



Welcome

Public Officials Briefing
I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis

Tier 2 Studies - Sections 4 & 5
June 29, 2004 – 2-3 p.m.

Jackson Creek Middle School, Bloomington



Tier 1 Study





Tier 1 Final EIS & ROD

- Decision made on a ***corridor***
 - Exact alignment to be determined in Tier 2
 - Corridor is generally 2,000 feet in width
 - Wider or narrower in some places
 - Exact alignment of highway will be within corridor requiring 240 – 470 feet

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Tier 1 Final EIS & ROD

- Of the 12 alternatives studied in the DEIS, 5 were considered preferred because they met the project goals and did not have unacceptable impacts on sensitive environmental resources



Tier 1 Final EIS & ROD

- Alternative 3C chosen from among four remaining alternatives
- Alternative 3C best satisfies project purposes with acceptable level of impacts



Alternative 3C – Performance on Project Goals

- Performed high on all three core goals & highest of all alternatives on three economic development goals
- Increases personal income in SW Indiana by \$173 million annually & adds 4,600 permanent jobs to SW Indiana economy
- Results in 40,000 fewer auto-related injuries over 20 year period
- Reduces travel time between Indianapolis & Evansville by 27 minutes, saving \$1.1 billion in driver time & vehicle operating costs over 20 year period
- Provides additional 37,000 Hoosiers 30-minute access to major urban areas

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Alternative 3C - Environmental Impacts

- Lowest wetlands impacts among reasonable alternatives
- Lowest farmland impacts among reasonable alternatives
- Lowest floodplain impacts among reasonable alternatives
- Avoids many sensitive natural areas, including
 - Tincher Special Area of Hoosier National Forest
 - Garrison Chapel Valley
 - Beanblossom Bottoms

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Tier 1 Mitigation Package

- Forest Mitigation
 - Save/create 3 forest acres for each acre used
 - Not required by law
- Wetlands Mitigation
 - Replace wetlands at 2:1 and 3:1 ratio
 - Significant **increase** in wetlands acres in Study Area
- Community Planning
 - Assist planning in towns, cities, counties affected by I-69
- Historic Resource Survey
 - Update surveys in counties along corridor
- T & E Species Conservation
 - Extensive measures for Indiana bat and bald eagle
- Total value of mitigation measures (in Tier 1 FEIS) - \$77.1 million



Tier 2 Studies

Sections 4 & 5





Background

- Tier 1 Record of Decision (ROD) issued March 24, 2004
- Notice to Proceed for Tier 2 Studies issued March 29, 2004
- Alternative 3C has been divided into 6 sections
 - **Section 4** - US 231 (near Crane NWSC) to SR 37 (south of Bloomington)
 - **Section 5** - SR 37, just north of the intersection of Victor Pike Road (south of Bloomington), to SR 39 (Martinsville)

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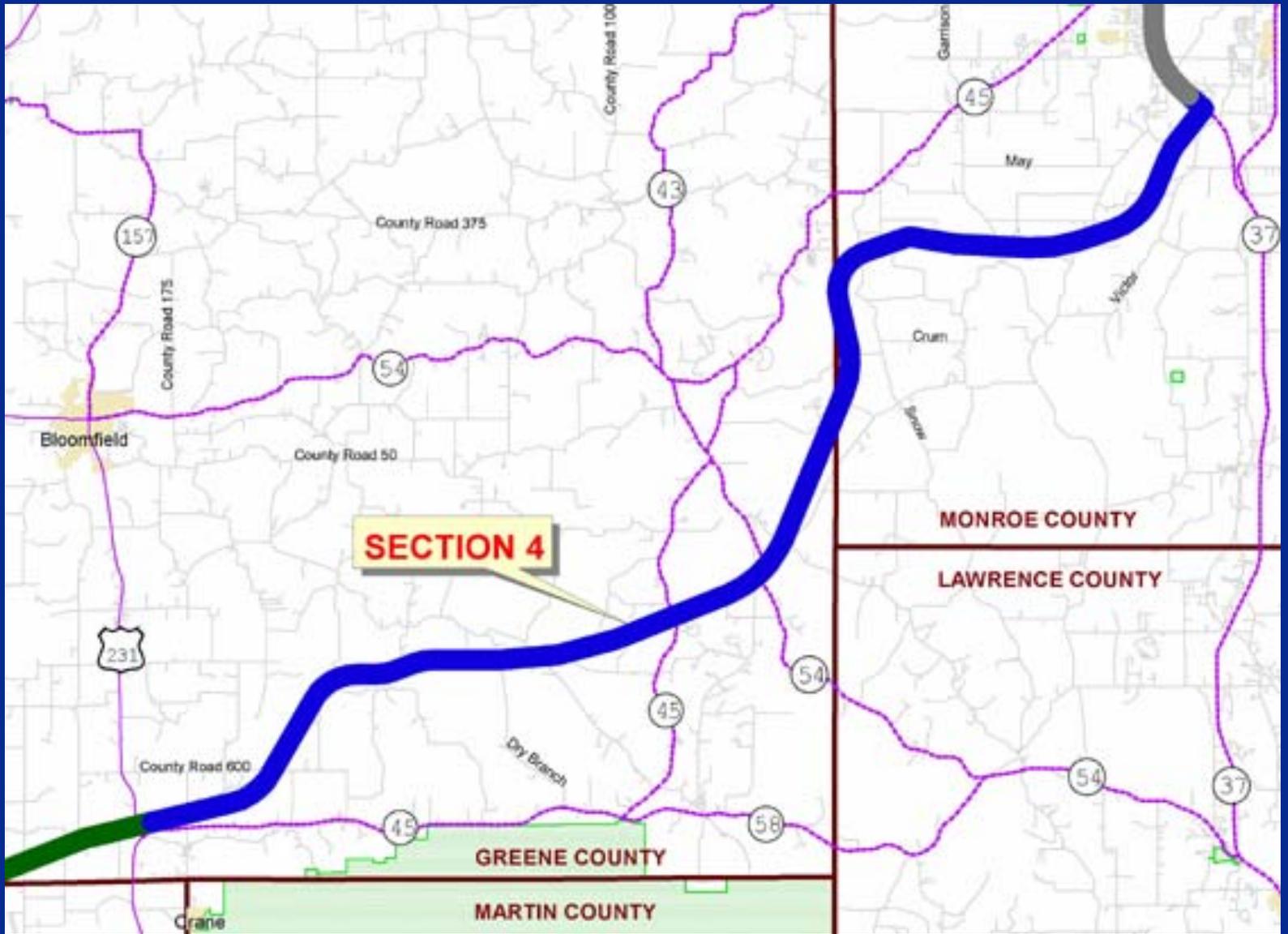


