

**2010 Long-Range Plan Update**  
**INDOT Long-Range Plan Development Coordination Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting with the River Hills Economic Development District/Regional Planning**  
**Commission and the INDOT Seymour District**

**Conducted at the INDOT Seymour District Offices – March 23, 2010**  
**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

*In Attendance:*            *Jill Saegesser, Executive Director – River Hills*  
                                 *Jim Ude, Planning/Production Director – INDOT Seymour District*  
                                 *John McCrary, Systems Assessment – INDOT Seymour District*  
                                 *Steve Smith, Manager – INDOT Long-Range Planning Section*  
                                 *Jay Mitchell, Planner – INDOT Long-Range Planning Section*  
                                 *Emmanuel Nsonwu, Planner – INDOT Long-Range Planning Section*  
                                 *Roy Nunnally, Manager - INDOT Modeling Section*  
                                 *Laurence Brown, Transportation Modeler - INDOT Modeling Section*

The meeting began with introductions and a quick overview of meeting purpose. The purpose of the meeting was to provide coordination and input from the River Hills Economic Development Commission/Regional Planning Commission and the INDOT Seymour District to the 2010 INDOT Long-Range Plan update.

The INDOT Long-Range Plan 2010 Update

The INDOT Planning staff provided a brief overview of the strategy that will be used to update the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The target date for plan completion and adoption was July, 2010. The structure of the updated plan would differ from past plans in that the plan would be streamlined; it would no longer be a project specific plan. The exception would be the major corridors such as the I-69 corridor and those projects tied to the Major Moves Program which would still be listed in the plan, but the listings would only be projecting to 2020. Beyond that date, the plan would identify future needs based on congestion and safety.

A review of the congestion needs from the Statewide Travel Demand Model

Maps depicting output from the INDOT Travel Demand Model (ISTDM) had been posted for review. The INDOT Traffic Modeling Section explained that maps were produced using a 2006 no-build base year. The maps illustrated those network segments where the model predicted future traffic volumes that would result in congestion and service levels that would be less than satisfactory. Roadway segments where the model predicted congestion and poor levels of service had been color coded based on the level of severity - the darker the color, the greater the levels of traffic congestion. Yellow was used for level of service “D.” Orange was used for level of service “E” and red was used for level of service “F.”

Review of the November 2009 adjustments to the Major Moves Program

In late 2009, INDOT made adjustments to the Major Moves Program. The INDOT Planning staff provided an update regarding changes to the Major Moves Program in the River Hills planning area.

- Corridor #171, SR 60 Salem Bypass - The original published completion was 2010, the revised, proposed complete date has been pushed back to 2017.
- Corridor #8, I-64 a new interchange west of SR 135 in Harrison County - The original published completion was 2011; the revised, proposed complete date has been pushed beyond 2020 with a specific date to be determined (TBD).
- Corridor #7, added travel lanes on I-64 from I-265 to SR 111. The project had originally been listed with a proposed completion date of 2014. Under the revised Major Moves listing, the project was being accelerated to a new proposed completion date in 2010.
- Corridor #12, added travel lanes on I-65 from SR 311 to Memphis Road. The project had originally been listed with a proposed completion date of 2016. Under the revised Major Moves listing, the project was being accelerated to a new proposed completion date in 2015
- Corridor #11, the new I-65 Ohio River Bridge, downtown Louisville – The project had originally been published with a proposed completion date of 2020. Under the revised Major Moves listing, the proposed complete date has been pushed back to TBD status. A bi-state authority: the Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Authority has been established by the States of Indiana and Kentucky. Its purpose is to identify and secure the necessary funding and to build the new Ohio River Bridges. The authority is currently analyzing several tolling scenarios for both of the new Ohio River Bridges.
- Corridor # 54, added travel lanes on SR 111 in New Albany from McDonald Drive to Mount Tabor Road – The project had originally been listed with a proposed completion in 2009. Under the revised Major Moves listing, the proposed complete date has been pushed back beyond 2020 with a specific date to be determined.

#### Long-Range Transportation Needs and Priorities

The River Hills staff said that there were more needs related to the county road network than on the state highway network. Local transportation needs are related to a growing gap between available transportation funding and the demand for those funds. In some cases, road maintenance was being deferred in relation to reductions in the flow of tax dollars into county budgets. The result is that many of the local roads were beginning to show wear. One source of local funding in the region comes from casino river boat revenue, but those funds are not available to all of the local governments in the River Hills region. River Hills also said that Harrison County had a notable lack of roadway connectivity in much of its southeastern quadrant

#### Other items of discussion

River Hills is a one of the Regional Planning Organizations that is a grant recipient from the INDOT Rural Planning Program; INDOT's planning staff asked for a quick update regarding River Hills transportation planning activities. River Hills staff responded with an overview of the transportation planning activities that it was currently working on, including its traffic counting efforts.