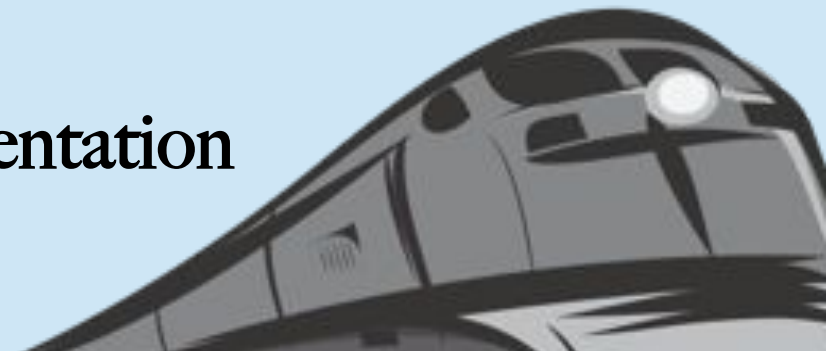


SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD CORRIDOR STUDY



Community Presentation



STUDY DESCRIPTION

Corridor Study:

- Addresses how best to accommodate increasing freight and passenger rail traffic through Springfield, following detailed federal guidelines
- Is not High Speed Rail Project from Chicago to St. Louis
- Is sponsored by City of Springfield and Sangamon County and funded by Illinois Department of Transportation



