Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

QUINCY MEMORIAL BRIDGE – US 24 PHASE I STUDY

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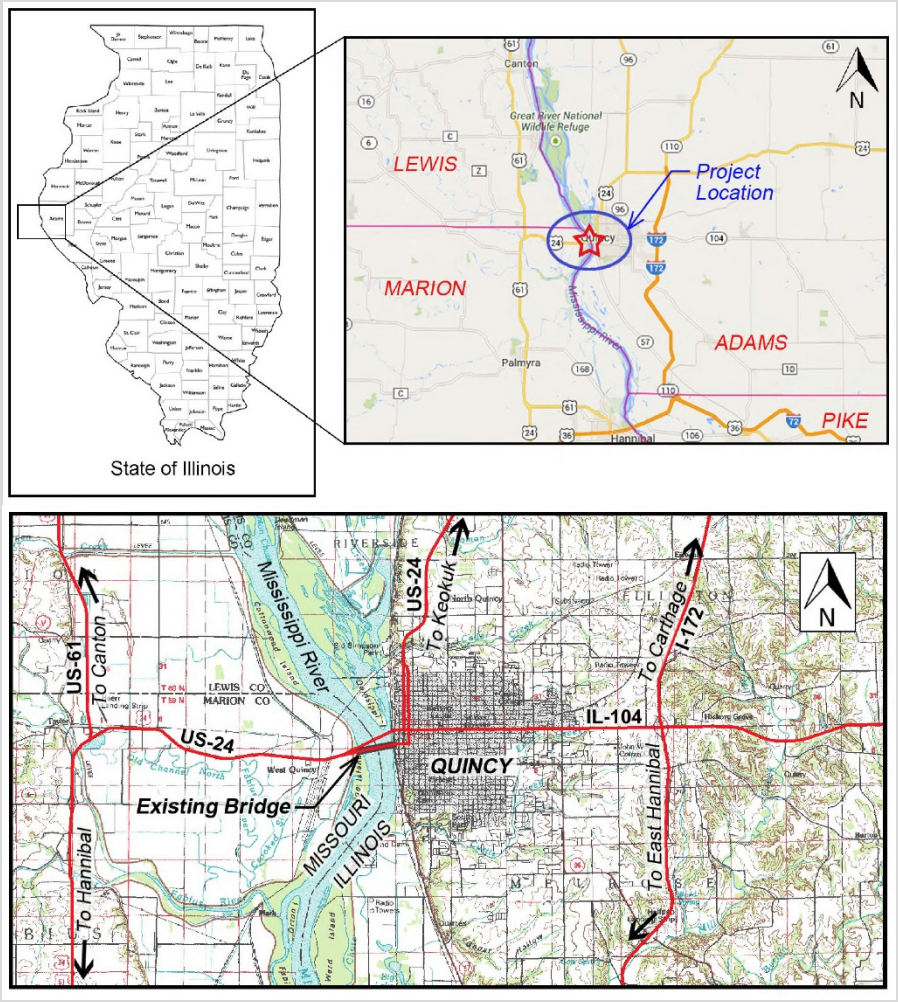
Meeting Agenda

