

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: January 9, 2023

Time: 9 AM

Meeting: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #1

Location: Switzerland County Technology and Education Center, Vevay, Indiana and Microsoft Teams

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Kyanna Wheeler	INDOT
Laura Hilden	INDOT
Kari Carmany-George	FHWA
Patrick Carpenter	FHWA
Gregory Felt	Belterra Casino
Heather Holt	Belterra Casino
Peter Chu	Belterra Casino
Don Frey	Boyd Gaming
Rae Baker Gipson	City of Rising Sun
Mark Guard	City of Rising Sun
Marshall Lachecki	CMT
Nick Batta	CMT
J. Todd Listerman	Dearborn County
Rick Probst	Dearborn County
Eric Kranz	Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce
Tim Benning	Dillsboro Town Council Member
Justin M. Smith	Hummel Winters Insurance
Jeff Stant	Indiana Forest Alliance
Mary Bookwalter	Indiana Forest Alliance
Cody McNeely	Jeff Craig Fire Dept.
Laura Walston	Ohio County
Mike Northcutt	Ohio County
Michael Kirkpatrick	Ohio County Highway Department
Mike Perleberg	One Dearborn
Deb Tompkins	Ripley County Chamber of Commerce
Gary Norman	Ripley County Economic Development
Terri Trowbridge	Ripley County Tourism
Lane Siekman	Rising Sun
Rob Moorhead	South Ripley Community School Corp.
Mary McCarty	Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC)
Susie Swank	Switzerland County

Jon Bond	Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation
John Sieglitz	Switzerland County Schools
Susan Greco	Town of Dillsboro
Pam Acton	Vevay – Switzerland County Foundation
Berry Craig IV	Parsons
Dan Prevost	Parsons
Mindy Peterson	Parsons
JoAnn Schutte	Rasor
Libby Esterle	Rasor
Mimi Rasor	Rasor

ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION
1	A copy of the meeting’s PowerPoint presentation is attached to this meeting summary.
2	Mindy Peterson (Parsons) discussed the purpose of the CAC Meeting and welcomed the group.
3	Mindy (Parsons) discussed the role of CAC members.
4	It was requested that future meetings maintain a hybrid option. Most attendees favored morning meetings.
5	Mindy (Parsons) provided an overview of the Link 101 project, noting it is an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project examining an improved SR 101 connection between the Markland Dam and US 50. The SR 101 extension is expected to provide more direct access to I-71 and US 50. The project area includes portions of Switzerland, Ohio, Dearborn and Ripley counties. Environmental analysis and preliminary design work are underway. The project will determine the Purpose and Need – the “why” – for the project. The process of identifying a selected alternative is expected to take about three years.
6	Mindy (Parsons) discussed that the Project Team is holding meetings with stakeholder committees, launching the project website, holding a public meeting and opening the project office. Gathering input to help identify project needs is an important part of public involvement. Selecting an alternative is a prescribed, iterative process that starts with very general routes. After broad routes are developed, alternatives will emerge to be studied in greater detail. A preferred alternative that meets the Purpose and Need comes from detailed analysis. Environmental Justice (EJ) is an important part of the project process. Environmental Justice seeks to ensure the fair treatment of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development of projects and investment of resources.
7	Dan (Parsons) asked what your biggest concerns were when traveling in the project area.
8	Pam Acton (Vevay – Switzerland County Foundation) asked why the shortest route map had Cass Union Rd and Markland Pike labels. Dan (Parsons) noted those were for easy identification purposes of the route.
9	Pam (Vevay – Switzerland County Foundation) noted steel trucks moving quickly through Vevay is a safety issue. Semi-trucks go through downtown to SR 129 and it’s the only route to I-74.
10	Don Frey (Boyd Gaming) asked with a new route, what does that look like for intersections and access? Dan (Parsons) noted that a new route would either connect directly or via modified access to existing cross-streets. Link 101 is not expected to be limited access.

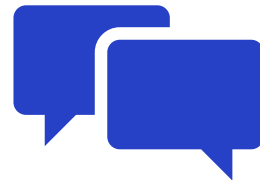
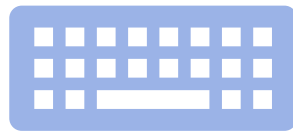
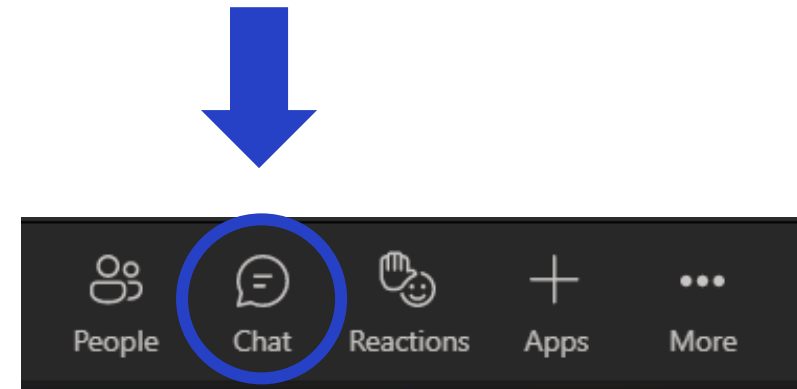
11	Todd Listerman (Dearborn County) asked if the new facility would be a Super-2. Dan (Parsons) responded it would likely be a two-lane facility for the most part with access to be determined. The Project Team does not anticipate access being fully removed for anyone. The focus is on improving access in southeast Indiana.
12	Jeff Stant (Indiana Forest Alliance) asked about the total price tag of the project and what local improvements are included. Dan (Parsons) responded it could include some new roadway and improvements to existing facilities. Gov. Holcomb previously announced \$200m for the project. That investment will include design, right of way, and construction and may not represent a total price tag for the project.
13	A question was asked about pedestrian access and access for cyclists. Dan (Parsons) noted the Amish population use bicycles for access to school. The Project Team is aware of bicycle and horse and buggy use.
14	Dan (Parsons) asked what are the services you need better connections to? Where is your commute to work?
15	Cody McNeely (Jeff Craig Fire Dept.) noted that in high water, there is limited access to medical facilities.
16	Rick Probst (Dearborn County) noted that traffic from I-275 to US 50 and to SR 101 and I-275 is restricted. A note was also made that the Indiana Traffic Model may need to be adjusted. Driving patterns will change with a new facility.
17	Dan (Parsons) asked where do you go when you are in the project area? What improvements do you want to see in the project area?
18	Jon Bond (Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation) said people have changed patterns of travel because of road access. More people travel to northern Kentucky and to Cincinnati for recreation and employment or take the long way around because of unsafe road conditions.
19	Dan (Parsons) asked what desired function do you want from the roadway. How should it fit in the community?
20	Susie Swank (Switzerland County) said it would be a major area benefit to offer the connectivity of additional resources.
21	Rick (Dearborn County) asked about parallel bike or pedestrian paths with a new SR 101 connection. Dan (Parsons) noted that there are often limited facilities in rural areas beyond what municipalities provide in towns. Pedestrian access is something the Project Team will consider.
22	Terri Trowbridge (Ripley County Tourism) noted that there are biking groups that want to connect trails and rivers north into Union and Fayette counties with the idea of eventually connecting a trail to Indianapolis.
23	Susan Greco (Town of Dillsboro) noted that ATV travel is often preferred by locals traveling between their homes and smaller towns and access and safety should be considered. Groups often organize group rides between April and October. There is an existing ATV route that follows along Laughery Creek to Friendship.
24	John Sieglitz (Switzerland County Schools) noted a farm contact at Rachel Schuler Farms to discuss farm and farming equipment access.
25	Jeff (Indiana Forest Alliance) asked about the project being a two-phase process and how beneficial is it to do it this way? Dan (Parsons) noted that the project has an environmental phase, then construction can begin.

