



Public Meeting

Martinsville to Indianapolis Section 6

May 18th and 19th, 2015



Welcome

Welcome to the I-69, Section 6 Public Meeting



Introductions



Indiana Department of Transportation



Federal Highway Administration



Section 6 Consultants:
HNTB & Lochmueller Group



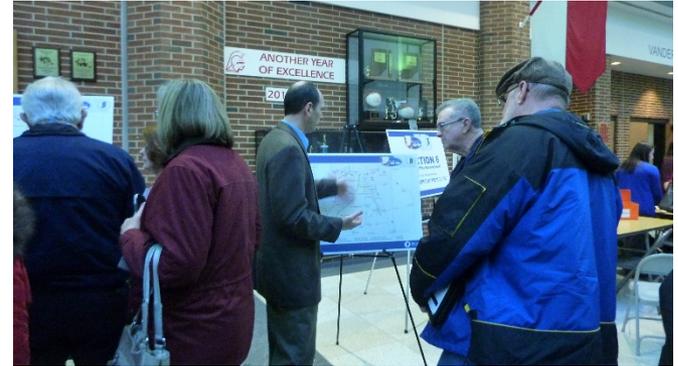
Meeting Purpose

- Summarize the 1st Quarter Scoping Process
- Present the Draft Purpose and Need
- Introduce Conceptual Alternatives
- Receive Public Input



Meeting Agenda

- **5:30 p.m.**
Doors open to the public
- **5:30 – 8 p.m.**
Stations open to speak with project representatives
- **6:30 – 6:45 p.m.**
Welcome Presentation
- **6:45 – 8 p.m.**
Public Comment Period
- **8 p.m.**
Conclusion of the Public Meeting



Public Meeting Stations

Open Format – Seven Stations for Meeting

- Station 1 – Purpose and Need
- Station 2 – Conceptual Alternatives
- Station 3 – East Alternatives
- Station 4 – Central Alternatives
- Station 5 – West Alternatives
- Station 6 – Project Schedule
- Station 7 – Public Comment

