

August 24, 2011

Ms. Janice Osadczuk
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Re: HDA-IN
Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges
Project
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
(SEIS)

Dear Ms. Osadczuk:

This letter is in reply to your August 10, 2011, letter that transmitted the Draft Range of Alternatives Document for the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Our response is being submitted on behalf of the Town of Clarksville, Indiana.

The Town of Clarksville (Clarksville) would be in favor of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project if better access to the developing areas of Clarksville can be addressed. Our reasons in support of our position are presented in the paragraphs that follow.

Clarksville is concerned that the I-65 designers may have used traffic data that is not representative of the future traffic volumes expected for the higher intensity land uses being proposed by the owners of the Colgate Plant (Colgate) property (see attached Preliminary Master Plan). The Preliminary Master Plan for the Colgate property shows a main access route aligned with 7th Street but Clarksville has been told by the bridge designers that 7th Street will be closed. We believe that consideration should be given to keeping 7th Street open to vehicular traffic.

In addition to the redevelopment of the Colgate property, the Clarksville Town Council established the 267 acres Clark's Landing Mixed Use Zoning District (Clark's Landing) in November 2008. Regulations for this Zoning District were updated in March 2011 (see attached copy). A map of the Clark's Landing area is located on page 70-24 of the Regulations. We believe the traffic generated by a development of this magnitude will exceed the current traffic volumes in this area. We believe a closer look at the traffic volumes expected for the higher intensity land uses being proposed warrant a more in-depth review of the access to I-65 that may be needed based on the higher traffic volumes. The current plans for I-65 could result in a level of access to I-65 that would be less than what is needed to handle the traffic volumes that will be generated from the mixed use zoning district now in place. Preliminary development options put forth for the evolving Clark's Landing Mixed Use Zoning District are attached that illustrate the intensity of development that could occur in the area.

To accommodate the increased traffic from Clark's Landing and Colgate, the Town of Clarksville would request consideration be given to providing access to and from I-65 at the following locations:

- Northbound and southbound ramps from I-65 to 7th Street.

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- Northbound and southbound ramps from 7th Street to I-65.
- A northbound ramp from I-65 to 9th Street.
- Northbound and southbound access from East Montgomery Avenue to I-65.
- Southbound ramp from I-65 to Marriott Drive at Newman Avenue.
- Westbound 10th Street connection to Marriott Drive at Newman Avenue.

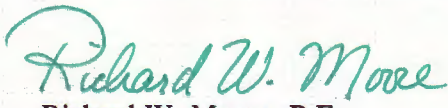
Besides the need for additional points of access to I-65, we would request that the design address the following issues:

- Access from the Town of Clarksville to the southbound ramp to I-65 at Court Avenue continues to be problematic. A safer way to access this ramp is needed.
- Exit ramp to Stansifer Avenue should be located closer to the point of exit.
- Strong consideration should be given to redesigning the entire intersection at Court Avenue, Missouri Avenue north and south of Court Avenue, the ramp to southbound Second Street Bridge, and the ramp from the Second Street Bridge to Court Avenue. The multiple points of access to these individual roads should come together into one intersection for ease of operation and safety.

We thank you for your attention and consideration to our response.

Sincerely,

R.W.Moore Consulting Engineers, P.S.C.


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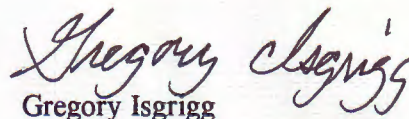
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Attachments

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Sincerely,

Town of Clarksville, Indiana


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