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DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study

Public Participation Plan



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Introduction

Each day, the lives of DeKalb-Sycamore area residents are affected by our transportation system. Anyone who wants to go anywhere finds the opportunities- and limitations- determined by whether the transportation system provides a safe, efficient, and effective means of travel. The DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the DeKalb-Sycamore Urbanized Area (UA). The Urbanized Area encompasses all or portions of the City of DeKalb, the City of Sycamore, the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, and Northern Illinois University.

Through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and its predecessor, the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA), each region that is designated an urbanized area (50,000+ population) by the Census Bureau must establish a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The purpose of DSATS, the MPO for the DeKalb-Sycamore area, is to have on-going long range planning that integrates and supports all modes of transportation including auto, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight. DSATS strives to foster the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, coordinate projects across jurisdictional boundaries, and integrate transportation planning with land use planning and development.

One of the primary ways that MPOs facilitate cooperation is the prioritization of transportation projects for federal funds.

The MPO assigns Surface Transportation Planning-Urban (STP-U) funds to local transportation projects, and approves the use of all federal funds allocated towards transportation projects in a 20- to 25-year planning horizon. In most cases, the MPO is not the implementing agency for projects, but provides an overall coordination in the planning for and programming of funding for projects. Coordination and cooperation through the MPO Process optimizes the application of limited resources to an area's transportation needs, recognizing that such needs do not stop at municipal boundaries.

The MPO is comprised of a Policy Committee, a Technical Committee, and staff. The DSATS Policy Committee is made up of elected officials representing their respective communities. The Policy Committee and IDOT jointly share the responsibility for developing and maintaining the transportation plans and programs as required by State and Federal law. The Policy Committee determines Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee membership and voting privileges, enacts and amends DSATS bylaws, and approves work products such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A list of Policy and Technical Advisory Committee members can be found in Appendix B.

The Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) membership is drawn from professional and technical staff from the jurisdictions represented by the Policy Committee. The role of the TAC is to provide professional and technical advice and

recommendations to the Policy Committee on all matters pertaining to the technical planning functions of DSATS and other matters as requested.

The City of DeKalb is the Lead Agency for DSATS and provides the staffing for the program. DSATS staff currently consists of a part-time Study Director, who also serves as the City Planner for the City of DeKalb, a full-time Transportation Planner, and a part-time graduate intern. Staff is responsible for the ongoing supervision, management, and coordination of the planning efforts of the DSATS program. This includes record keeping, correspondence, local funding disbursement and management, document maintenance, and information dissemination. Staff contact information can be found in Appendix A.

DSATS staff is also responsible for preparing drafts of the following federally required documents: Public Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These documents are reviewed by the Technical Committee and eventually adopted by the Policy Committee. The UPWP, the LRTP, and the TIP provide the foundation for the planning and programming efforts of the MPO.

The purpose of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is to establish the activities and planning projects that the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS) intends to accomplish during the specified fiscal year. The UPWP is updated annually. Programmed planning (“PL”) funds are derived mainly from federal grants (typically 80%), namely the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The remaining funds (typically 20%)

are provided by the City of DeKalb as local match. Additional funding may be provided on a case-by-case basis by some or all of the participating jurisdictions for special planning projects.

The Long Range Transportation Plan is the statement of the ways the region intends to invest in the transportation system. The plan, which has a minimum time horizon of twenty years, includes the long and short-range program strategies/actions that will lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods. The LRTP is updated at least every five years.

Using the LRTP as a base, the Transportation Improvement Program is prepared. The TIP is a short-term document normally covering three years, and is updated at least every two years. The TIP is a financially constrained document outlining the most immediate implementation priorities for transportation projects and allocating resources. A project may not receive federal funding unless it is included in the TIP.

The Public Participation Plan Mission Statement

The DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study will provide opportunities for meaningful public and stakeholder involvement in the transportation related decision-making processes. DSATS will accomplish this by making information accessible to all citizens through multiple venues and techniques. Actual and meaningful discussion and input is the key to effective public involvement. This Policy outlines the strategies that DSATS will employ to accomplish this goal.

