

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE COMMENT SUMMARY

Date: December 11, 2019

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting: U.S. 40 to I-70 Connector Corridor Study Open House #1

Location: Town of Plainfield Fire Department Headquarters

Corridor Alignment/Roadway Infrastructure

- Existing Miles Road has reverse curves that present a perceived safety concern given the combination of speed and tight geometry.
- The south end of Miles Road is overtopped by water frequently during rain events and experiences regular crashes.
- No desire for a 4-lane road on CR 600 S/Hadley Road in front of residences west of Moon Road.
- Connect the corridor up to CR 300 E and extend to US 36.
- CR 800 S/Lake Meski Road washes out in heavy rain events.
- Some residents recommend making Moon Road at least 3 lanes and connect to I-70. Others do not want Moon Road to be 4 lanes.
- Widen SR 39 to accommodate additional traffic instead of a new corridor.
- Consider a north-south corridor up to US 36 using SR 39.
- The state did a study to connect to I-70 at Moon Road.
- There is a blind spot on US 40 on the west side of the golf course that is on a curve and in a low spot.
- Consider connections to Morgan County/Mooresville.
- CR 525 E at County Line Road needs stop control.
- SR 267 at County Line Road is a dangerous intersection.

Environmental Features

- The Cattle Barn House is the historic resource on the west side of Miles Road.
- Just south of the Heald farmstead is environmentally sensitive area with bobcats.
- The historic structure on the west side of CR 525 E between 700 S and 750 S is the Historic Town of Joppa Telephone Exchange.
- Town of Joppa schoolhouse still remains just north of CR 800 S on the east side of CR 525 E.
- There is a concern of impacts to the residential development along CR 525 E north of I-70 with future industrial and commercial development potentially located nearby.
- South of I-70 along CR 525 E, the Joppa sawmill, post office and general store still stand.
- There is an 1800s gravestone approximately 0.2 mile west of CR 525 E near McCracken Creek.
- East of CR 525 E south of I-70 is a noise-sensitive area due to bobcats.

- A bald eagle nest is located along the west fork of White Lick Creek south of I-70.
- A cemetery and church are located north of Hadley Road/CR 600 S west of Sugar Grove Road.
- The Nysewander farmstead is immediately west of the Heald farmstead and has been in the Nysewander family for more than 100 years.
- The rest stop wastewater treatment facilities are in the southwest corner for EB I-70 and northwest corner for WB I-70.
- The septic system for the Town of Plainfield is on the south side of I-70 at the rest area.
- There is a wellfield near 6515 E CR 750 S.
- The creek along Miles Road floods the road every year.

Interchange Location

- Locate an interchange at the Moon Road/CR 600 E and I-70.
- Do not put an interchange near area of CR 525 E to CR 600 E.
- Locate an interchange where the rest stops are currently located on I-70 and relocate the rest stops.
- Locate an interchange where the rest stops are currently located on I-70 and combine with the rest stops.
- Instead of installing a new interchange, direct traffic to the existing interchange at SR 39.
- Upgrade the SR 267 interchange instead of installing a new interchange.
- Add an exit ramp to Perry Road from I-70 to relieve traffic from SR 267 or add an interchange in the industrial area.
- Add WB exit and EB on ramp from Center Street.
- Consider frontage road network and ramps at Center Street.

Miscellaneous

- West of future elementary school on Moon Road is the Heald farm, which has been in the Heald family for 109 years.
- Residents indicated multiple times that there is a strong desire to not have any warehouses in this area. They would like the warehouses to stay by SR 267/Indianapolis International Airport and/or at SR 39 and I-70. Residents are against zoning for industrial.
- Some residents would prefer the farms and farmland be left alone.
- Residents do not want to see residential islands surrounded by warehouses as has happened east of SR 267.
- Add overpass/interchange at SR 267 and Hadley Road.
- There is a desire to preserve the agricultural character of the county.
- Rezoning of land is a chief concern for area residents.
- Plainfield has the #7 school district in the state.
- Consider the impacts to wildlife and livestock when developing a corridor.
- The Hickory Woods subdivision has higher end housing.
- Ground has been broken for a new warehouse in the southwest corner of I-70 and SR 267.
- The gravel pits south of I-70 overflow frequently, flooding the roads between them.
- There is a gas line along Moon Road that runs under I-70.
- Owner of property along Miles Road has cattle on both sides of the road.
- Residents do not want warehouses; they would like to see a different revenue stream for the town.