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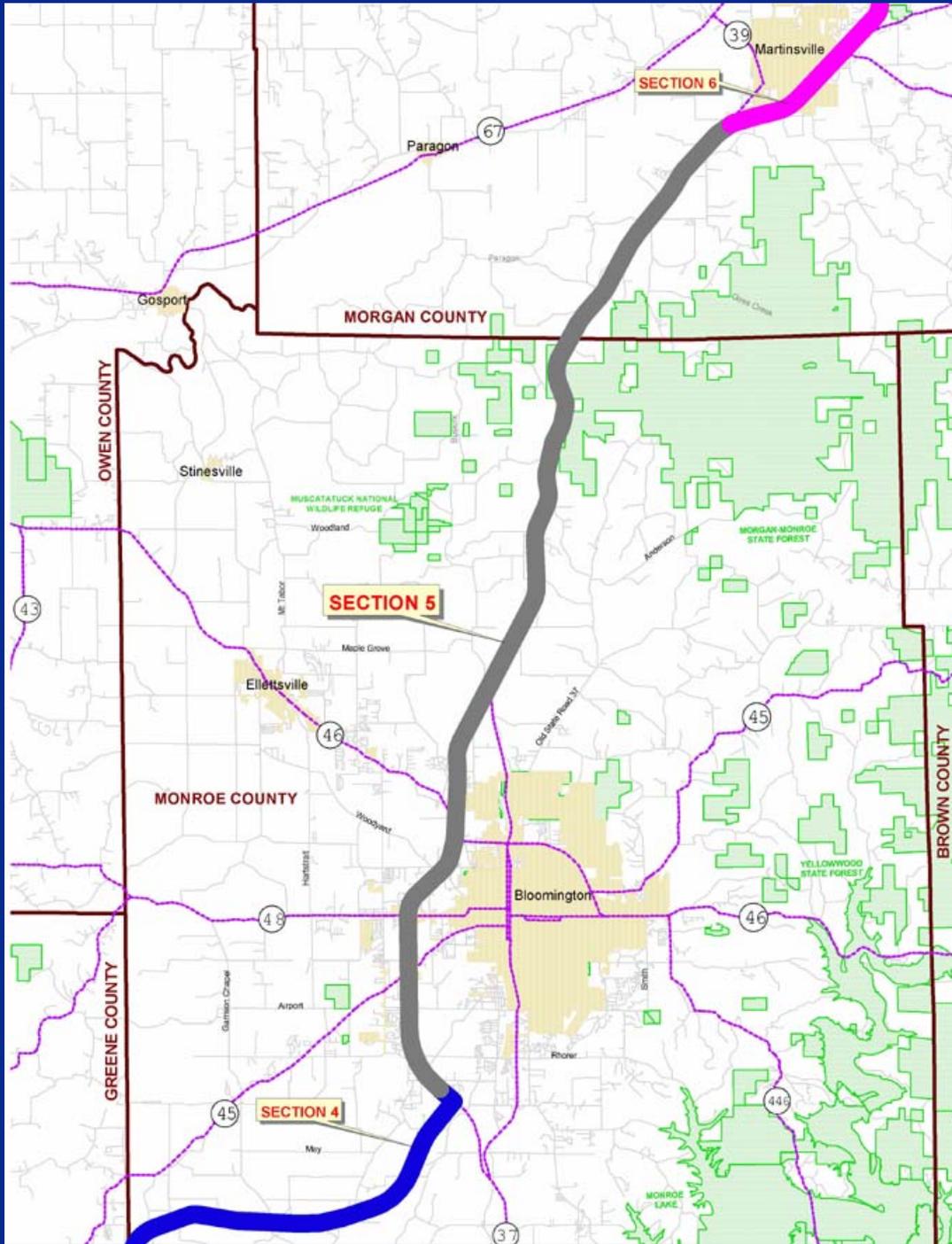


