

## **Plainfield Corridor Study - Virtual Public Open House**

### **September 8, 2020**

- 1. At previous meetings it has been discussed that there is a serious belief that the current I-70/39 interchange and the I-70/267 interchange have been evaluated and believed that this will alone correct the traffic concerns. If that is the case this corridor is mostly being entertained to further develop the rural areas surrounding this proposed exit to further develop commercial and warehousing developments.**

One of the main goals of the study was to understand what, if any, relief to traffic congestion a new western corridor could provide to both of the existing interchanges on I-70. Assuming the Town continues to develop, the existing corridors will see increased congestion. As the analysis has been conducted, it was found that even with a connection near the rest areas, congestion relief at the SR 267 interchange was minimal. This study will not provide land use recommendations. Land use would be governed by the Town and County through a Comprehensive Plan.

- 2. Could you make the images any less blurry? Thank you**

The resolution of the images is based on the internet speeds. You can download the images at the project website. The full presentation will be posted here with all Q&A tomorrow. <https://projectmeetingonline.com/plainfield-corridor-study/>

- 3. These maps are rather blurry on a PC, will these be available for more clear viewing on a website or in person somewhere?**

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- 4. What's the timeline post final comments to break ground?**

There is no timeline for construction at this point. This is only a planning study to allow the Town and County to plan for the future as needs arise.

**5. Where is funding being drawn from? And are there funds readily available.**

The project has not been funded beyond this study. No construction is funded currently as a part of this study.

**6. Is there a phase in this process at which each route will show how much land that will be required for the routing and improvements? If so, which phase will this be?**

Right of way acquisition needs will be included as a performance metric in this study, but the corridor identified at the end of the study will not define hard right of way limits. Defined land acquisition will not be done until funding is allocated and a detailed analysis is conducted.

**7. What's the email address?**

The email address for comments is: [PlainfieldCorridorStudy@cmtengr.com](mailto:PlainfieldCorridorStudy@cmtengr.com)

**8. Thank you and as a member of last year's Citizens Academy in Plainfield I appreciate your sharing of the study up this point and think the planning involved has given me a better understanding of the project and the future of this area. I look forward to hearing more about the plans and the project in October.**

Thank you for attending and being involved!

**9. Since we are assuming things, is it not reasonable to believe that an exit tends to draw commercial development at, near and around an interstate exit? Assuming that is accurate same way you are "Assuming the Town continues to develop" why and how is it reasonable to attack the rural areas of the county and the people that that have chosen to avoid that sort of congestion by landing it along with other developments in our front and back yards.**

This study is the first step in analyzing what is best for the Town related to the specific project goals of improving local traffic operations, improving safety, and travel time reliability, among others. That information will help inform town officials moving forward, including recognizing & addressing your concerns related to the quality of life of residents, and those who work, & visit Plainfield.

**10. Is there any idea of what the plan is for the houses on 525 if the interchange happens? Last thing I want is ramp to be built around our house and my front yard taken when you have to widen the road. Is there a general area that the houses will be bought out to make interchange? A lot of us are hesitant to put any more money in our homes and do any improvements due to this interchange.**

We will know more about the recommended alignment at the conclusion of this study. Any construction project is further out.

**11. I believe you stated that residents have provided feedback that they would not be inclined to travel to the west side of Plainfield to access eastbound I-70. Is that a correct understanding?**

There is a limit to how far commuters will travel to the west to get to where they want to go based on their perception of the congestion they experience going to SR 267 that is captured in the analysis tools used.

**12. There was a proposed neighborhood in the area where the 3 connections to US40 are proposed. Is that neighborhood no longer planned?**

It is our understanding that developer has removed their plans. Per Scott Singleton, Plainfield Director of Transportation.

**13. So as part of this study, there will be no consideration of the input from the landowners whose land would be acquired as part of this study?**

This is one opportunity to give input. Additionally, there are land owners represented on the community advisory committee. No land acquisition will be done during this study.

**14. I'm a huge fan of the Eastern Alignment with right most green dotted (following the river). Western alignments too far west. I know a couple other residents have mentioned an interchange too far west would be useless. Eastern Alignment with and following the river makes the most sense for those on the west side of town. Thanks!**

Thank you for your input!

**15. Where can we find this material presented today?**

The presentation and project information will be posted here: <https://projectmeetingonline.com/plainfield-corridor-study/>

**16. My input on this matter is that I spent a lot of money to build my dream home this past year and now the town of Plainfield is studying a route that will most likely require me to move from my dream home. If this route were to happen, how does the acquisition of my land work? I assume I will be compensated for it, how is the value of my land determined? How will the Town of Plainfield help me in finding the new spot for my dream home that I will be building at that point if this were to happen?**

This study is the first step in understanding the overall impact of alternatives for the Town to consider. Any land acquisition only occurs once an alignment is selected, & funding source(es) are identified and appropriated. Your comments & questions are appreciated and passed along to the Town as part of this study's deliverables.