Objectives of the DSATS' Public Participation Plan

- *Notify* the public in a timely manner of policies, progress of specific projects, and issues related to the planning process.
- *Engage* all stakeholders with opportunities for participating in the decision-making process.
- *Listen* to citizen concerns and ideas and address them in a prompt manner.
- *Learn* from collected information and stakeholders' ideas to develop consensus and resolve conflicts, to generate better planning decisions.
- *Expand* an effective outreach process that includes an integrated feedback process for evaluation and improvement.
- *Evaluate* regularly the measured effectiveness of participation strategies.

Implementing the Public Participation Plan

Since their inception, Metropolitan Planning Organizations have followed the 3-C Planning Process, which was first set forth in the 1962 Federal-Aid Highway Act. MPOs were created to ensure that transportation planning efforts were “continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative.” “Cooperative” was defined to include federal, state, and local levels of government, as well as various nongovernmental organizations involved in or affected by transportation issues. “Continuing” referred to the need for periodic evaluations of the plan’s goals and recommendations. “Comprehensive” was intended to incorporate these ten basic elements into every transportation planning effort:

1. Economic factors affecting development
2. Population
3. Land Use
4. Transportation facilities including those for mass transportation.
5. Travel patterns
6. Terminal and transfer facilities
7. Traffic control features
8. Zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and other local building requirements
9. Financial resources
10. Social and community value factors, such as preservation of open space, parks and recreational facilities, preservation of historic sites and buildings, environmental amenities, and aesthetics

Ongoing legislation has expanded upon the 3-C Process. Through ISTEA, the federal government mandates a deep level of public involvement throughout the planning process. In 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) expanded the definition of “interested parties” to be consulted in the development of the participation plan and LRTP. It also requires plans to demonstrate sincere and measurable intent in making the planning process and its product readily accessible to the public. In general, the law and DSATS encourage informed public comment through solicitation of ideas on issues, scope, and alternatives well in advance of public hearings. The following items are descriptions of the Code of Federal Regulations: Public Participation in Metropolitan Transportation Planning 23 CFR 450.316b(1) (denoted by *italics*), as well as DSATS efforts to realize them.

I. The metropolitan planning process shall include a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing plans and TIPs. To meet the requirements the process shall:

- i. Require a minimum public comment period of 45 days before the public involvement process is initially adopted or revised;*
- ii. Require a minimum public comment period of 45 days before the Transportation Improvement Program is initially adopted or revised;*
- iii. Require a minimum public comment period of 45 days before the Long Range Transportation Plan is initially adopted or approved.*

The Transportation Improvement Program contains, at a minimum, information on all road and transit projects with an element of federal funding. Examples of federal funding include Surface Transportation Urban (STU) funds, Hazard Elimination Safety Program (HES) funds, and member initiatives. DSATS policy is to also include information on projects sponsored by IDOT and local jurisdictions that are expected to have an impact on the regional transportation network.

The TIP also serves as the Program of Projects for the disbursement of Section 5307 federal transit funds. The amount of Section 5307 dollars available to the DeKalb-Sycamore area and their intended use is published as a part of the TIP.

Each of the above documents – PPP, TIP, and LRTP – will not be adopted until considered at a public hearing held at the DSATS Policy Committee meeting. Notice of said public hearing shall be published in an area newspaper not less than ten days before said date.

More specific dates for public review, committee consideration, and action are available through the Development Schedules. Development schedules are updated in February of each year and published as an addendum to the Plan. Staff and Committee contacts are also updated at this time. A list of tentative meetings for 2007 and 2008 can be found in Appendix C.

II. Provide timely information about transportation issues and processes to citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, other interested parties, and segments of the community affected by transportation plans programs, and projects (including but not limited to central city and other local jurisdiction concerns);

DSATS has implemented a website as part of the City of DeKalb's Community Development Department's website. The DSATS logo is located on the city's homepage and can be directly linked to.