26	Gary Norman (Ripley County Economic Development) noted that when this project was announced that it would become a truck route – rather than using SR 129.
27	Mindy (Parsons) discussed next steps. The draft environmental document is expected in fall 2024. A public hearing and formal comment period will be held. Two public meetings will be held next week. The in-person meeting is January 18 at Dillsboro Elementary, 5:30 to 7 pm with a 6 pm presentation. A virtual meeting is planned for January 19 at 6 pm. A registration link was provided. CAC members were encouraged to share the public meeting information with their groups and interested parties. Meeting fliers were shared electronically with CAC members and printed copies were available at the meeting.
28	Mindy (Parsons) shared that project social media channels and the website will launch January 18. The project website, Link101Corridor.com has project information, FAQs, maps and more. CAC and public meeting materials will be posted there. Sign up for project updates via email (on the project website or text (text "INDOT LINK101" to 468311). Project contact channels are used with all feedback shared with the Project Team. The Project Office is in the Switzerland County Technology and Education Center, 2nd floor. The office opens Monday, January 23 and will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. Visit Link101Corridor.com to learn more, call 844-LINK101 (546-5101) or email Info@Link101Corridor.com.
29	Mimi Rasor (Rasor) asked to define the methodology around Environmental Justice areas. Dan (Parsons) noted that the Project Team looks at census data to identify areas that have a higher percentage of EJ populations than the project area as a whole.
30	Several CAC members noted possible EJ populations and areas for outreach.
31	Pam (Vevay – Switzerland County Foundation) noted the Community Mental Health organization also has an associated food pantry.
32	The Southern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation (SIEOC) includes contacts and members that are low income and offers Headstart programs for young children.
33	Justin M. Smith (Hummel Winters Insurance) noted the Southeastern Independent Living Center (SIILC) is based in Vevay and is similar to Lifetime Resources providing services to the elderly and disabled individuals.
34	Switzerland County Schools and CMHC has a food bank.
35	Identifying central contact points for the Amish populations will be important. Switzerland County schools could be a good resource for information. There was a concentration of Amish noted in East Enterprise and Pleasant.
36	Jeff (Indiana Forest Alliance) asked what is considered an environmental resource. Dan (Parsons) noted that it's a broad term. It includes people, environmental resources like habitats, wetlands and streams, and historic resources. All have a prescribed process to consider possible impacts.
37	Justin (Hummel Winters Insurance) would like a copy of the presentation. Dan (Parsons) noted a copy of meeting materials, including a meeting summary and presentation will be provided.
38	Justin (Hummel Winters Insurance) requested links to social media and the web address. Berry Craig (Parsons) provided social media link to INDOT post and web information in the chat during the meeting.

39	Justin (Hummel Winters Insurance) noted he would like to set a presentation up for their membership. Berry (Parsons) shared contact information for Mindy (Parsons) in the chat so he could reach out to set up.
40	John (Switzerland County Schools) noted Switzerland County Schools has Amish Contacts. He also noted that contact is needed with local farming community. Rachel Schulers Farm was suggested. Berry (Parsons) will reach out via email for more information on possible contacts.

WELCOME

- Attendees are welcome to **keep cameras and mics** on, but please mute mic unless sharing feedback or asking a question
- **Use the chat function** to submit a question or make a comment
- Questions or comments can be shared **at any time during the presentation**





Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

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PRESENTERS



Dan Prevost

Project Manager, Parsons



Mindy Peterson

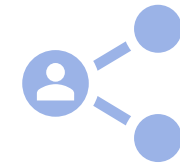
Public Involvement Director, Parsons

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Project Overview**
2. **Project Process**
3. **Discussion**
4. **Next Steps**
5. **Follow Our Progress**
6. **Contact Us**

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEMBERS

- **Discuss** project-related issues or concerns
- **Serve** as liaison between community or organization and Project Team
- **Share** views and identify local concerns in two-way communications with Project Team
- **Act** as an advisor and share project information with others



FOR DISCUSSION

- **Meeting format preference?** Virtual? In-person?
- **Meeting time preference?** Morning? Lunch? Evening?
- **Contact preference?** Email? Phone?
- **Do you know of others interested in joining our CAC?**



BENEFITS OF BEING A CAC MEMBER

- Consistent communication
- Better understanding of project issues
- Detailed discussion of key issues
- Opportunity to hear differing views
- Opportunity for collaborative problem solving
- Opportunity to build understanding and support throughout the project



WE'RE LISTENING

- Community Advisory Committee
- Environmental Justice Working Group
- Resource Agency Committee
- Section 106 Consulting Parties
- Small group presentations
- Public meetings at milestones
- Social media and project website
- Project office in Vevay



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



- **Learn** more about Link 101
- **Review** maps, boards and information
- **Ask** questions and share feedback
- **Share input** on maps and boards
- **Complete** a comment form
- **Sign up** for text and email updates