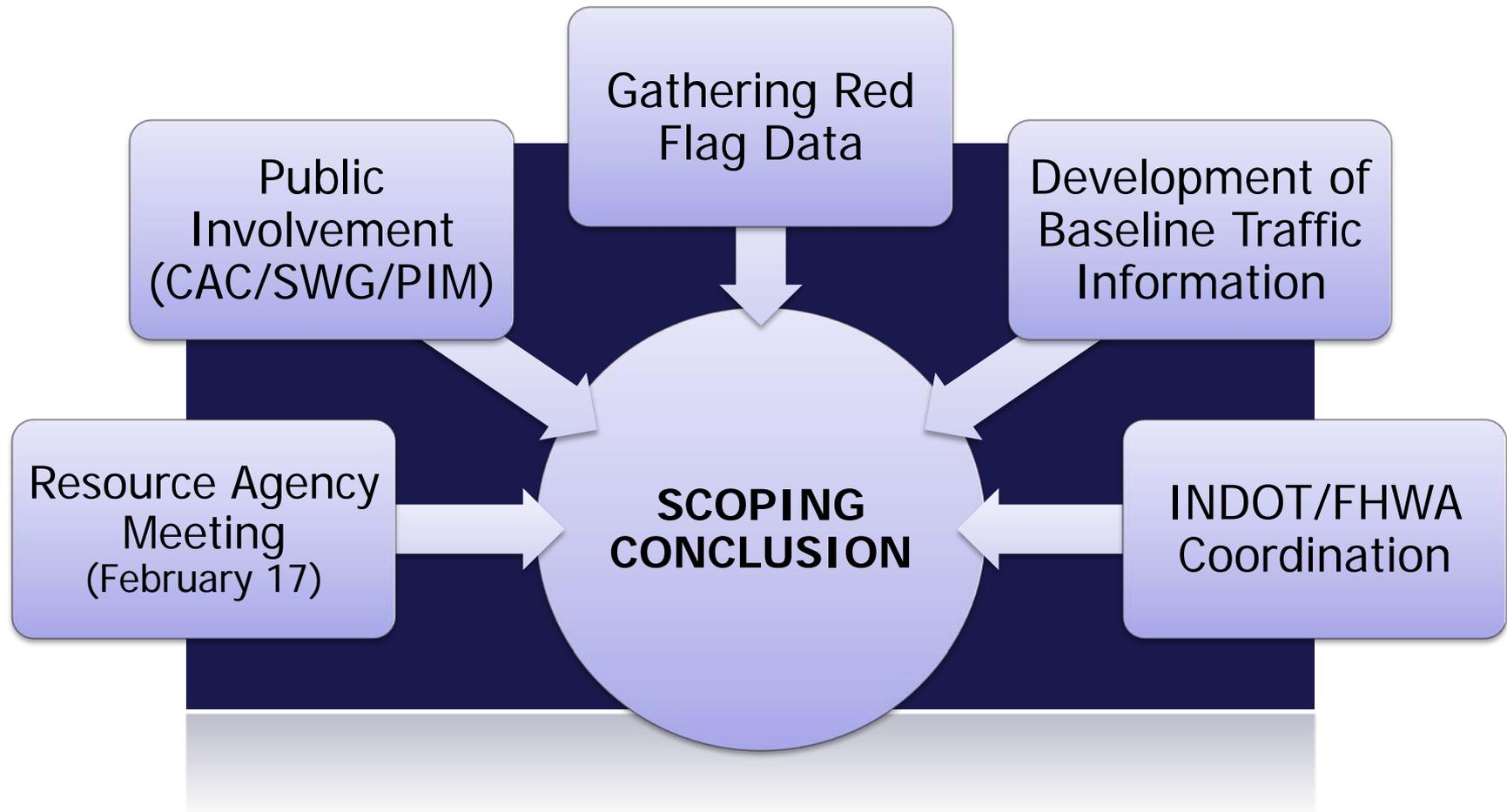


February Public Meetings

- What considerations should INDOT/FHWA take into account when determining whether to evaluate alternatives outside the SR37 corridor?



Scoping Process Inputs



Public Information Meetings (PIM)

More than 500 people attended the 2 public meetings.

- February 23, 2015 – Center Grove High School
 - 243 Signed In Attendees
- February 25, 2015 – Martinsville High School
 - 326 Signed In Attendees



Comments could be written, spoken to a court reporter, provided at the public comment session and submitted via the project website.

CAC/SWG/Public Comments

Reasons To Consider Alternatives outside the SR37 Corridor:

Decision was issued more than 10 years ago and conditions have changed.

Different alternatives could have different economic growth generating potential.

Consideration should be given to moving goods and freight around the country on a regional basis.

Preferred Alternative should have the lowest social impact.

Reasons NOT to Consider Alternatives outside the SR 37 Corridor:

Similar concerns whether INDOT constructs I-69 on SR 37 or off the existing alignment.

Local communities have planned for I-69 along existing SR 37 (zoning changes and constructing access roads).