The website serves as a primary gateway for individuals and groups interested in learning about or participating in DSATS' planning and programming processes. All of the DSATS' plans, such as the LRTP, UPWP, TIP, the ITS Architecture, the Bikeways Plan, the Transit Development Plan, and the Public Participation Plan are located on the website. In addition, DSATS solicits public participation on the website by including public comment forms for download.

DSATS distributes a monthly newsletter, primarily circulated by e-mail, but also available through U.S. mail, to keep all parties informed of MPO activities. This newsletter is released the first day of the month and includes information about DSATS' meetings, projects, and other important articles. Subscriptions are solicited through a letter sent to all area social service agencies and transit providers, published in the local newspaper, and on the DSATS website. DSATS may also utilize the City of DeKalb Channel 14 and press releases in order to distribute MPO information.

III. Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and TIPs and open public meetings where matters related to the federal aid highway and transit programs are being considered;

Back-up materials provided to committee members will be available to the public by request. Copies of the Public Involvement Policy, Unified Planning Work Program, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Transportation Improvement Plan will be made available to the public at the following locations: City of DeKalb Community Development Annex, City of Sycamore Administration Building, DeKalb County Planning and Zoning office, and the Town of Cortland clerk's office. Copies will also be available to the area's public libraries. Maps and addresses of public review locations can be found in Appendix D.

DSATS intends to include a glossary of technical terms with all of the above documents and others as appropriate, in an effort to clarify an often complicated slew of programs, terms, acronyms, and abbreviations for the public. A glossary of terms can be found in Appendix D. Whenever time permits, DSATS will accommodate requests for individual meetings with interested members of the public.

IV. Require adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points including, but not limited to, approval of plans, and TIPs;

Information on public involvement opportunities is made available through postings at the DeKalb Municipal Building, distribution of notice to DeKalb area media, and will eventually be available on the DSATS website.

V. Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development processes;

Public input received during the planning and program development process will be summarized and maintained in the DSATS files. Such comment may be incorporated in the final report by either a response based on practical engineering principles and Technical committee review, through policy change, or in an appendix.

VI. Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households;

DSATS hopes to reach the traditionally underserved population by working through area social service agencies which are already in contact with these populations. DSATS will work with the agencies on an individual basis as requested, and will work through the DeKalb Continuum of Care group, Networking for Families, and other appropriate forums to provide general information and outreach.

If a major service reduction or any fare increase for transit service is proposed, DSATS will work with the whole public, but especially with traditionally underserved populations, to assess the impact of such changes. A major service reduction is defined by cutting one or more route or the cutting the availability or capacity of existing service by twenty-five percent or more. The service provider and any contractor retain the right to make service and fare decisions, but may not do so before holding a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

VII. When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plan or TIP as a result of the public involvement process or the interagency consultation process required under U.S. EPA's conformity regulations, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made a part of the final plan and TIP;

VIII. If the final plan or TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan or TIP shall be made available;

Review of any significantly revised plan or TIP shall be available for not less than ten days. Copies of such plans will be made available at all sites listed as public review sites.

IX. Public involvement processes shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO in terms of their effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all;

DSATS is committed to providing full public access to key decisions. DSATS will employ the variety of techniques detailed in this Policy to achieve that goal. From time to time, DSATS staff may solicit comments from the public and evaluate existing opportunities. DSATS will review the Public Involvement Policy concurrently with the LRTP during each major update.

X. These procedures will be reviewed by the FHWA and the FTA as necessary for all MPOs, to assure that full and open access is provided to MPO decision-making processes;

XI. Metropolitan public involvement processes shall be coordinated with statewide public involvement processes wherever possible to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs to reduce redundancies and costs;

XII. Be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794, which ensures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap, be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program receiving federal assistance from the United States Department of Transportation;

DSATS is committed to a meaningful effort to involve low income and minority populations in the decision processes established to program federal funds. DSATS evaluates the nature, extent, and incidence of probable favorable and adverse human health or environmental impacts of each program or activity on any particular group, paying particular attention to the affects upon minority or low-income populations.