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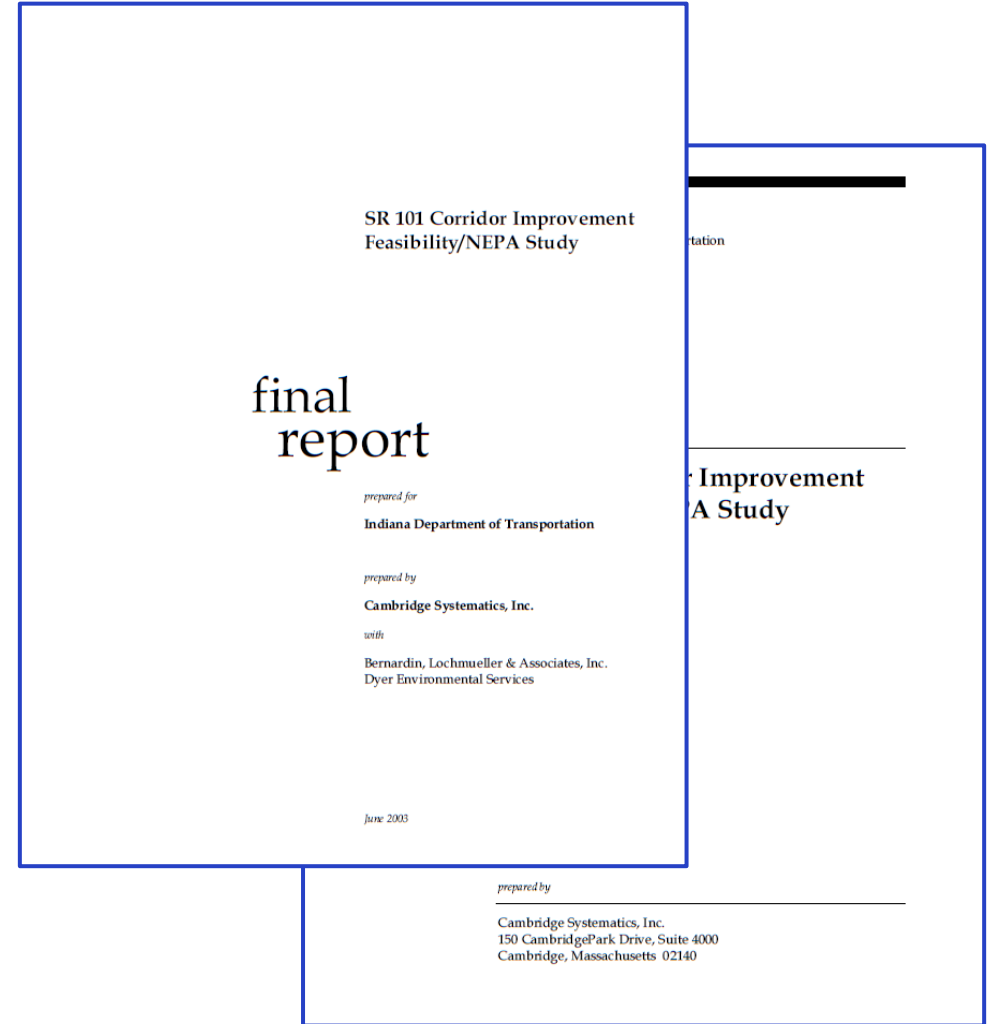
THE BIG PICTURE

- There's still a lot of work to do.
- The Project Team is coordinating with local, state and federal officials.
- Input from the public is an important part of developing the project.
- Governor Holcomb announced \$200 million in funding for the project in 2021 to move construction forward.
- A timeline for construction will be determined at the end of the environmental study.



PROJECT HISTORY

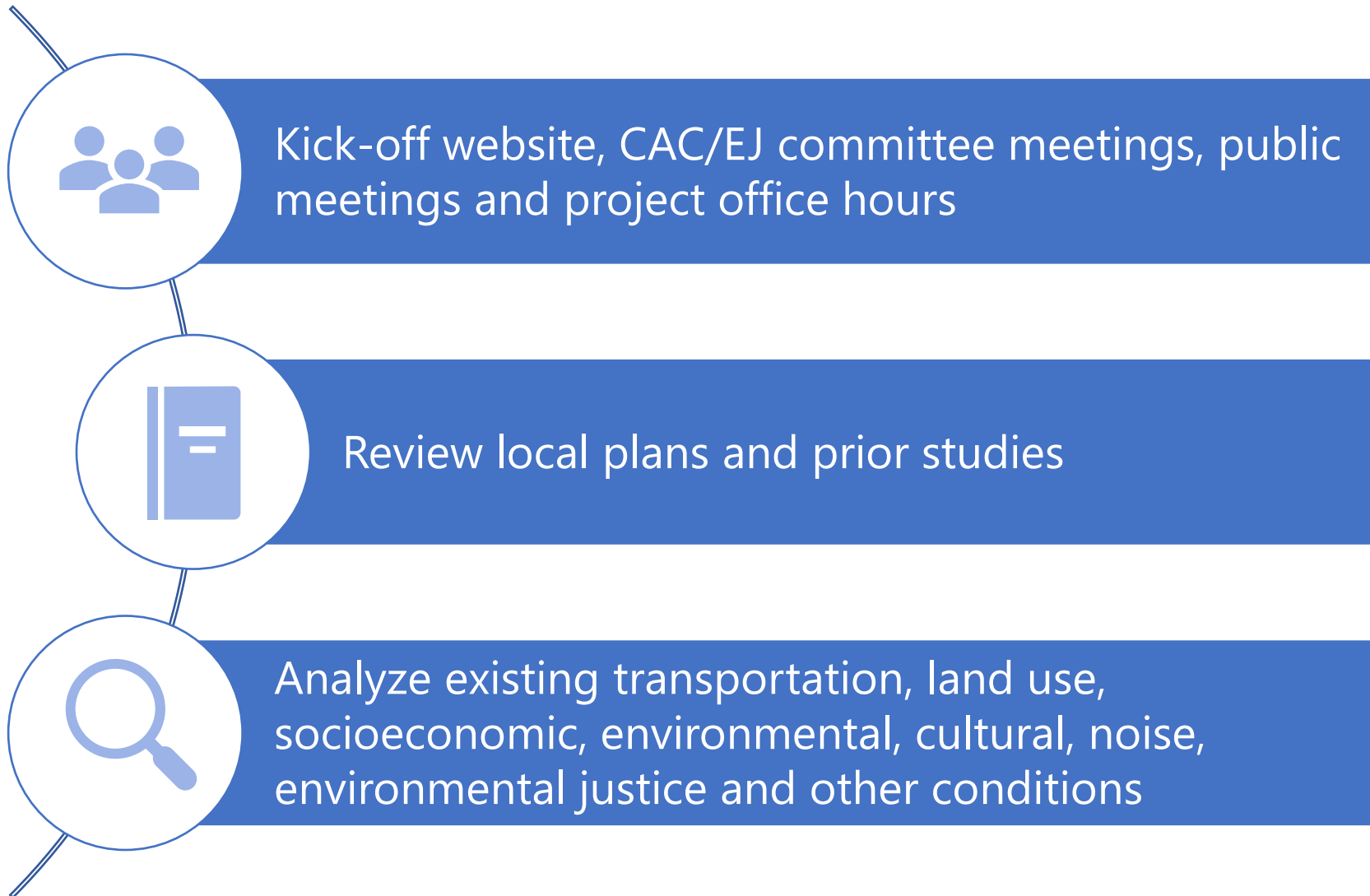
- INDOT studied SR 101 in 2003 to assess limited north-south access and identify feasible improvement alternatives
- Improving safety, reducing crashes, and improving regional accessibility and connectivity were key transportation study needs