Section 5

- Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
 - Wendy Vachet - Project Manager
 - Kurt Weiss - Deputy Project Manager



Section 5





Tier 2 Studies

- Project Purpose & Need est. in Tier 1
- Tier 2 will focus on developing and evaluating alignments within the 2000 ft approved corridor
- Detailed field studies & technical analyses will be performed - in some cases technical studies will occur outside the corridor as well (Karst, Indiana bat mist netting, etc.)
- Notice of Survey letters have been mailed to property owners within (and, in some instances, outside of) the 2000 ft corridor

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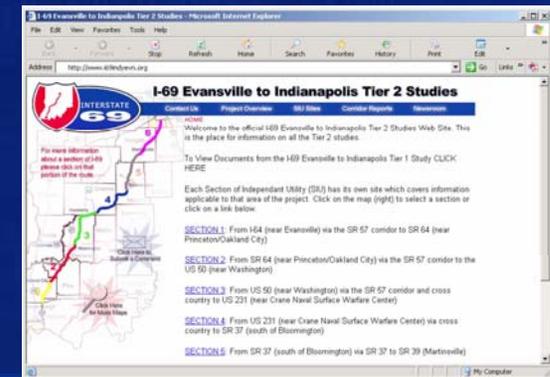


Tier 2 Studies

- Tier 2 Studies are expected to take 18-36 months; each Section will proceed independently
- A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD) will be completed for each Section
- Final design and Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition will NOT occur until Tier 2 Studies are complete

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Public Involvement & Outreach Program



- Project Offices are open in both Sections
 - **Section 4**
 - Address: 3802 Industrial Blvd, Unit 3, Bloomington, IN 47403
 - PH: 812-334-8869
 - **Section 5**
 - Address: One City Centre, Ste 106/108, 120 W 7th St, Bloomington, IN 47404
 - PH: 812-355-1390
- Project website: <http://www.i69indyevn.org/>
- Project e-mail: section4@i69indyevn.org & section5@i69indyevn.org
- Hotline: 877-463-9386
- Various outreach meetings
- Community Advisory Committees (CACs)
- Project newsletters
- Information brochures

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Section 4 Key Issues

- Indiana Bat
- Karst Geology
- Cultural Resources
- Forests
- Farmland
- Community Effects



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Section 5 Key Issues

- Access Plan (vehicles & bikes/pedestrians)
- Interchange/Overpass locations will be re-evaluated
- Frontage roads will be evaluated in detail
- Bicycle & Pedestrian considerations & planning
- Community Impact Assessment (CIA) & CSS/CSD
- Karst topography [Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) compliance]
- Displacements/Relocations - human environment
- Historic Resources (i.e. Maple Grove Historic District)

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Commitments

- All commitments, mitigation activities & other measures detailed in the Tier 1 ROD will be met
- Additional measures developed as part of Tier 2 will be included with Tier 1 commitments



Q & A

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To View Documents from the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 1 Study [CLICK HERE](#)

Each Section of Independent Utility (SIU) has its own site which covers information applicable to that area of the project. Click on the map (right) to select a section or click on a link below.

What's New?

The Tier 2 Section Project Offices will be hosting Open Houses on either June 30 or July 1, 2004. Check out the Tier 2 Section Event pages for more information.

SECTION 1: From I-64 (near Evansville) via the SR 57 corridor to SR 64 (near Princeton/Oakland City)

SECTION 2: From SR 64 (near Princeton/Oakland City) via the SR 57 corridor to the US 50 (near Washington)

SECTION 3: From US 50 (near Washington) via the SR 57 corridor and cross country to US 231 (near Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center)

SECTION 4: From US 231 (near Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center) via cross country to SR 37 (south of Bloomington)

SECTION 5: From SR 37 (south of Bloomington) via SR 37 to SR 39 (Martinsville)

SECTION 6: From SR 37 (Martinsville) via SR 37 to I-465 (Indianapolis)

The Contact Us page has information for press contacts, as well as a place to submit comments. The Project Overview page explains the history of the project, and answers frequently asked questions. The Corridor Reports page is the place to find study documents that address the entire corridor. The Newsroom page has project newsletters, fact sheets, and press releases that deal with the corridor as a whole.

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