Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

for

Springfield, IL

February 8, 2012

5:00pm - 7:00pm

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Introductions

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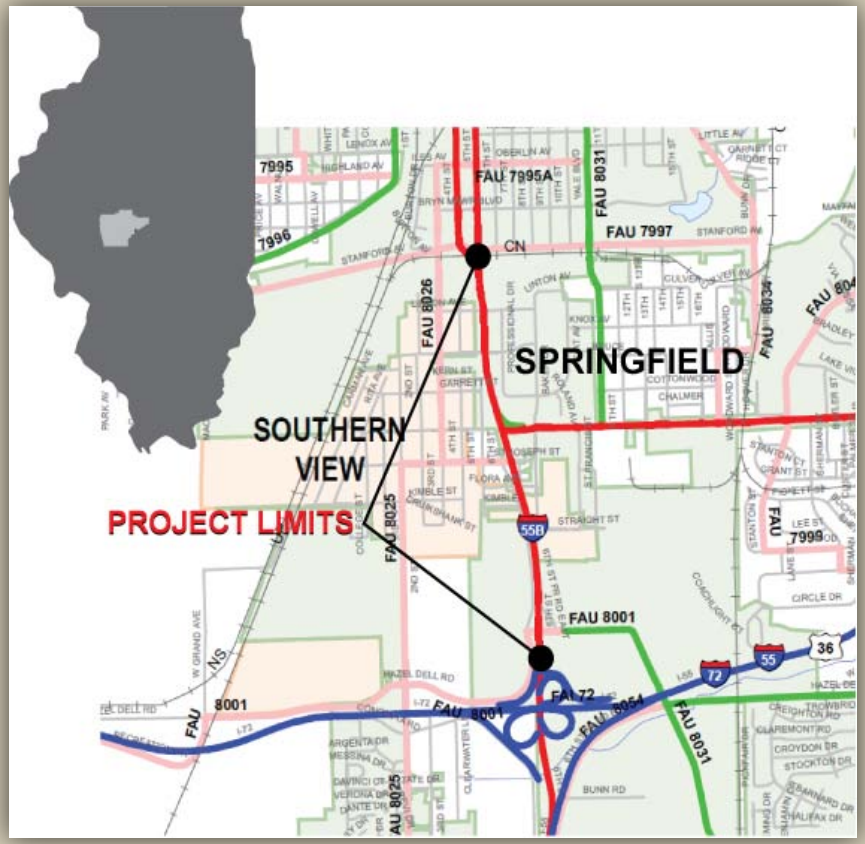
Meeting Agenda

- Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) Process
- Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- Community Advisory Group
- Mission Statements
- Project Purpose
- Community Context Audit
- Crash Analysis
- Public Meeting Comments
- Preliminary Concepts
- Schedule
- Closing Comments



