Project Update



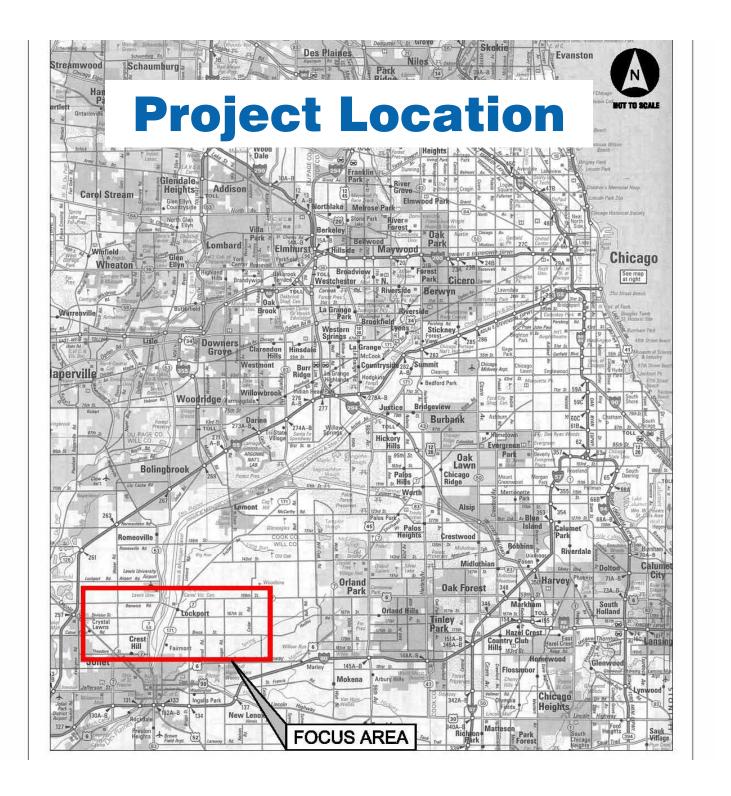






Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Studies and Findings to Date
- Status of Merger Process
- Outcome of Public Involvement
- Other Coordination Activities
- Outstanding Issues
- Next Steps



Project Purpose

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide a transportation system improvement that will address capacity, operational, and safety deficiencies; and satisfy projected 2030 travel demands within a regional corridor extending between Caton Farm Road at U.S. Route 30 and IL Route 7 (159th Street) at Cedar Road.