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

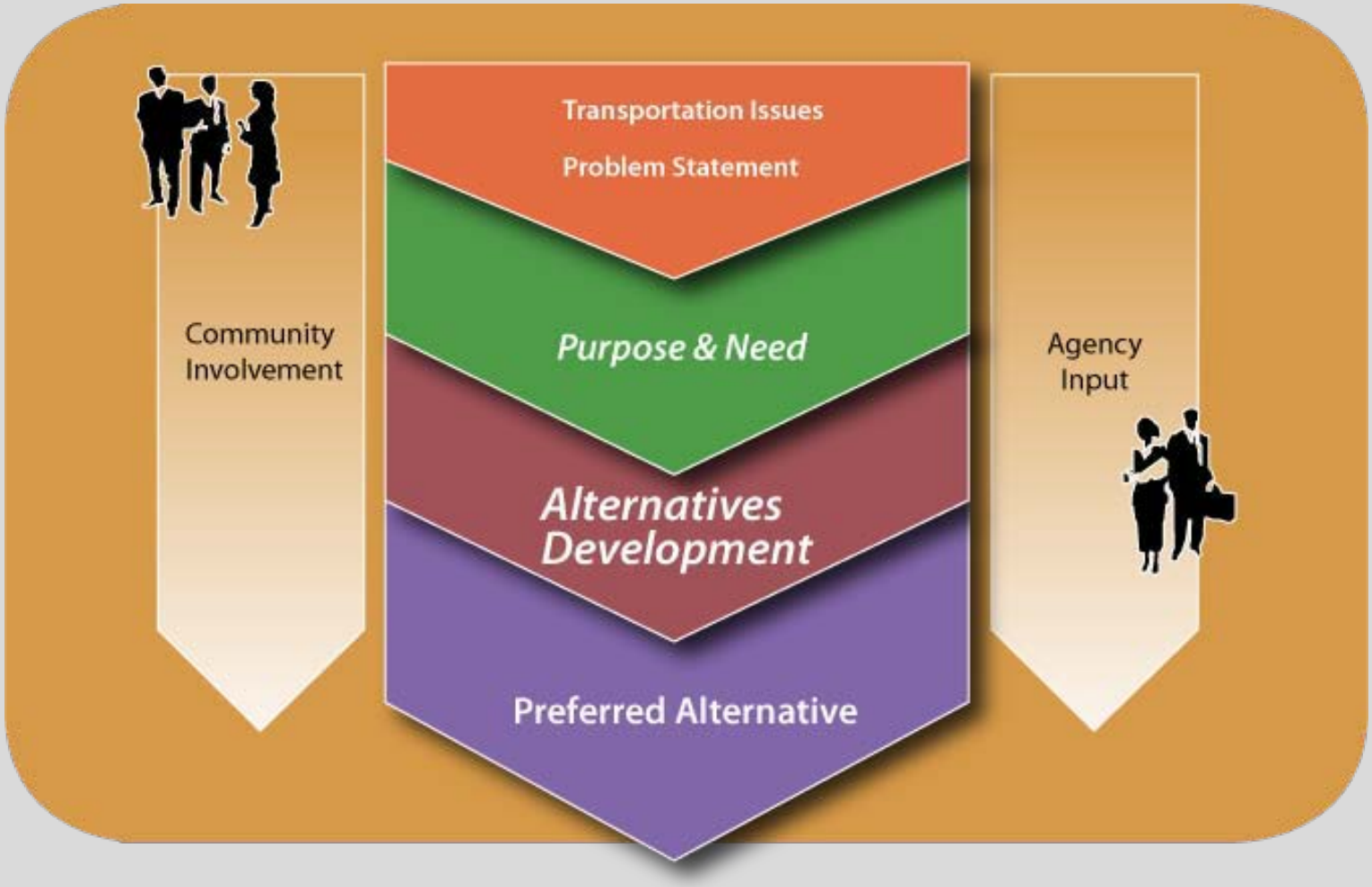


What is Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)?

"CSS is a collaborative 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 Process?



Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP)

- Identify project stakeholders
- SIP goals and objectives
- Identify members of Project Study Group (PSG)
- Explain stakeholder involvement
- Establish ground rules
- Provide schedule for the stakeholder involvement process
- Update and maintained on the project website

