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SUBJECT: US 31 Hamilton County 2010 updates

Attendees: Christine Altman, Hank Arzman, Ron Colvin, Brad Davis, Mike Dearing, Dennis Faulkenberg, Monica Faurote, Brandye Hendrickson, Melody Jones, Dan LaReau, Jim Neal, Bob Robey, John Rogers, Paul Seppel, Rick Sharp, Matt Skelton, Bob Smith, Neil Van Trees and Kurt Wanninger.

US 31 Team Members: Randy Brown, Emily Elmore, Steve Fleming, Jill Hoffman, Dawn Kroh, Scott Minor, Ken Leuderalbert, Kelli McNamara, Gary Pence, Jason Rowley, Lisa Tellus and Will Wingfield.

Notes by: Emily Elmore and Lisa Tellus

PURPOSE: To provide updates regarding public involvement, CSS, design and right of way. The team also shared the May 25 open house presentation and visuals with CAC members.

DISCUSSION: Led by Gary Pence, Steve Fleming and Dawn Kroh

Introductions were made by Emily Elmore. An overview of the agenda was given. CAC members were encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation. A special thank you was given to Dan LaReau for hosting the meeting. Emily explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to provide updates in the areas of public involvement, CSS, design and right of way as well as share the visuals and public presentation to be shown at the May 25 open house.

Public Involvement Updates:

Emily Elmore gave several updates. She explained that the team had a very busy month in March and met with a variety of groups to discuss current design plans. A developers meeting was held on March 5 followed by two open houses for business owners and managers March 26 and 29. Public outreach representatives went door to door to the businesses along the corridor to give them information about the open houses and to answer questions (to more than 400 businesses). More than 70 stakeholders attended. Two e-newsletters have been distributed so far this year, and the team has held more than 20 meetings with developers, stakeholders and city officials in Carmel and Westfield so far this year. A public open house was scheduled at Carmel High School for May 25. The team used print and website advertising, media relations and grassroots

marketing techniques to inform community members and stakeholders of the meeting. Emily encouraged CAC members to attend the meeting and spread the word to locals.

Context Sensitive Solutions:

Dawn Kroh then presented updates and information about Context Sensitive Solutions. Dawn provided background information and explained typical roadway and structure features for projects of this size and scope. Dawn presented the basic INDOT structure with no CSS enhancements and indicated that this was the standard INDOT would have installed in the past. The team reviewed a variety of over/under solutions and worked with INDOT to ensure the structures are within budget. Dawn presented the concept for the INDOT baseline CSS treatment that included standard formliner treatments, colored surface seal, and painted rails and beams. Budget is a concern, but the team is working to give the structures a strong contemporary visual presence that is subtle but aesthetically pleasing. INDOT has put a lot of time and effort into the development of the CSS plans and continues to work with local communities to ensure a successful and acceptable finished product is produced. Dawn then reviewed the over and under pass baseline CSS concept options and features.

Dawn shared several visuals of possible local enhancements that could be added to the baseline CSS concept. Additional features, such as lighting and ornamental landscape techniques were shared, should cities want to adopt these features. The concept of focusing on the landscape as the primary visual in the corridor and to integrate the structures within the corridor landscape not to make them focal points in order to give drivers a sense of continuity and contemporary sophistication.

This information was presented to Carmel and Westfield officials in late April and early May. The cities have the CSS concept materials and will provide feedback on their preferences.

Dawn then provided some updates on bike and pedestrian trails. The team met with the bike and pedestrian trails subcommittee in April. Feedback from those meetings was integrated with the map graphics on display for the CAC members. The graphics show the location where walks and paths will be constructed and where the project will leave room for local agencies to build connecting facilities at a later time. Dawn noted that a variety of considerations and standards were used to determine facility locations and widths. The team worked closely with local groups to determine the best possible solution for bike/ped facilities. Coordination on final details will be ongoing as construction plans are finalized for each crossing.

Project Updates:

Gary Pence then presented some overall project updates. He mentioned that I-69 construction is being accelerated, and said that there are no expected changes to the US 31 Hamilton County project budget. At this time, this project is on track per the construction sequencing schedule.

The SR 38 letting is anticipated to occur in February 2011 and the 146th St. letting is anticipated to occur in January 2011.

Design:

- Beyond Stage 1 (30% Design): All Road Plans
- Beyond Stage 2 (60% Design): SR 38 Interchange and 146th St. from Western Way to Lowes Way
- Working toward Stage 2 (60% Design): Monon Trail to 156th St. (including the Keystone Interchange)
- Working toward Preliminary Field Check (45% Design): 161st St. Interchange, SR 32, 136th St. Interchange, 131st St. Interchange

Bridges:

Stage 1 bridge plans have been submitted and approved by INDOT. Bridges are working towards Stage 2 submittal. Three bridges will be partially reconstructed; these three bridges have completed the Bridge Inspection Reports. There will be 15-18 contracts and some might break out early.

All Hydraulics (culverts > 36" and Detention) have been submitted and approved by INDOT. Hamilton County Surveyor's office review has begun on the drainage for the SR 38 interchange. 401 and 404 Permits (stream and wetland) are underway and a site has been identified to mitigate all wetlands. Sites have also been identified for stream mitigation. All permitting for SR 38 and 146th St. should be completed in October.

Right of Way

Gary then showed several right of way progress visuals. More than 300 parcels will be purchased by INDOT and many are complicated. The land acquisition process for commercial property is a long process. INDOT has acquired ten parcels already. All offers for affected parcels near the SR 38 interchange will be made in the next 2-3 weeks.

Open House Presentation

Jill Hoffman and Steve Fleming then reviewed the presentation to be shown to the public at the open house. The presentation included information on the following: purpose and need, project timeline, Community Advisory Committee, construction funding, construction sequencing and right of way acquisition timing, and individual interchange updates.

Q&A:

Q: A CAC member asked if the construction sequencing schedule had changed since the start of the project:

A: The original construction sequencing schedule had the project ending in 2015 and then a second schedule moved the completion date to 2020. As a result of the collaborative efforts

between INDOT and the local communities, the schedule has changed to 2018. We will see interchanges constructed every two years.

Q: A CAC member asked why 136th St. and 131st St. are currently planned for construction during the same years given their proximity.

A: Right now they are shown together but we are working with St. Vincent to possibly determine a different timing for 136th St. construction.

Q: A CAC member asked if the I-465 project has anything to do with this project.

A: The construction you see on I-465 is not related to this project. Our project will tie in, but we are rebuilding the interchange at US 31 towards the end of our project.

Q: A CAC member asked if the construction sequencing schedule is expected to change.

A: The schedule is always subject to change, but INDOT and the project team don't anticipate any changes at this time. However, 136th St. timing could possibly change.

Q: A CAC member requested that INDOT add the trail crossing at the Anna Kendall Drain which is just south of the SR 32 interchange and just north of 169th St.

A: This is not currently part of the design plans. The crossing at 169th St. was added instead. The CAC member and City of Westfield would like to see a crossing at both locations.