PROJECT PROCESS

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

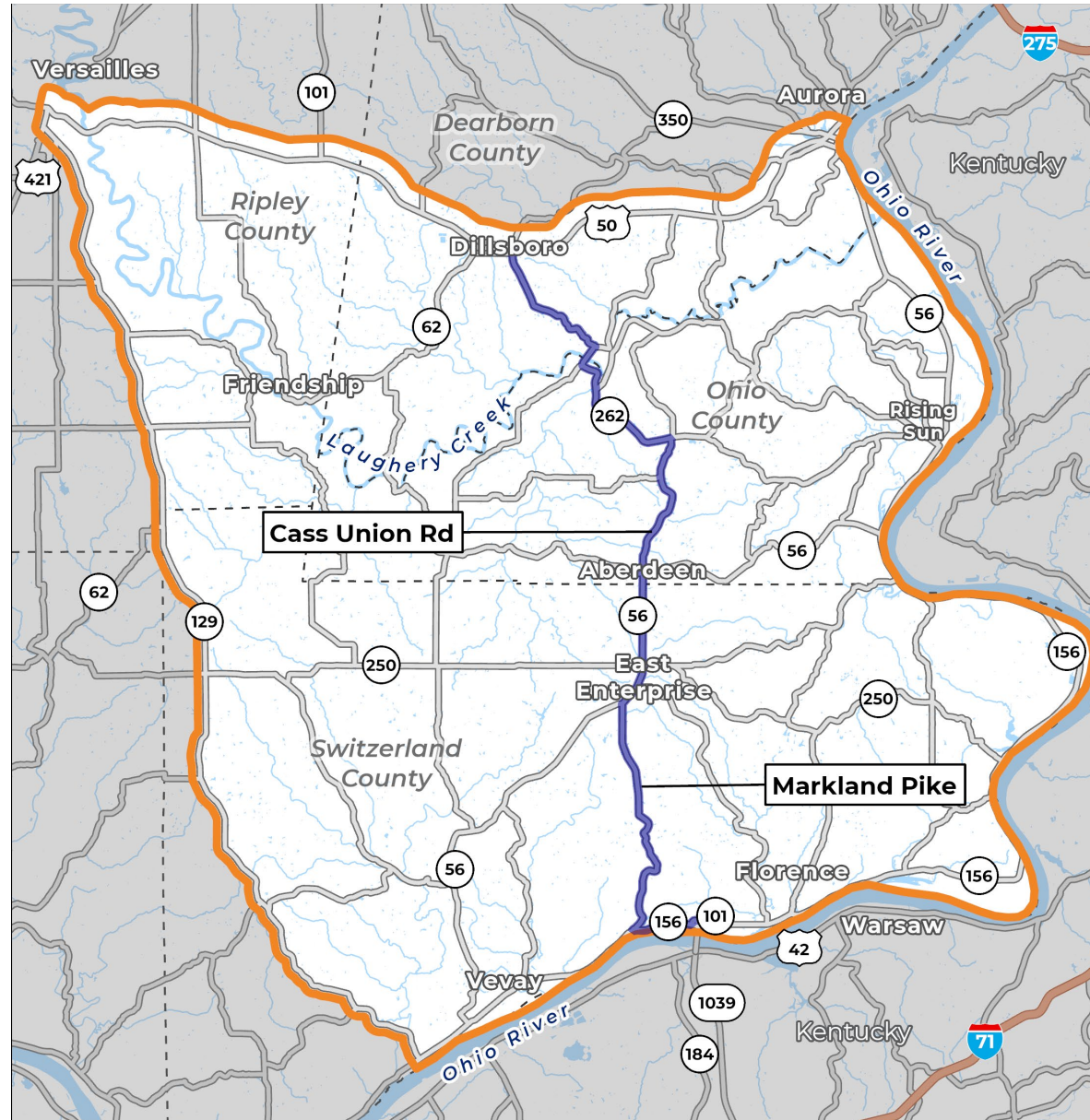


PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT

- Project *will determine* the *Purpose and Need*
- It's the **WHY**
 - Tells *why* the study is being conducted
 - Provides the *general vision* of the study
 - States the intended or *desired outcomes*
 - Expresses the *transportation issues* and *problems*
 - *Foundation* of decision-making process and project design



EXISTING FASTEST & SHORTEST ROUTE



PRELIMINARY PROJECT NEED

- Travel time and distance between the Markland Dam and US 50
- High crash locations
- Geometric deficiencies of existing routes
- Flooding of Laughery Creek crossings create access and safety issues
- Existing roadways located in slide-prone areas create access and safety issues