In addition to goals for informed participation by all groups, DSATS addresses Title VI requirements in the following ways:

- The DeKalb-Sycamore area has a somewhat unique situation in that a major provider, Voluntary Action Center, is also a social service agency. VAC's target populations include the disabled, the elderly, and households for whom automobile ownership is economically difficult.
- DSATS works with available forums including the DeKalb Continuum of Care, a network of social service agencies, law enforcement, state agencies, and local jurisdictions, to publicize the plans and actions of the MPO.
- The MPO recognizes a need for transit services in areas currently not served. DSATS also recognizes a need and desire for transit making connections to other transit within the region.
- The MPO will continue to seek opportunities that will lead to improved transportation for those traditionally underserved.

Beyond those populations protected by Title VI, the City of DeKalb's Municipal Code includes sexual orientation and matriculation as protected classes. Other populations may be later identified as needing protected status. DSATS shall automatically include any other specially-protected populations identified by its member jurisdictions.

XIII. Identify actions necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities".

XIV. Provide for the involvement of traffic, ride-sharing, parking, transportation safety and enforcement agencies, commuter rail operators, airport and port authorities, toll authorities, appropriate private transportation providers, and where appropriate city officials; and

XV. The metropolitan transportation planning process shall include preparation of technical and other reports to assure documentation of the development, refinement, and update of the transportation plan. The reports shall be reasonably available to interested parties, consistent with Sec. 450.316(b)(1).

DSATS will include participation from persons with disabilities, particularly by working in concert with the DeKalb Disabilities Commission, RAMP, and other groups. As the region's population ages, it can be anticipated that the needs for special transportation services will grow. The presence of Northern Illinois University in the community also attracts populations with special needs. DSATS will attempt to anticipate areas in which special transportation services may be needed to serve these growing populations.

XVI. Additional techniques:

DSATS has retained professional media services. DSATS has a logo, letterhead, e-newsletter format, and website. DSATS strives to create an image that is recognizable to other organizations and to the public. It is hoped that this image will facilitate the public's recognition of DSATS as a forum for transportation issues, a source of information, and a resource for identifying and addressing the DeKalb-Sycamore Area's transportation needs.

DSATS will undertake a comprehensive update to this Policy approximately every five years, in concurrence with the Long Range Transportation Plan update. During this update, DSATS will evaluate strategies undertaken during the previous years and will adjust its public participation techniques accordingly. This review process is intended so that DSATS is continually working towards improved incorporation of the public in the decision making process.

In the interim, DSATS will annually provide updated lists of contact people for its Staff, Committees, and member jurisdictions. The DSATS website will include this information, as well as identify the proper contacts for specific projects or questions.

DSATS' Efforts to Ensure an Equitable Public Participation Process

DSATS strives to ensure impartial and sufficient opportunity for public input. DSATS holds two open meetings each month and invites the public to attend. The Policy Committee convenes the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb Municipal Building Basement Classroom, 200 S. Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets the second Monday of the month at the DeKalb County Highway Department, 1826 Barber Green Road, DeKalb, IL 60115.

If applicable, more than one public meeting will be held on the same subject, in a different location and/or at a different time, so that different segments of citizens have equal opportunity to participate and provide input. Meeting summaries are always available from DSATS staff in the event a person would like to review the discussion of a specific meeting. Citizens are always encouraged to provide input during public comment periods.

DSATS Consideration and Incorporation of Public Input

DSATS will evaluate all input and feedback, both written and verbal, as to its appropriateness and significance. Written responses will be prepared only when specifically requested. Effective transportation decision-making depends on understanding and properly addressing the unique needs of different socioeconomic groups. The MPO identifies residential, employment, and transportation patterns of low-income and minority populations so that their needs can be identified and addressed. Public involvement processes are evaluated and improved, where necessary, to eliminate participation barriers and engage minority and low-income population in transportation decisions.

