

Purpose of the Plan

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Do You Have Questions?

Representatives from KDOT and the planning team are here to answer your questions. For instance....

- What is corridor management planning?**
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- When can I expect to see changes taking place on US-56?**
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- How can I provide input?**
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Schedule

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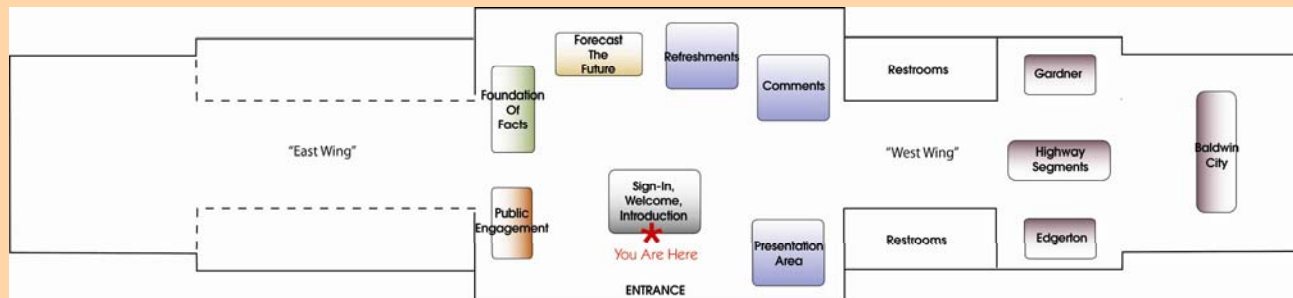
- Analysis of findings to develop conceptual improvements
- Advisory Committee meeting, Public Officials Briefing, Stakeholder Workshop

Foundation of Facts:

- Community Survey, Review of US Census data, land use and development plans, and traffic counts
- Stakeholder interviews, Advisory Committee meeting, and Stakeholder workshop

Formulate a Fit:

- Further concept refinement, integration of all elements into Corridor Plan
- Advisory Committee meeting, Public Officials Briefing, Stakeholder Workshop, Public Open Houses



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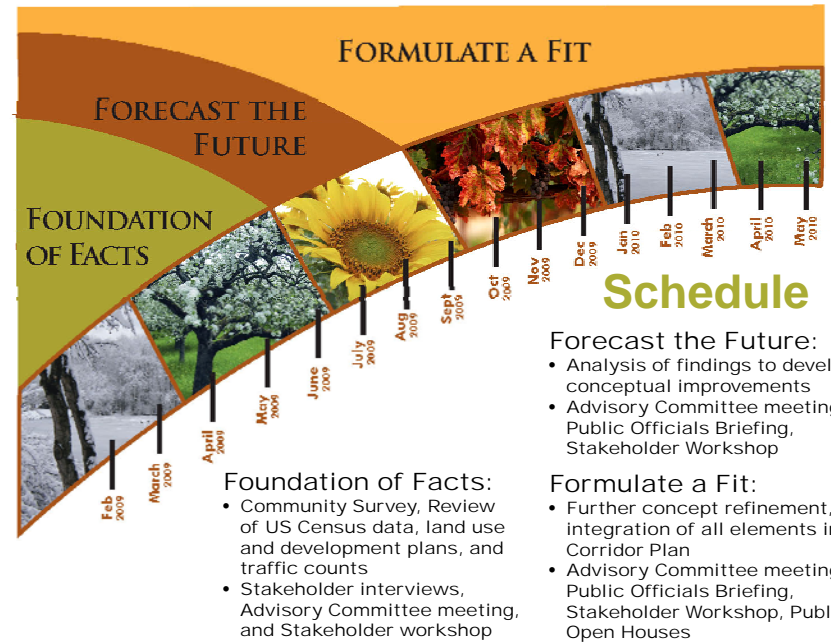
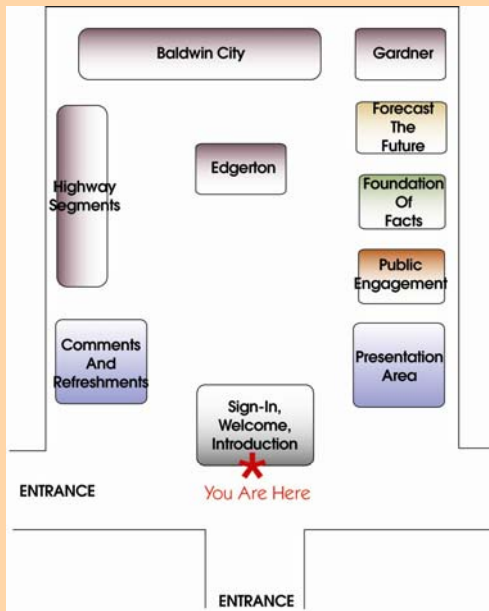
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