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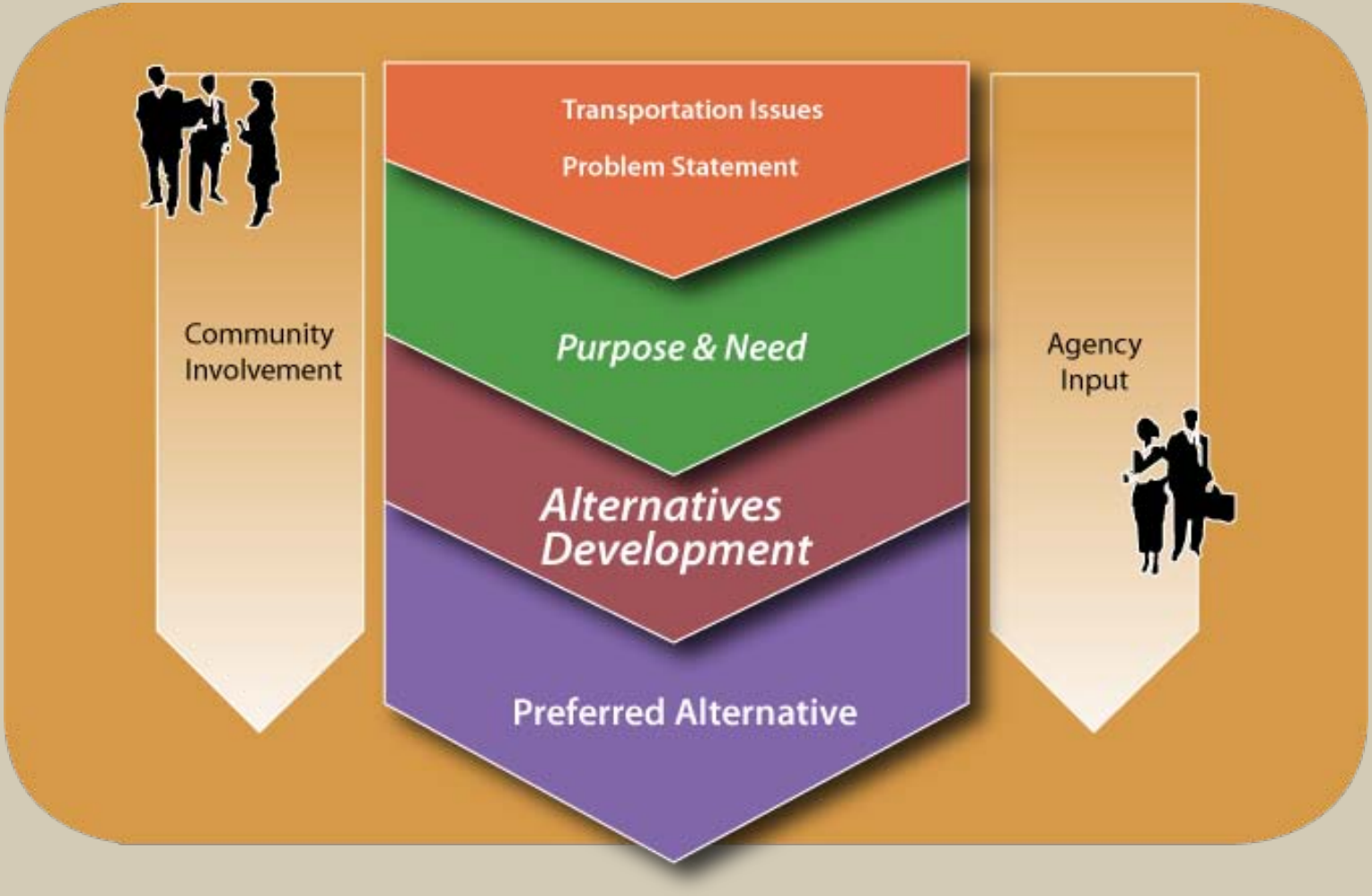
What is Context Sensitive Solutions?

"CSS is an interdisciplinary approach that seeks effective, multi-modal transportation solutions by working with stakeholders to develop, build, and maintain cost-effective transportation facilities that fit into and reflect the project's surroundings - its "context."

