



## I-69 Section 6

### **Draft Performance Measures**

The draft Purpose and Need proposes seven performance measures that will be used to evaluate the I-69 Section 6 project and potential routes between Martinsville and Indianapolis:

- Complete I-69 between Martinsville and Indianapolis;
- Improve travel time between major destinations in the study area;
- Reduce traffic congestion on area roadways;
- Reduce crashes between Martinsville and Indianapolis
- Support economic development along I-69 Section 6 corridor
- Improve freight movement along I-69
- Support connections between travel modes

### **Route Concepts**

The first phase (Tier 1) of the environmental-impact study for I-69 in 2004 aligned Section 6 between Martinsville and Indianapolis along State Road 37. In fall of 2014, the Indiana Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration resumed the second phase (Tier 2) of the environmental study.

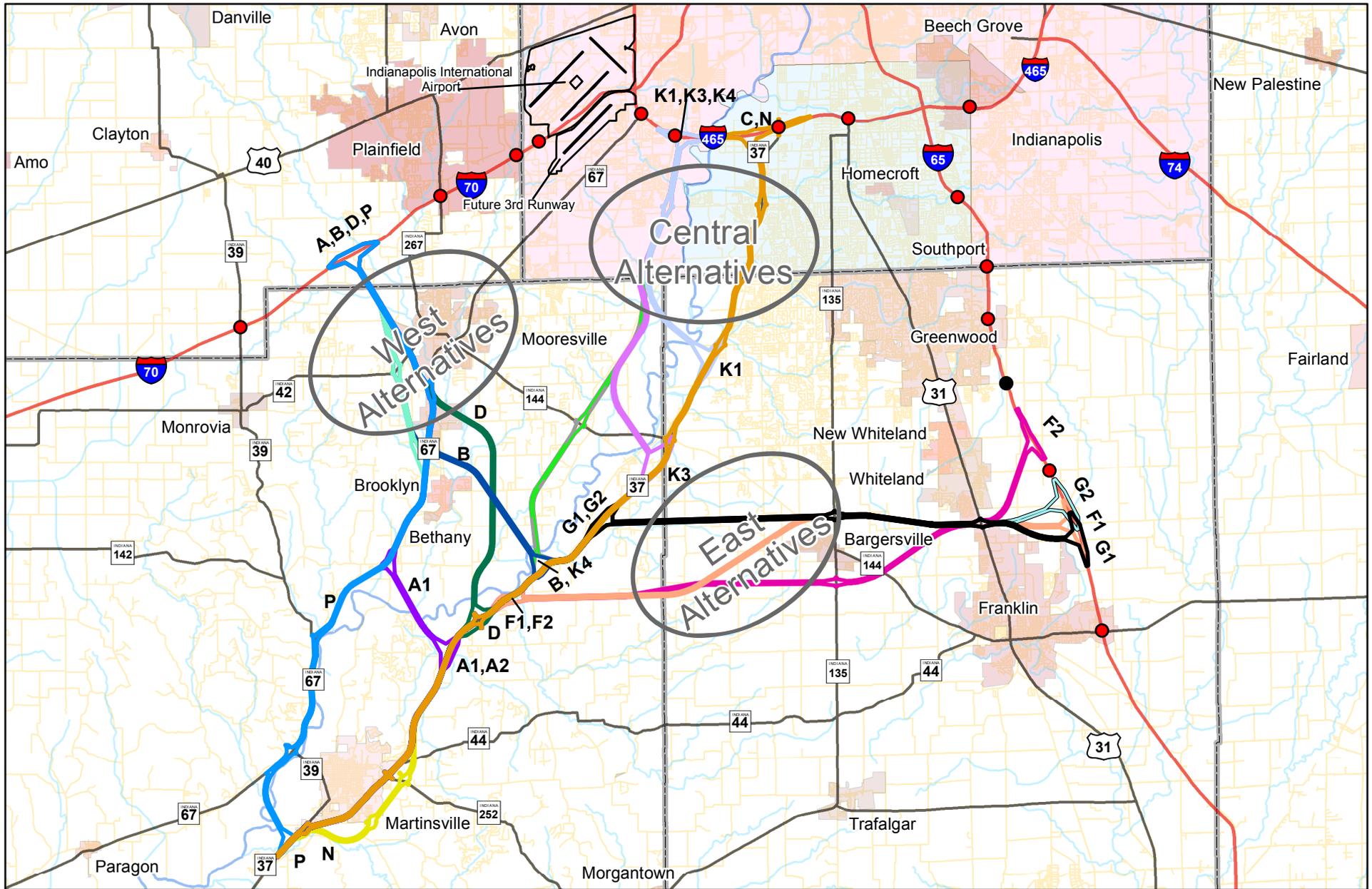
Following public input, coordination with government agencies and collection of preliminary environmental and traffic data, the FHWA and INDOT decided to consider other routes in addition to SR 37 for I-69 between Martinsville and Indianapolis. This conclusion was based upon the potential for significant impacts within I-69 Section 6