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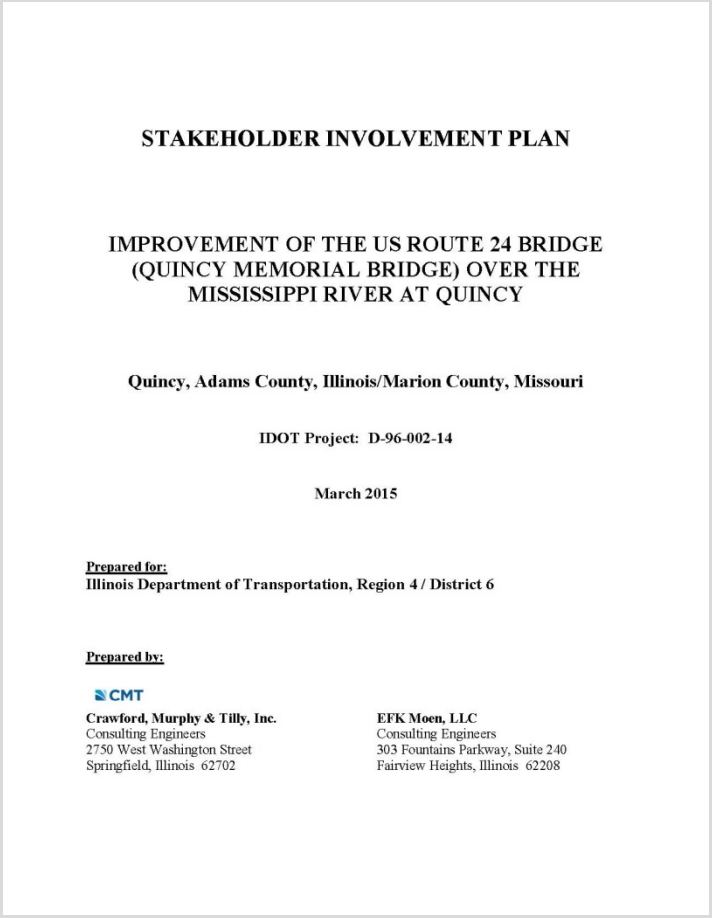

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

IMPROVEMENT OF THE US ROUTE 24 BRIDGE
(QUINCY MEMORIAL BRIDGE) OVER THE
MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT QUINCY

Quincy, Adams County, Illinois/Marion County, Missouri

IDOT Project: D-96-002-14

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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 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.

SIP Ground Rules

- The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the original project schedule.
- 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)

CAG Organization

- Committee Name
- Committee Leadership
- Communication

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

Committee Name

- Community Advisory Group or Committee
- Quincy Memorial Bridge Advisory Group
- Other Suggestions

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

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

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

Communications

Stakeholders

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.

Mission Statements

CAG's Mission Statement:

The Quincy Memorial Bridge Advisory Group (QMBAG) will work with the Project Study Group to identify a preferred alternative for the US Route 24 eastbound Mississippi River crossing that satisfies the project purpose and need, and is best for the community and region based on an informed consensus. The QMBAG will present their recommendations to the PSG, understanding that the final decision remains in the hands of IDOT.

Project Purpose & Need

The purpose of the US Route 24 Quincy Memorial Bridge project is to provide a transportation facility for eastbound traffic across the Mississippi River that is safe, reliable, structurally sound, and meets current design standards.