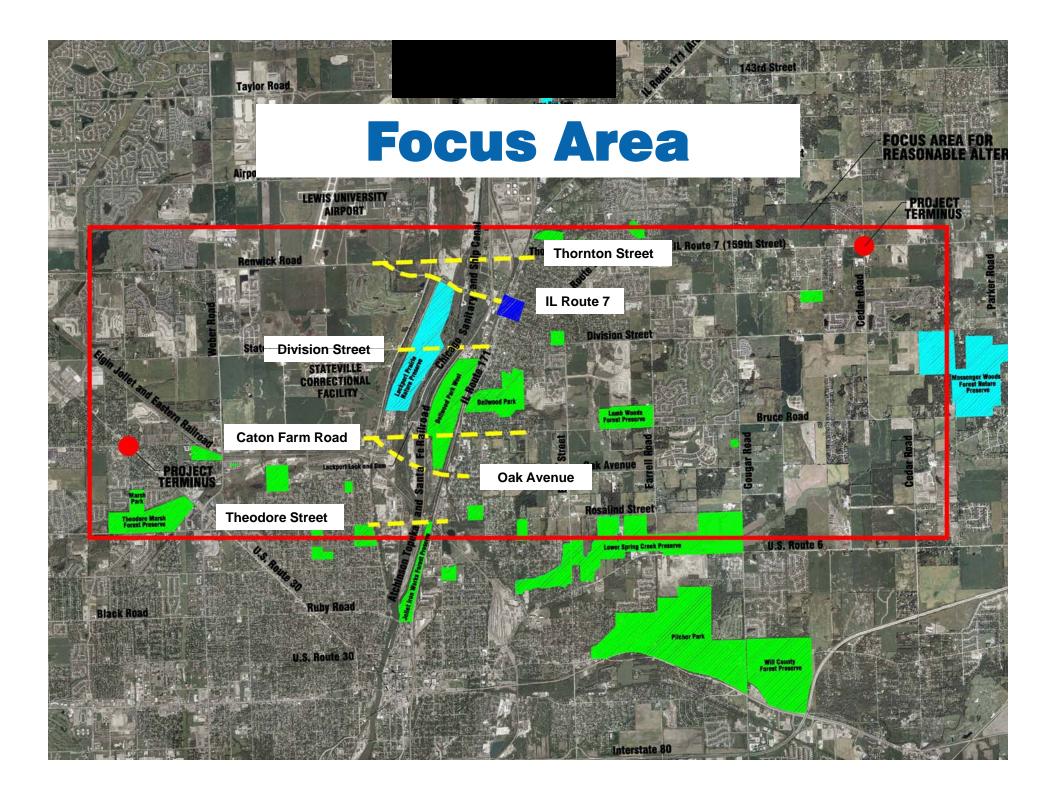
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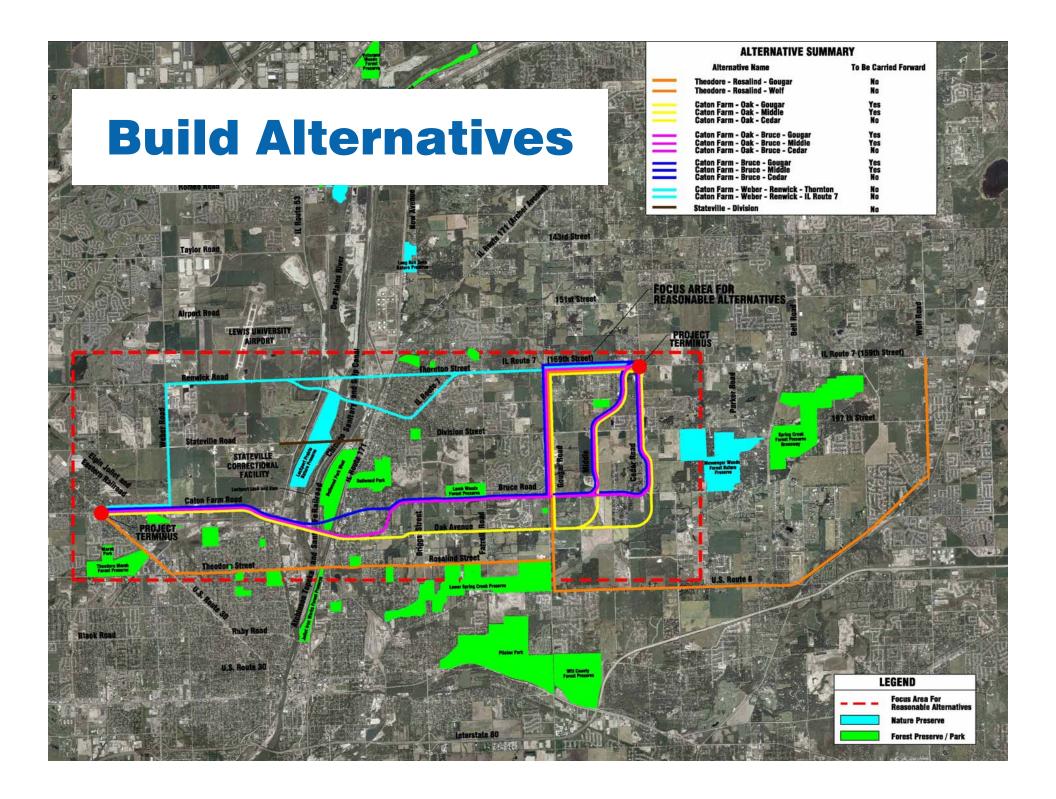


Project Needs

- Accommodate Population and Employment Growth.
- Improve System Linkage.
- **Accommodate Projected Transportation Demand.**
- **Optimize Modal Interrelationships.**
- Increase Travel Safety.