There were 27 potential routes, including SR 37, identified by the public during the February 2014 public meetings. A thorough screening process eliminated 13 alternatives due to significant impacts to the natural or human environment. There are 14 routes that will be studied further before reaching the preliminary alternatives milestone. The 14 routes have been grouped into three categories:

- West Alternatives
  - Connect SR 37 south of Martinsville to I-70 in Hendricks County
- Central Alternatives
  - Connect SR 37 south of Martinsville to I-465 in Marion County
- East Alternatives
  - Connect SR 37 south of Martinsville to I-65 in Johnson County

For additional documents with this press kit, visit <http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2344.htm>.





Sources: Roads/Highways- INDOT via IndianaMap; Indianapolis Airport, Streams, Counties, Townships, Inc. Places- IndianaMap

Legend			
	Interstate Highways		Existing Interchanges
	US and State Highways		Interchange Under Construction
	Tier 1 Selected Alternative (C)		Streams
	Local Roads		White River
	County Line		

## I-69 Section 6 Conceptual Alternatives Grouping



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **I-69 Section 6 Hosts Public Meetings May 18 and 19, Open House and Public-Comment Sessions Included**

INDIANAPOLIS (May 6, 2015) – The Indiana Department of Transportation announced today it will host two public meetings in the coming weeks to share information and collect public comment on the transportation needs and route alternatives being considered in the environmental-impact study for Interstate 69 from Martinsville to Indianapolis, known formally as Section 6.

The first meeting will take place on May 18 at Center Grove North Middle School, 202 N. Morgantown Rd. in Greenwood. The second meeting will occur on May 19 at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St. in Martinsville. Doors will open for both meetings at 5:30 p.m. with an open house session, followed by a formal presentation and public comment session in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings will cover two important project topics: the draft purpose and need and conceptual alternatives. The draft purpose and need describes the transportation-related needs that the project is designed to address. It establishes the basis for developing a range of reasonable alternatives in the environmental-impact study and assists in the identification and eventual selection of a preferred alternative.

The conceptual alternatives being considered for the project are based upon INDOT project-team analysis of the feedback previously collected from the public and resource agencies in February 2015.

#### **Written comments, special accommodations**

The public may submit advance comments prior to the meeting. Those comments can be submitted using the comment form at [www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm) and by contacting I-69 Section 6 directly at 317-881-6408 or [section6pm@indot.in.gov](mailto:section6pm@indot.in.gov). The public can also visit the I-69 Section project office located at 7847 Waverly Road, Martinsville, IN 46151. The office will be open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed on state holidays. The deadline for public comments for this phase of the project is June 2, 2015.

Special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Anyone with such needs should contact Rickie Clark, INDOT's office of public involvement, at 317-232-6601 or [rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov).

#### **Surveying begins along S.R. 37**

Property owners and motorists may see an increasing variety of environmental field work in the coming weeks along S.R. 37 between Martinsville and Indianapolis as part of the second phase of the environmental-impact

study. Letters were mailed to impacted property owners in February before the field work began. Landowners are welcome to request photo identification showing the I-69 logo before surveyors enter private property.

### **About I-69**

The new Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana, and will connect an entire region with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare.

The 142-mile I-69 corridor is divided into six sections. The first three sections opened for business in November 2012, saving motorists more than 30 minutes of travel time between Evansville and Crane. I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington is expected to open to traffic by the end of this year. I-69 Development Partners is rehabilitating and upgrading the existing State Road 37 between Bloomington and Martinsville into I-69 Section 5.

In fall of 2014, I-69 Section 6 resumed the second phase (Tier 2) of a two-part environmental-impact study that began in 1999 to determine a selected route for I-69 Section 6. The second phase, required by federal law, will study the route aligned with State Road 37, which was selected in 2004 during the first phase (Tier 1) of the environmental study. Due to the potential for significant impacts or changed conditions since 2004, this second phase will study a range of different routes.