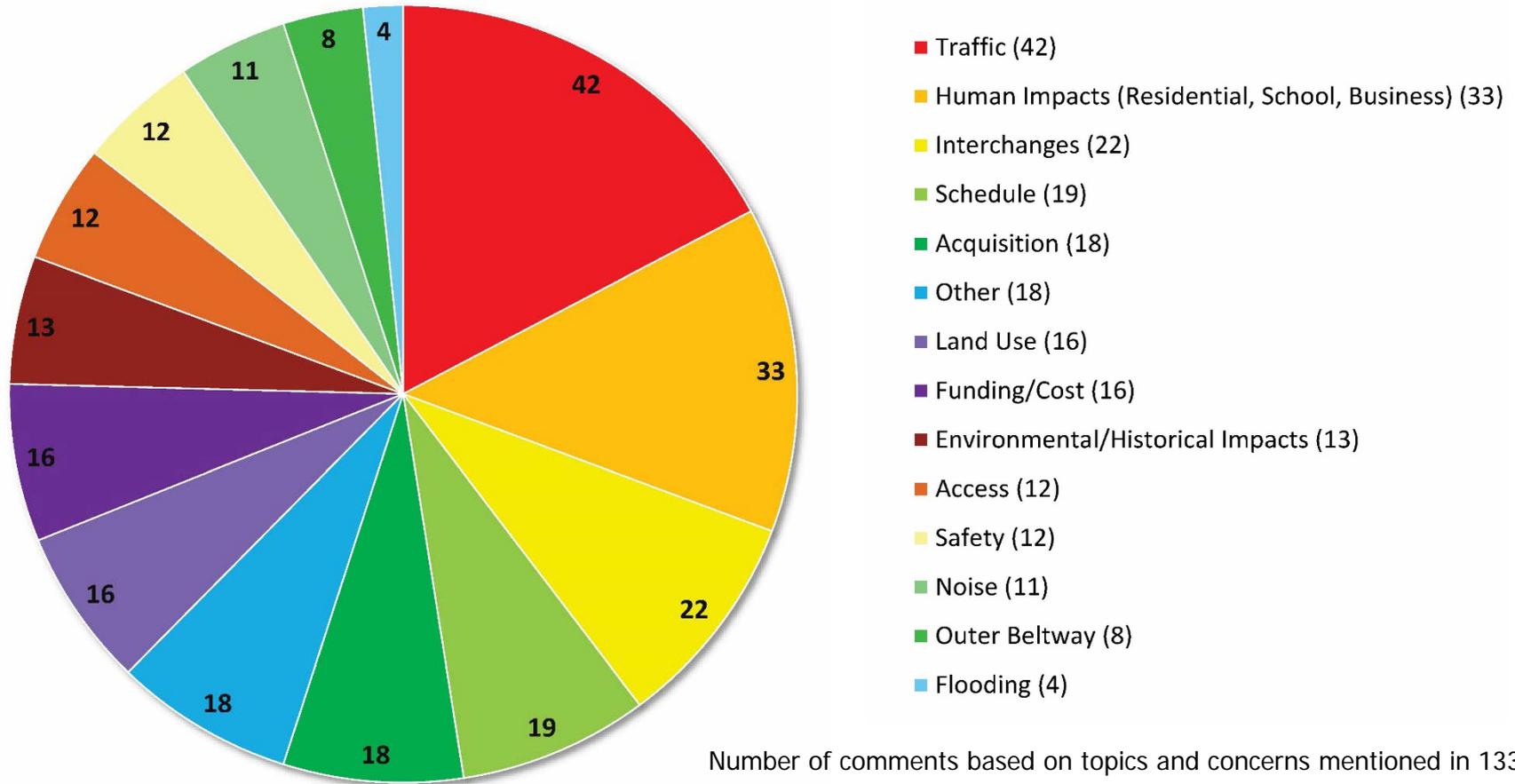
The SR 37 corridor may have fewer impacts to farmland and natural resources.

Constructing grade separations on SR 37 will increase safety along the SR 37 route.



February 23rd and 25th Public Meetings Summary

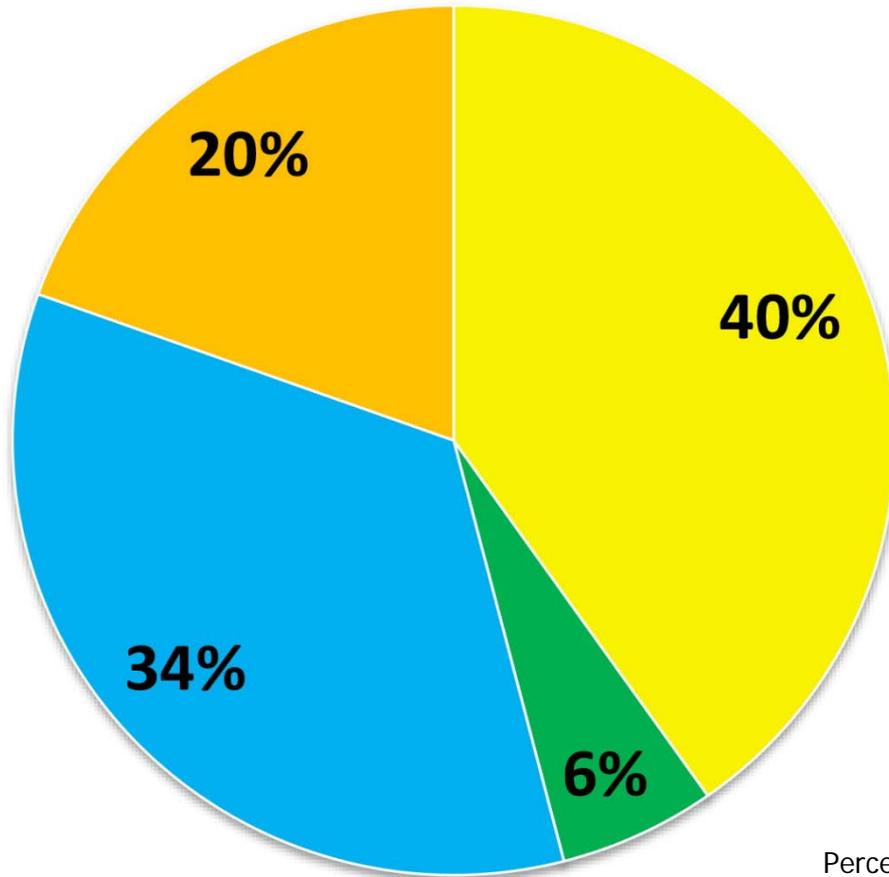
Suggested Section 6 Considerations



Number of comments based on topics and concerns mentioned in 133 comments received between February 20, 2015 and March 19, 2015.

