

I-290 Corridor Advisory Group and Task Force Meeting #1

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Meeting Agenda


- Introductions
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project History and Overview
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Overview
- Group Exercise Overview
- Discussion
- Next Steps

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Introductions-Study Team

Joint Lead Agencies
IDOT, FHWA



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IDOT Project Management Consultant
Parsons Transportation Group (PTG)


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Project Consultant Team
Parsons Brinckerhoff – *Prime Consultant*

Alfred Benesch: *Structures*
American Survey & Engineering: *Surveys and Mapping*
Christopher B. Burke Engineering: *Drainage Studies*
Huff & Huff: *Environmental Support*
Images, Inc.: *Public Involvement/CSS*
Singh & Associates: *Traffic Analysis*





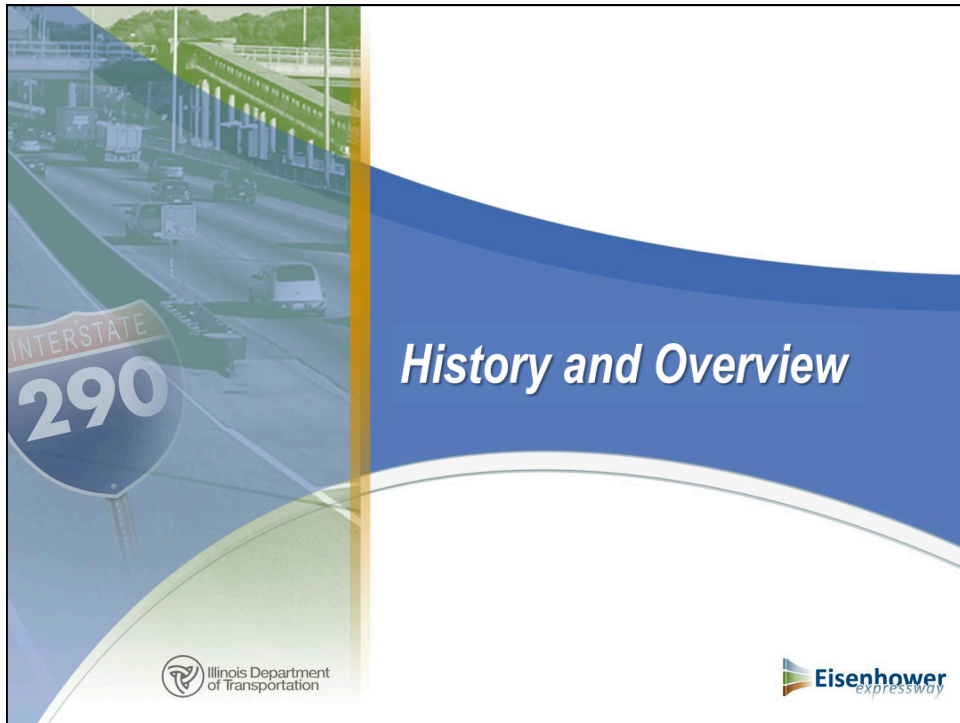
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Purpose of Meeting

- Project history, overview and schedule
- Explain CSS process and define consensus
- Discuss ground rules
- Identify issues/concerns
- Determine project goals and objectives
- Discuss project problem statement
- Next steps






History and Overview

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I-290 Study Segment




7.5 miles

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History of the IKE




- Designed in late 1940's
- Constructed and open to traffic - Mid-1950's
 - Western extensions added in 1970's and late 1980's







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History of the IKE



- First multimodal expressway corridor in U.S.
- Eliminated at-grade freight and passenger railroad crossings by lowering existing rail lines
- Western gateway to Chicago



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Prior & Current Studies

- 1998 - IDOT HOV Feasibility Study Completed
- 1999-2001 Hillside Bottleneck Reconstruction
- 2001 – IDOT I-290 Phase I – Mannheim to Cicero
- RTA Cook DuPage Corridor Study
 - 2003-2005 Travel Market Analysis
 - 2006-2008 Options Feasibility
- Oak Park I-290 Cap Study
 - 2003-2005 Feasibility Report
 - 2009 Cap Concept Analysis