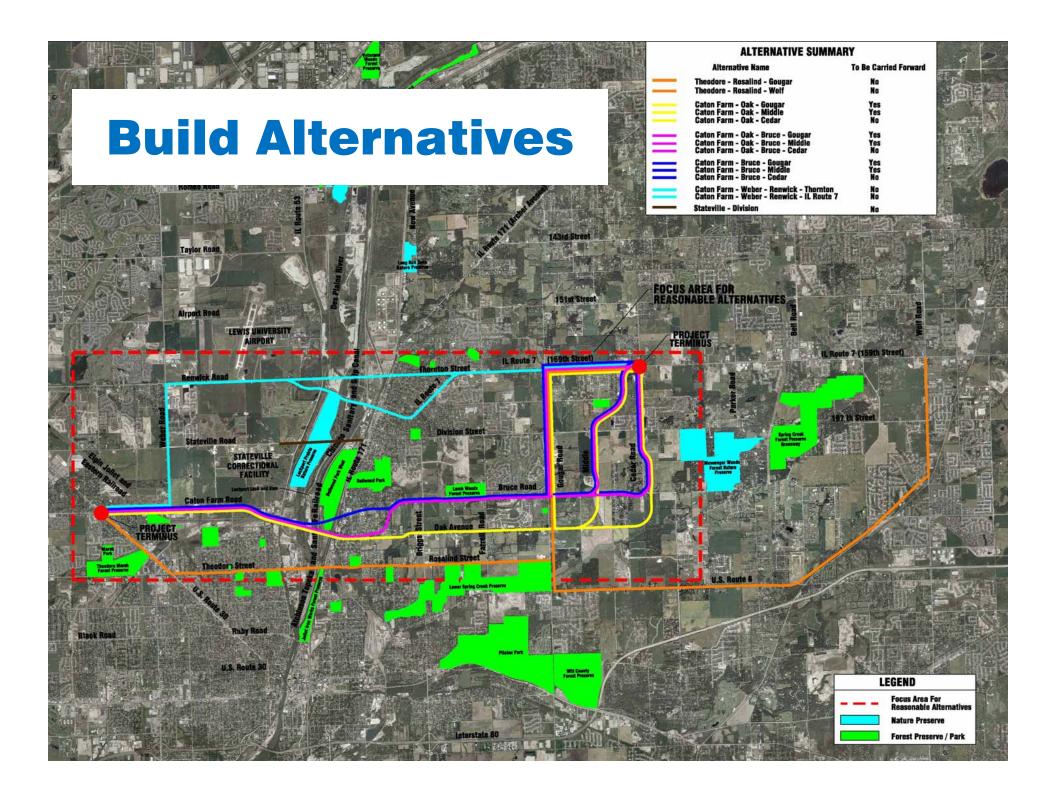


2nd Level Screening of Alternatives

Remaining 11 alternatives were evaluated for impacts to:

- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Section 4(f) Land
- Historic Structures/Properties
- Special Waste Sites
- Environmental Justice
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Displacements
- Right-of-Way Acquisition





Evaluation of Alternatives

- Many of the alternatives result in the same level of benefits.
- Alternatives with greater impacts to the environment were discarded in favor of other alternatives of lesser impact.



Cedar Road Impact Summary

- Cedar Road alignments satisfy Purpose & Need.
- Impacts are comparable to other alignments.



Cedar Road Impact Summary

- Cedar Road alignments pass through the center of Homer Township community activity.
- Cedar Road alignment would bisect the locally important community center.