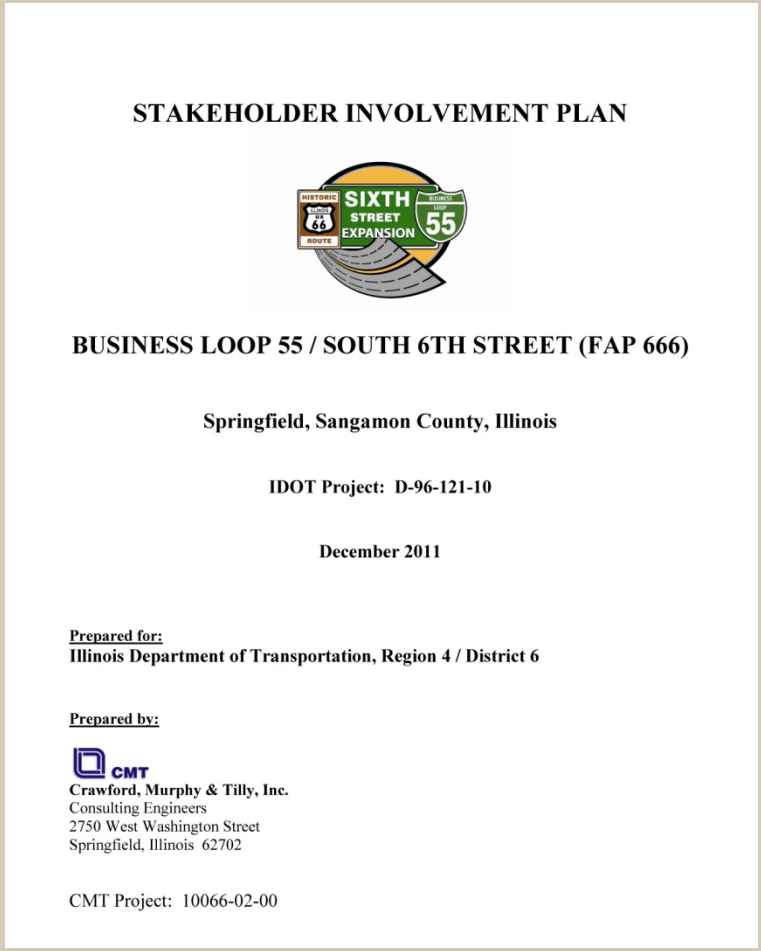
"Through early, frequent and meaningful communication with stakeholders, and a flexible and creative approach to design, the resulting projects should improve safety and mobility for the traveling public, while seeking to preserve and enhance the scenic, economic, historic and natural qualities of the settings through which they pass."

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Process



Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP)

- Identify project stakeholders
- SIP goals and objectives
- Explain stakeholder involvement
- Establish ground rules
- Provide schedule for the stakeholder involvement process
- Updated and maintained on the project website



STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

BUSINESS LOOP 55 / SOUTH 6TH STREET (FAP 666)

Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois

IDOT Project: D-96-121-10

December 2011

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SIP Ground Rules

- Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- The role of the stakeholders is to advise the Project Study Group (PSG), which will make the ultimate decisions on this project. A consensus of stakeholders on project choices is sought, but the ultimate decisions remain in the hands of the PSG and IDOT.
- Consensus is defined as a majority of the stakeholders in agreement, with the minority agreeing that their input was duly considered.
- All participants must come to the process with an open mind and participate openly and honestly.
- All participants must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.

SIP Ground Rules

- The list of stakeholders is subject to revision at any time events warrant.
- Minutes of all stakeholder and community advisory group meetings will be maintained by the PSG, with the content subject to stakeholders' review.
- All decisions made by IDOT must be arrived at in a clear and transparent manner, with the goal of seeking stakeholder consensus thereon.
- Members of the media are welcome in all stakeholder meetings, but must remain in the role of observers, not participants in the process.

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

What/Who is the CAG?

- Group of stakeholders
- Representative of diverse community cross section and interests
- Alternate members

Responsibilities of CAG members

- Provide direct and focused input about community and stakeholder issues
- Build consensus on key project milestones
- Attend CAG meetings and participate
- Adhere to the Ground Rules
- Public record of all participants on website

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

At each CAG meeting, detailed engineering and technical information will be presented by the PSG. The CAG will function as a community liaison or pipeline between IDOT and the public.

During CAG meetings, the committee will only discuss and address issues related to the concerns and values of the users and community at large. Issues concerning individual interests and impacts will not be addressed by the CAG. These issues can be directly addressed to IDOT outside of the CAG meetings.