STUDY TEAM

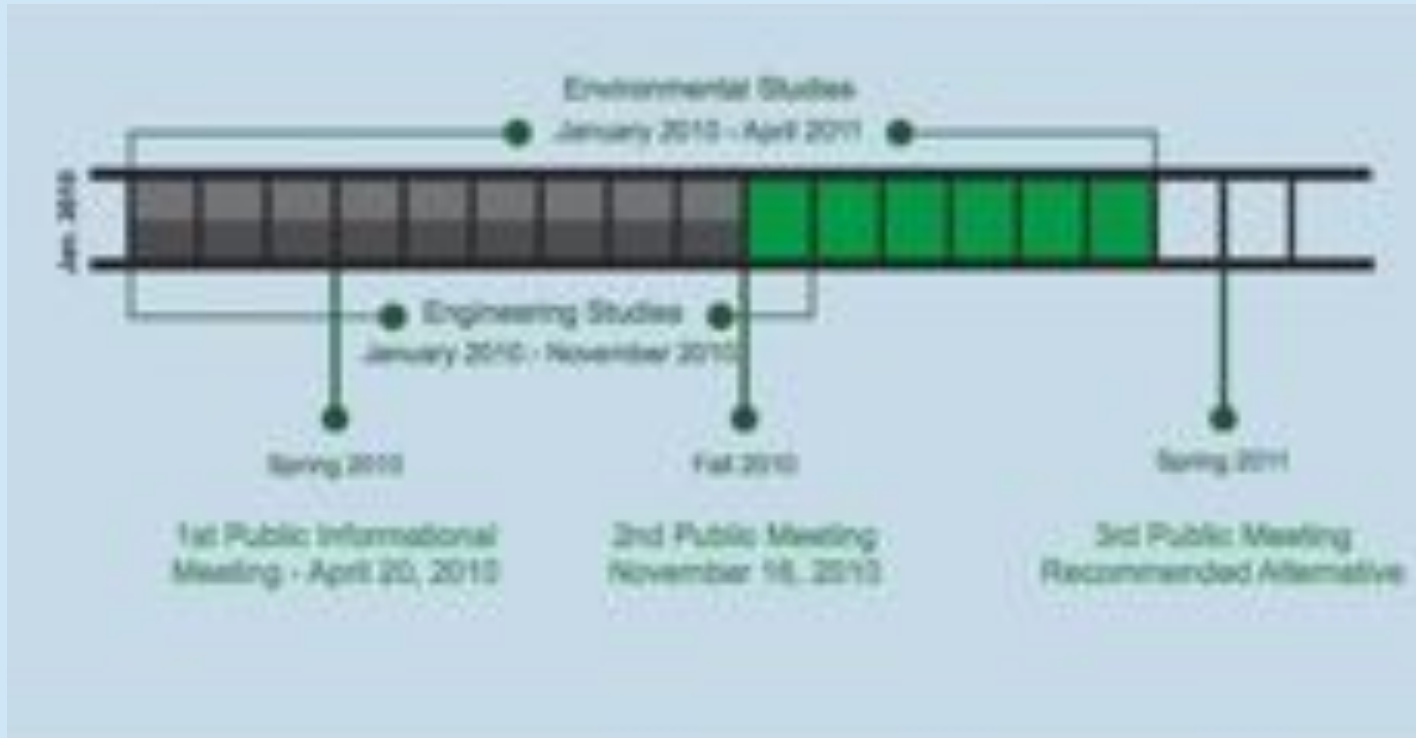


NEW STUDY NEEDED

- **Changing Conditions**
 - Rail traffic in Springfield likely to double in 10 years
- **Purpose**
 - Determine best alternative for accommodating increasing rail traffic through Springfield
- **Initial Alternatives**
 - Double track 3rd Street to handle up to 40 trains
 - Consolidate rail traffic on 10th Street (would require 3-5 tracks)
 - Other feasible alternatives
- **Focus Areas**
 - 3rd Street, 10th Street, 19th Street corridors
- **Study Limits**
 - Stanford Avenue to Sangamon Avenue



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



Traffic Delay Studies



TRAIN TRAFFIC

Railroads	Current 2010 Traffic	Projected 2020 Traffic
Union Pacific (3rd Street Corridor)	•10 Passenger •5 Freight	•18 Passenger •22 Freight
Norfolk Southern (10th Street Corridor)	•16 Freight	•24 Freight
Canadian National (19th Street Corridor)	•4 Freight	•8 Freight
TOTAL	•35 Trains	•72 Trains



VEHICLE TRAFFIC PER RAILROAD

Existing Vehicle Traffic Per Railroad (2010)



Total = 294,700 vehicles/day



VEHICLE DELAYS at RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Existing
Traffic/
2010 Trains

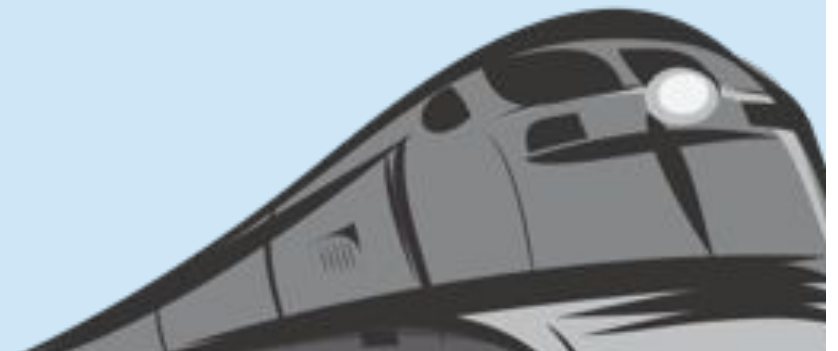
**Total =
13,800
vehicle
minutes**

Existing
Traffic /
2020
Trains

**Total =
36,000
vehicle
minutes**



Corridor Redevelopment



REVIEW OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS



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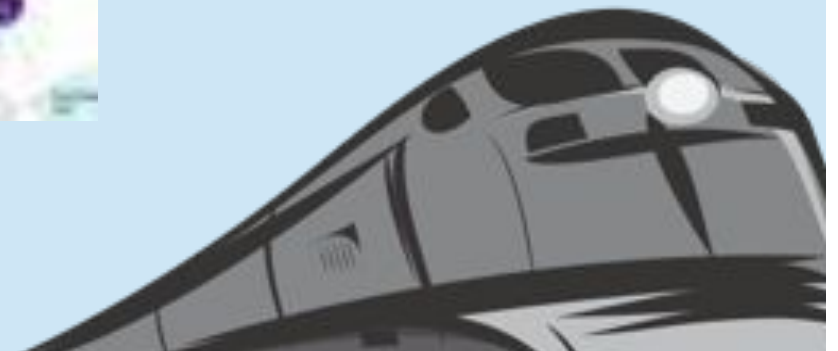
1. Springfield Strategy 2020
2. Office of Planning & Economic Development:
2008 Annual Report
3. Eastside Neighborhood Development Plan, 2002
4. R/UDAT: Springfield Report, 2002
5. Illinois Medical District at Springfield: Masterplan
6. SATS Long Range Transportation Plan, 2010
7. Springfield Comprehensive Plan 2020