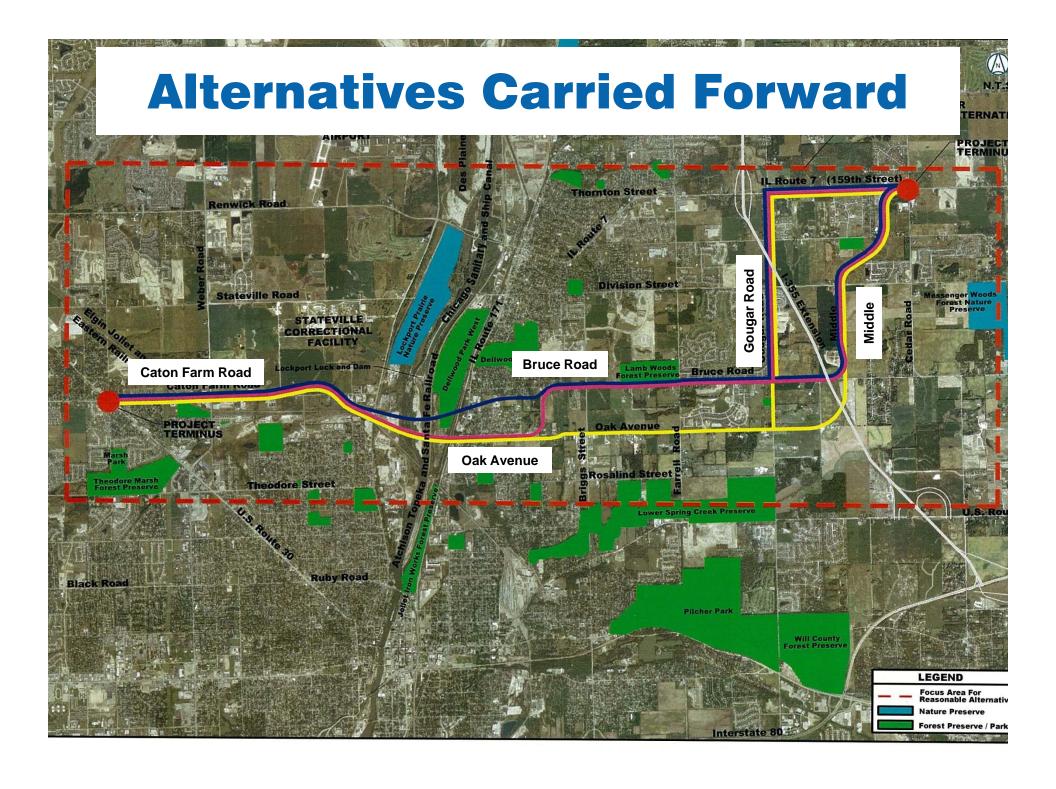


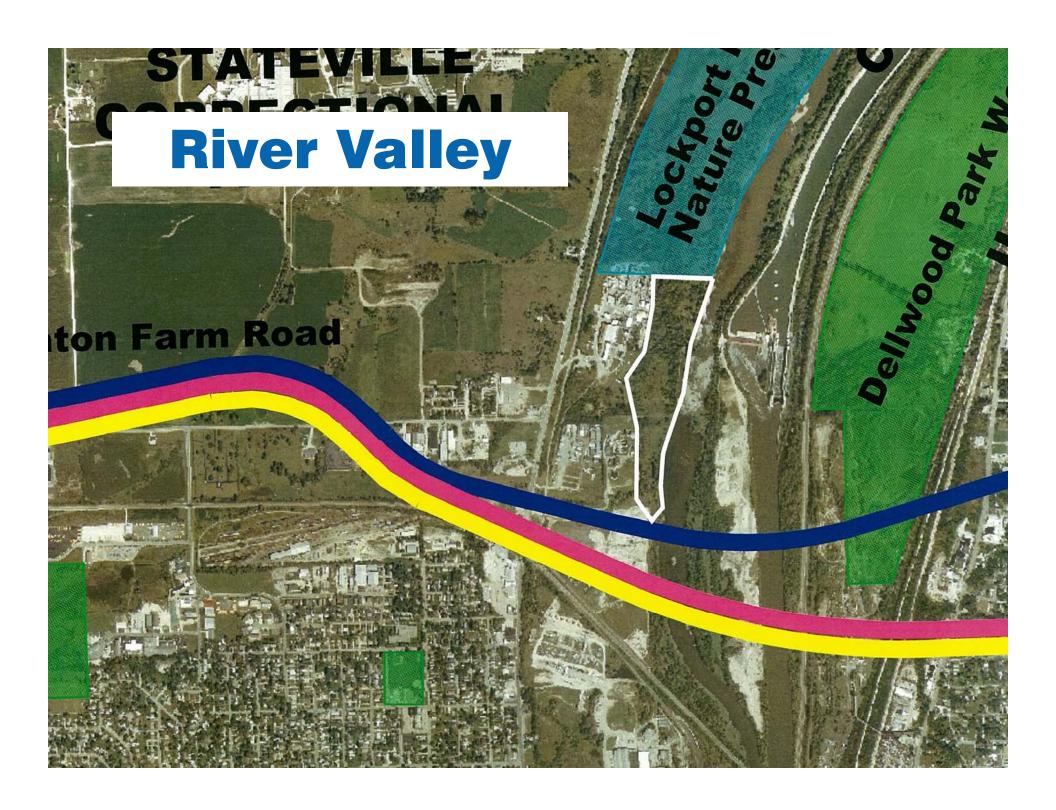
Alternatives Carried Forward

- Caton Farm Oak Gougar Alternative
- Caton Farm Oak Middle Alternative
- Caton Farm Oak Bruce Gougar Alternative
- Caton Farm Oak Bruce Middle Alternative
- Caton Farm Bruce Gougar Alternative
- Caton Farm Bruce Middle Alternative