CAG Organization

- Committee Name
- Committee Leadership
- Communications

Committee Name

- Community Advisory Group or Committee
- **South Sixth Street Expansion Advisory Group**
- Other Suggestions

Committee Leadership

- Volunteer(s) to Lead CAG
- CAG Leader(s) represent the entire CAG and will be the point of contact between the CAG and the PSG
- Assist PSG in implementing the SIP and observance of Ground Rules
- Leadership will be confirmed at next CAG meeting

Communications

CAG Members

CAG Leadership

Project Study Group (IDOT and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly)

Mission Statements

IDOT's Mission Statement:

The mission of IDOT is to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity, and demonstrate respect for our environment. We will accomplish our mission while making the following principles the hallmark of all our work: Safety, Integrity, Responsiveness, Quality, and Innovation.

CAG Mission Statement:

The mission of the South Sixth Street Expansion Community Advisory Group is to work with the PSG to develop and ultimately recommend transportation solutions for the Bus 55/South Sixth Street corridor that are based on what is best for the community and reached by an informed consensus, acknowledging that the final decision remains in the hands of the PSG and IDOT.

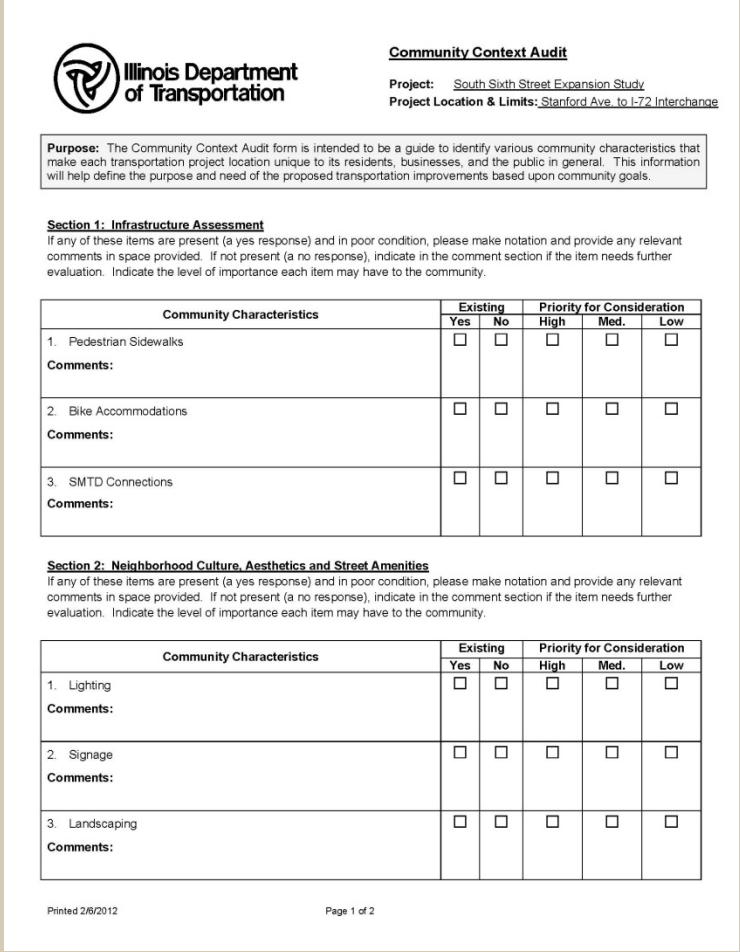
Project Purpose

The purpose of the Business Loop 55/South Sixth Street Expansion study is to increase capacity and improve safety on all roadway segments and intersections for all users throughout the study corridor.

Community Context Audit

- Help define purpose for project
- Ensure community representation in CSS process

Results will be summarized at the next CAG meeting.



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Community Context Audit

Project: South Sixth Street Expansion Study
Project Location & Limits: Stanford Ave. to I-72 Interchange

Purpose: The Community Context Audit form is intended to be a guide to identify various community characteristics that make each transportation project location unique to its residents, businesses, and the public in general. This information will help define the purpose and need of the proposed transportation improvements based upon community goals.

Section 1: Infrastructure Assessment
If any of these items are present (a yes response) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any relevant comments in space provided. If not present (a no response), indicate in the comment section if the item needs further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the community.

