

PROJECT STATEMENT

**FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT
ALTERNATIVES FOR A U.S. 30 BYPASS OF
MOUNT VERNON AND LISBON**

**PROJECT NUMBER: LINN/CEDAR COUNTIES
NHS-30-7(76)- -19-57**

MEETING LOCATION:

**LISBON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
235 W SCHOOL STREET
LISBON, IOWA**

JULY 13, 2010

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The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting this Public Information Meeting to acquaint the people of Lisbon, Mount Vernon and vicinity with the proposed improvement alternatives for a U.S. 30 bypass from the current four lane section west of Mount Vernon to east of Lisbon. This public meeting offers mutual benefits. It gives the Iowa DOT an opportunity to explain the purpose and need for the proposed project and to identify the preliminary alternatives. It also allows the public to express their opinions regarding the proposed improvement. Consideration will be given to all suggestions.

This is your opportunity to express views either as an individual or a group representative. The Iowa DOT encourages written statements pertinent to the project. Written statements and exhibits will also be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed to Mark Kerper, Office of Location and Environment, at the above address. Deadline for written statements is July 26, 2010; however, all correspondence received after this date will be included in the project file and reviewed as the project is developed. Information regarding the proposed project is available for inspection.

PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

We encourage you to express your views concerning the proposal in one or more of these ways:

1. Individual discussion with Iowa DOT staff;
2. Presentation of written statements at the meeting. Written statements should be presented to the staff person near the entry;
3. Submission of written statements following the public meeting. Those statements received by July 26, 2010, will become a part of the public meeting record.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

A U.S. 30 location planning study was initiated in the 1980s. A bypass alternative was selected and approved by the Transportation Commission, however; due to lack of funding, construction of the bypass was deferred until an unspecified time. In 2001 the project was removed from the DOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The DOT again began a review of U.S. 30 in this area in 2009. A Corridor Preservation Zone was enacted in July 2009 to help protect the potential highway corridor. This project is being developed for federal funding participation, but is not currently in the DOT's five-year TIP.

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

A variety of preliminary alternatives are being developed for a potential bypass. In addition, a comparable improvement alternative along existing U.S. 30 will be analyzed. Please see the attached map which shows the corridor study area. A display showing the preliminary improvement alternatives will be available at the meeting.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The DOT is currently conducting field studies in the project area. Information from those studies, as well as your comments, will guide the project management team in determining the preferred alternative. Another public meeting will be scheduled for early 2011 to discuss the preferred alternative.

RIGHT OF WAY

The Iowa DOT's policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. These appraisals use professional techniques and methods to determine "just compensation" in accordance with Federal and State constitutions, laws and regulations. The appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

After the appraisals are completed, each owner is contacted by a right of way agent for the purpose of explaining the plans and appraisals and for contracting the required right of way. In instances where an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The State of Iowa's acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646), as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 and provides relocation resources to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination.

If you are required to move as a result of a highway project, whether an owner or tenant, you will be eligible for relocation assistance advisory services. You may be eligible for moving assistance, supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the intent of the State of Iowa to ensure that displaced individuals receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionately from highway programs designed for the whole public. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property. Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's purchase of your property.

Questions or problems concerning relocation assistance should be directed to the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

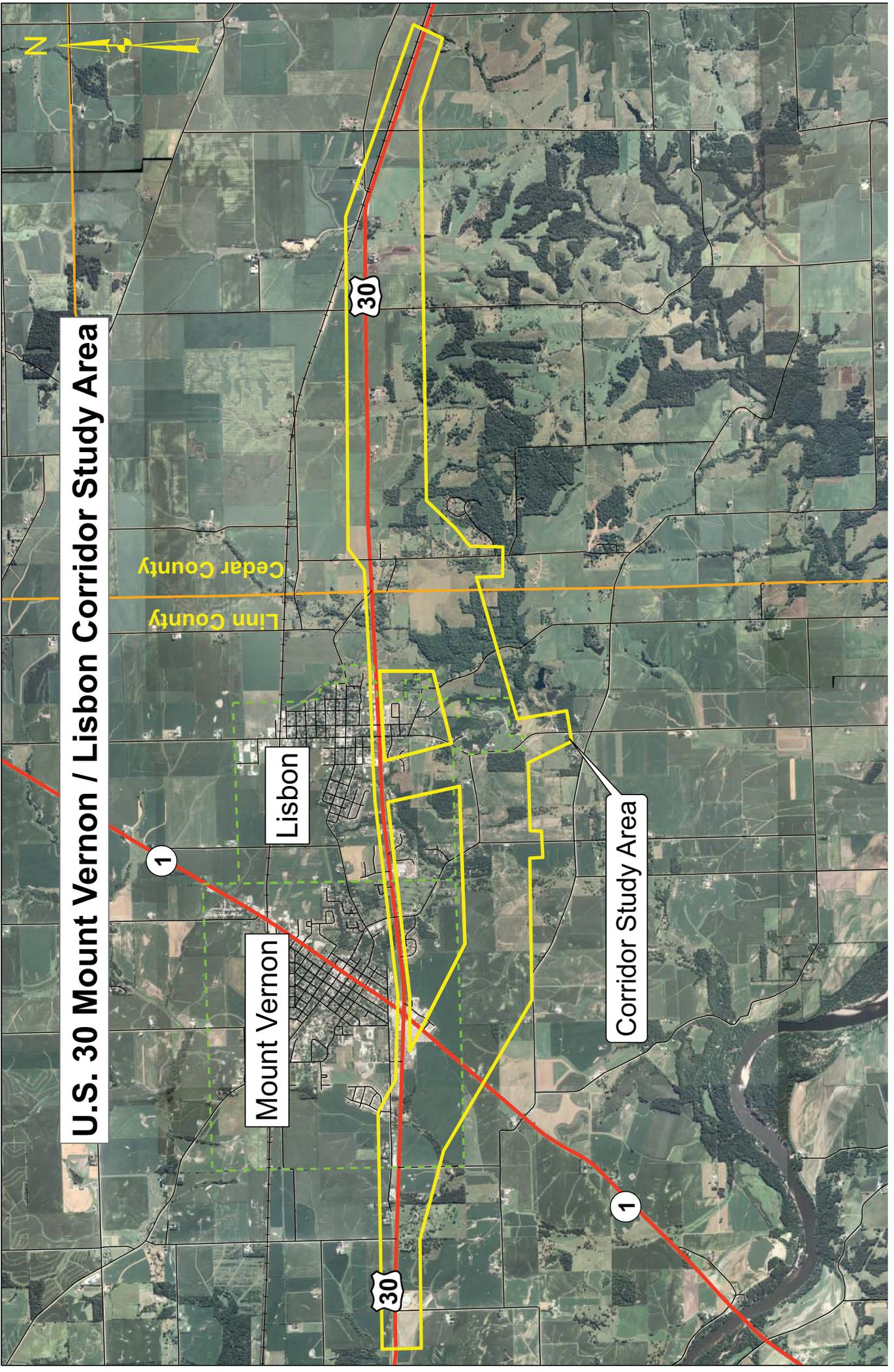
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments on the proposed project or questions about its development, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

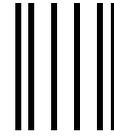
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U.S. 30 Mount Vernon / Lisbon Corridor Study Area



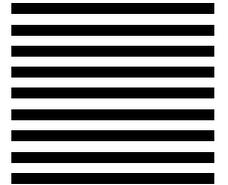
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