ROUTE TO A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



Develop broad routes based on community feedback and analysis

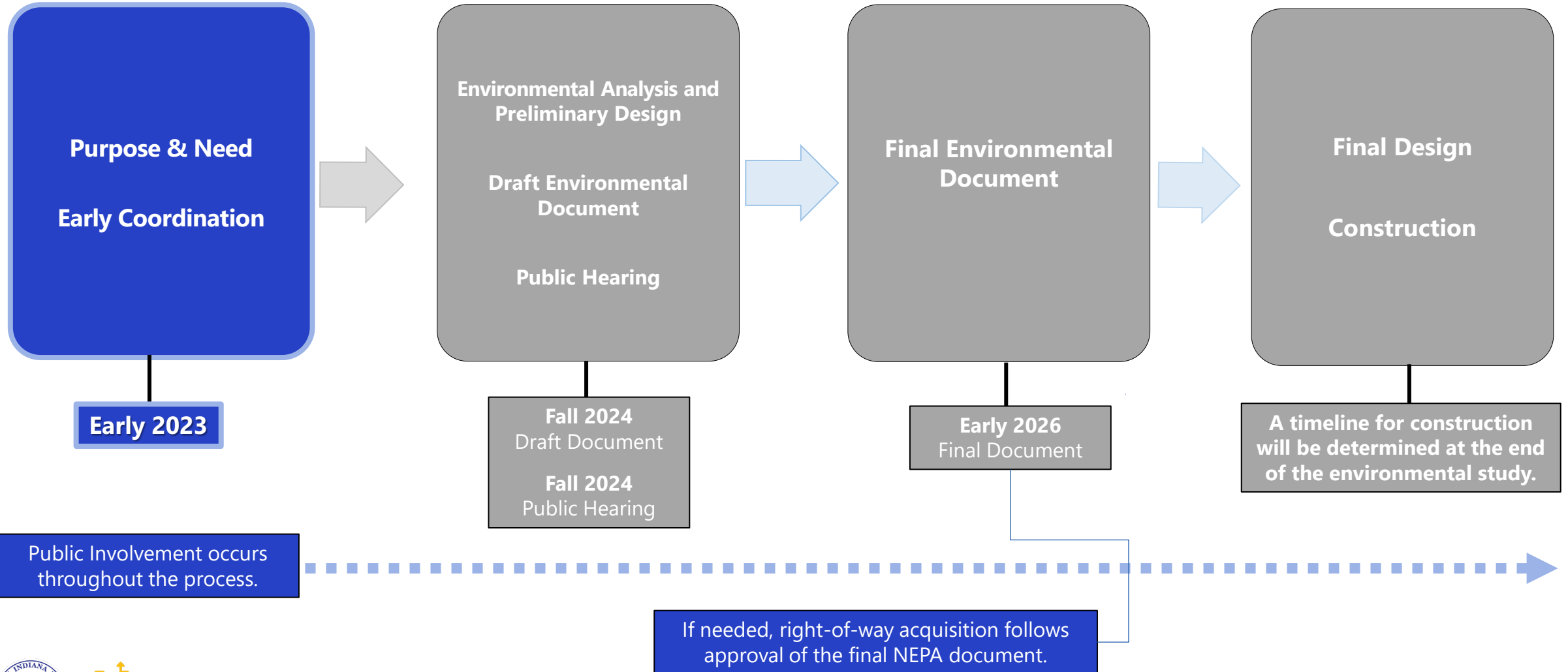


Alternatives emerge from broad routes to be studied in greater detail



Preferred alternative that meets Purpose and Need and comes from detailed analysis

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PROCESS



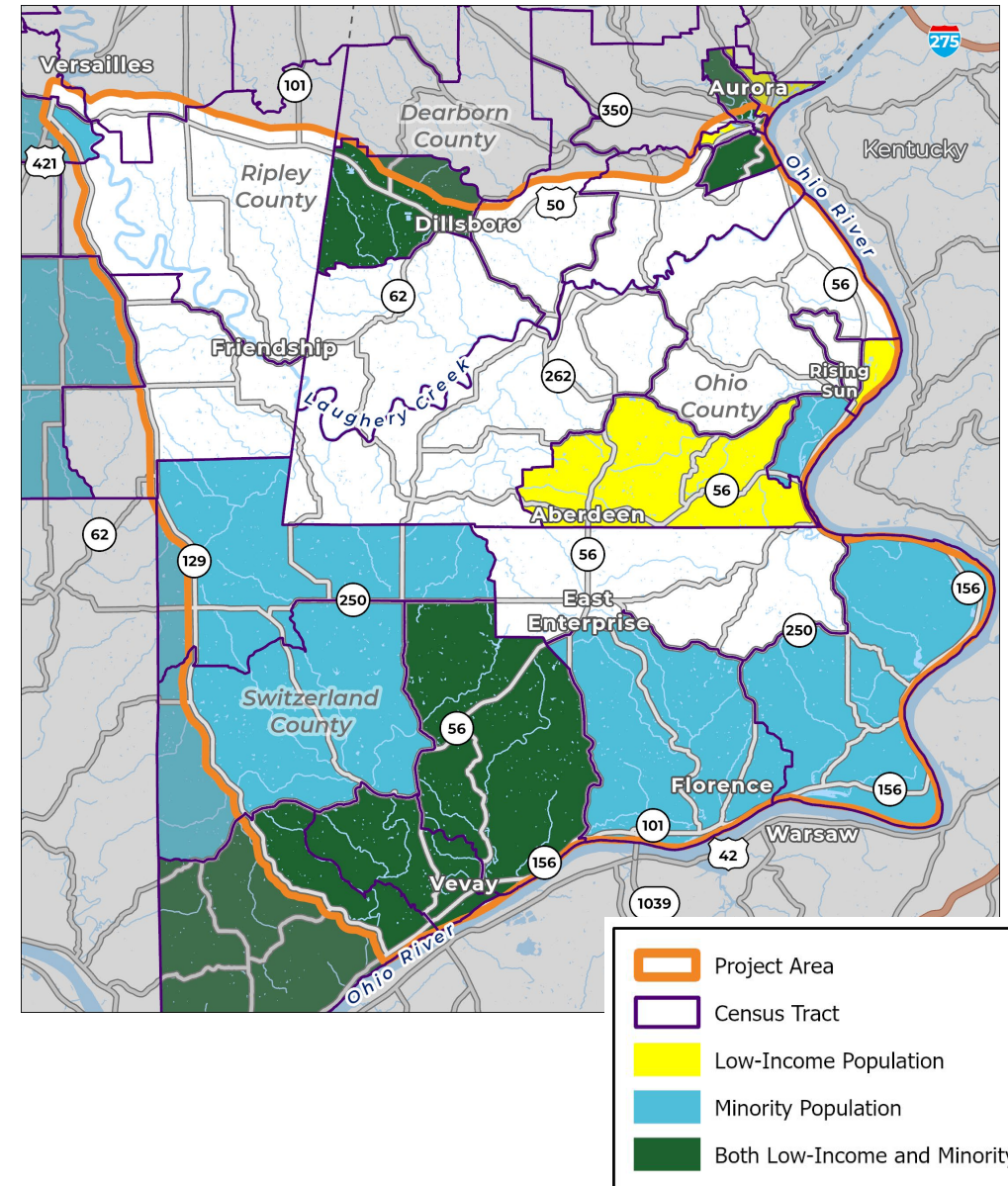
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ)



