

# Outreach at Illinois DOT

# Outreach Guidance

- NEPA
- Section 404 of Clean Water Act
- National Historic Preservation Act
- SAFETEA-LU
- MAP-21
- *CSS Legislation*
- *BDE Manual*

# Three Phases of Projects

- Phase I: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study
- Phase II: Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition
- Phase III: Construction

Well actually four phases...

Phase IV: Operations and Maintenance

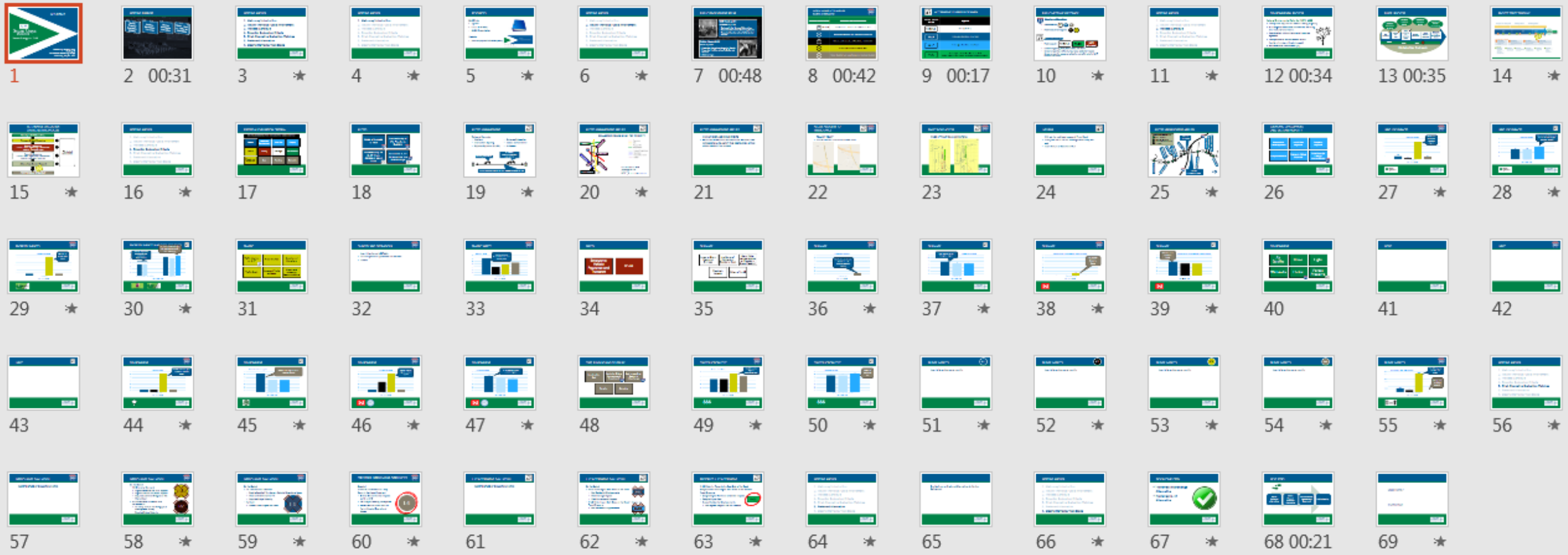
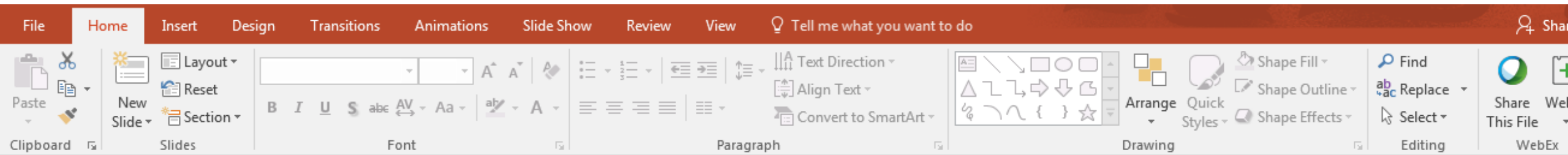
# Sample SIP Activities

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CAG Meeting #3	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop range of possible alternatives</li> <li>Discuss screening and evaluation process</li> </ul>
NEPA/404 Merger Meeting #2	June 21, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present and obtain concurrence on Purpose and Need</li> </ul>
CAG Meeting #4	Summer 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss Alternatives to be Carried Forward for the Environmental Assessment</li> <li>Discuss screening and evaluation process</li> <li>Prepare for Public Meeting #2</li> </ul>
Public Meeting #2	Fall 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review project Purpose &amp; Need statement</li> <li>Discuss screening and evaluation process</li> <li>Present Alternatives to be Carried Forward</li> </ul>

CAG Meeting #5	Winter 2018/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review information from Public Meeting #2</li> <li>Discuss the Alternatives to be Carried Forward</li> <li>Discuss enhancement and mitigation opportunities</li> <li>Review potential effects to study area resources</li> </ul>
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CAG Meeting #6	Summer 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss results of the Environmental Assessment</li> <li>Prepare for Public Meeting #3</li> </ul>
Public Meeting #3	Fall 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review existing conditions and resources</li> <li>Present Preferred Alternative</li> <li>Obtain input as needed</li> </ul>
CAG Meeting #7	Winter 2019/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss results of Public Meeting #3</li> <li>Discuss identification of preferred alternative</li> <li>Discuss enhancement and mitigation opportunities</li> </ul>
NEPA/404 Merger Meeting #4	February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain concurrence with Preferred Alternative</li> </ul>
Public Hearing	Fall 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain public comment on the EA</li> <li>Obtain public comments on the final alternative and potential effects</li> </ul>
CAG Meeting #8	Winter 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the draft EA Errata and Draft Recommended FONSI</li> </ul>



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## SIP as Archive?

- Project study group and CAG members listed in appendix
- Partner, cooperating, and participating agencies listed (with space for responses to key issues)
- Add columns to SIP to record:
  - Major decisions?
  - Location of key documents?
  - Links to project information?

# Concerns

- Lengthy process
- Radio silence in Phase II
- Each phase led by different group

# Strengths

- Everyone follows the rules
- Interest in improving process
- Dry runs

## North Lake Shore Drive (US 41) from Grand Avenue to Hollywood Avenue

### Task Force Meeting #9 Dry Run

**\*\*\* THIS WILL NOT FOLLOW THE STANDARD DRY RUN FORMAT \*\*\***

Please attend this Task Force Meeting **DRY RUN** concerning the preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) for the improvement of North Lake Shore Drive (NLSD) from Grand Avenue to Hollywood Avenue, in the City of Chicago in Cook County. The purpose of the NLSD Task Force meeting will be to obtain stakeholder input through workshops. This workshop will focus on the dedicated transitways alternatives and provide an update on the context tailored treatment alternatives.

We would like to give the Task Force meeting facilitators practice describing the NLSD alternatives and responding to feedback and questions in the workshop setting. Instead of the standard dry run format, IDOT staff will be asked to participate as stakeholders, not transportation engineers. It is important that each attendee be able to participate for the entire session. **Please clear this with your supervisor.** Background info will be attached for your review before the dry run.

#### DRY RUN:

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Lower Level Training Room A – IDOT District 1



# Other Areas of Outreach

- Office of Business and Workforce Diversity
- Office of Intermodal Project Implementation
- General website policy and clean-up
- Illinois State Fair
- Building relationships with allied professionals
  - Conference booths
  - Sessions

# Burgeoning Ideas

- Local roads communication guidelines
- MYP presentations
- Re-write engagement