



MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: 7/29/2021 **Re:** Public Information Meeting

Location: South Harrison
Community
Center, 5101
Main St. SE,
Elizabeth, IN
47117 (and
virtually via
Zoom)

Issue Date: 8/3/2021

Submitted By: David Goffinet

**In Attendance:
(Project Team)**

Tony McClellan – INDOT Seymour District Director
Terry Summers - INDOT Seymour District Project
Manager
Annie Walker – INDOT Seymour District
Communications Director
Steve Fleming – Lochmueller Group Project Manager
Matt Riehle – Lochmueller Group – Environmental
Mark Riehle – Lochmueller Group – Bridge Lead
David Goffinet – Lochmueller Group – Public
Involvement Lead
Lora Phillippe – Lochmueller Group – Public
Involvement
Nick Batta – CMT – Deputy Project Manager and
Highway Lead
Nikki Patke – CMT – Highway Design
Kari Carmany-George – FHWA (virtual)



Public Attendance

Fifty-eight members of the public signed in at the meeting. There were potentially five to ten that chose not to sign in. Only one member of the public attended virtually along with two representatives from FHWA.

Format

The meeting was conducted as an open house format, running from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. eastern time with a short presentation at 6:00 p.m. There were six stations to visit, and Project Team members were available for one-on-one conversations before and following the presentation. Meeting materials including handouts, comment forms, displays, and the presentation were available on the project website (www.sr11extension.com) prior to the start of the meeting.

Presentation

The presentation lasted approximately 30 minutes and covered the following topics:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Project History
- Project Description
- Typical Section
- Project Timeline
- Development Process
- Engagement Process
- Ongoing Efforts
- DRAFT Purpose & Need
- Stay Engaged
- Next Steps

Stations

- Welcome/Sign-In
- Public Involvement – provided handout, follow our progress card, and comment forms
- Project Overview/Schedule – displays of Project Study Area and Project Timeline - addressed general questions about the overall project process and timeline

- Environmental Process – displays of Karst Features Typical Social, Economic, and Environmental Impacts – addressed general questions about the environmental study process, what we assess in the field and how that impacts the decision-making process
- Typical Section – display of proposed Typical Section – addressed questions pertaining to the roadway, drainage, bridge, etc. along with considerations that influence design decisions
- Considerations Maps – displays of aerial mapping in southern Harrison County – PM and DPM gathered input from the public on natural and human features in the vicinity of the study area along with any concerns with the existing road network

Summary of Input to Project Team Members (generalized for this summary)

- Frustration with the relinquishment agreement
- General opposition to the project
- General support of the project
- Roadway can benefit farming by providing safer and quicker route for equipment and hauling goods to market
- Concerns about impacts to farmland
- Crop damage during drilling activities
- Impacts to property within same family for multiple generations
- Impacts to natural beauty of the area
- Concerns with losing portions of their property
- Concerns with losing buildings or residences (relocations)
- Prefer relocation over being too close to new/improved road
- Be aware there are multiple sinkholes, some of which are rather large, throughout the project study area
- Attempt to identify alignments close to property lines
- Pleased that the Project Team will be holding kitchen table meetings
- Locations of Bald Eagle nest / streams that appear & disappear for consideration for design.