or additional discussion.

Ernie Chappel, RR2 Box 234 B, Ramsey, Illinois 62080 or % First National Bank, 432 W. Gallatin, Vandalia, Il., 62471



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I prefer V alt 1. To begin with, this plan is the least expensive of the 4 options. Although it does take more acres of farmland, the number of affected farms is less than alt 2 & alt 3. It also impacts the least amount of wetlands, both in number & size, than the other 3 alternatives. But, in my view, the biggest reason to support V alt 1 over the other 3 options is because of the number of residences displaced. The numbers are not even close to each other. More than 4X the residences are displaced if alt 4 is picked versus alt 1 and the number is nearly 3X greater if alt 2 or alt 3 is chosen. And the number of private wells affected on alt 3 is significantly higher than alt 1. There are too many disadvantages and drawbacks to alt 2 and alt 3. Alternative 1 takes undeveloped land rather than homes & private wells. And it affects less farms than alternatives 2 & 3.

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RAG Meeting #1

August 21, 2008

US 51 Partners, A Joint Venture

Volume IV - Part C



August 12, 2008

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Re: US 51 Environmental Impact Statement Project
Regional Advisory Group
Meeting #1- August 21, 2008

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for volunteering to participate on the Regional Advisory Group for the US 51 Environmental Impact Statement project. The Regional Advisory Group, or RAG, is made up of representatives of the project's five Citizen's Advisory Groups, or CAG, and other regional stakeholders. CAG's in Ramsey, Vandalia, Vernon/Patoka, Sandoval, and the Centralia area have each met three times and have provided input on issues specific to their individual communities. The RAG will assist the project team in looking at the project from a regional perspective. The first meeting of the RAG will be held on August 21, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Express in Vandalia (21 Mattes Avenue, Vandalia, IL 62471).

The enclosed folder contains a project map, a project process diagram, and participation ground rules. A summary of the CAG work to-date is also included for your reference. We ask that you bring your folder to the meeting as we will review and discuss many of the items included. The meeting will be a workshop type format and will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us either by phone (217-373-8945) or by E-mail (US51EIS@clark-dietz.com). Again, we thank you for taking the time to participate in the study and look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Jerry Payonk
Project Manager

cc: file, Matt Hirtzel (IDOT)

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**Regional Advisory Group Agenda
Meeting #1
Topic: Regional Context and Problem Statement**

- I. Welcome
 - a. Purpose of Meeting
 - b. Introductions
2. Review
 - Stakeholder Involvement Diagram, RAG responsibilities, timelines, decision processes, ground rules
3. CAG Meeting Recaps
4. Regional Context and Problem Statement
5. Close and Housekeeping

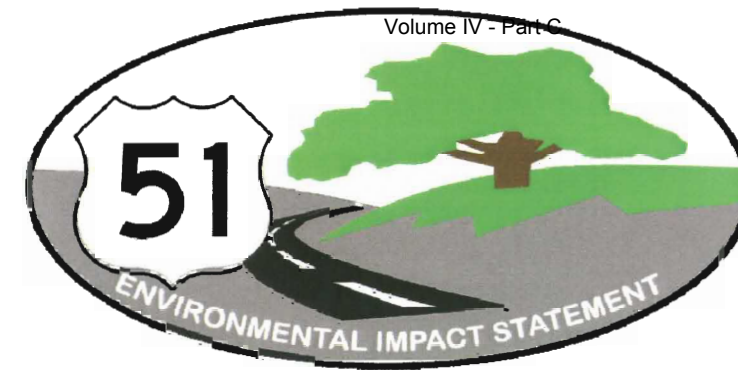


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Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 1

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. August 21, 2008

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6:00 – 8:00 P.M. August 21, 2008

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Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Ground Rules

- All input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.
- All decisions made by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner and the stakeholders should agree their input has been considered.
- The role of the RAG is to advise the Project Study Group (PSG), which will make the ultimate decision on the project. A consensus of RAG concurrence on project choices is sought, but the ultimate decision remains in the hands of the PSG and the State of Illinois.
- The list of RAG members is subject to revision at any time as events warrant.
- Members of the media are welcome to attend the meetings as observers, not participants in the process.