SUMMARY - CORRIDOR REUSE OPPORTUNITIES: Trail Linkages to Downtown



- Regional Trail Links
- Links to Tourism Attractions



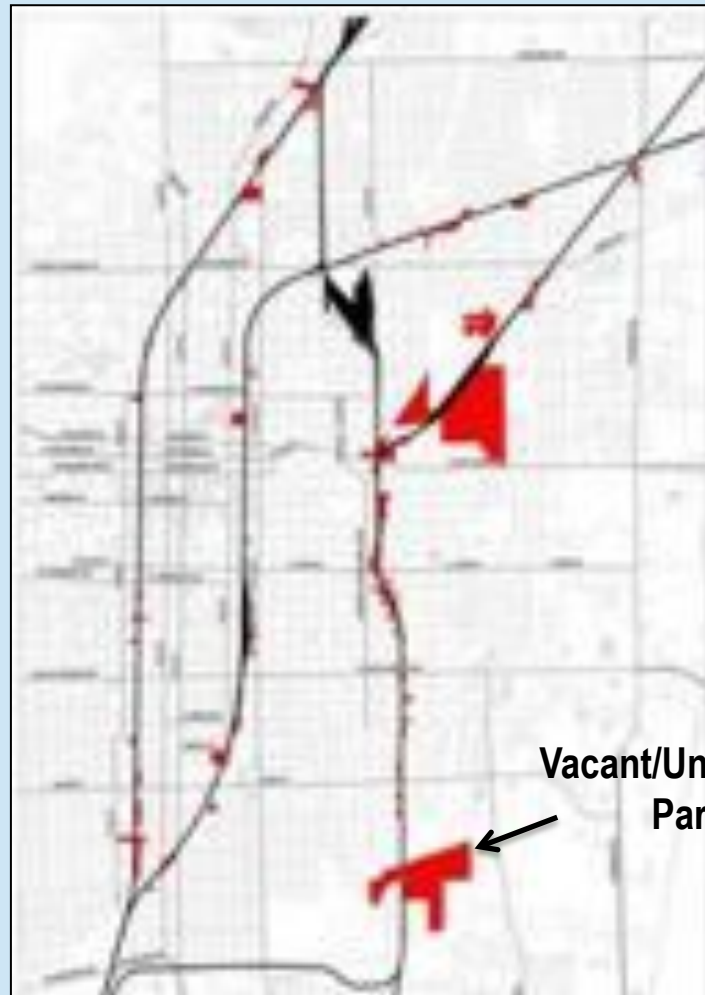
SUMMARY - CORRIDOR REUSE OPPORTUNITIES: Downtown Greenscape Amenity



- Corridor as amenity and attraction
- **New York City High Line Model**



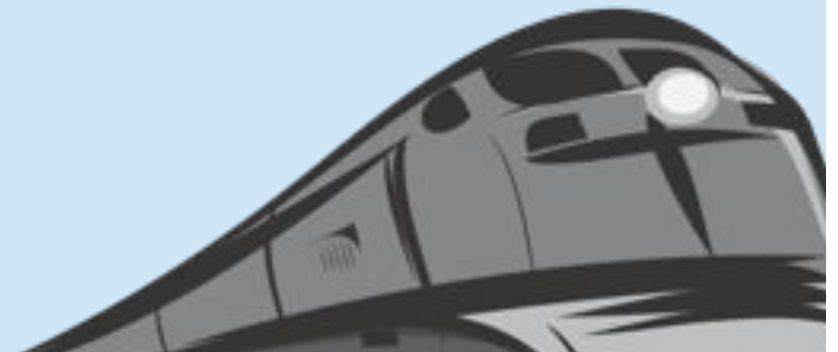
SUMMARY - CORRIDOR REUSE OPPORTUNITIES: Infill Development