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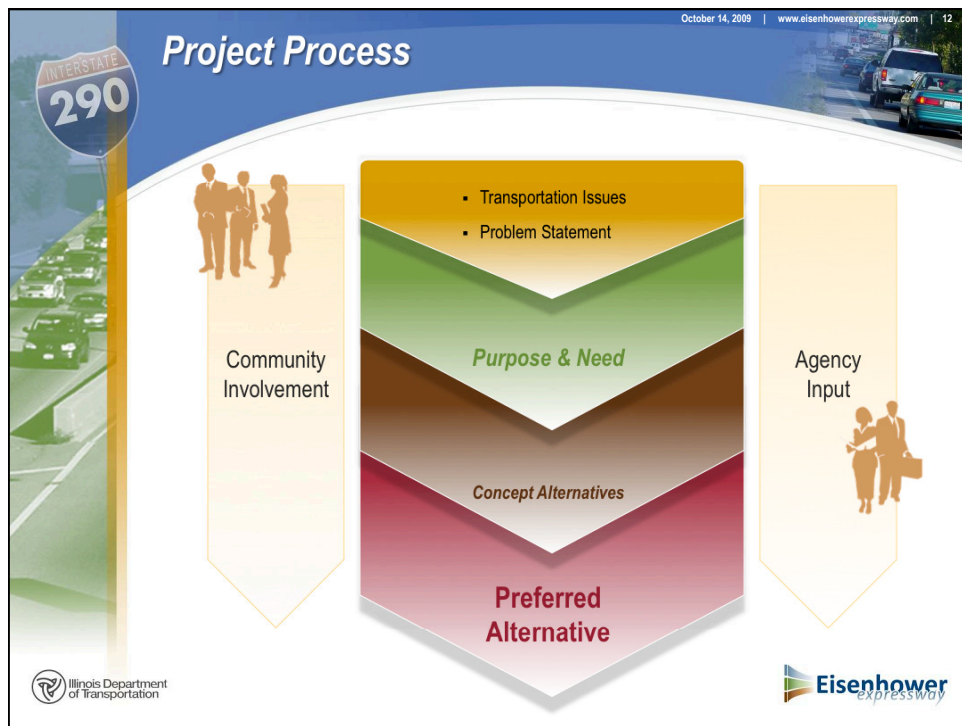
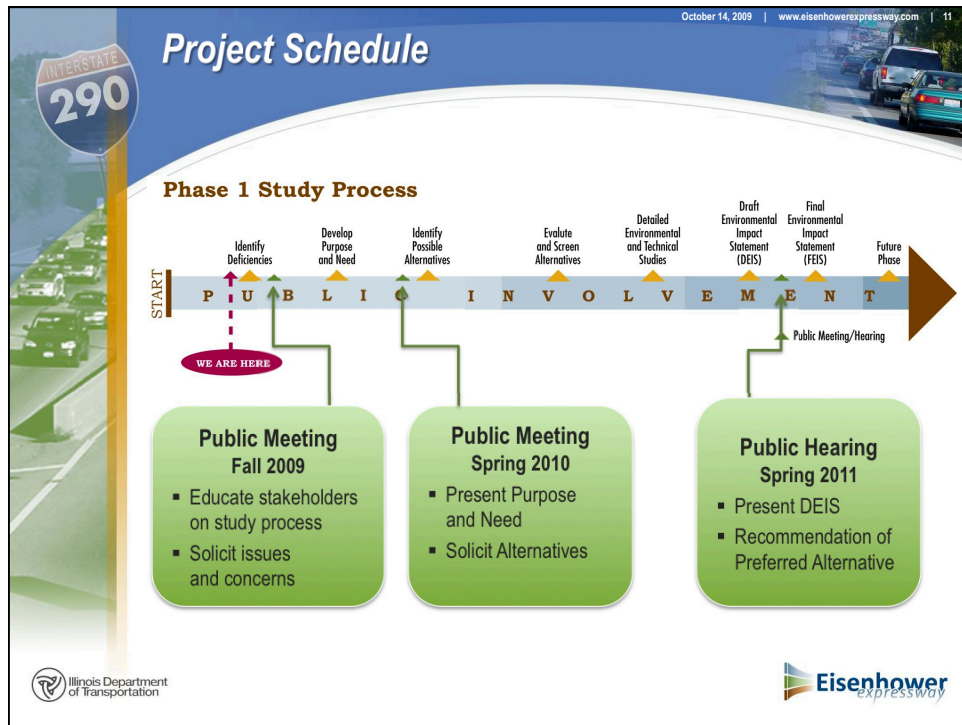
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Project Overview

- Fresh Start as an EIS
- Facilitate open study process
- Solicit, develop, and evaluate alternatives
- Reach consensus on a preferred alternative
- Record of Decision and Design Approval

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CSS Overview

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Context Sensitive Solutions

- Flexible and creative approach to design
- Promotes frequent communication with stakeholders
- Addresses all modes of transportation

