



APPENDIX I: Outreach to Schools

Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement

I-69 Section 6

Martinsville to Indianapolis



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MEETING SUMMARY
Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle Summary
I-69 Section 6 Project Office
 September 15, 2016

Attendee	Organization
David Zempel	Baptist Tabernacle, Sr. Pastor
Jamin Baxter	Baptist Tabernacle Board of Trustees, Church Clerk
Sarah Rubin	INDOT
Jim Earl	INDOT
Tim Miller	HNTB

I. Meeting Objective

- a. Pastor David Zempel is aware of the I-69 Section 6 project and the proposed schedule. The purpose of the meeting is to gain an understanding of the Baptist Tabernacle’s operations and how the project may impact the facility.

II. Discussion Topics

- a. Pastor Zempel and Mr. Baxter provided the following information regarding the Baptist Tabernacle facility:
 - The Baptist Tabernacle is one of the largest Christian schools in Indiana. They provide education from pre-school through 12th grade. Total enrollment is approximately 343 students; 100 for grades 6-12 and 243 from pre-school through 5th grade. In addition to Martinsville residents, they have students from Eminence, Franklin, Bargersville, and Greenwood. The majority of their students are within 10 minutes of the school. The school operates on the Martinsville public school calendar.
 - They currently have great visibility off of existing SR 37. They prefer to maintain good visibility in either the current or new location. Visibility and safe access is very important to the church and school.
- b. INDOT explained the potential impacts of a Burton Road overpass over I-69. INDOT evaluated shifting Burton Road slightly to the south in order to reduce the amount of right of way needed from the property. However, access to the property is not maintained in this scenario because the bridge over I-69 still needs to come down and meet existing grade. INDOT noted that the city of Martinsville supports a grade separation at Burton Lane.
- c. Pastor Zempel understands the needs for east-west connectivity. He is concerned that many of the businesses that support the area will be acquired as a result of providing grade separations and interchanges. He requested INDOT evaluate providing a roundabout on the oppose side of SR 37 near SR 39 and construct a connector road



between SR39 and Burton. This would allow motorists coming from the south to access Burton Lane.

- d. The Baptist Tabernacle would like to expand but are out of space. They purchased two adjacent properties along Virginia Street after the flood in 2008. One of the homes was razed and is currently a vacant lot. The other property contains a house which is rented to missionaries. The church has petitioned the City for a rezoning variance on these two properties but has been denied. (as recently as this year). The properties could be used for an expansion if a zoning variance would be granted in the future.
- e. In 2004, the church did a major renovation which included the construction of new auditorium. The cost of the upgrade was \$1.6M with \$200k in miscellaneous expenses for a total investment of \$1.8M. In order to finance the investment, an appraisal for the expansion loan showed the entire property had a fair market value of \$2M (prior to the auditorium construction). Mr. Zempel believes the property is currently valued at \$8M.

III. Summary

- a. Mr. Zempel would prefer to stay in the current location due to the high visibility and recent additions. However, if it is determined that the project will require the facility to be relocated, he will work alongside INDOT to find a solution. If relocated, his largest concern is that the appraised value of the property will not come close to what it will take to construct a new facility with the same amenities. It is possible the school and church operations could be in different locations.
- b. INDOT and the Baptist Tabernacle will continue to coordinate and provide updates. Pastor Zempel the Baptist Tabernacle wants to be a good neighbor and is willing to host neighborhood meetings related to I-69. Meetings can be scheduled through Gene Matson @ 765-341-1234.

Note: This meeting summary documents ongoing, internal agency deliberations. Accordingly, the information contained in this summary is considered to be pre-decisional and deliberative.



MEETING SUMMARY
Mooreville School Corporation
 I-69, Section 6 Project Office
 June 2, 2016 from 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EST

Attendee	Organization
Sarah Rubin	INDOT
Jim Earl	INDOT
Eric Swickard	Lochmueller Group
Dr. David Marcotte	Superintendent, Mooreville School Corporation

I. Introductions

II. Purpose of the meeting

- a. Jim Earl stated that the purpose of the meeting is to speak with a representative from Mooreville School Corporation to determine if there are any concerns regarding INDOT’s proposed C1, C2 and C3 Alternatives.

III. Whiteland Road versus Waverly Road

- a. Mr. Marcotte stated the far southeastern corner of Mooreville’s School District is the only portion impacted by proposed I-69. This is in the vicinity of where Whiteland Road and Waverly Road intersect with current SR 37. He prefers a grade separation at Waverly Road instead of Whiteland Road. It would give better direct access for school bus drivers to pick up students who live east of current SR 37. Mr. Marcotte did acknowledge bus drivers would be able to access students who live east of SR 37 using Whiteland Road. An access road is proposed to connect Whiteland Road to Waverly Road east of SR 37.

IV. Construction

- a. Jim Earl stated that INDOT would coordinate with school districts during the construction in order to ensure school corporations are aware of road closures and restrictions.

V. Waverly Elementary School

- a. Mr. Marcotte stated that Waverly Elementary school is available for INDOT to use for future public meetings.