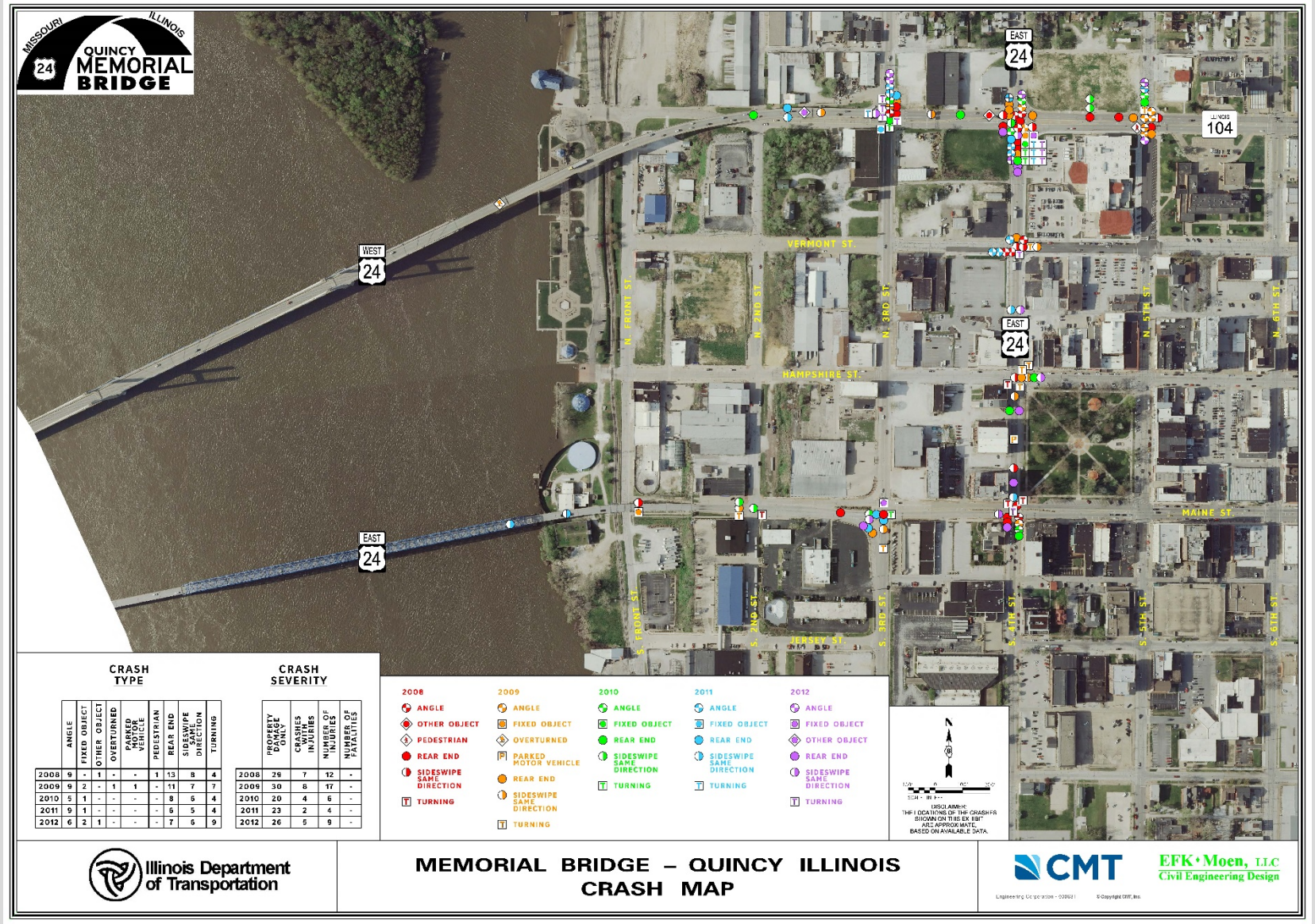
The need for the project is to address the structural, operational and geometric deficiencies of the existing river bridge.

The Purpose & Need will be presented to the FHWA for concurrence in June 2015.

Crash Analysis

- Crash Data shown on the Exhibit includes years 2008 through 2012.
- Color indicates year analyzed.
- Shape indicated crash type.
- Tables summarize crash type and crash severity.