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

Community Environment
Safety Usability
Multimodalism


DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE

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Consensus





- Goal is to achieve consensus
- Consensus is defined as:

“When a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the **process as a whole was fair.**”

—CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS: Detailed Guidelines for Practice (IDOT)




IDOT Makes Final Decisions

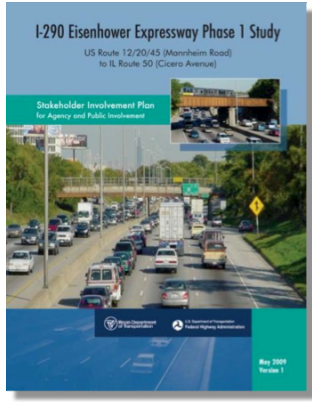





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Stakeholder Involvement Plan



- Blueprint for defining tools and methods
- Framework for achieving consensus
- Identifies roles and responsibilities of participants
- Establishes timing of stakeholder activities
- SIP on website for review (www.eisenhowerexpressway.com)



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- ## One-On-One Meetings
- Introductory meetings have been held:*
- **Municipalities:** Bellwood, Broadview, Forest Park, Maywood, Oak Park, Westchester
 - **County Agencies:** DuPage County
Cook County Highway Department
 - Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
 - Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
 - Canadian National Railway
 - Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
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Project Study Group (PSG)





Consultant Team

PSG Purpose:

- Make ultimate project decisions
- Provide technical oversight


PSG Responsibilities:

- Manage the process
- Resolving project issues
- Promote partnerships
- Develop consensus




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Project Working Group Structure



PROJECT STUDY GROUP
IDOT • FHWA • Consultant

Advisory

CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Bellwood
- Broadview
- Chicago
- Forest Park
- Hillside
- Maywood
- Oak Park
- Westchester
- Cook County
- Du Page County



Advisory

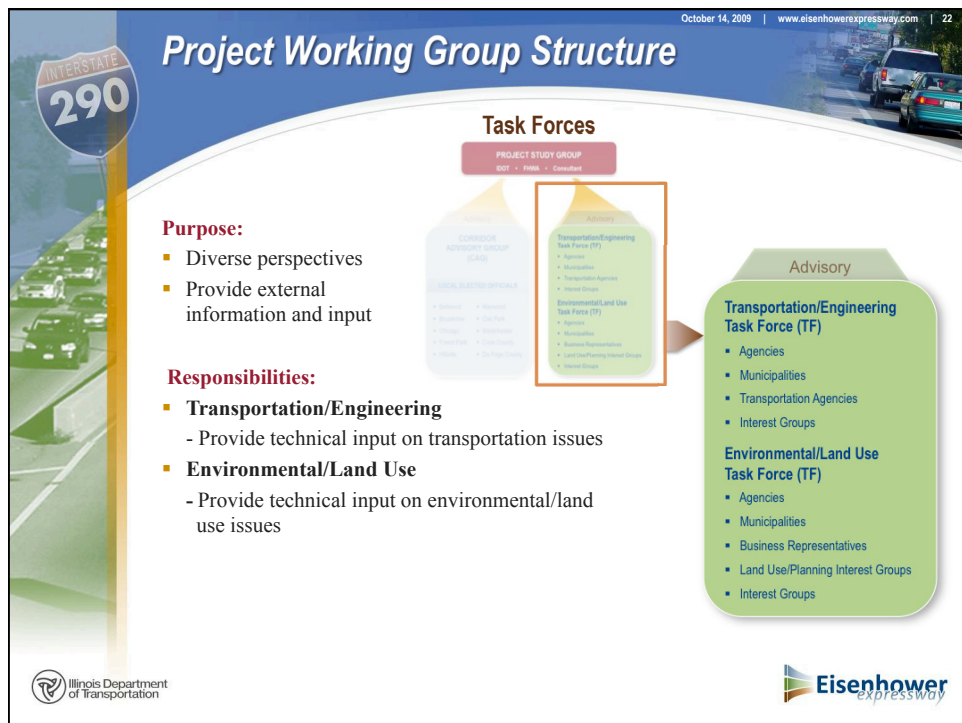
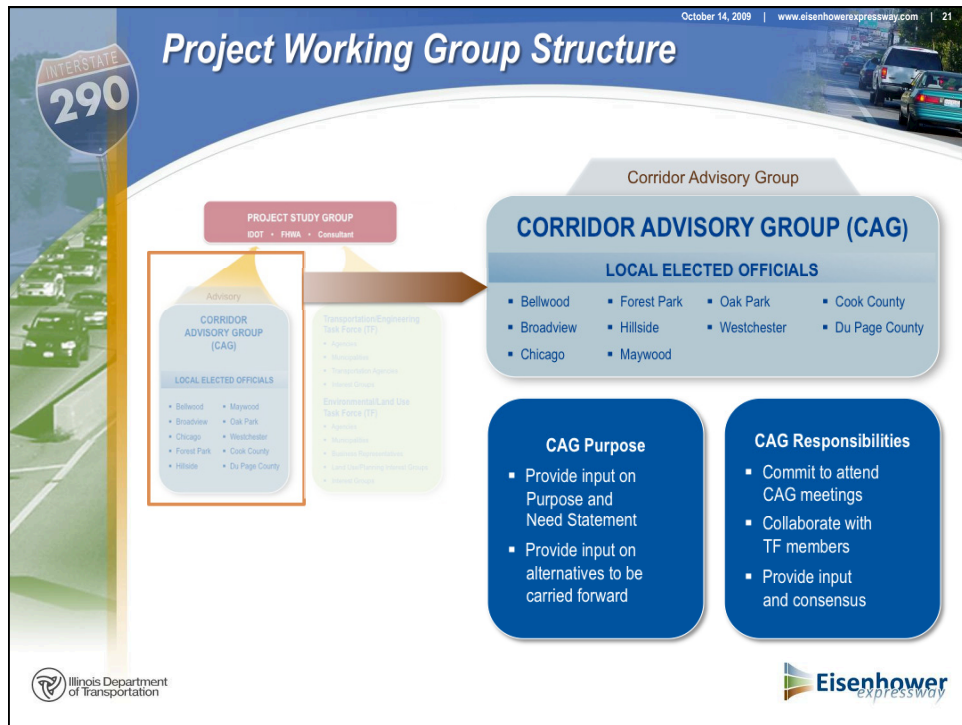
Transportation/Engineering Task Force (TF)