**17. I would be most inclined to use the Eastern Alignment routing. The Western routing would most likely require me to move from my home and is too far west for the current size of Plainfield. Monrovia and Mooresville each have their own access to 70 already and this routing would not add much benefit to these towns. The Eastern routing will allow the rural land west of town to continue to develop as it should with the small outside of town feel, yet be appealing to people wanting to use the routing to get to 70.**

Thank you for taking the time to provide input to the study!

**18. Do you have contact information for a representative for the landowners of the affected areas? I would like to reach out to them to discuss with them and see if other locals' input aligns with my views on this matter**

In the interest of privacy, we are not at liberty to share individual and private contact information. We do engage with numerous stakeholders throughout the community including the neighborhood groups, the school system, and the chamber of commerce. We have encouraged those individuals to represent this project in the community groups they represent. We'd encourage you to reach out to community groups you're associated with to voice your concerns.

**19. Will my last two questions be answered at some point?**

Yes, the project team will get answers posted to all questions.

**20. Can you please share the names of the individuals who are on the Community Advisory Committee and the process used for their selection?**

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**21. Will there be a Community Advisory Committee for this study?**

Yes, a Community Advisory Committee has been formed and will meet a couple more times over the course of the study. Thank you

**22. New interchange should be from I-70 to Moon Road to U.S.40**

Thank you for your input!

**23. No No and no. This is completely unnecessary. As stated in one of your responses to a frequently asked question- this is needed for peak travel times. It is not that difficult to get through Plainfield even with all the construction. Do not ruin my neighborhood so someone can save 5 minutes at rush hour.**

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**24. What updates are slated for Miles Road? If this is a I70 - I40 connector, why does the draft show the road extending north of 40? Are you aware of the cemetery just north of 40 at that location?**

At this time, there are no specific improvements finalized for Miles Road. This study is the first step in analyzing what is best for the Town related to the specific project goals of improving local traffic operations, improving safety, and travel time reliability, among others. Any improvements to the roadway network are outside the scope of this study. While the focus of the study is the area between I-70 and US 40, the project team is using compatibility with adjacent Thoroughfare and Comprehensive plans in Hendricks and Morgan Counties. The project team is aware of the cemetery adjacent to the west side of the golf course.

**25. Hello- I was just listening to the Zoom call but was not able to login to view the presentation. Could you please provide a link where I could see the recording of the meeting? Or just a link to the visuals?**

The meeting recording, presentation and visuals are all posted to the public open house website.

**26. Dear planners, the maps that you displayed on the zoom meeting were very blurry and difficult if not impossible to read. Could you post or send more visible maps on the eastern, western and central plans? Thank you**

The meeting visuals are all posted to the public open house website.

**27. I'm a huge fan of the Eastern Alignment with right most green dotted (following the river). Western alignment is too far west. I know a couple other residents have mentioned an interchange too far west would be useless and it truly is. Eastern Alignment along with and following the river makes the most sense for those on the west side of town. If you follow the river, the town allows for residential and commercial development on the west side and deeper west while providing a quick easy drive down to I70 and Indianapolis. Thanks!**

Thank you for your input!

**28. Currently building a new home in Plainfield**

Thank you for your input!

**29. Hello, I asked a couple of questions during this evening's meeting and I never got an answer. I am hoping you can help me answer these questions to help me further understand the study and impacts that it will have on my family and community. If the western route were to happen, how does the acquisition of my land work? I assume I will be compensated for it, how is the value of my land determined? How will the Town of Plainfield help me in finding the new spot for my dream home that I will be building at that point if this were to happen? Do you have contact information for a representative for the landowners of the affected areas? I would like to reach out to them to discuss with them and see if other locals' input aligns with my views on this matter. Thank you.**

Yes, the project team is preparing answers to all questions posed during the public open house that were not answered during the meeting.

**30. I think the western alignment seems the best. I do not like the center alignment. I would worry about too much traffic around the new elementary school.**

Thank you for your input!

**31. Hello, I listened in to the meeting yesterday and was surprised to hear of a Community Advisory committee in regard to this project. I am interested to know as far as "residential interests" who and how those people were selected. I feel like I look at social media regularly and have definitely been trying to stay involved in this project specifically and had not heard of this committee. I want to feel like the community in this area (600/600) are being included and updated on this project as it directly affects our daily lives. Where is the best place for me to check regularly to know of updates and changes? Thank you.**

The best place to check for updates is the project website at <https://www.townofplainfield.com/1491/Plainfield-Corridor-Study>. You can also find the exhibits and materials from the public open house at <https://projectmeetingonline.com/plainfield-corridor-study/>.

**32. I would like to view the video from the Sept. 8th meeting. How do I access it?**

The recording of the public open house presentation and the associated exhibits are posted on the open house website <https://projectmeetingonline.com/plainfield-corridor-study/>.