Crash Analysis



Public Meeting Comments

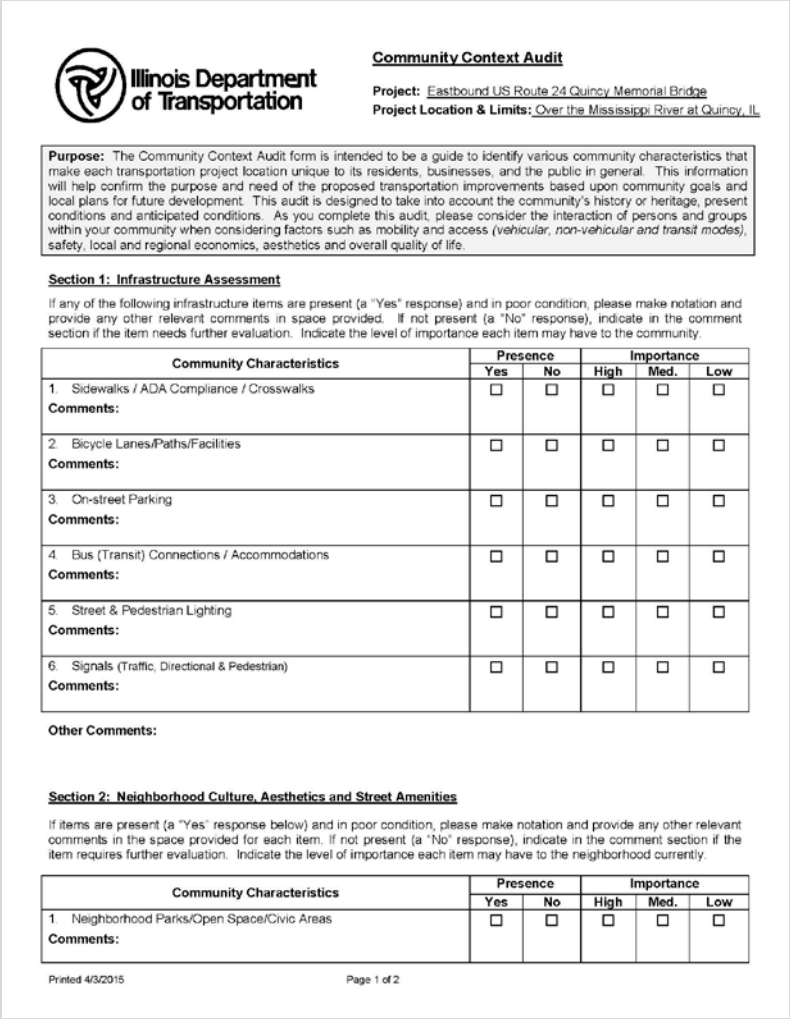
Summary of Public Meeting Comments

- Several comments suggested the need for a new bridge that provides for the following:
  - 2 travel lanes, shoulders and a shared pedestrian/bike walk
  - Minimizes impacts to businesses
  - Address approach and grade issues
  - Wider width similar to Bayview Bridge
  - Accommodations for all modes of transportation and ensure safety
  - Improves access to business and maintains riverfront access
  - Connection to 3rd Street / tie-in at 3rd and Maine Street intersection
  - Minimizes residential impacts

Community Context Audit

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

Results of the Community Context Audit will be summarized at the next CAG Meeting.



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Community Context Audit

Project: Eastbound US Route 24 Quincy Memorial Bridge
Project Location & Limits: Over the Mississippi River at Quincy, IL

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 confirm the purpose and need of the proposed transportation improvements based upon community goals and local plans for future development. This audit is designed to take into account the community's history or heritage, present conditions and anticipated conditions. As you complete this audit, please consider the interaction of persons and groups within your community when considering factors such as mobility and access *(vehicular, non-vehicular and transit modes)*, safety, local and regional economics, aesthetics and overall quality of life.

Section 1: Infrastructure Assessment

If any of the following infrastructure items are present (a "Yes" response) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other 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	Presence		Importance		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
1. Sidewalks / ADA Compliance / Crosswalks **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Bicycle Lanes/Paths/Facilities **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. On-street Parking **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Bus (Transit) Connections / Accommodations **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Street & Pedestrian Lighting **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Signals (Traffic, Directional & Pedestrian) **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other Comments:

Section 2: Neighborhood Culture, Aesthetics and Street Amenities

If items are present (a "Yes" response below) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other relevant comments in the space provided for each item. If not present (a "No" response), indicate in the comment section if the item requires further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the neighborhood currently.