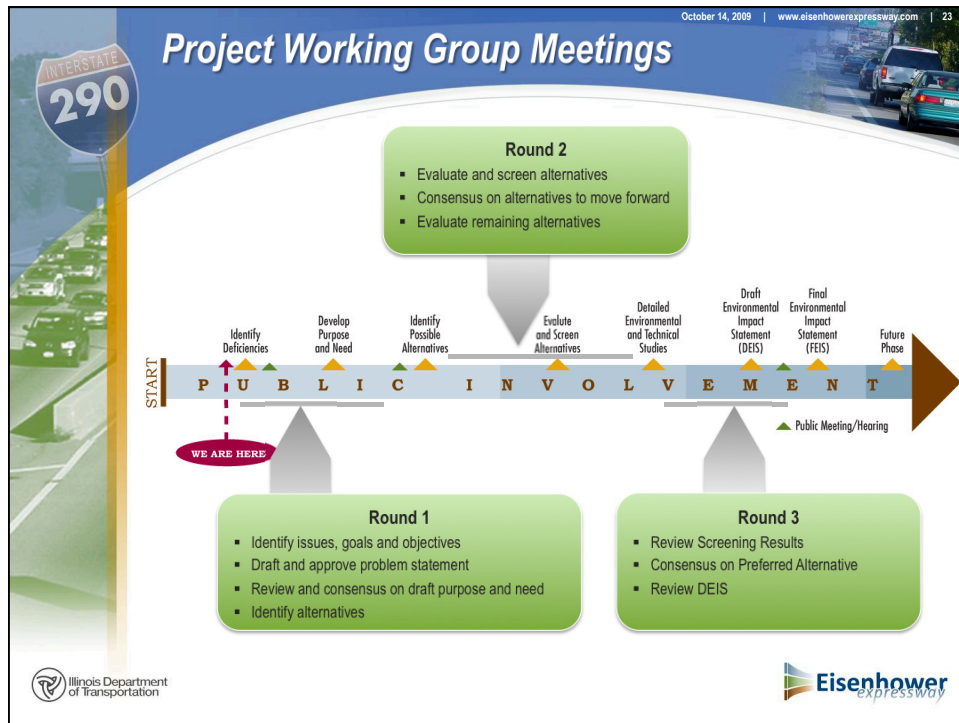
- Agencies
- Municipalities
- Transportation Agencies
- Interest Groups

Environmental/Land Use Task Force (TF)

- Agencies
- Municipalities
- Business Representatives
- Land Use/Planning Interest Groups
- Interest Groups





