

CAC MEETING SUMMARY

Date: August 13, 2020

Time: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting: U.S. 40 to I-70 Corridor Study Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Scott Singleton	Town of Plainfield
Tim Belcher	Town of Plainfield
John Ayers	Hendricks County Engineer
Ed Conder	Resident
Richard Settles	Plainfield School District
Brad Dubois	Plainfield Chamber of Commerce
Lora Steele	Hamilton County Economic Director
Laura Parker	Morgan County Planner
Jeff Banning	Resident
Tim Dombrosky	Hendricks County Planning Director
Adam Burns	Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Jerry Bollinger	Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

- Adam Burns welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time.
- Introduction of project team and CAC members
 - Project team
 - Members – Name and organization(s)
- Role of the CAC
 - Community Advisory Committee – Public involvement is a key part of a project like this. We often receive conflicting feedback from community members, and the CAC helps us sift through the information and guide us as the project develops. We need your distinct experience in the community both to help the project and communicate with your organizations.
 - Review of the CAC charter – We need to respect everyone’s opinions, especially because it’s likely we’ll receive some conflicting viewpoints. A charter for the CAC will be sent out to the group to review following the meeting.
- Project Overview
 - This study is evaluating if a new interchange were to happen, what would be an ideal corridor to target?

- The study is forward looking to how and where a new access point on I-70 would add to the Town of Plainfield's mobility.
- The study is scheduled to be completed in the next 2-3 months.
- Vision for Plainfield
 - The Town of Plainfield would like to plan for reliable pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure (either at the time of construction or in the future) in concert with this corridor.
 - The Town is very walkable/bikeable and would like to maintain that attribute as the community continues to grow and expand.
 - While the focus of the study is on Plainfield and Hendricks County, an extension to Morgan County and Mooresville needs to be kept in mind during the planning process.
 - Morgan County recently completed its comprehensive plan update and is looking for increased development in the interstate vicinity (south side of I-70).
 - There was previous discussion about estate homes along the quarries south of I-70, but there have been no plans solidified or recent discussion.
 - There was a consensus from the CAC that a change in land use in the area of the quarries did not make much sense at this time.
 - Areas between the confluence of the White Lick Creek forks may stay on wells and septic systems. Significant development would have a higher cost in the floodway.
 - Design and construction of the corridor should be planned/timed in concert with Town utility service connection expansion.
 - The corridor should also be sensitive and designed for the types and density of development expected to occur around the corridor.
 - This corridor could help spur residential or non-industrial development that would benefit the highly rated school system.
 - Family farms still exist from when the area was first settled.
- Guiding Principles for the Corridor
 - Local traffic won't go 2 miles out of the way in order to get to the interstate until traffic is bad.
 - Angling southeast through the study area (what in the future will likely be the geographic center of Plainfield) may be the best to facilitate traffic getting to the interstate.
 - INDOT is considering expansion of the parking at the rest stops on I-70.
 - For the Town of Plainfield and Hendricks County, this corridor is a traffic solution.
 - SR 39 in Danville will likely not change alignment (or at a minimum, there has been no discussion with INDOT at this point).
 - The corridors being studied would provide a better traffic solution eventually all the way up to I-74.
 - Compared to other quadrants of the City of Indianapolis and its surrounding metro area, Plainfield and the surrounding area has fewer interchange/access points to interstates.
 - Residents in the area are strongly opposed to industrial development.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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