- EJ outreach seeks fairness in mobility and accessibility to meet the needs of everyone:
 - Low income
 - Race or ethnicity
 - Elderly
 - Children
 - Limited English proficiency
 - Persons with disabilities

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ)

- The study team is identifying environmental justice communities, examining data from:
 - US Census
 - US Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - White House's Justice40 Initiative
- Do you know of other possible environmental justice communities in the area? Let us know.



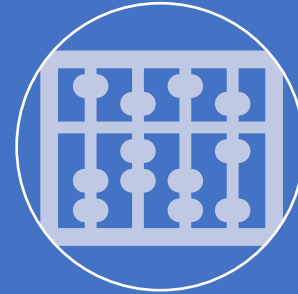
HOW WE WILL USE WHAT WE LEARN



Understand
local needs



Identify
opportunities,
concerns and
areas of conflict



Clearly **describe**
potential options,
constraints and
tradeoffs



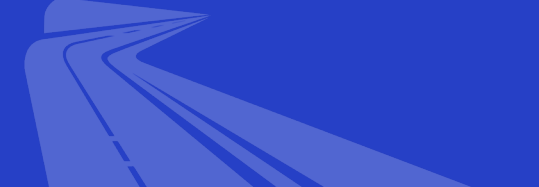
Use feedback to
inform project
outcomes





SHARE
YOUR
FEEDBACK

GET INVOLVED



- We want to know **what you think**.
- It's a **collaborative process** between community and Project Team.
- You **live, work and travel the roads** in the area regularly.
- Engagement **across the project area** is important
- Help us **identify communities** and **people** in your area – we want them **involved in the process**.

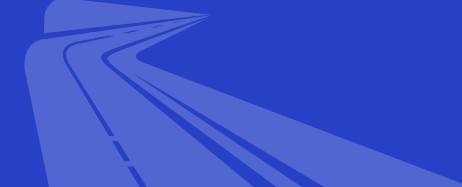


TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

- **What is your biggest concern traveling within the project area?**
 - Connectivity (ability to get from Point A to Point B)
 - Roadway conditions (narrow lanes, sharp curves, steep grade, etc.)
 - Safety (crashes, pedestrian safety, bicyclists)
 - Traffic congestion
 - Other concerns



CONNECTIVITY DISCUSSION



- **What are the services you need better connections to?**

- Work/employment
- Entertainment
- Shopping
- Medical
- Recreation
- Other

- **Where is your commute to work?**

- Within the project area
- From the project area to outside the project area
- From outside the project area to the project area
- Through the project area

TRAVEL DISCUSSION

- **When you travel in the project area, where do you go?**
 - Local travel
 - Regional travel
- **What improvements do you want to see in the project area?**



FUNCTION AND FIT

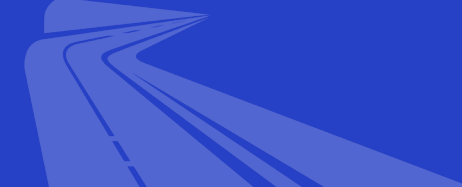
- What *function* do you want from the roadway?
 - Improved safety
 - Improved travel times
 - Walkability access
 - Multimodal access
- How do you want the roadway to *fit* within your community?