**33. This additional corridor is absolutely ridiculous. We currently own over a \$500,000 home and it now looks like a road is now going to run straight thru it. Its absolute BS. All this town has to offer now is cheap housing and warehouses. The Town Council has literally wrecked a new town. You should be absolutely ashamed of what you have done to this town. We will be moving. You can live in the ghetto if you like however we are going to move and a lot of my neighbors are also going.**

We appreciate your input. This study is the first step in analyzing what is best for the Town related to the specific project goals of improving local traffic operations, improving safety, and travel time reliability, among others. The Town will use this study to guide decision making in the future as the town continues to grow, but the alignment will be a guideline for now. A future funded project will define the exact location of a corridor.

**34. Good day, I listened to the seminar twice. It was informative and yet very vague. The biggest problem was that I, as well as my neighbors, could not read any of the maps. It is not possible to enlarge them because they just get worse to read. We live on 300 E on the far east end of Danville. We are very concerned about the direction of the corridor after it leaves Plainfield/Rt 40. Is there a way to send maps to me that we could read and expand? Thank you**

The recording of the public open house presentation and the associated exhibits are posted on the open house website <https://projectmeetingonline.com/plainfield-corridor-study/>. This study is focused between US 40 and I-70, but the corridor is being conceptualized to be complementary with adjacent county thoroughfare plans.

**35. I am strongly against the red western corridor route (West of West Fork of White Lick Creek) because it is of no value for the current residents of Plainfield to alleviate traffic and it is of no value to future residents projected growth through 2045 on the East side of creek. I believe the primary beneficiary of this route is the perceived tax revenue for the town of Plainfield. It seems wrong to lower the quality of natural land, lower the value of residential properties, and take land from people for a road. This route has a high capital cost for East/West bridges that should be factored in. Least likely to be used to commute to Indy.**

Thank you for your input!

**36. I like that you all included the green eastern corridor route (East of West Fork of White Lick Creek). This route has the potential to alleviate traffic congestion since commuters traveling East and less South. It also overlaps well with no interchange growth scenario through 2045. I can see the general health of the town needing this in the long term. Please investigate multiple locations along the east side that include exit ramps beginning at SR 267, hybrid with rest area, closing rest area, and just West of Co Rd 675 E with hybrid ramps for rest area.**

Thank you for your input!

**37. This North-South Corridor Study has been positioned and marketed to the citizens of Plainfield as a solution to an east-west "traffic problem". However, it seems as though the underlying objective of having an exit off of I-70 is to make possible a new source of revenue for Plainfield through the re-zoning of land surrounding the new corridor. I do not believe the Town of Plainfield has been completely transparent with the citizens of Plainfield about the potential negative consequences associated with the "explosive growth" scenario and a new commercial district developed west of Moon Rd. If this question was posed to Plainfield residents, "Do you want your town to have more warehouses?", I believe the overwhelming answer would be "No". Yet, this Corridor evaluation has been positioned as a traffic discussion - and most residents have no idea about the impacts of what could come as a result. Plainfield promotes itself as a Town of Values - one being Respect for the Environment. Yet, there seems to be no appreciation for the beautiful land west of the town which includes unique treasures such as Indian mounds, historic buildings, century-old farms and bald eagles. I understand that a North-South Corridor could provide some benefit to Plainfield. My concern is this Corridor will enable those in positions of power to push for zoning to make increased revenue possible. And that would cause irreversible damage to the lives of many families and to the environment.**

Thank you for your input!

**38. Corridor Study, Regardless of which alignment is selected for the new I-70 to US 40 corridor, residential areas will be disrupted, and farmland will eventually be developed. Therefore it is important to consider the purpose of this road and the future of growth in the area. Plainfield is landlocked on the north, south, and east, so most growth will be to the west. On a previous town study, the center of Plainfield was predicted to be Moon Road in 20 or so years. It does not seem logical for a highway exit to be near an elementary school due to traffic and safety concerns. Regional connectivity to the north and south would alleviate traffic on US 40, 267, Highway 36, and Dan Jones Road. The decision of where to put the new corridor should be based on how the area will be functioning in 20-40 years. Thank you**

Thank you for your input!

**39. Thanks for the great public input session! I'd like to voice my strong support for the proposed corridor to connect at the Rest Area (First choice) or 600 E/Moon Rd. (Second choice). Selfishly, these are the closest routes to my home (in Center Ridge at Hadley & Hall Rd.). But for the good of ALL western Plainfield residents, I think building the corridor too far to the west (access at 525 E) would be a deterrent. In other words, if we have to drive TOO far west in order to access I-70, we'll just end up going back to 267... which inevitably will continue to get more congested over time. Also, I know this isn't probably isn't part of the study, but I'd also voice my support for adding an additional left turn from NB 267 to WB Hadley... or constructing a "Michigan Left" on 267 in order to ease backups for us west-bound travelers during the evening rush hour. Thanks for doing this study and allowing folks like me to comment! Much appreciated!**

Thank you for your input!