

# PROJECT STATEMENT

## Public Information Meeting

**Concerning changes to the proposed  
improvements along U.S. 20 between  
Sundown Road to Northwest Arterial**

**Dubuque County  
NHS-020-9(121)--19-31**

### **MEETING LOCATION:**

**East Central Intergovernmental Association Office  
7600 Commerce Park  
Dubuque, Iowa**

**July 10, 2013**



To view information concerning this project please go to the following website:

<http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>

## **Introduction**

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Public Information Meeting for U.S. 20 in Dubuque County. Our purpose for having this meeting is to acquaint the area residents of Dubuque and the vicinity with details concerning changes to the proposed improvements along U.S. 20 between Sundown Road to Northwest Arterial in Dubuque County.

## **Project Description**

In 2004 the Iowa DOT completed a preliminary design and an Environmental Assessment which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and was signed by the Federal Highway Administration. The western terminus of this project was the existing U.S. 20 interchange at County Road Y-21 (Sundown Road). The eastern terminus was the intersection of U.S. 20 with Northwest Arterial (see Figure 1, 2004 Environmental Assessment Study Area).

The preferred alternative in the vicinity of the Northwest Arterial included various intersection improvements, most of which have been constructed and are currently in use. Due to concerns with projected future traffic volumes on U.S. 20 in this area, the Iowa DOT wishes to consider a variety of capacity improvements thru the Northwest Arterial intersection ranging from a six lane signalized arterial (with additional capacity and consolidation of access points) to a full diamond interchange. As a result, the Iowa DOT is initiating an evaluation of design alternatives of U.S. 20 from east of the proposed Southwest Arterial interchange with U.S. 20 up to the bridge crossing of the Middle Fork of Catfish Creek (see Figure 2, 2011 Environmental Assessment Study Area).

Consistent with the 2004 Environmental Assessment, the project would improve the level of safety, provide additional roadway capacity, and improve traffic operations for this portion of the U.S. 20 corridor. The study area is primarily urban with commercial properties located throughout the corridor.

An addendum to the 2004 Environmental Assessment will be prepared to document this consideration and analysis. Your input into this process is greatly appreciated.