DSATS Forms of Public Participation

To ensure an efficient public involvement process, the following techniques, or any combination may be used by DSATS:

- Public Notification
- Mailing Lists
- Copies of Documents
- Public Comment
- Open Meetings
- Open Houses
- DSATS Attendance at Other Meetings
- DSATS Website

Evaluation of Public Participation Efforts

Periodic review of public participation activities to evaluate program effectiveness is required by federal regulation 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7). Periodic evaluation of DSATS' efforts will determine whether the public participation methods are effective. In the event a public participation program is not effective, it can be redesigned and improved to achieve the public participation goals of DSATS.

The evaluation of DSATS public participation programs will focus on an assessment of each program's overall success and effectiveness in achieving its participation goals. Strong participation numbers and inclusion of a broad range of interests is of particular concern to DSATS staff. Criteria have been established to accurately measure the effectiveness of each of the recommended public participation tools in accomplishing these goals. The chart below evaluates criteria in both qualitative and quantitative forms.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOL	QUANTITATIVE MEASURES	QUALITATIVE MEASURES
Mailing Lists	Number of additions to a mailing list	Concise and clear information portrayed
	Diversity of representation	Effectiveness of newsletter
	Quantity of education materials distributed	
Open Houses	Number of events for public involvement	Effectiveness of meeting format
	Number of comments received	Public understanding of the process
	Number of participants	Timing of public involvement
	Number of "environmental justice" attendees	Meeting convenience
	Diversity of attendees	Quality of public input—useful in plan development?
Meetings	Number of comments received	Effectiveness of meeting format
	Number of participants	Public understanding of the process
	Number of "environmental justice" attendees	Quality of feedback obtained
	Diversity of attendees	Quality of public input—useful in plan development?
DSATS Website	Number of documents	Timeliness of document updates
	Number of hits per month	Effective format for information access
	Number of public comments and suggestions submitted	Quality of feedback obtained
	Number of additions to the mailing list	Concise and clear information

DSATS will evaluate the four most commonly used public participation methods it employs: mailing lists, open houses, meetings, and the DSATS website. On all occasions, measures of public participation are recorded as numbers, statistics, and summaries of qualitative observations. The quantitative components could include, but are not limited to, meeting attendance, number of hits on the internet site, and number of suggestions received. The quantitative measurements typically determine the “who,” “what” and “where” of decision-making, whereas the qualitative measurements determine the “why” and “how”—which are not easily determined by numbers or statistics. Quantitative measurements are usually conclusive while qualitative measurements are exploratory in nature.

The quantitative and qualitative measures will be compiled annually and analyzed against previous years’ data to determine change in participation levels. Results of such analysis could be presented and discussed at an annual staff public participation meeting to determine the effectiveness of the tools.

The Public Participation Plan is intended to be a document which can incorporate revisions from the public. It is also designed to be flexible and offer a number of varied techniques for public participation.

Appendix

Appendix A: DSATS Staff

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Appendix B: DSATS' Policy and Technical Advisory Committees

DSATS Policy Committee

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	Ron Naylor	Alderman, 5 th Ward		ron.naylor@cityofdekalb.com	200 S. Fourth St., DeKalb, IL 60115
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City of Sycamore	Ken Mundy	Mayor	(815) 895-4517	kmundy@cityofsycamore.com	308 W. State St. Sycamore, IL 60178
DeKalb County	Pat LaVigne	County Board	(815) 756-9103	dfassoc@tbcnet.com	200 N. Main St. Sycamore, IL 60178
Northern Illinois University	Dr. John Peters	President	(815) 753-1273	jpeters@niu.edu	Altgeld Hall, DeKalb, IL 60115
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DSATS Technical Committee

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City of Sycamore	Bill Nicklas	City Manager	(815) 895-4853	bnicklas@cityofsycamore.com	308 W. State St. Sycamore, IL 60178
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DSATS Technical Committee

Jurisdiction	Name	Title	Phone Number	E-mail	Address
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Illinois Department of Transportation – Planning and Programming	Curtis Jones	Planning Manager	(217) 785-2995	Curtis.jones@illinois.gov	2300 S. Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62764
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Appendix C: 2007 and 2008 Tentative Meeting Dates

Tentative Meeting Dates

DSATS Policy Committee

All DSATS Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month. The committee meets at 3:00 p.m. in the Basement Classroom of the DeKalb Municipal Building, located at 200 S. Fourth St. in DeKalb, IL, unless otherwise scheduled.