February 23rd and 25th Public Meetings Summary

Suggested Section 6 Location



- Existing SR 37 Corridor
- Corridor East of Existing SR 37
- Corridor West of Existing SR 37
- Other (Any area except existing SR 37)

Percentages calculated based on route suggestions mentioned in 133 comments received between February 20, 2015 and March 19, 2015.

Scoping Conclusion

CONCLUSION: FHWA/INDOT will consider alternatives outside the Tier 1 Section 6 corridor.

Upgrading existing SR 37 to I-69 will remain as an alternative throughout the evaluation process.



Tier 1 Purpose & Need Goals

- 1 **Improve the transportation linkage between Evansville & Indianapolis.***
- 2 **Improve personal accessibility for SW IN residents.***
- 3 Reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion on the highway network.
- 4 Reduce traffic safety problems.
- 5 Increase accessibility for SW IN businesses to labor, suppliers, and consumer markets.
- 6 Support sustainable, long-term economic growth (diversity of employer types).
- 7 Support economic development that benefits a wide spectrum of SW IN residents (distribution of economic benefits).
- 8 **Facilitate interstate and international movements of freight through the I-69 corridor.***
- 9 Connect I-69 to major intermodal facilities in SW IN.

Note: Core goals are in bold.*



2015 Tier 2 Purpose & Need Goals

Tier 2 Draft Purpose and Need Goals & Performance Measures for Section 6:

1

Improve Transportation Linkage Between Martinsville & Indianapolis

Complete Section 6 of I-69

2

Improve Personal Accessibility in the Section 6 Study Area

- *Travel time between major travel destinations in the Section 6 Study Area*

3

Reduce Future Traffic Congestion on the Highway Network in The Section 6 Study Area

- *Reduction of traffic congestion on area roadways*



2015 Tier 2 Purpose & Need Goals (Continued)

Tier 2 Draft Purpose and Need Goals & Performance Measures for Section 6:

4 Improve Traffic Safety in the Section 6 Study Area

- *Reduction of crashes in the Section 6 Study Area*

5 Support Growth in Economic Activity in the Section 6 Study Area

- *Increases in personal income, total employment, and employment in key industries in Section 6 Study Area.*

6 Facilitate Freight Movements in the Section 6 Study Area

- *Reductions in daily truck vehicle hours of travel (VHT) in the Section 6 Study Area*

7 Support Intermodal Connectivity to Locations in the Section 6 Study Area

- *Travel time between key entry points into the Study Area and major intermodal centers*