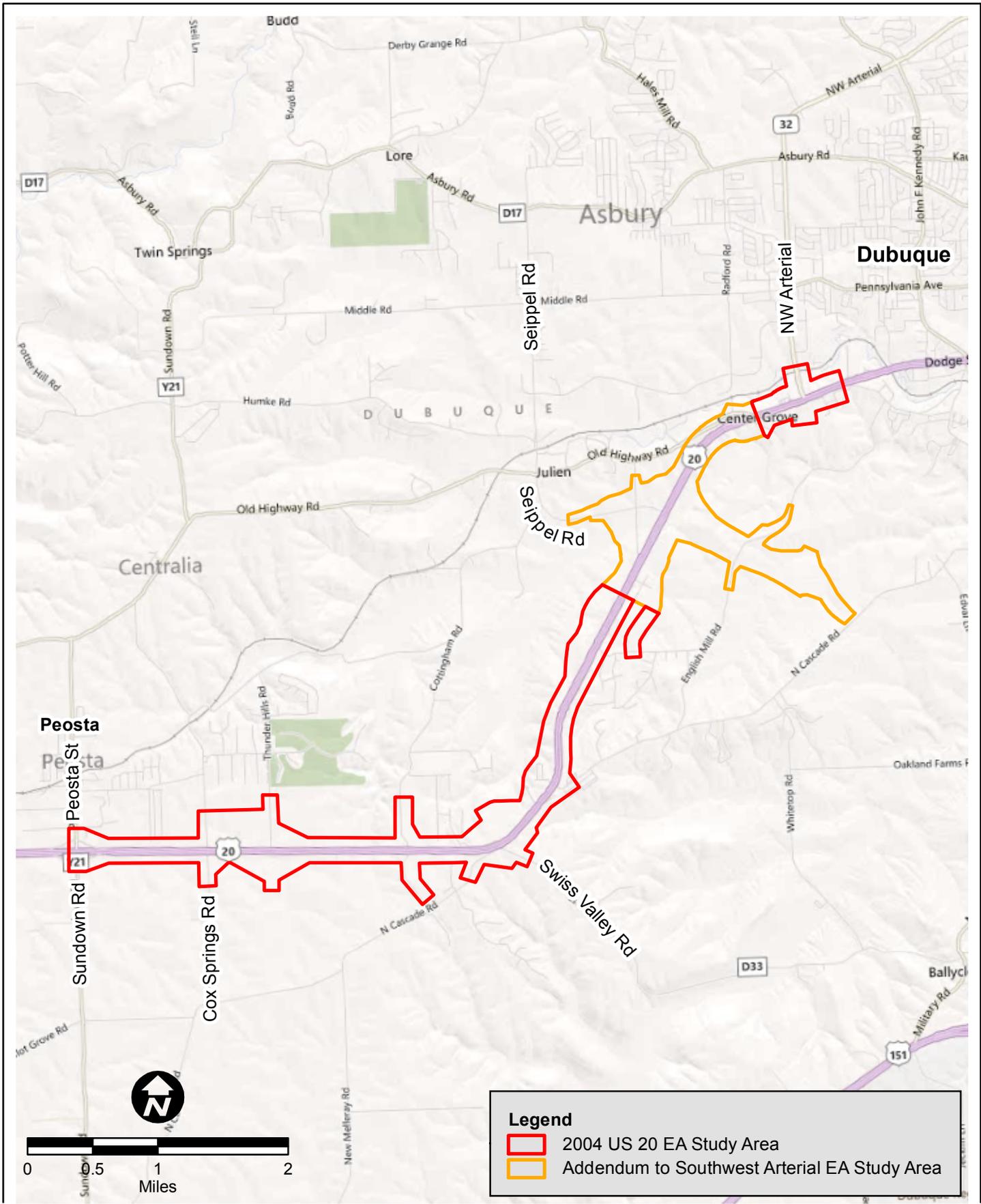
## **Project Schedule**

The project is currently not programmed in the Iowa DOT's 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. It is anticipated the project will be programmed as funding and statewide priorities allow.

The addendum to the environmental assessment would likely be completed early summer of 2014.

## **Right-of-Way**

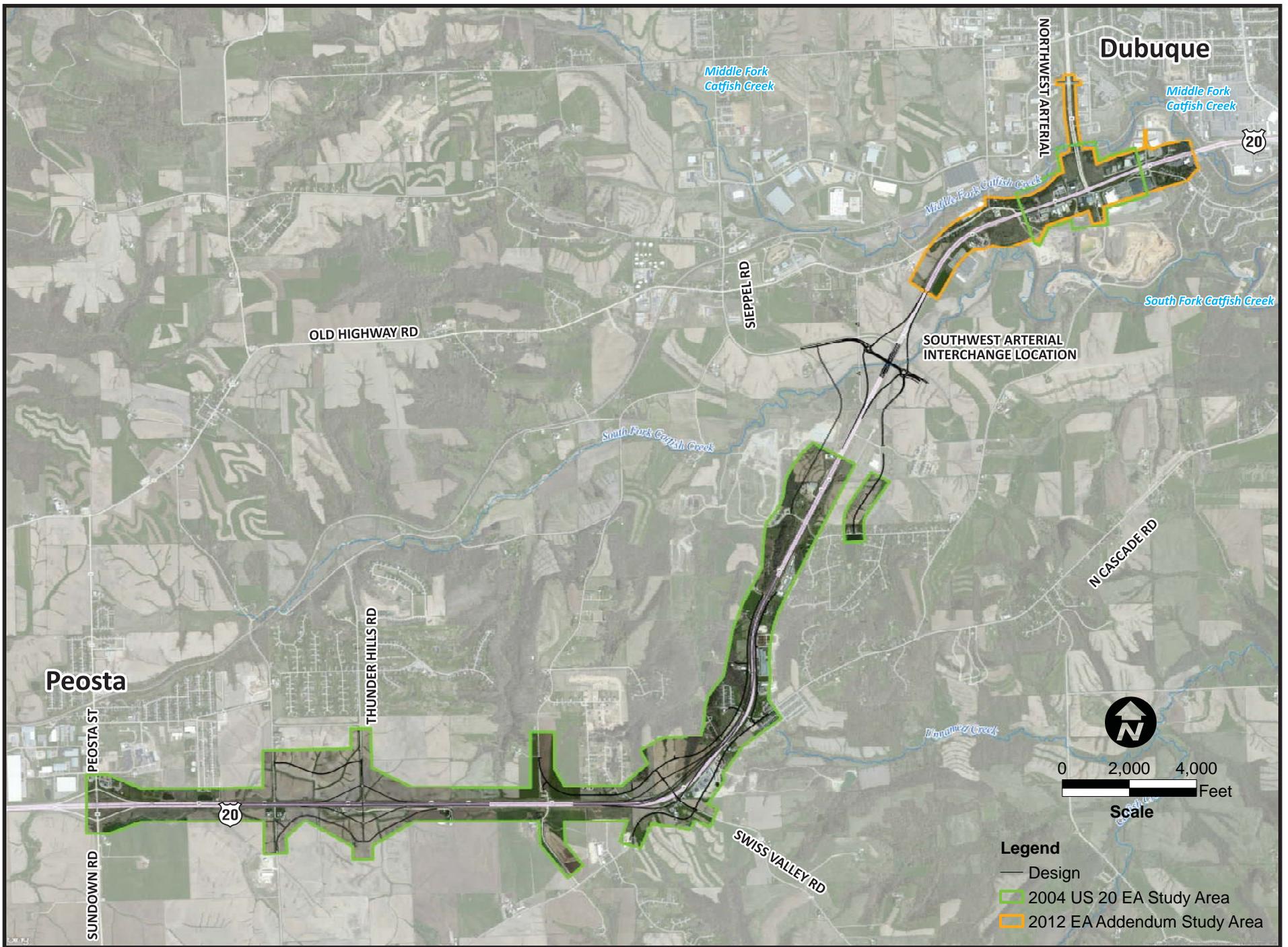
As part of the proposed project, additional right-of-way would be required to accommodate the proposed improvements. Estimated right-of-way impacts, as well as potential impacts resulting from the project on cultural resources, floodplains, impacts to homes and businesses, farmlands, woodlands, and socioeconomic resources, will be determined as planning and design activities continue.