- In Support of Revitalization Efforts
- Economic Development
- Parks/Open Space Opportunities



Environmental Activities Update



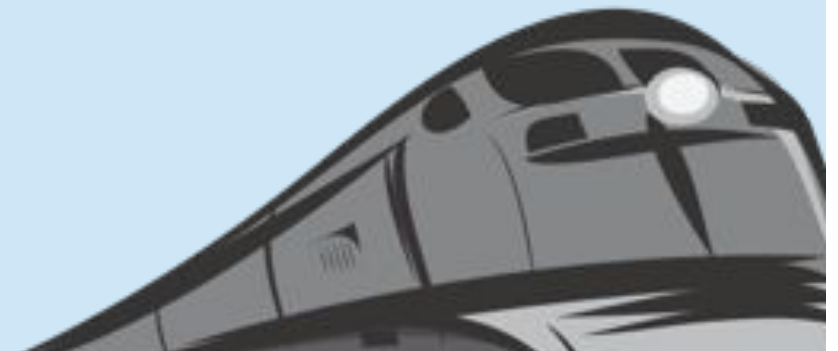
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

- Community impacts
- Historic structures and archaeological sites
- Noise & vibration analysis
- Section 4(f) impacts
- Special waste sites
- Natural resources



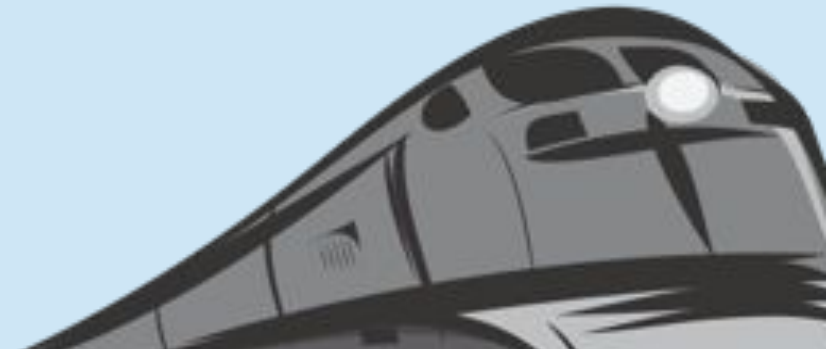
CURRENT FOCUS AREAS

- Noise & vibration monitoring
- Historic structure survey
- Hazardous waste surveys
- Endangered and threatened species



ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES SURVEYS

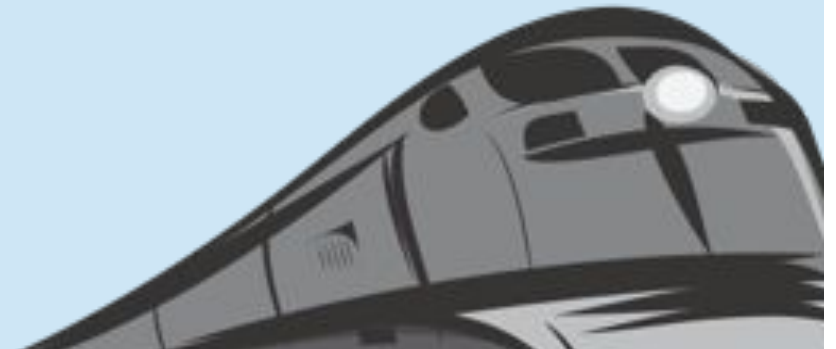
- Review IDNR EcoCat database
- No known species reported in the project study area
- Franklin's ground squirrel