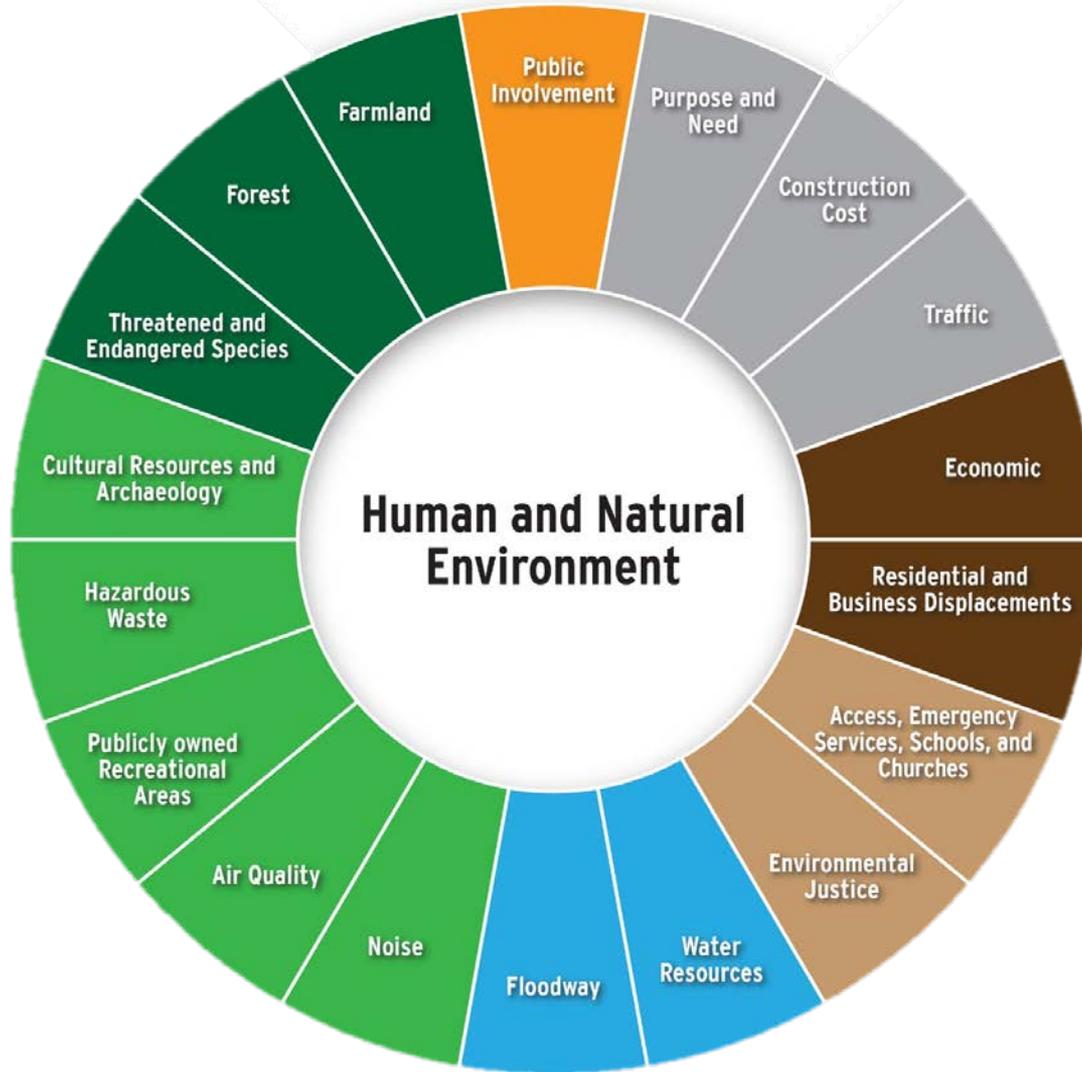


Conceptual Alternative Development

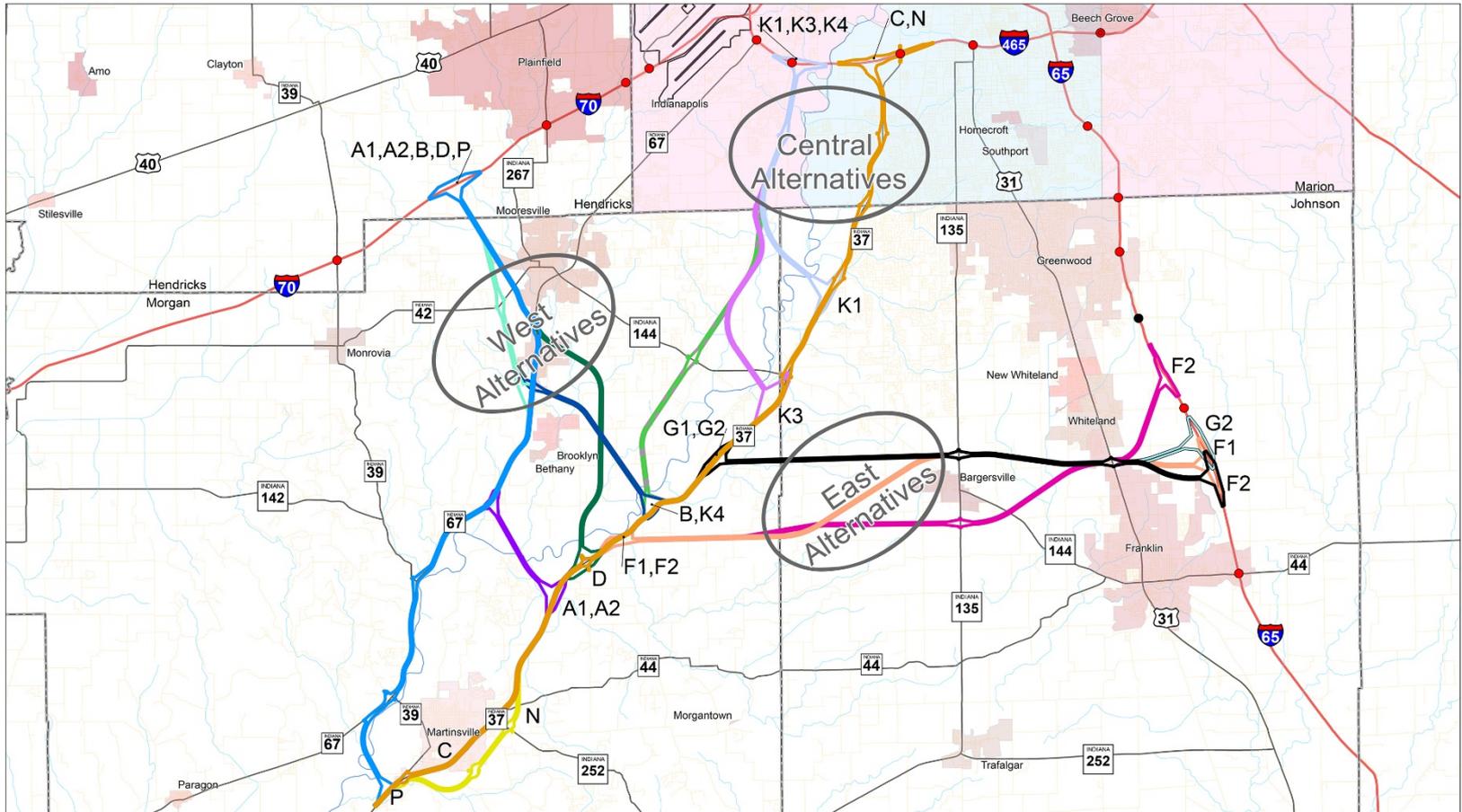
- Developed with the following information:
 - Suggestions from the February Public Meetings
 - Tier 1 Approved Purpose and Need
 - Section 6 Draft Purpose and Need
 - Project Scoping Findings
 - Community Advisory Committee Comments
 - Stakeholder Working Group Comments
 - Resource Agency Comments



Environmental Considerations



Conceptual Alternative Grouping



		<p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Interstate Highways — US and State Highways Tier 1 Selected Alternative (C) — Local Roads ● Existing Interchanges ● Interchange Under Construction — Streams — White River 	<p>I-69 Section 6 Conceptual Alternatives Grouping</p>
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Quantitative Evaluation Method

1. PURPOSE AND NEED

- Reduce study area crashes
- Reduce travel times from Martinsville to major travel destinations
- Reduce travel under congested conditions
- Reduce truck vehicle hours of travel

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- Natural resources
 - Wetlands, water resources, vegetation, Threatened and Endangered Species
- Hazardous materials areas
- Community resources
 - Recreational facilities, managed lands, historic resources, public facilities, environmental justice
- Property impacts