If you wish to contact us any time during the project, you can do so through the following methods:

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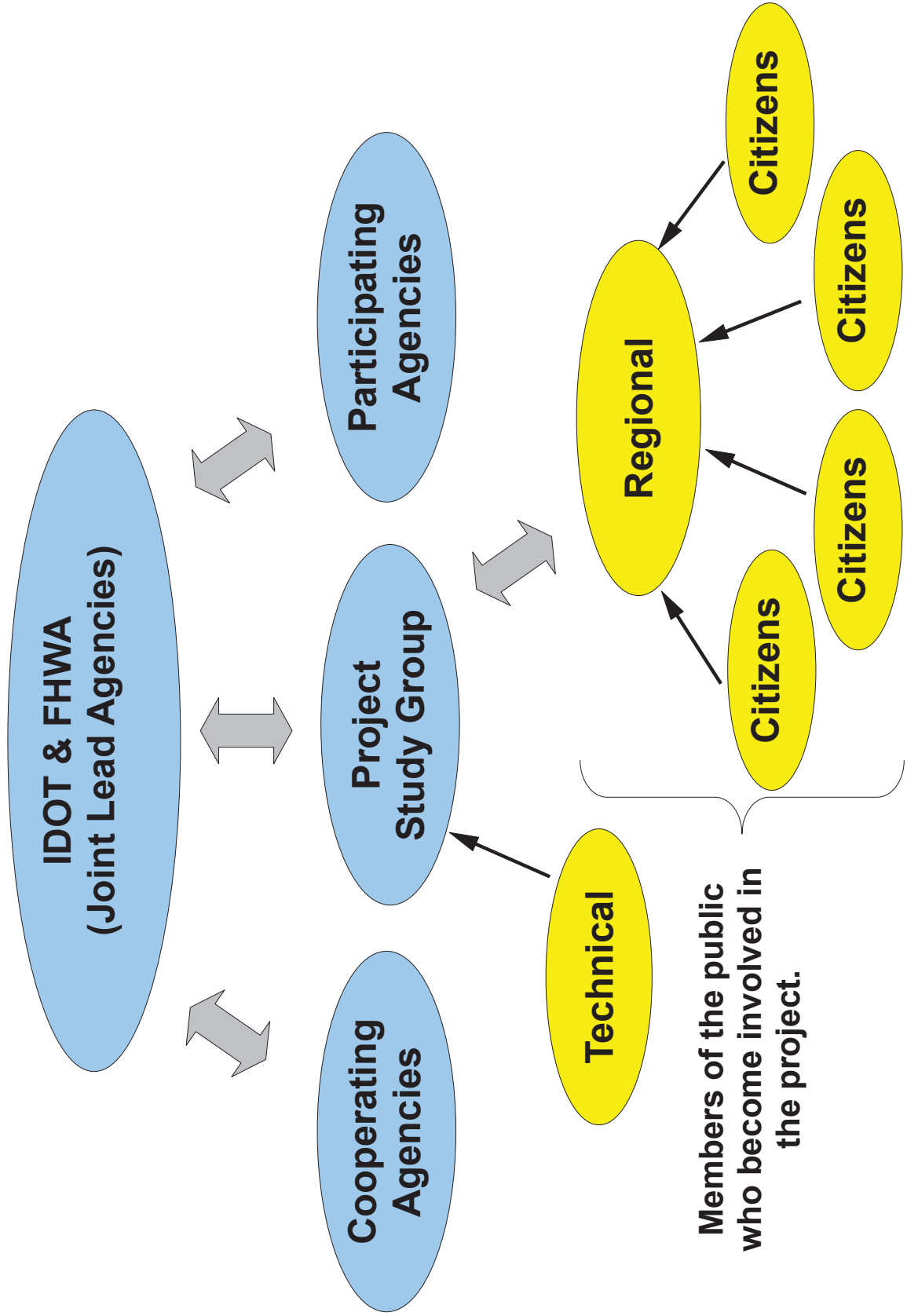
Problem Statement Compilation

The existing US 51 highway does not provide an easy and safe connection between local communities and commercial centers or a (good way for long distance travel/means for efficient travel.)

The existing US 51 highway hinders the movement of travelers, people, goods, services, and commerce north of Centralia, and (possibly) limits future tourism, business, residential commercial, industrial, and tax base expansion.

The existing US 51 highway is potentially unsafe at some locations for cars, trucks, busses, pedestrians, bicycles and farm equipment, and other forms of transportation to cross, access and be on the road at the same time.

Stakeholder Interaction Diagram



RAG Meeting #2
November 18, 2008

November 5, 2008

Re: US 51 - Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 2


We have scheduled our next Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 2 for Tuesday, November 18, 2008. The meeting time will be 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Ramada Inn in Vandalia, 2707 Veterans Avenue, just off Exit 61. There will be signs posted for the meeting room location. Please try to arrive on or before 6:00 PM.

For this meeting, we wish to go over some engineering basics, environmental issues, and land acquisition considerations. We also hope to start brainstorming on preliminary corridor locations. This portion of the meeting will be similar to a CAG # 4 that some of you may have attended.

If you can make the meeting, please remember to bring your black RAG folder.