NEXT STEPS

WHAT TO EXPECT



LINK 101

PROJECT TIMELINE

EARLY 2023

Project Introduction
Public Information Meeting

FALL 2024

Draft Environmental Document
Public Hearing

EARLY 2026

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

2023

2024

2025

2026

SUMMER 2023

Alternatives Development
Public Information Meeting

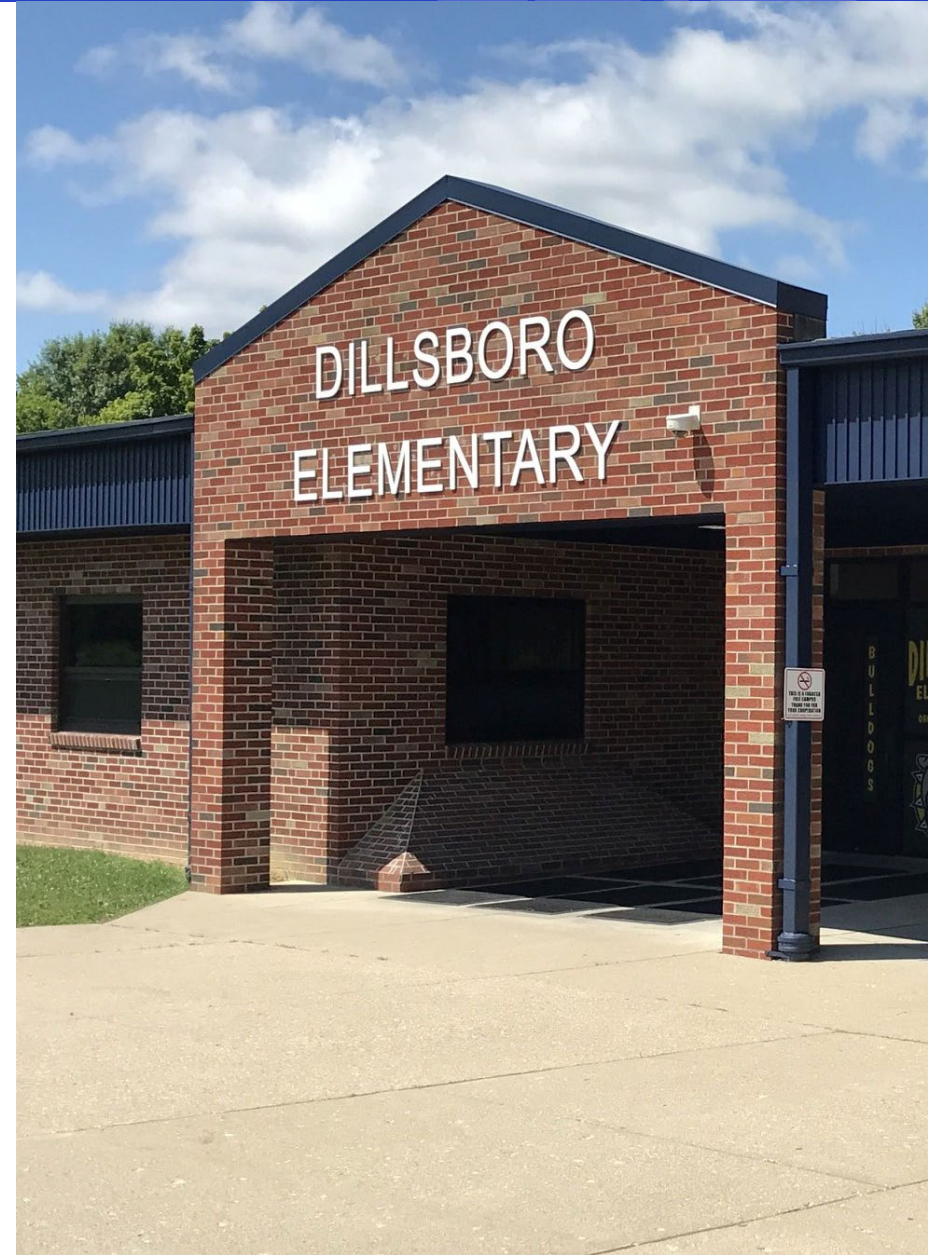
SUMMER 2024

Preferred Alternative Identified



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

- Public meetings **coming soon**
- **Dillsboro Elementary School**
 - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
 - 6 p.m. presentation
- Virtual meeting **Thursday, Jan. 19** at **6 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams
- Register at **bit.ly/Link101VirtualMeeting**



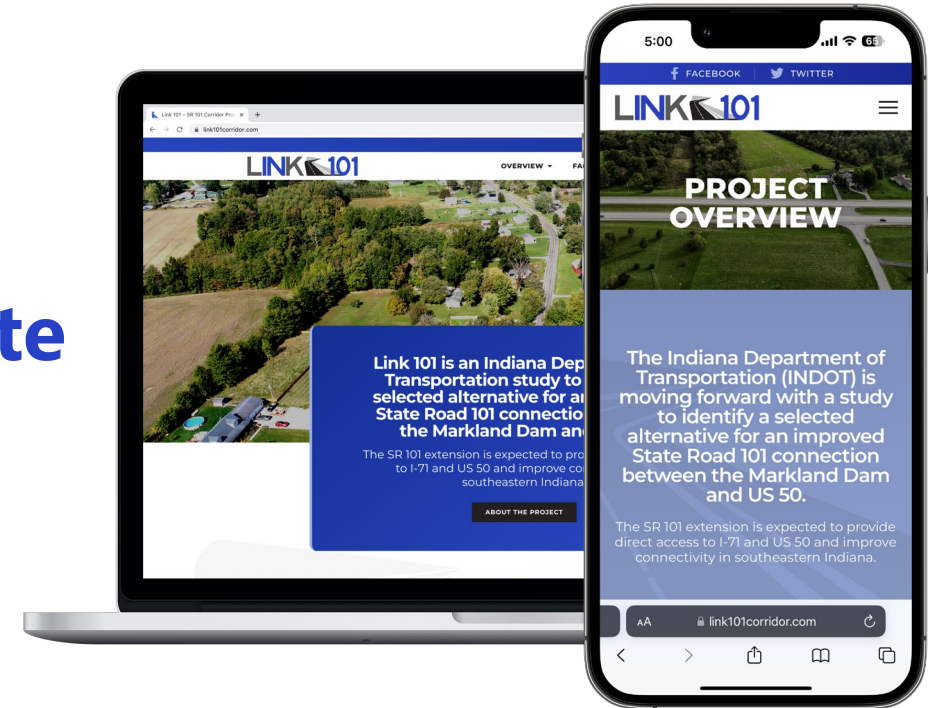


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PROJECT OFFICE

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THANK YOU

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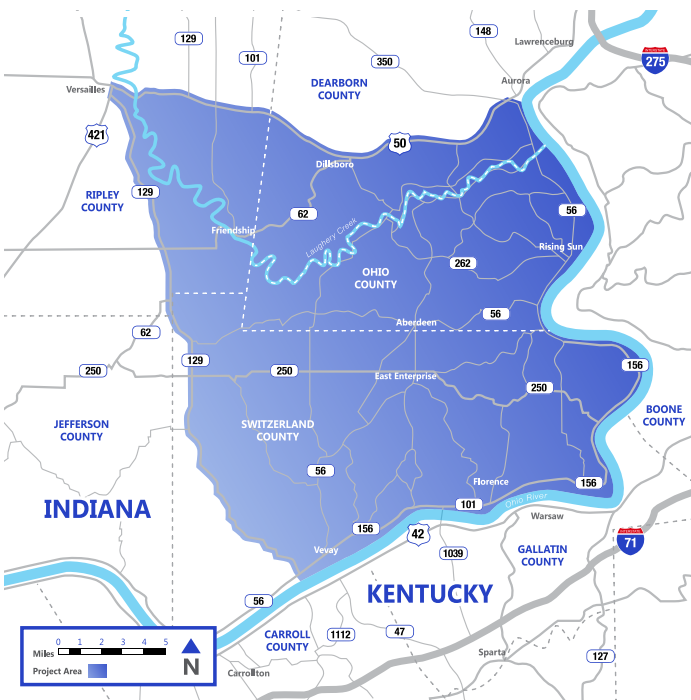
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PROJECT AREA



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

The Project Team is gathering information and analyzing data to define transportation and community needs in the project area.



With the needs defined, potential alternatives will be developed and evaluated.