Concurrence Point #2 – January 9, 2007







Public Involvement

- Two meetings in June 2007.
- Clear support for a new river crossing.
- No consensus for crossing location.
- No consensus for Gougar or Middle alignment.



Other Coordination

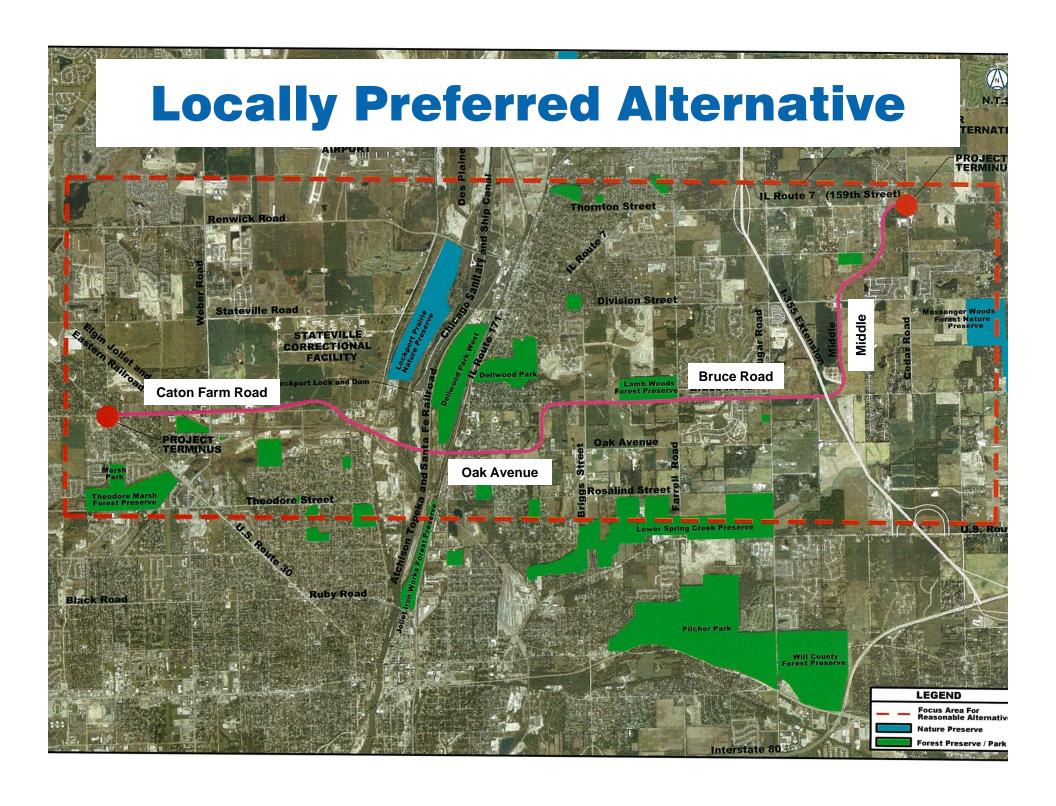
- City of Crest Hill
- City of Lockport
- Various Property Owners