CONSIDERATIONS IN ALTERNATIVE SELECTION

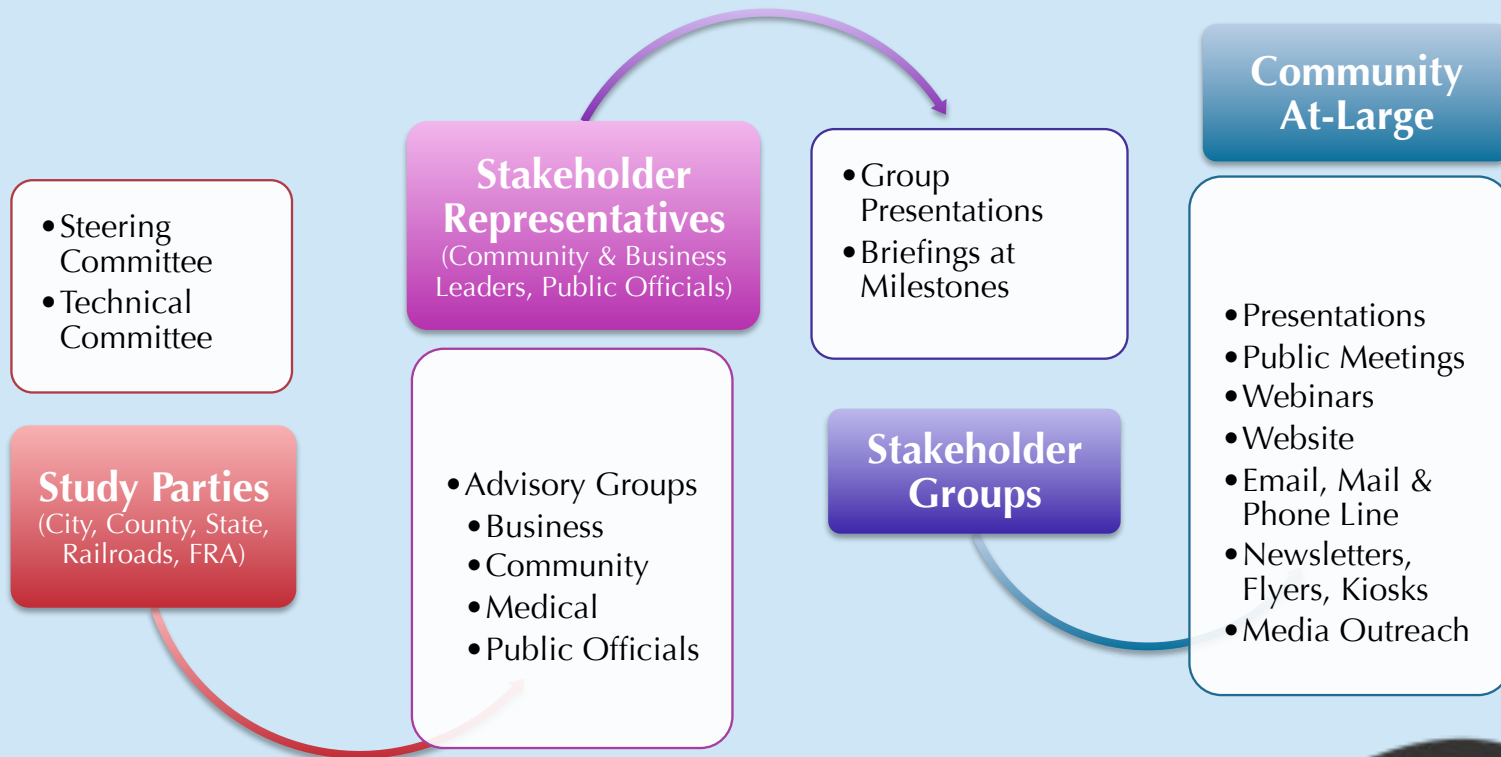
- Meet Purpose and Need
- Resource Agency Input
- Public Input
- Environmental Impacts
- Displacements
- Safety
- Traffic Delay
- Cost



