



**The Ohio River Bridges
East End Indiana Approach Area Advisory Team Meeting
James Wood Community Center
8106 North 4th Street
Utica, Indiana
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Area Advisory Team Members (* in attendance)

- Bob McEwen Charlestown City Hall
- Hyun Lee* Clark County Highway Dept
- Jim Urban* City of Jeffersonville
- Matt Smolek* Ports of Indiana-Jeffersonville
- Jerry Acy* River Ridge Commerce Center
- Bill Ogden Utica Historic Society
- Henry Dorman* Utica Town Council
- Jamey Noel Utica Township Fire Department
- Jim Witten* Charlestown Chamber of Commerce
- Robert Miller* Jeffersonville Engineer's Office
- Bob McEwen Greater Clark Co. Schools Board Homeowners' Associations
- Scott Straight* Ole Stoner Place Neighborhood
- Debbie Wanke* Fox Run Homeowners Association
- Terri Hicks* Crystal Springs Subdivision
- Sherry Wright Stonybrooke
- Brian Fogle* City of Jeffersonville
- Andy Crouch Jeffersonville Engineer's Office
- Bill Wanke* Fox Run Homeowners' Association
- Letha Cupp River Ridge Commerce Center
- Matt Zelli Ole Stoner Place Neighborhood
- Ron Repp Charlestown Chamber of Commerce
- Ruby Voyles Crystal Springs Subdivision
- Brian Jones Utica Fire Department

Other General Public Attendees

- Renee Barlow I.T. Business Corporation
- Eric Green I.T. Business Corporation
- Edward Atchley I.T. Business Corporation
- John Carter Resident
- Jimmy Carter Utica Town Council
- Pat Byrne
- Brenda Byrne
- Kay Stewart The Bridges Coalition
- Trent Hicks Crystal Springs Subdivision

The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss the Stage 1: 30% Plan Development to the Area Advisory Team Members. Following welcome and introductions, members of the project team presented the project progress, status of historical and environmental commitments and discussed project next steps.



Following are a list of questions from the Area Advisory Team members and General Public as well as answers from project team members.

Questions and Answers

1. What is the impact of the train crossing on the interchange traffic?

Answer: It was modeled at the Peak Time and had no impact in the function of the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), meaning that the stopped traffic for the train cleared in one light cycle.

2. How will traffic be prevented from turning right on the diverging diamond interchange (DDI)?

Answer: We have channelized the traffic flow by using Glare Screens and increasing the approach angle of the Northbound and Southbound SR62 at the two intersections with the introduction of gentle horizontal curves prior to the intersection.

3. What is INAAP?

Answer: Indiana Army Ammunition Plant (INAAP)

***Note:** Mr. Jerry Acy, the Director of River Ridge Development Authority asked that the INAAP be referred to as the River Ridge Commerce Center.

4. * Note: When referring to the Port, Mr. Brian Seig asked that it be referred to as the Port of Indiana –Jeffersonville.

5. When will the design be complete?

Answer: Design through Stage 2 has been authorized ONLY. Currently, all of the Stage 2 work is anticipated to be complete by September 2010.

6. When will right of way (ROW) be completed?

Answer: It depends on the outcome of the Transportation Oversight Committee's funding plans and the schedule of securing construction funds for the project.

7. How long will it take to construct this project once it starts?

Answer: The project could be 2 to 3 years but because of current funding issues it maybe longer.

8. Is the DDI a money saver and a time saver?

Answer: Yes and Yes.

(Explain)

It saved close to \$8M dollars by allowing the reuse of the existing SR265/SR62 bridges to remain in service. It saves time in design and construction for the same reason too. It will save the traveling publics' time once it is in service, because of the efficiency of the design and the ability to maintain the highest Level of Service (LOS) of any of the interchange geometries studied. This will equate to less delay time to the motoring public.

9. What is the design load for the Old Salem Road Bridge?

Answer: it was being designed for current operating loads (essentially an 80,000 lb load).



10. Are you considering Extra Heavy Vehicles?

Answer: We were not currently directed to consider these additional loads.

***Note:** Matt Smolek (Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville) mentioned a desire to have a connection between the Port at Jeffersonville and the River Ridge Development. Given the industrial nature of the operations between these two facilities, the extra heavy loads may be a concern. He was especially curious about using Old Salem Road on a new alignment to connect the two facilities. This would be outside of the scope of the current project, but something that is worth considering now if it is desirable in the future.

11. The City of Jeffersonville is currently constructing sewers. Is this effort being coordinated with the project team?

Answer: Yes

12. Has a Financial advisory firm been engaged?

Answer: The Bi-State Management Team (BSMT) is responsible for that component.

13. Will all the money have to be in place to do any construction? Or could there be partial construction?

Answer: I believe that FHWA will require a viable Financial Plan for the project as a result of the efforts of the newly created Transportation Oversight Committee's charge. From a multi-year financial plan it would be anticipated that partial construction of the project would occur over a similar number of multiple construction seasons.