IN-PERSON MEETING

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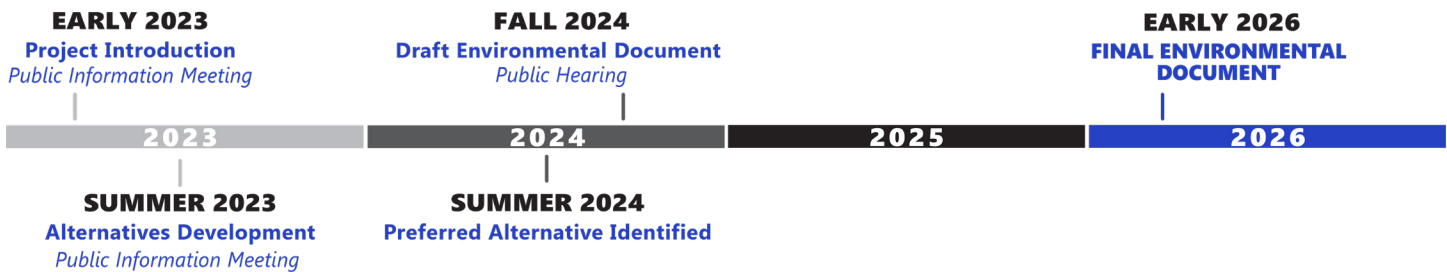
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PARA PREGUNTAS EN ESPAÑOL

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o le gustaria más información sobre este proyecto en Español, contacta al señor Robert Walker, al teléfono **801-553-3347** o correo electrónico **robert.walker@parsons.com**.

PUBLIC MEETINGS JANUARY 18 AND 19

In-person and virtual meeting options available

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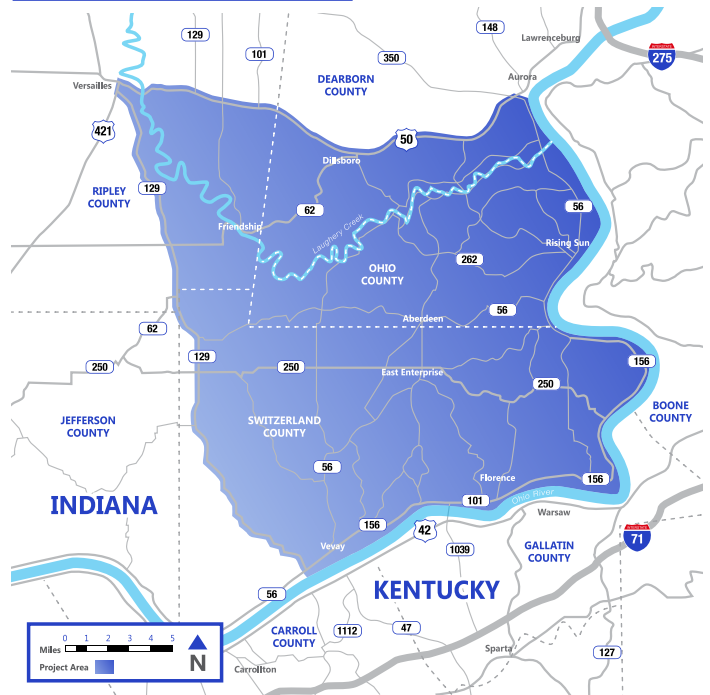
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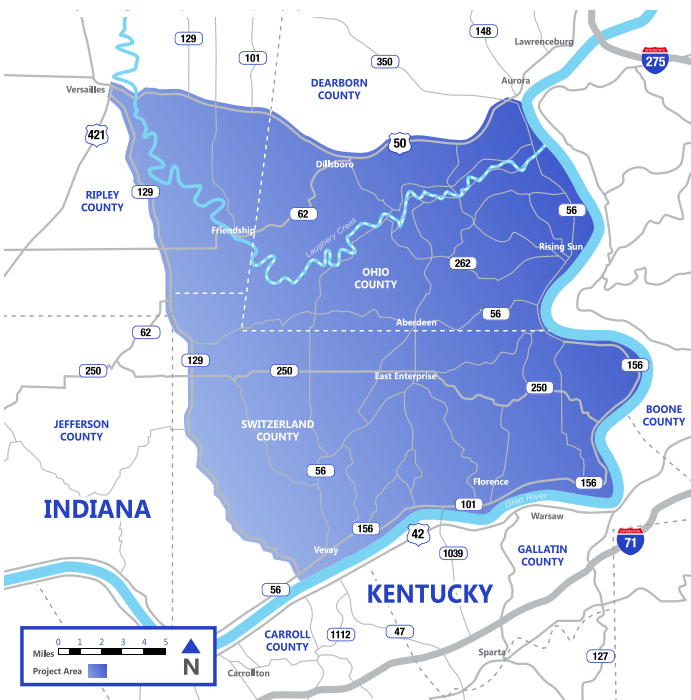


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- Engage in two-way communication with Project Team
- Serve in an advisory role and share project updates and information with others
- Take part in up to four CAC meetings during the project

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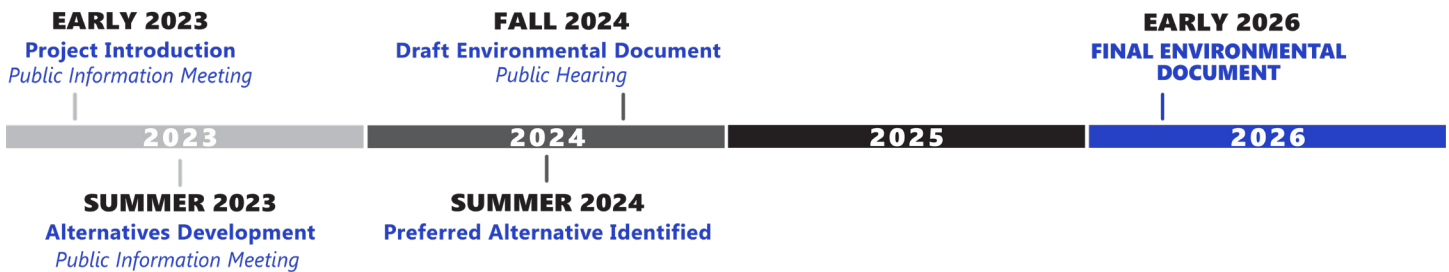
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