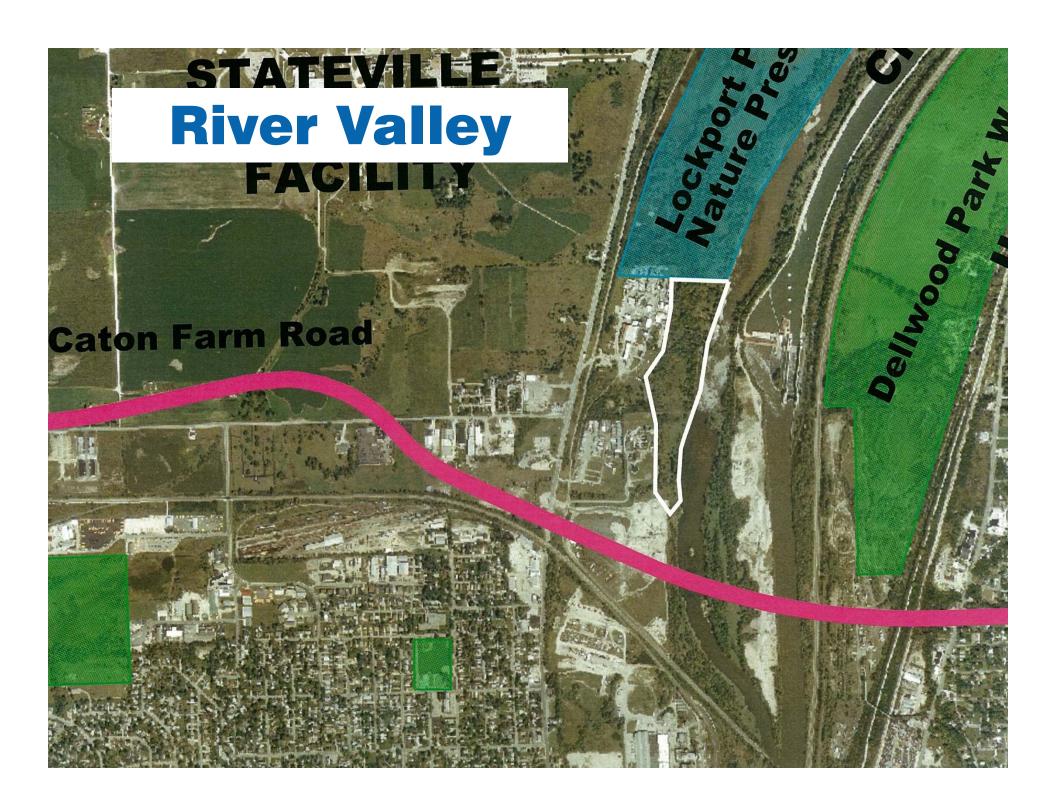


Locally Preferred Alternative

- Caton Farm-Oak-Bruce-Middle recommended as preferred alternative.
- Consensus from the Transportation Corridor Committee. (May 2009)
- County Administration support.







Outstanding Issues

- Hines emerald dragonfly studies.
- Environmental Survey Results for Addendum.
- ITARP Coordination.



Next Steps

- Detailed environmental and design studies.
- Concurrence Point #3 in February 2010.
- Public Hearing Summer 2010.



Questions?

