

Welcome to the East Side Highway Environmental Assessment Public Information Meeting – January 13, 2011



McLean County, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 5, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal welcome you to the January 13, 2011, public information meeting for the East Side Highway Environmental Assessment (EA).

You are invited to browse the project exhibits on display and visit with personnel from the County, IDOT, Bloomington, Normal, and their consultants who are in attendance at today's meeting. 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 must be received by January 27, 2011, to become part of the official meeting record.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Review the Purpose and Need Statement
- Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on the Purpose & Need Statement

Purpose and Need Statement

A Purpose and Need Statement is a fundamental requirement for an EA, and outlines why a proposed improvement is needed. The Purpose and Need Statement establishes the basis for the development and evaluation of reasonable alternatives and the eventual selection of a preferred alternative. The Purpose and Need Statement was developed using project stakeholder input during the East Side Highway Corridor Study (2009). The Purpose and Need Statement was updated with current information during the EA process. The project stakeholders are invited to review the document and provide comments. Public comments received by January 27, 2011, will be considered for incorporation into the final document to reflect concerns of the stakeholders. The revised Purpose and Need Statement will be presented at the February 15, 2011 NEPA/404 merger meeting to seek resource agency concurrence. This concurrence gives the approval to begin the development of alternatives for the East Side Highway.

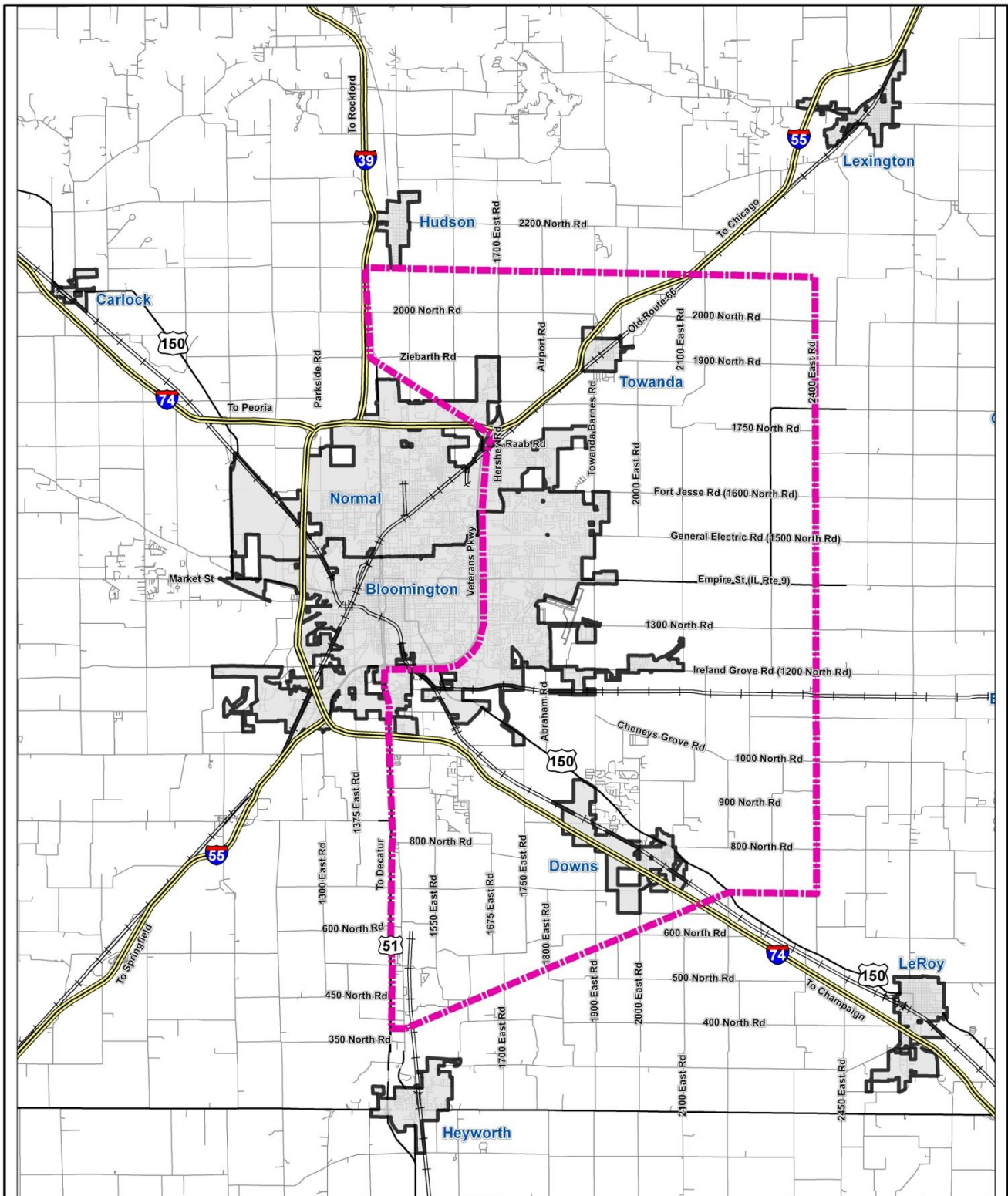
Project Schedule



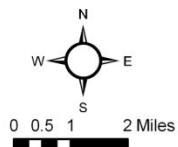
We're on the web! Please visit the East Side Highway website for project status, updates, and ways to get involved.

Project Study Area

The project study area is located on the east side of Bloomington-Normal, within McLean County, Illinois. The project study area covers approximately 138 square miles, and is shown on the map below.



East Side Highway Environmental Assessment
Project Location Map



- Legend**
- Project Study Area
 - Corporate Limits

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