2007

August	22
September	26
October	24
November	28
December	26

2008

January	23
February	27
March	26
April	23
May	28
June	25
July	23
August	27
September	24
October	22
November	26
December	24

DSATS Technical Committee

All DSATS Technical Committee meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month. The committee meets at 1:15 p.m. at the County Highway Garage, located at 1826 Barber Greene Rd. in DeKalb, IL, unless otherwise scheduled.

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September	10
October	8
November	12
December	10

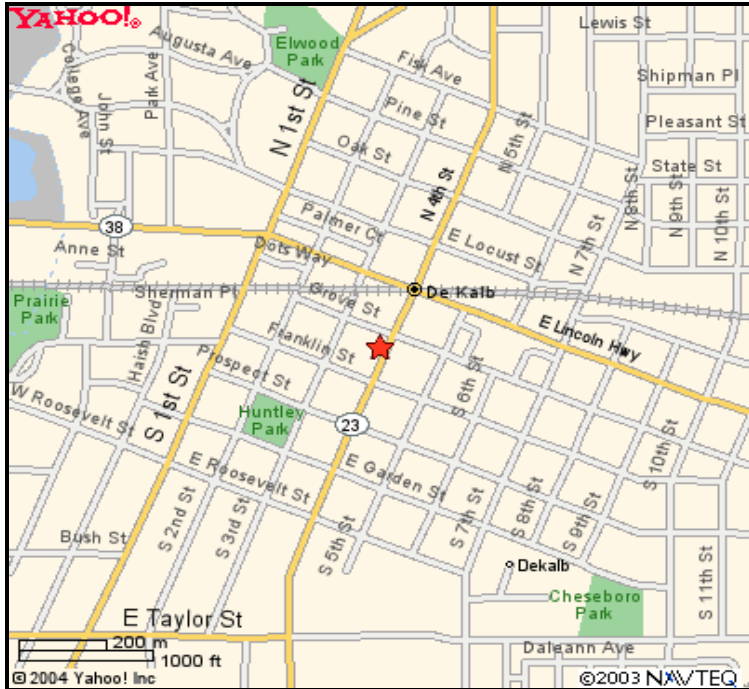
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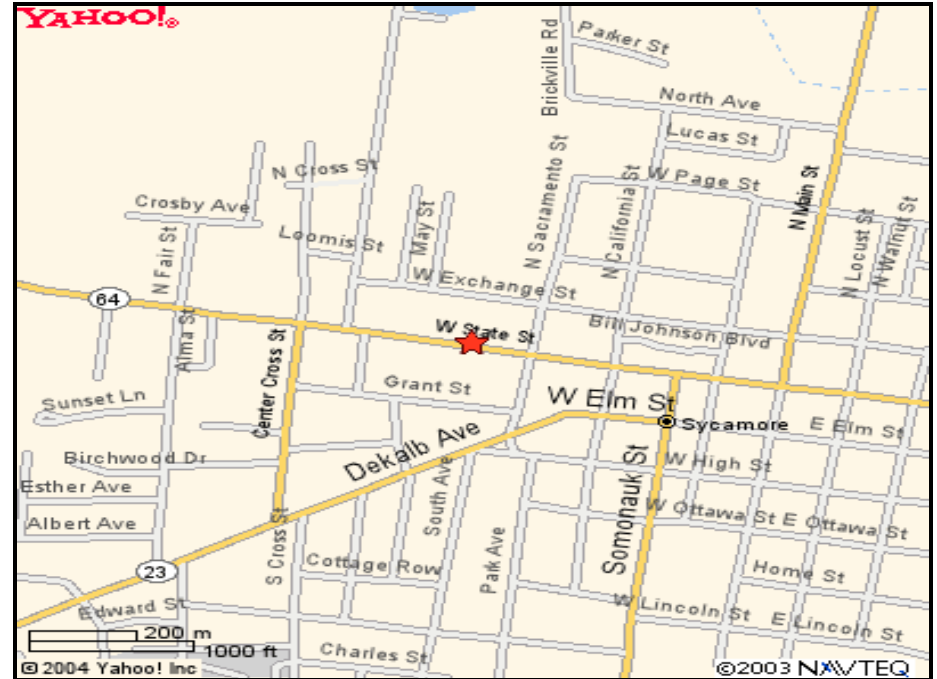
Appendix D: Public Review Locations