Public Engagement Program Update



ENGAGEMENT TACTICS



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS COMPLETED

ORGANIZATION	DATE	ATTENDANCE
Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team	02/26/10	8
Faith Coalition for the Common Good	03/15/10	4
Regional Planning Commission	03/17/10	25
IDOT Teamsters	03/19/10	450
Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association	03/24/10	28
Union Baptist Church	03/25/10	35
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce	03/29/10	35
Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS)	04/01/10	25
Randall Court Neighborhood Association	04/06/10	9
SATS Policy Committee	04/08/10	20
Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association	04/12/10	8
Harvard Park Neighborhood Association	04/14/10	55



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS COMPLETED

ORGANIZATION	DATE	ATTENDANCE
Springfield School District 186 Board	04/19/10	65
Sacred Heart Griffen High School	04/28/10	8
Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Assn.	05/11/10	35
Rotary Club	5/19/2010	30
City of Springfield Community Relations Commission	05/20/10	10
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association	5/20/10	22
American Institute of Architects	06/02/10	14
Capital Area Association of Realtors	06/22/10	13
Citizens Club	07/23/10	78
Workforce Investment Board	09/20/10	33
TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES		1,010



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH VEHICLES

- **Public Engagement Team Developed**

- Informational video
- Web site
- Study newsletter (2)
- Open house postcards
- Open house door hangers
- Open house posters
- Open house fliers
- Traveling kiosks (4)



OUTREACH MATERIALS



First Study Newsletter



Postcard Announcement



Second Study Newsletter



Traveling Kiosk



APRIL OPEN HOUSE

- **Informational Video**

- Study background, process and deliverables

- **Manned Stations**

1. Project Information

3. Railroad Safety

5. Noise & Vibration

7. Historic Structures

2. Environmental Analysis

4. Traffic Studies

6. Corridor Redevelopment

8. Public Engagement



OPEN HOUSE OUTCOMES

- **Meeting Attendance**

- 290 community members
- 86% City of Springfield residents

- **Comment Form Results**

- 108 comment forms completed
- ***Question 1: What would make study a success? 91 respondents, with top answers being:***
 - Routing Springfield's rail (freight) traffic out of town
 - Having study be conducted in a fair and neutral manner
 - Keeping community informed of study's activities and findings
 - Locating rail traffic along City's eastern corridors



OPEN HOUSE OUTCOMES

- **Comment Form Results**

- *Question 2: Any additional comments or questions?*

- 54 respondents, with top answers focusing on:*

- Concerns about negative noise and vibration impacts
 - Appreciation for study team's efforts to involve community
 - Suggestions for keeping public informed about study
 - Desire to move rail (freight) traffic out of town
 - Concern about effects of increased rail traffic on public safety



OPEN HOUSE OUTCOMES

- **Public Input Station Findings**

– *Question 1: What concerns do you have about increasing rail traffic near where you live, work, and play? 186 responses, with top answers focusing on:*

- Compromised public safety
- Traffic delays
- Increased neighborhood division and destruction
- Damaging noise and vibration impacts
- Negative effects on local economy

– *Question 2: What are your desires for railroad corridor and neighborhood improvement? 200 respondents, with top answers being:*

- Spur economic development
- Increase green space/recreation options
- Route train (freight) traffic out of town
- Improve traffic flow



OPEN HOUSE OUTCOMES

- **Public Input Station Findings**

– *Question 3: What values do you think should inform the Study Team’s decision-making on how best to accommodate Springfield’s increasing rail traffic? 171 respondents, with top answers focusing on:*

- Doing what is best for economy
- Promoting public safety
- Protecting and enhancing neighborhoods
- Improving traffic flow



NEXT ENGAGEMENT STEPS

- **October 2010**
 - Community Presentations
- **November 2010**
 - Advisory Group Meetings
 - Media Outreach
 - Second Open House:

Tuesday, November 16

4:00 – 7:00 pm (come anytime)

Prairie Capital Convention Center



GET INVOLVED

- Call information line: **1-877-552-5505**
- Send email to: **info@springfieldrailroad.com**
- Visit study website: **www.springfieldrailroad.com**
- Invite study team to present at your community or organizational meeting
- Public informational meeting – **November 16th**