For more information about the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project, visit [www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org)

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## Public Meeting

Martinsville to Indianapolis  
Section 6

May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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## Welcome

### Welcome to the I-69, Section 6 Public Meeting



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## Introductions



Indiana Department of Transportation



Federal Highway Administration



Section 6 Consultants:  
HNTB & Lochmueller Group



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## Meeting Purpose

- Summarize the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Scoping Process
- Present the Draft Purpose and Need
- Introduce Conceptual Alternatives
- Receive Public Input



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## Meeting Agenda

- **5:30 p.m.**  
Doors open to the public
- **5:30 – 8 p.m.**  
Stations open to speak with project representatives
- **6:30 – 6:45 p.m.**  
Welcome Presentation
- **6:45 – 8 p.m.**  
Public Comment Period
- **8 p.m.**  
Conclusion of the Public Meeting



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## Public Meeting Stations

### Open Format – Seven Stations for Meeting

- Station 1 – Purpose and Need
- Station 2 – Conceptual Alternatives
- Station 3 – East Alternatives
- Station 4 – Central Alternatives
- Station 5 – West Alternatives
- Station 6 – Project Schedule
- Station 7 – Public Comment



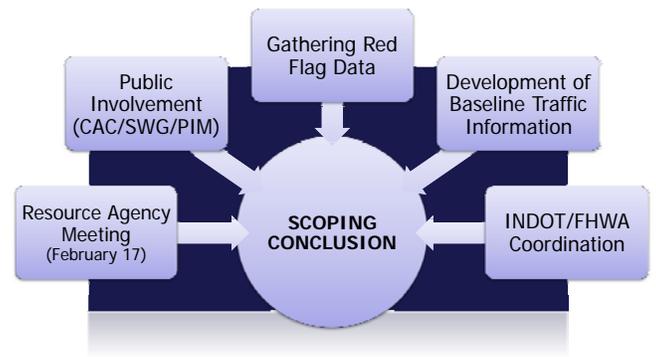
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## February Public Meetings

- What considerations should INDOT/FHWA take into account when determining whether to evaluate alternatives outside the SR37 corridor?



## Scoping Process Inputs



## Public Information Meetings (PIM)

More than 500 people attended the 2 public meetings.

- February 23, 2015 – Center Grove High School
  - 243 Signed In Attendees
- February 25, 2015 – Martinsville High School
  - 326 Signed In Attendees



Comments could be written, spoken to a court reporter, provided at the public comment session and submitted via the project website.



## CAC/SWG/Public Comments

### Reasons To Consider Alternatives outside the SR37 Corridor:

Decision was issued more than 10 years ago and conditions have changed.

Different alternatives could have different economic growth generating potential.

Consideration should be given to moving goods and freight around the country on a regional basis.

Preferred Alternative should have the lowest social impact.

### Reasons NOT to Consider Alternatives outside the SR 37 Corridor:

Similar concerns whether INDOT constructs I-69 on SR 37 or off the existing alignment.

Local communities have planned for I-69 along existing SR 37 (zoning changes and constructing access roads).

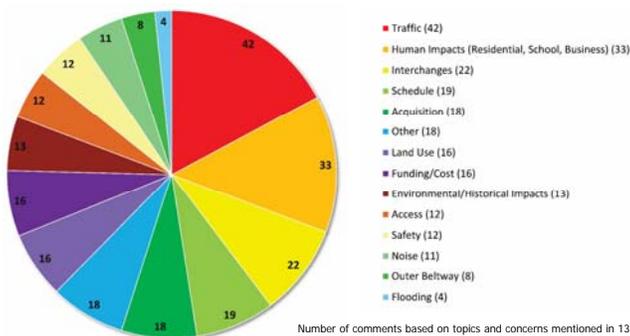
The SR 37 corridor may have fewer impacts to farmland and natural resources.

Constructing grade separations on SR 37 will increase safety along the SR 37 route.



## February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Public Meetings Summary

### Suggested Section 6 Considerations

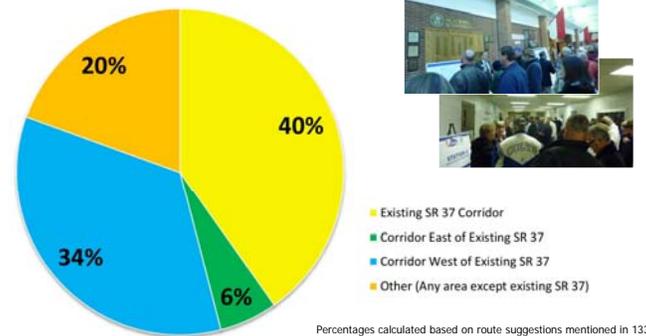


Number of comments based on topics and concerns mentioned in 133 comments received between February 20, 2015 and March 19, 2015.