VI. Adjourn



MEETING SUMMARY

I-69 Section 6 Open House Event for Schools

INDOT I69 Field Office

7847 Waverly Road, Martinsville, IN 46151

May 4, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. EDT

Attendee	Organization
Dr. David Zempel	Martinsville Tabernacle School
Kenny Roll	Martinsville Tabernacle School
Sam Arnes	Metropolitan School District of Martinsville
Dennis Milk	Metropolitan School District of Martinsville
Bob Grewe	Project Team
Tim Miller	Project Team
Eric Swickard	Project Team
Matt Miller	Project Team
Jim Earl	Project Team
LaMar Holliday	Project Team

I. Staff and Agency Introductions / Housekeeping Items

II. Commencement of Open House Event

- a. Beginning at 9:00 AM, a relatively steady stream of EMS and school officials visited with Project Team members. Following is a summary of the respective engagements with these organizations.

III. Summary School Remarks

- a. Concern about construction and impact to bus routes and the length of time students will spend on a bus.
- b. Specific Observations:
 - Martinsville schools mentioned that they may consider redistricting elementary schools in order to create a separate district on each side of the Section 6 corridor. This would limit the need to cross the Section 6 corridor.
 - Martinsville schools would prefer that Grand Valley be an overpass rather than an underpass of I 69 and that it extend to Cramertown Loop. They like that it connects to South Street rather than York Street. They would like to preserve as much of the adjacent parking lot as possible, as it is used for band practice. Sidewalks will be important for access to the high school.



- Martinsville schools has their bus maintenance facility at the intersection of SR 39 and Rogers Road. The current configuration of the intersection is dangerous due to the skew and the number of large trucks in the traffic stream. They would accept either proposed configuration of Rogers Road access to SR 39, as long as it is designed to accommodate their busses.
- Martinsville schools prefers construction of the new service road connection to Jordan Road and the bridge over Indian Creek because the existing Burton Lane bridge sometimes floods.
- Martinsville schools would like a frontage road to the high school from the Ohio Street interchange.
- Martinsville schools prefers that access to Twin Branch Road be located adjacent to I-69 rather than on the east side of Cikana Hatchery. The intersection of the latter option with SR 44 could be unsafe.
- Martinsville schools supports the connection of Henderson Ford Road to Centennial Road. They prefer that the service road from Henderson Ford Road be extended all the way across Stott's Creek to New Harmony Road, which would reduce deadhead time.
- Martinsville schools leases fiber optic communications lines throughout the city. They would like INDOT to consider providing a conduit crossing so that they can tie to South Elementary.
- Martinsville Tabernacle Christian School noted concern about the proximity of the Section 6 right of way to their campus. They were also concerned about the potential for an elevated road and/or barrier wall. Both would negatively impact their school facility. They also noted that the school is doing well and they would like to expand. However, at their current location, they appear to be constrained.
- Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle Church noted that they have plans for expanding their ministry and that these plans may require additional facilities on their campus. This creates a challenge for them as they are currently landlocked. Also noteworthy is that they attempted to expand their facilities via a request for a zoning change. Martinsville Planning Commission did not approve the rezoning request.
- Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle representatives expressed concern about the access between SR 39 and Burton Lane along Plaza Drive. They feel this road is not adequate to carry through traffic.



MEETING MINUTES
Perry Township Schools
 Perry Township Schools Transportation Office
 May 2, 2016 at 11:30 AM

Attendee	Organization
Dr. Thomas Little	Perry Township Schools
Marc Westfall	Perry Township Schools
Patrick Murphy	Perry Township Schools
Jim Earl	INDOT
Matt Miller	HNTB Corporation

I. Project Background and Alternatives

- a. Jim Earl provided an overview of the anticipated schedule of the I-69 Section 6 development schedule. There are currently three alignment alternatives under consideration, each with different configurations of I-69 mainline, interchanges and local road connections. The preferred alternative will be identified within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which is anticipated to be published in the first quarter of 2017. There will be a public hearing at that time. The preferred alternative will be refined and comments will be addressed during 2017, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is expected during the first quarter of 2018. Design and right of way acquisition can begin at that time. It is likely that construction will begin sometime after 2020.
- b. Jim and Matt discussed the I-69 alternatives through Marion County and the interchanges and grade separated crossings included in each alternative. It is likely that the preferred alternative will be some combination of the three current alternatives.

II. Perry Township Schools Input and Concerns

- a. The Perry Township Schools representatives identified current issues and practices regarding access in and around SR 37. They estimate that there are over 100 daily bus crossings of SR 37, and they expect this number to grow as more development occurs between SR 37 and the White River.
 - Rosa Parks Elementary School serves children as far east as US 31 and as far west as the White River. Currently 17 bus routes cross SR 37 each day to access the school. The district will be opening one of 4 kindergarten facilities at Rosa Parks in 2017, which will add approximately 500 students and 4-6 new daily bus routes across SR 37.
 - Special needs students district wide are transported to Rosa Parks Elementary and Glens Valley Elementary



- Approximately 25% of the students at the Perry Meridian HS/MS facilities come from the west side of SR 37, requiring them to cross at least twice daily.
 - Use of Southport Road is difficult due to congestion.
 - Busses are currently routed along SR 37 when it is advantageous to travel times.
- b. Maintaining connectivity across I-69 will be very important to Perry Township Schools. Wicker Road and Epler Road were specifically mentioned as important. Grade separated crossings will be provided at these locations under all alternatives, and delay should be reduced because the signals now used to control the SR 37 crossing will be eliminated.
- c. North/south connectivity on local roads is also important to bus routing. The school representatives had a preference for improvements to existing north/south thoroughfares over the provision of new service roads adjacent to I-69.

These meeting minutes represent the understanding of the events that occurred.

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