Public Review Sites

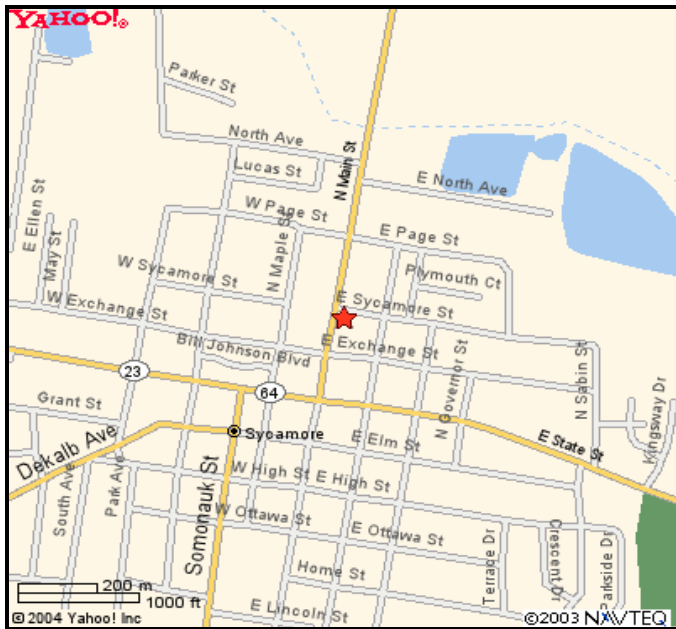
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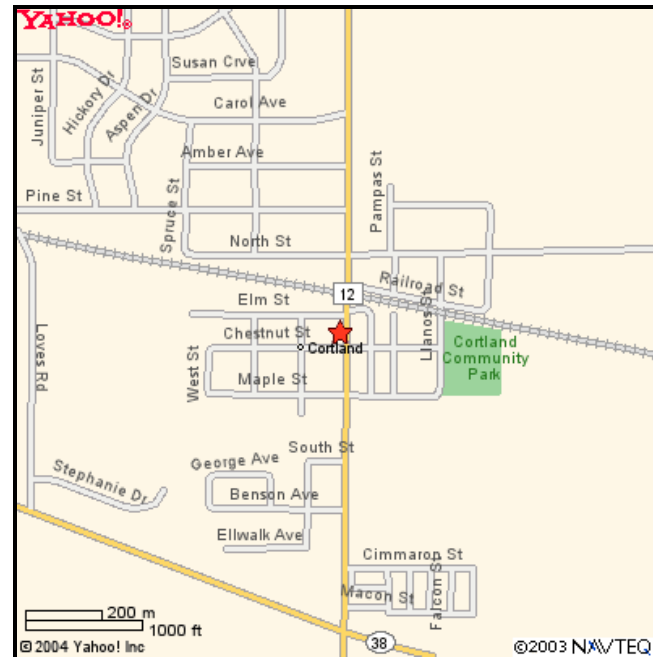
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Appendix E: Glossary of Terms

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AADT: Average Annual Daily Traffic.

AASHTO: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

AMPO: American Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

APTA: American Public Transportation Association.

AWDT: Average Weekday Traffic.

CAA: Clean Air Act.

CAAA: Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program.

CMS: Congestion Management System, required for all Transportation Management Areas (TMA's).

CPI: Consumer Price Index.

Capacity: A transportation facility's ability to accommodate a moving stream of people or vehicles in a given time.