**2004 Environmental Assessment Study Area**  
 US 20 Capacity Improvement Study  
 Dubuque County, Iowa  
 Environmental Assessment Addendum



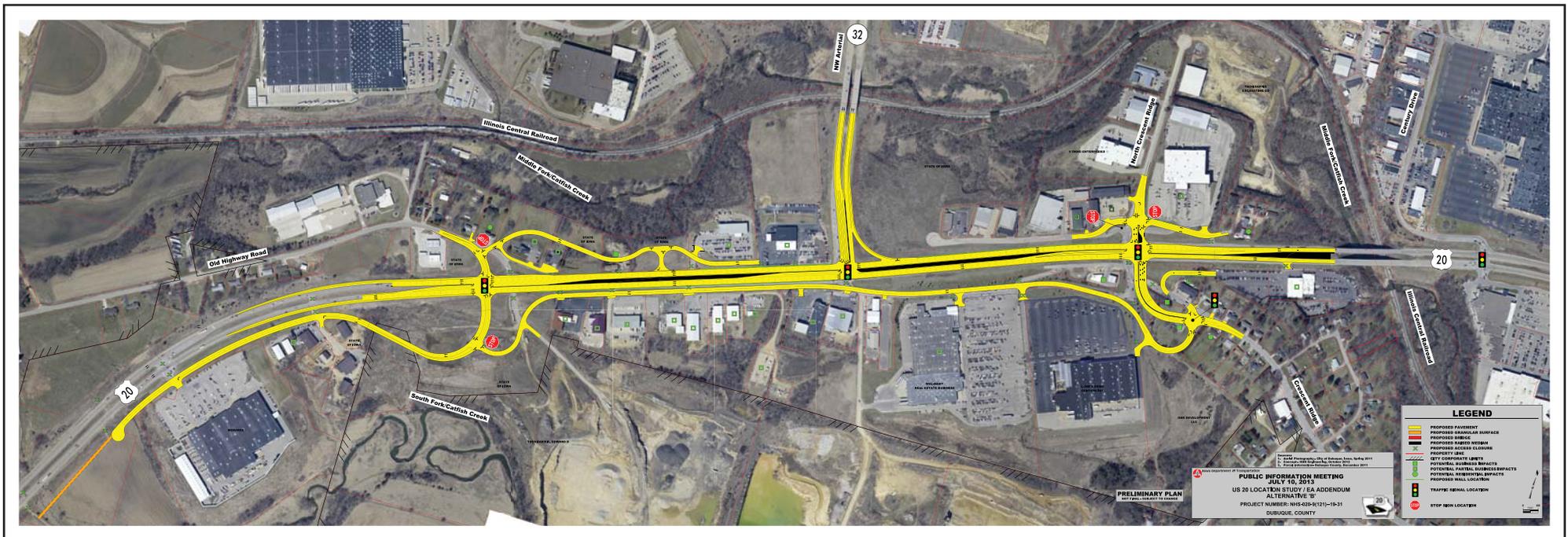
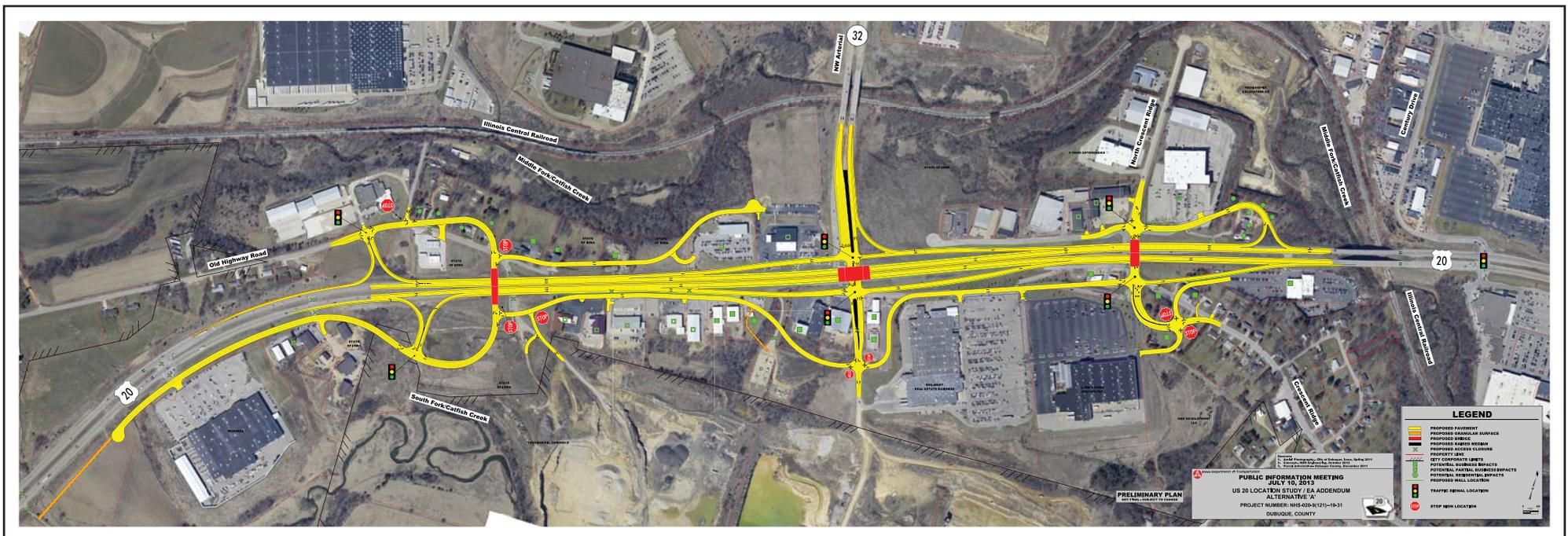
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# US 20 Location Study



# Total Project Study Area



# US 20 Location Study



# Refined Alternatives

## Contact Us

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the project presented today, please contact the following:

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## Public Participation

No one is more familiar with the study area than its residents. We are interested in hearing what you have to say with regard to the proposed improvements. You may share those ideas with us today or submit them in writing using the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience). A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>. Following today's meeting, we will give careful consideration to all of the comments and information you provide, and will consider this input as we continue with project development. You will also have other opportunities throughout the project development to provide your input through additional public meetings held in the future.

**Thank you for your participation in this meeting.**

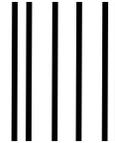
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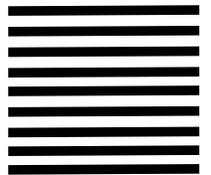
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