 - Number and acres of properties impacted



2015 Activities

- Review of Public Comments
- Resource Agency Coordination
- Various Field Work (May-December)
- Traffic Modeling
- Alternative Screening
- 4th Quarter Public Meeting on Alternatives Carried Forward



Major Milestone Schedule

Public Information Meetings

- 1st Quarter 2015 ✓
- 2nd Quarter 2015
 - May 18: Center Grove North Middle School
 - May 19: Martinsville High School
- 4th Quarter 2015 **ON SCHEDULE**

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

- 1st Quarter 2017 **ON SCHEDULE**

DEIS Public Hearing

- 2nd Quarter 2017 **ON SCHEDULE**

FEIS/ROD

- 1st Quarter 2018 **ON SCHEDULE**



Project Office

**Location: 7847 Waverly Road,
Martinsville, IN 46151**

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Staff, maps, and other relevant project information is available at the project office.



Project Information Resources

- Public Meeting Stations
- Project Office Staff
- Fact Sheet
- Project Website (www.i69indyevn.org)



What's Next?

- Review of public and resource agency comments
- Summer field work
- Traffic model updates
- Screening to a fewer number of alternatives
- 4th Quarter Public Meeting



Request Public Comments

- Tier 2 Purpose & Need
- Conceptual Alternatives
- Other Considerations

Comments due by
June 2, 2015





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