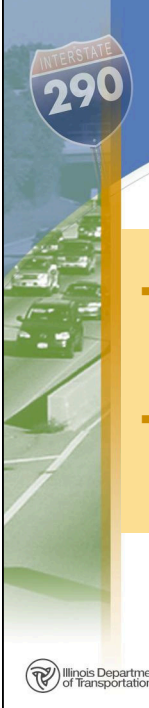
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Membership Expectations and Critical Success Factors

- Commit to meetings
- Agree to act as a team in a spirit of collaboration
- Candidly communicate local issues
- Respect all opinions
- Contribute to identifying a consensus solution
- Provide timely reviews of all submittals

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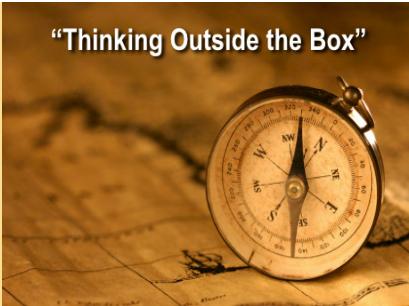
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Decision Making

- IDOT will utilize input throughout the decision-making process
- Final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA

“Thinking Outside the Box”



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Workshop

Group Exercise

Part 1: Identify Issues and Concerns

Part 2: Defining Goals and Objectives



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Workshop

Part 1: Develop a list of issues and concerns in the project area

These may include:

- Transportation
- Environmental
- Land Use
- Safety
- Traffic Congestion
- Modal Options
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life

These issues and concerns will be used to *draft a project problem statement, which will assist in the development of the Purpose & Need Statement.*






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Workshop

Part 2: Project Goals and Objectives

- What are your general goals?
- Categorize goals of the project area



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Next Steps

- Problem Statement
- Existing conditions analyses and deficiencies
- Environmental data collection
- Purpose and Need

START P U B L I C I N V O L V E M E N T Future Phase

Identify Deficiencies Develop Purpose and Need Identify Possible Alternatives Evaluate and Screen Alternatives Detailed Environmental and Technical Studies Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Public Meeting/Hearing

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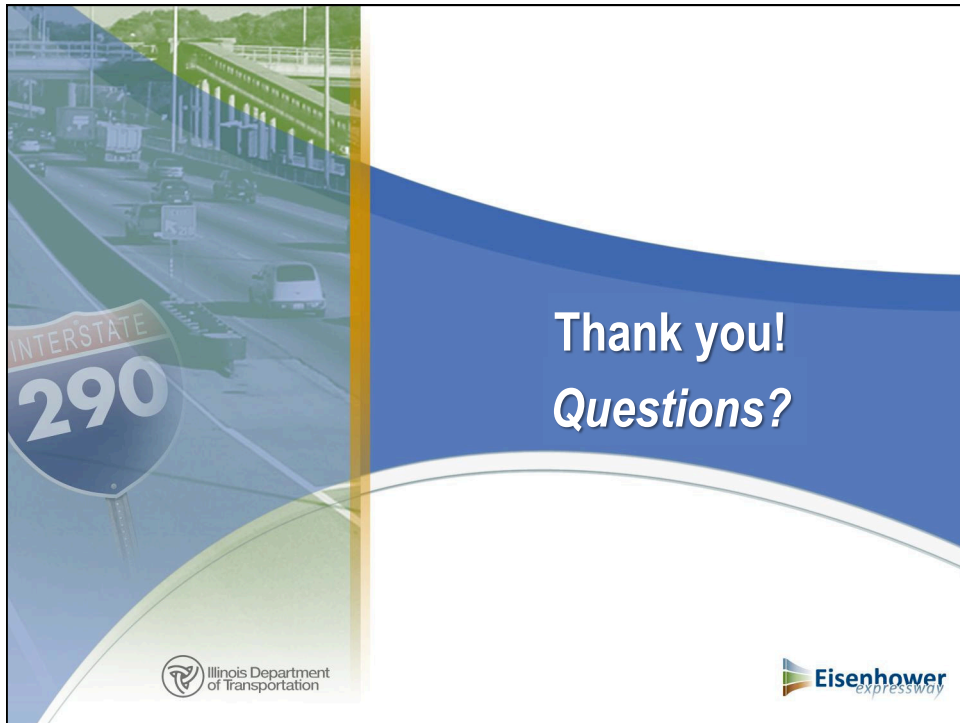
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CAG & TF Meeting #2 – December 2009:


- Summarize Goals and Objectives
- Obtain Consensus for Problem Statement
- Discuss Environmental Process
- Workshop: Identify Project Elements


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