If you have any questions, please contact us either by phone (217-373-8945) or by E-mail (US51EIS@clark-dietz.com). We will be getting in touch with you to verify your attendance. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the study and we look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Sincerely,



Jerry Payonk
Project Manager

cc: file, Matt Hirtzel (IDOT)



Regional Advisory Group Meeting Agenda Meeting #2 Topic: Design Considerations and Preliminary Brainstorming

1. Welcome
 - a. Purpose and goal of today's meeting
 - b. Introductions and ice breaker
 - c. Project-to-date recap
 - ~~Purpose & Need~~ *PROBLEM STATEMENT*
 - Status of data collection
 - Purpose and Need *NEWS LETTER*
2. Environmental Considerations Presentation
3. Engineering Considerations Presentation
4. Land Acquisition Presentation
5. Brainstorming of potential alignments
6. What's next
 - a. Between meetings
 - Meet with stakeholders
 - Meet with PSG
 - Data Collection
 - b. Next CAG meeting
 - Present new data
 - Eliminate fatal flaws
 - Refine and add alternates as a group
 - Discuss criteria

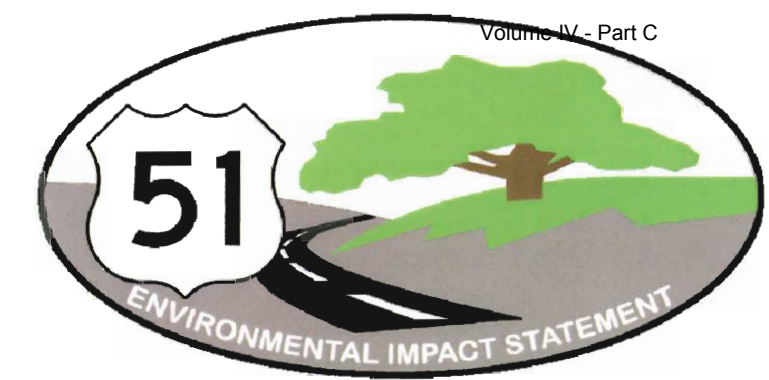


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Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 2

Vandalia - Ramada Inn

November 18, 2008 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM



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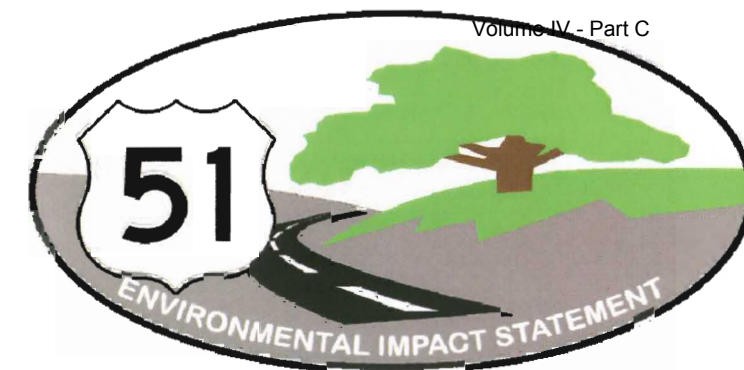


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RAG Meeting #3

April 13, 2009

April 2, 2009

Re: US 51 - Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 3

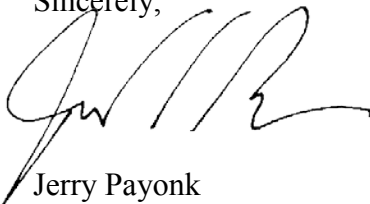
We have scheduled our next Regional Advisory Group Meeting for Monday, April 13, 2009. The meeting time will be 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Kaskaskia College -Vandalia Campus, located at 2310 W. Filmore Street. There will be signs posted for the meeting room location. Please try to arrive at 7:00 PM. The starting time is a bit later than the previous meetings. We received some feedback that the prior 6:00 starting time was a bit early for some of you.

Our goal for the meeting is to identify corridors to move forward with from the numerous preliminary corridor alternatives we developed at our last meeting, in addition to corridors the CAG's developed.

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Sincerely,



Jerry Payonk
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**Regional Advisory Group Meeting Agenda
Meeting #3
Topic: Corridor Review & Refinement**

1. Welcome
 - a. Today's Meeting Objective
 - b. Meetings #1 & 2 Recap
 - c. Review of Problem Statement
2. Continued Corridor Development
 - a. Review of Preliminary Corridors developed by CAG
 - b. Corridor vs. Alignment
 - c. Fatal Flaw Review
 - d. Additional Engineering Considerations
 - e. Analysis Workshop
 - f. What's Next
3. Close

Notes or questions:



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Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 3

Kaskaskia College – Vandalia Campus

April 13, 2009 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Regional Advisory Group Meeting # 3

Kaskaskia College – Vandalia Campus

April 13, 2009 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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