Community Characteristics	Existing		Priority for Consideration		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
1. Pedestrian Sidewalks **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Bike Accommodations **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. SMTD Connections **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Section 2: Neighborhood Culture, Aesthetics and Street Amenities
If any of these items are present (a yes response) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any relevant comments in space provided. If not present (a no response), indicate in the comment section if the item needs further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the community.

Community Characteristics	Existing		Priority for Consideration		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
1. Lighting **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Signage **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Landscaping **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Crash Analysis

- 2005 to 2010
- Exhibits - Color indicates year
- Graph of Collision Type for entire corridor
- Average Daily Traffic projected to increase nearly 4500 by the construction year 2020 and another 12,300 by the design year 2040.
- As traffic volumes increase and if the roadway configuration stays the same, it is anticipated the # of crashes will go up.

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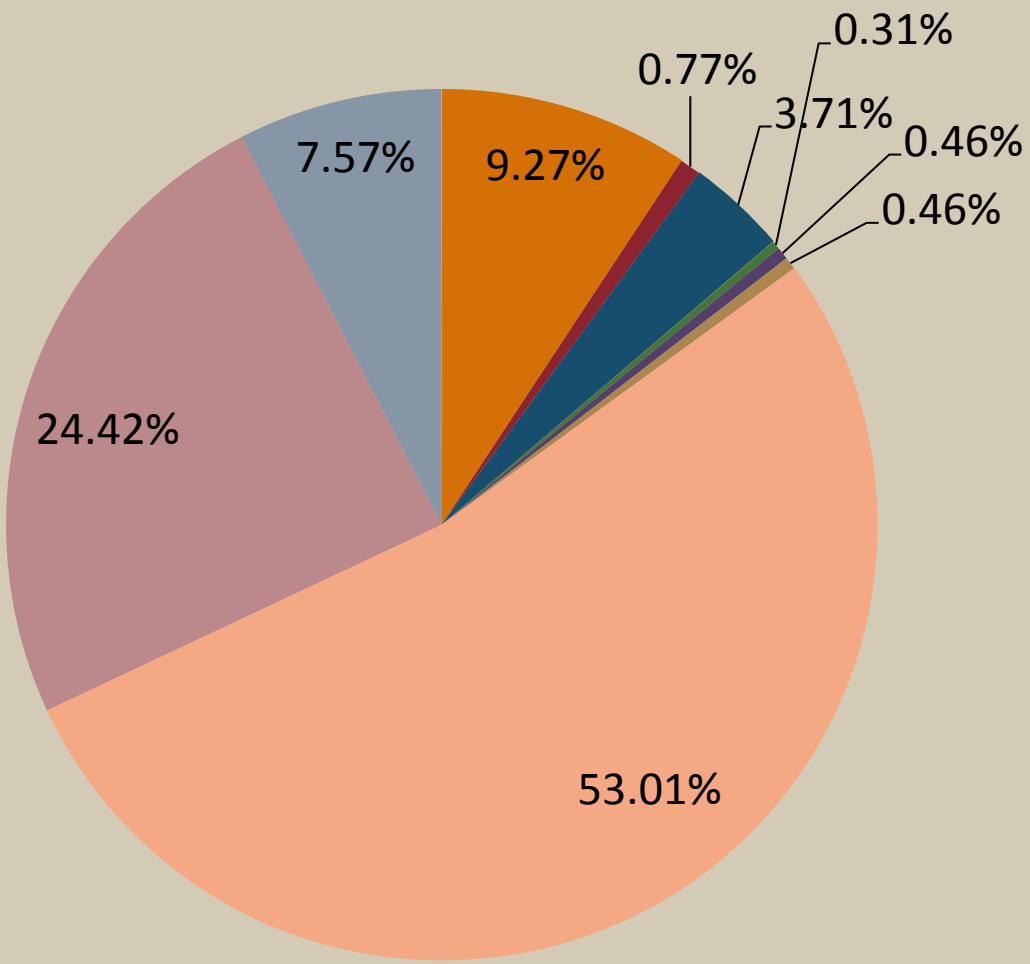
South Sixth Street Crash Data – Collision Type 2005-2010