## February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Public Meetings Summary

### Suggested Section 6 Location



Percentages calculated based on route suggestions mentioned in 133 comments received between February 20, 2015 and March 19, 2015.



## Scoping Conclusion

**CONCLUSION: FHWA/INDOT will consider alternatives outside the Tier 1 Section 6 corridor.**

Upgrading existing SR 37 to I-69 will remain as an alternative throughout the evaluation process.



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## Tier 1 Purpose & Need Goals

- 1 **Improve the transportation linkage between Evansville & Indianapolis.\***
- 2 **Improve personal accessibility for SW IN residents.\***
- 3 Reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion on the highway network.
- 4 Reduce traffic safety problems.
- 5 Increase accessibility for SW IN businesses to labor, suppliers, and consumer markets.
- 6 Support sustainable, long-term economic growth (diversity of employer types).
- 7 Support economic development that benefits a wide spectrum of SW IN residents (distribution of economic benefits).
- 8 **Facilitate interstate and international movements of freight through the I-69 corridor.\***
- 9 Connect I-69 to major intermodal facilities in SW IN.

Note: Core goals are in bold.\*



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## 2015 Tier 2 Purpose & Need Goals

Tier 2 Draft Purpose and Need Goals & Performance Measures for Section 6:

- 1 **Improve Transportation Linkage Between Martinsville & Indianapolis**  
*Complete Section 6 of I-69*
- 2 **Improve Personal Accessibility in the Section 6 Study Area**  
*Travel time between major travel destinations in the Section 6 Study Area*
- 3 **Reduce Future Traffic Congestion on the Highway Network in The Section 6 Study Area**  
*Reduction of traffic congestion on area roadways*



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## 2015 Tier 2 Purpose & Need Goals (Continued)

Tier 2 Draft Purpose and Need Goals & Performance Measures for Section 6:

- 4 **Improve Traffic Safety in the Section 6 Study Area**  
*Reduction of crashes in the Section 6 Study Area*
- 5 **Support Growth in Economic Activity in the Section 6 Study Area**  
*Increases in personal income, total employment, and employment in key industries in Section 6 Study Area.*
- 6 **Facilitate Freight Movements in the Section 6 Study Area**  
*Reductions in daily truck vehicle hours of travel (VHT) in the Section 6 Study Area*
- 7 **Support Intermodal Connectivity to Locations in the Section 6 Study Area**  
*Travel time between key entry points into the Study Area and major intermodal centers*



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## Conceptual Alternative Development

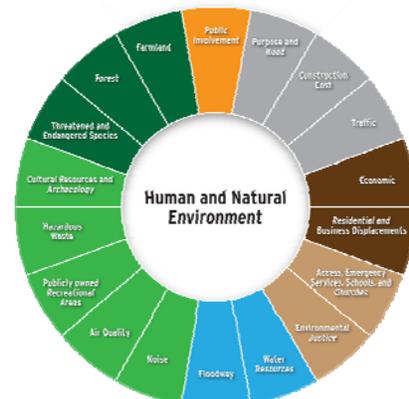
- Developed with the following information:
  - Suggestions from the February Public Meetings
  - Tier 1 Approved Purpose and Need
  - Section 6 Draft Purpose and Need
  - Project Scoping Findings
  - Community Advisory Committee Comments
  - Stakeholder Working Group Comments
  - Resource Agency Comments



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## Environmental Considerations



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## Project Office

**Location: 7847 Waverly Road,  
Martinsville, IN 46151**

**Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday**

Staff, maps, and other relevant project information is available at the project office.



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## Project Information Resources

- Public Meeting Stations
- Project Office Staff
- Fact Sheet
- Project Website ([www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org))



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## What's Next?

- Review of public and resource agency comments
- Summer field work
- Traffic model updates
- Screening to a fewer number of alternatives
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Public Meeting



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## Request Public Comments

- Tier 2 Purpose & Need
- Conceptual Alternatives
- Other Considerations

Comments due by  
**June 2, 2015**



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