Capacity Deficiency: Occurs when the number of vehicles on a roadway exceeds the desired level of service threshold volumes for that roadway.

Congestion: The volume of traffic at which transportation facility performance is no longer operating at an acceptable level of service.

DSATS: DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study.

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement. An analysis of environmental impacts of proposed land development and transportation projects; conducted for federally funded or approved projects per NEPA.

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency.

Enhancements (Program funds): Program within the surface transportation program (STP) that sets aside 10% of STP funds for non-highway projects, including bike/pedestrian facilities, streetscape improvements, and preservation of historic transportation buildings or structures.

Environmental Justice: The examination of the planning process of possible disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. These types of impacts should be considered along with other community impacts when evaluating plans, programs, and projects.

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration

FTA: Federal Transit Administration

Flex Funds: ISTEA program funds that may be used for either highway or transit projects.

Federal-Aid System: Consists of roads which are eligible for either NHS or STP funding.

Functional Classification: The grouping of streets and highways into classes according to the character of service they are intended to provide. Basic to this process is the recognition that roads do not function independently, but rather as a system-wide network of roads.

GIS: Geographic Information Systems.

HOV: High occupancy vehicle (generally 2 or more persons occupying).

Highway Trust Fund: The federal trust fund established by the Highway Revenue Act of 1956; this fund has two accounts – the Highway Account and the Mass Transit Account. Trust Fund Revenues are derived from federal-highway-user taxes and fees such as motor fuel taxes; trust fund uses and expenditures are determined by law.

IDOT: Illinois Department of Transportation

IPTA: Illinois Public Transportation Association

ITE: Institute of Traffic Engineers

ISTEA: Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act of 1991

ITS: Intelligent Transportation Systems

Intermodal: A transportation system connecting or including different modes of transportation.

LRTP: Long Range Transportation Plan.

Level of Service/LOS: The quality of flow in the moving stream of people or vehicles. Typically, ranges from LOS A (free flow traffic) to LOS F (stop-and-go unacceptable conditions.)

MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

MTP: Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Metropolitan Planning Area: The region in which the MPO carries out its transportation planning responsibilities and is designated as such by the MPO and the Governor in accordance with ISTEA regulations.

NAAQS: National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NEPA: The 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, which requires that the “human condition” be considered when contemplating any action with federal support.

NHS: National Highway System.

PPP: Public Participation Plan

Performance Measures: Indicators of how well the transportation system is performing with regard to such things as average speed, reliability of travel, and accident rates. Many areas use performance measures to monitor the achievement of societal goals such as the mobility of disadvantaged populations, levels of air quality, and the health of the economy.

PL funds: Planning funds.

SAFETEA-LU: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

Smart Growth: A set of policies and programs designed to protect, preserve, and economically develop established communities and valuable natural and cultural resources.

ROW: Right-of-Way. Land corridors needed for the construction of highways, transit facilities, railroads, etc.

Reverse Commuting: Movement in a direction opposite the main flow of traffic, such as from the central city to a suburb during the morning peak period.

SIP: State Implementation Plan.

SOV: Single Occupancy Vehicle.

SPR funds: State Planning and Research funds.

STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

STP: Surface Transportation Program.

Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964: Prohibits discrimination in any program receiving federal assistance, and is the legal foundation for environmental justice considerations.

Transportation Asset Management: A strategic framework for making cost effective decisions about allocating resources and managing infrastructure.

Trip Generation: Estimating the number of trips generated to/from a location or zone, based on the assumed relationship among socio-economic factors, land-use characteristics, and the number of trips.

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee.

TAZ: Transportation Analysis Zone.

TDM: Transportation Demand Management.

TEA-21: Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

TIP: Transportation Improvement Program.

TMA's: Transportation Management Areas. Areas over 200,000 in population are designated as TMA's.

UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program.

Urbanized Area: An area with a population of 50,000 or more as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

VMT: Vehicle Miles of Travel. The amount of vehicle travel on a designated set of roadways multiplied by the total mileage of those roadways.