Community Characteristics	Presence		Importance		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
1. Neighborhood Parks/Open Space/Civic Areas **Comments:**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Preliminary Concepts

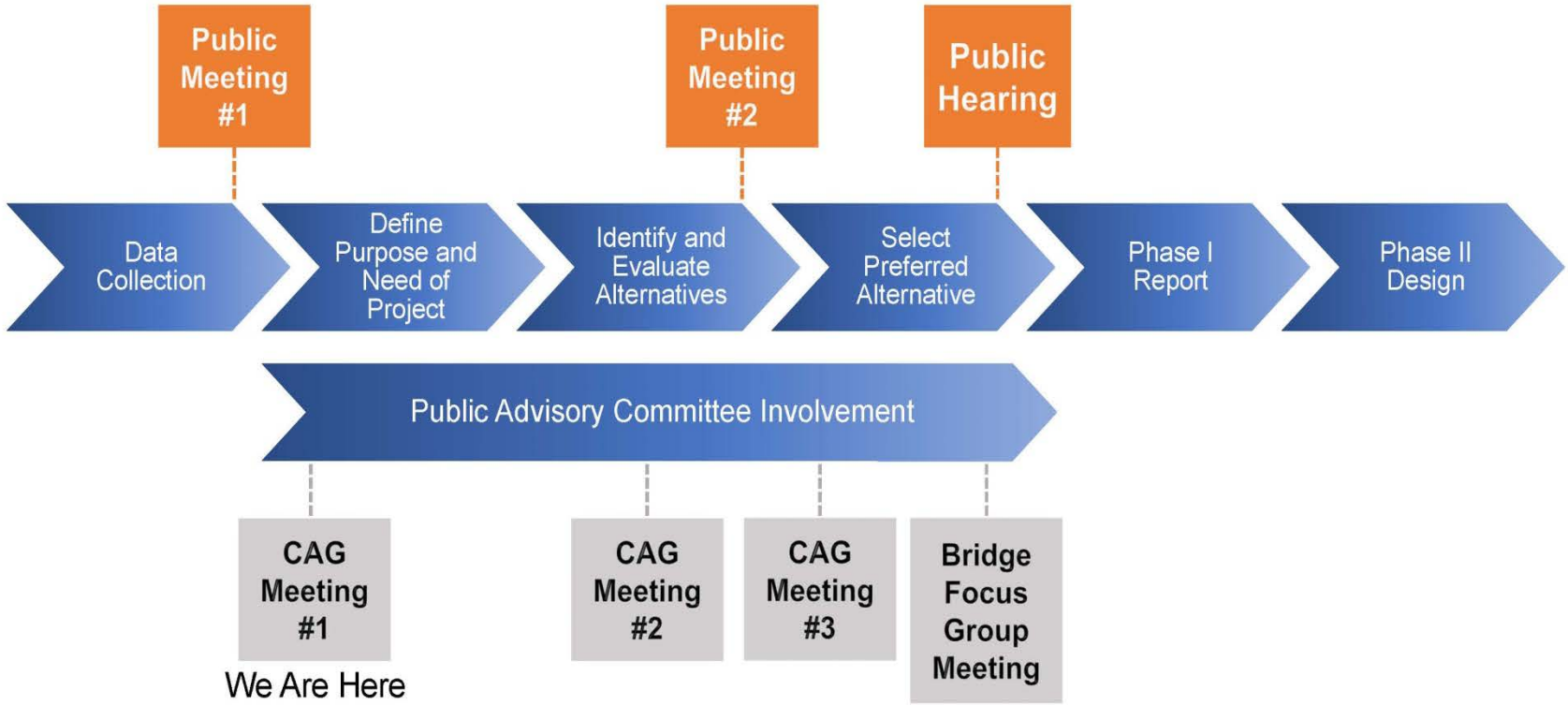
Discussion of ideas and concepts to develop study alternatives:

- Initial alternatives to focus on location and alignment

- A Bridge Type Focus Group will be developed later in the CSS process.

  Focus Groups are smaller groups formed to gauge public opinion. They provide for small group discussion with professional leadership intended to gather opinions on a single topic, in this case, the proposed bridge type.

Project Timeline



Closing Comments

1. Next CAG Meeting will be held Summer 2015.

2. PSG will develop project alternatives from concepts identified by the CAG during tonight's meeting and present preliminary alternatives for consideration at the next CAG meeting.

3. Additional comments can be submitted on comment sheets or via the project website:
   www.quincymemorialbridge.com

4. Thank you for participating.