



CAPE GIRARDEAU

Study Area for I-66

Legend

- County Boundary
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Project Limits
- Sinkhole Areas
- NWI Data
- 100 Year Floodzone
- 500 Year Floodzone
- Archaeology Resource Potential
- National Forest

TIER 2

- Detailed Environmental analysis including field studies
- Scoping will define route of alternatives to be considered within approved corridor
- Screening of Alternatives including review of data, public input and agency comments
- Preferred alternative selected on analysis of impacts and costs along with input from the public, local agencies and resource agencies

TIER 1

- Interstate of 40-50 miles connecting Paducah to Cape Girardeau through as many as 5 counties in southern Illinois
- Project is part of the "High Priority Corridor 3 : Transamerica Corridor From Kansas to Kentucky" (ISTEA Section 1105)
- Establish project purpose and need (example of potential needs)
 - To provide improved transportation network which reduces travel time and vehicle operating costs in project area
 - To open new economic development opportunities and facilitate interstate freight movements (including intermodal freight movements)
 - To improve accessibility to employment, higher education, retail/shopping, and medical services
 - To increase tourism opportunities to Shawnee National Forest and other nearby attractions
 - To improve highway safety to traveling public
- Selection of corridor from "route concepts"
- Utilize 3-step analysis of alternatives
 - First Round: Scoping Analysis of Initial Alternatives
 - Second Round: Screening of Route Corridors
 - EIS Alternatives: Detailed analysis of alternatives for impacts, performance and cost (GIS analysis)
- Each Corridor is approximately 2,000 feet wide
- FHWA will approve corridor in Record of Decision (ROD)
- Tier 2 alignments will be located within selected Tier 1 corridor

