



# I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 Studies

## **Section 6 Marion/Johnson County CAC Summary**

**Location:** Section 6 Project Office  
7550 South Meridian St., Ste. B  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 6, 2005 - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Subject:** Section 6 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #2

**Participants:** See attachment

### **Introduction:**

Tim Miller opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the I-69 Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Tim gave an overview of the project timeline and thanked the attendees for their participation. Participants and attendees were asked to provide a self-introduction.

Tim provided a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting. He indicated that the comments shared at the first CAC meeting provided the template for this meeting's discussion, which would address local needs and land use. Tim noted that this meeting would be conducted in two workgroups. Tim said that he would lead the workshop on local needs while project team member, Dave Wenzel, would lead the workshop related to land use. At this time, Miller introduced Mr. Wenzel noting his 27 years of land use experience. Wenzel indicated that the job of the project team is to define implications and impacts of where the road will be placed in the 2000-foot corridor. Wenzel also said that the role of the CAC, in this meeting, is to provide the team with a value system to define the priorities of land use, while recognizing local needs. At this time the group was divided into two workgroups.

### **Agenda Item 1- Group Discussion/Workshop 1 – Land Use:**

Dave Wenzel facilitated the land use discussion and the workgroup. Participants in group one were asked to assess and respond as follows: 1.) Looking at only undeveloped land or land currently used for agricultural purposes, use the red marker and circle those properties you predict will be developed over the next twenty year period. Please indicate next to that marking, the type of land use you predict will develop there. 2.) Looking at developed land, use the blue marker to identify any areas that you believe would be redeveloped to another land use because of the development of I-69, and 3.) Using the black marker, identify areas that you believe are critical to having nearby access across I-69.



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One CAC member indicated that developments that once were looking at commercial development within the study corridor and backed out included Kohl's Department Store and a Steak-N-Shake restaurant. Another member said that several developers were waiting to determine what types of developments would be completed or are planned before they made decisions about business development in the area.

It was shared that school construction projects and property assessments were halted until final decisions were made about project design and location.

It was the consensus of workgroup number one that both sides of County Line Road are areas that would experience the least amount of pressure for development. Recommended locations for interchanges/crossroads included: Epler Road, Southport Road, Wicker Road, and Smith Valley Road which would also provide access to I-65. Smith Valley Road also connects into community commercial areas. In addition to the recommended locations from the committee, the school corporation recommends crossover routes at Stones Crossing Road, Fairview Road, and Olive Branch Road if no frontage road was to be included in the project.

## **Agenda Item 2- Group Discussion/Workgroup 1 – Local Needs:**

Tim Miller facilitated the local needs discussion and the workgroup participants in group one were asked to rank their priorities based on a listing of local needs, which are provided for reference in Attachment 2.

The group selected three local needs as its clear priorities. These priorities were ranked in the order of importance to this group, as follows: 1.) address emergency response travel time, 2.) avoid or minimize natural environmental impacts, and 3.) provide east/west connectivity. This group indicated that emergency response was a critical component of the community's local needs. Discussion centered on east/west connectivity and the consideration of mass transit. The group references the increased traffic that currently exists, as creating congestion at major interchanges. The group also discussed environmental concerns and asked that the team also consider Park & Ride opportunities.

Miller also led a discussion concerning interchanges and asked the group to provide feedback based on any specific references that they would like to make. The group responded with an open discussion based on the proposed approach of the project team. The group referenced that in Marion County/Perry Township, the importance of retaining the tax base is critical; while in Johnson County the critical component is expanding the tax base to maximize economic development.



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## **Agenda Item 3- Group Discussion/Workshop 2 – Land Use:**

Participants in group two were asked to assess and respond to the same series of questions as referenced in the Group 1 Land Use Exercise. One CAC member indicated on the project map, areas that he proposed would be developed further. He shared that the Southern Dunes subdivision would be expanding their golf course and that the main entrance of the neighborhood would be relocated to accommodate the new road construction.

Another member stated that the development of SR 144 would be impacted along with the growth of the hospital. He also indicated that the potential of a bridge across the White River west of Smith Valley Road is being considered.

One member shared that a sewer study is being completed in the town of Waverly, just west of the project corridor.

Team members stated that zoning is already in place at Southport Road for commercial development.

## **Agenda Item 4- Group Discussion/Workshop 2 – Local Needs:**

Participants in group two were asked to rank their priorities based on the listing of local needs which are provided for reference in Attachment 2.

Miller asked the group to discuss and be very open with their comments regarding their selections and to add any additional local needs that they did not see listed. He indicated that the priorities resulting from this group's feedback would help the project team prioritize and understand what to consider, in recommending where to place the 400-foot wide highway within the approved corridor.

The group selected three local needs as its clear priorities. These priorities were ranked in order of importance to this group as follows: 1.) maximize economic development, 2.) provide east/west connectivity, and 3.) establish creative mitigation alternatives. This group discussed the importance of economic development and expanding the tax base. The group referenced that good connectivity makes for good economic development. The group added that creative mitigation would provide for better use of non-used land associated with road development.



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## Conclusion and Action Items:

### Summary:

The workgroups reconvened for a summary discussion. Dave Wenzel indicated that the project team is working to be sensitive to the community while narrowing the issues of consideration. The project team asked each workgroup to share a summary of their discussion with the other workgroup.

The summarization for group one in the area of land use was clustered in to key areas:

- East/West Connectivity
- Business Development Opportunities

The priorities identified in the area of local needs from this group were:

- Address emergency response travel time
- Avoid or minimize natural environmental impacts
- Traveler mobility

The summarization for group two in the area of land use was primarily centered around economic development and increasing the community tax base. Traveler mobility and emergency responder travel time was also a key area of priority with group two.

Dave Wenzel thanked the presenters and Tim Miller indicated that next steps would include a review of feedback received from this meeting to assist current Tier 2 planning efforts.

### Close:

Tim Miller thanked everyone for attending and indicated that the team would be available for questions at the conclusion of the meeting. He also asked the attendees to consider, if needed, alternate meeting days and time for subsequent CAC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

*The discussions described in this summary provide a meeting overview and do not create an obligation or commitment for final project decisions.*

*This meeting summary represents the project team's understanding of the events that occurred. Please forward any comments to the project manager's attention, Tim Miller.*



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Attachment  
Section 6 CAC Meeting # 2 Attendance  
April 6, 2005

CAC Member Organization	Representative
City of Indianapolis, Mayor's Office	Beth White
Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations	John Braun (Alternate)
Johnson County REMC	Chester Aubin
Hoosier Voices for I-69	Arthur DePrez
Johnson County Development Corporation	Chris Kinnett
Center Grove School Corporation	Jerry Dunn ( Alternate)
Johnson County Dept. of Planning & Zoning	Bill Peeples
Center United Methodist Church	Dan Rasmussen
Indianapolis MPO	Philip Roth
IndyGo	Annette Darrow (Alternate)
Perry Township Schools	Mike Bagley (Alternate)
Oak Meadows Mobile Home Park	Melissa Thompson

Project Team	Representative
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)	Lyle Sadler Eric Swickard
Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, INC (BLA) <i>Project Management Consultant for corridor (PMC)</i>	Jonna Stack Nicole Minton
HNTB Project Management for Section 6	Tim Miller Brock Hoegh Dave Wenzel Todd Davis Kwame Awauh Matti McCormick Tony Carpenter