	# of Crashes
ANGLE	60
ANIMAL	5
FIXED OBJECT	24
OVERTURNED	2
PARKED VEHICLE	3
PED/CYCLIST	3
REAR END	343
TURNING	158
SIDESWIPE SAME DIRECTION	49

Crash Data provided by IDOT Division of Traffic Safety

Public Meeting Comments

- Traffic congestion & safety
- Commercial access
- Access to side streets
- Insufficient turn lanes/storage
- Various drainage problems
- Pedestrian & ADA accessibility (including bus stops)

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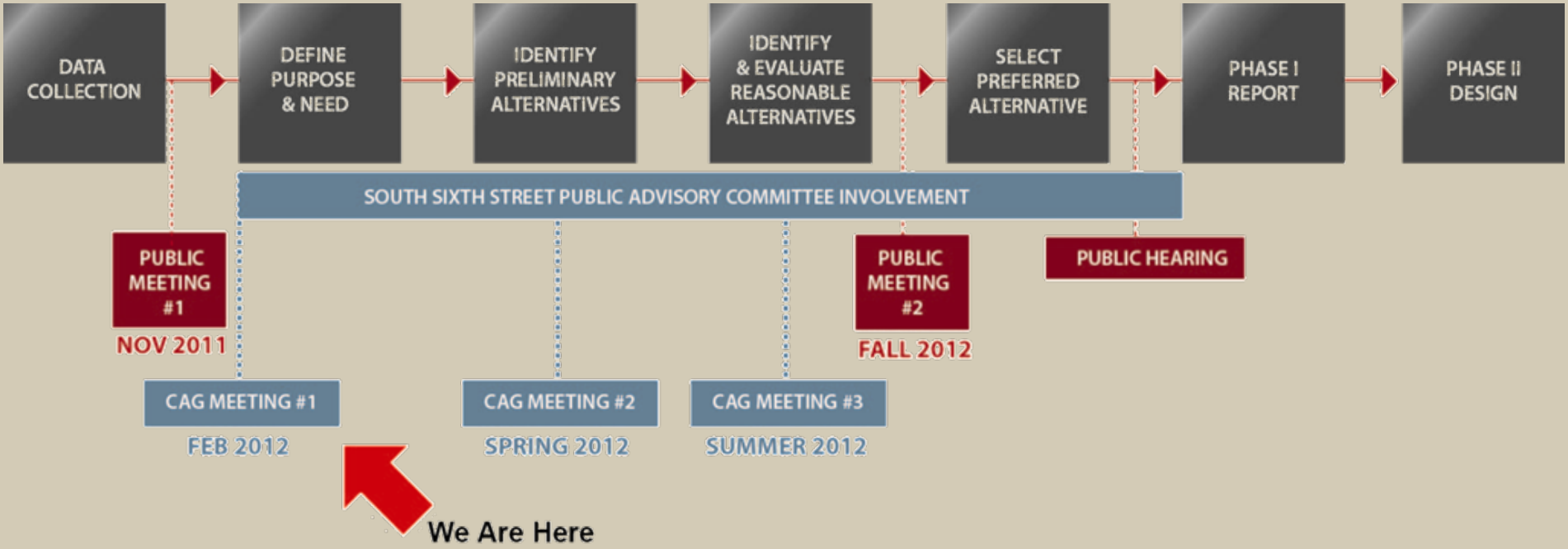
Preliminary Concepts

Discussion of ideas and concepts to develop study alternatives

“Walk-Through” of project corridor

CSS/Public Involvement Schedule



*Schedule subject to change

Closing Comments

1. Next CAG Meeting will be held Spring 2012
2. PSG will present detailed project alternatives for evaluation
3. Additional Comments can be submitted on comment sheets or via project website:

   www.springfieldsouth6thstexpansion.com
4. Thank You