

Appendix H

Public Participation- Comments and Responses

Citizen Input and Comments-2030 II Transportation Plan

Meetings:

July 22, 2008 – Allen County Homeowners Association Meeting

September 8, 2008 - Neighborhood Presidents Meeting

October 15, 2008 – Southwest Area Partnership Meeting

November 12, 2008 – Southeast Area Partnership Meeting

November 13, 2008 – Northeast Area Partnership Meeting

March 19, 2009 – Northwest Area Partnership Meeting

March 31, 2009 – Open House for Transportation Plan and Air Quality Analysis

Comment: A concern was expressed at the intersection of Pontiac Street and Anthony Boulevard for the west to north bound right turn. The pavement markings and lane configuration is confusing.

Response: The City of Fort Wayne will install some additional signage to better delineate the westbound right-turn lane.

Comment: How is the Tillman Trail extension progressing?

Response: The trail is now referred to as the Six Mile Trail and design is being initiated for the first section.

Comment: Traffic coming off the ramp from northbound I-69 to southbound Coldwater Road ignores the traffic signal and do not stop.

Response: This comment has been forwarded to the Fort Wayne Police Department for increased enforcement.

Comment: Who do we call if we want roads repaired?

Response: Problem areas can be channeled through the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council and the proper agency will be notified. A direct contact depends on the jurisdiction of the roadway. For repairs on an Interstate, U.S. Route (i.e. US 24, US 30, US 27, etc.) or State Route (i.e. State Route 3, State Route 1, etc.) contact the Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District at 484-9541. For streets in Fort Wayne contact 311 and your concern will be directed to the appropriate department. For roads in Allen County, contact the Allen County Highway Department at 449-7369. For problems in New Haven, contact the Engineering Department at 748-7030.

Comment: The area along Dupont Road near I-69 is congested and will get worse with the expansion of the Parkview North Hospital.

Response: Dupont Road/State Road 1 from I-69 to Tonkel Road is scheduled for a widening project that will improve traffic flow. The Indiana Department of Transportation is initiating a study of the Dupont Road/State Road 1 and Interstate 69 interchange to help develop possible solutions to traffic problems.

Comment: The signs along I-469 are either not positioned properly or have lost their reflectivity. They are difficult to see at night.

Response: INDOT has a project currently scheduled for 2012 to replace the signs on I-469 from its south junction to SR 37.

Comment: The intersection of Wheelock Road and St. Joe Center Road needs to be signalized?

Response: The Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council and the City of Fort Wayne Traffic Engineering Department have evaluated this intersection for signal warrants. At this time the warrants have not been met. The intersection will be monitored for traffic increases and periodically re-evaluated.

Comment: How will traffic be detoured when US 24 is under construction?

Response: The majority of the construction of US 24 is on an alignment separate from the existing alignment and has a minor impact on US 24 traffic. The Indiana Department of Transportation prepares specific detour plans for major construction projects and coordinates with affected local agencies to develop an appropriate route.

Comment: Please consider a center turn lane in Hadley Road between Illinois Road/SR 14 and Bass Road.

Response: A center turn lane project has been added to the 2030-II Transportation Plan for this section of Hadley Road.

Comment: The proposed trail along Rudisill Boulevard will limit the ability of residents to park on their driveways. The residents on west Rudisill Boulevard would prefer a bike lane along this section of road.

Response: The City of Fort Wayne is pursuing bike lanes along this section of roadway. The trail/widened sidewalk project was recommended as part of a cultural landscape report and is still under evaluation.

Comment: Oxford and McKinnie Street around McMillen Park should be considered for road diets with a center turn lane and bike lanes.

Response: Both McKinnie and Oxford between Abbot and Hessen Cassel have 4 travel lanes with traffic volumes that are consistent with a road diet. This will be proposed to the Bike Forum that is evaluating proposed bicycle infrastructure. It is a great tie in for the residences that are located north of Oxford and south of McKinnie to access McMillan Park.

Comment: The new traffic signal at US 30 and I-469 is nice but left turns need to have yield on green option instead of left turn arrow only.

Response: The left on arrow only treatment provides the left turning motorist with the right of way which should make their maneuver safer when crossing two lanes of oncoming traffic. INDOT understands that this increases delay to motorists, but that the increase in safety outweighs that delay.

Comment: The intersection of Liberty Mills Road and Ellison Road needs to be illuminated. It can be a confusing intersection especially at night.

Response: We will be replacing the pavement marking on Liberty Mills at Ellison road detailing the left turn lane and will look into illumination.

Comment: The gravel sections of Hanauer Road between Cook Road and Wallen Road needs to be surfaced. The dust created from the gravel sections travels into the backyards and homes of residences in Lima Valley. Please chip and seal or blacktop this section of Hanauer Road.

Response: The north half of this road is under the jurisdiction of Allen County. We have no plans at this time to chip and seal this section of road. We will continue to maintain as a gravel road. The section of Hanauer Road that is within the City Limits is chip and sealed. The area that is still unimproved is in Allen County.

Comment: The sidewalks/trail that will be built as part of the State Road 3/Lima Road widening project between Dupont Road and Ludwig Road should be extended to Washington Center Road.

Response: INDOT will consider this as future projects occur in the area.

Comment: What type of pedestrian treatment will be provided at the intersection of Ludwig Road and State Road 3/Lima Road to assist pedestrians in crossing Lima Road? There should be pedestrian crossing treatments at each of the signalized intersections from Ludwig Road to Dupont Road.

Response: INDOT will provide push button activated pedestrian signal crossings of SR 3 at Ludwig Rd, Wallen Rd, and Dupont Rd. Pedestrian signal crossings of the side streets will be located at all signalized intersections.

Comment: Sidewalks need to be added along Ludwig Road and Cook Road west of State Road 3/Lima Road to provide access to the businesses.

Response: Bicycle and pedestrian treatments are identified for these corridors in the Transportation Plan. This comment has been forwarded to the City of Fort Wayne.

Comment: Residents of Woodside Neighborhood are not in favor of the roadway connecting Coliseum Boulevard to Clinton Street through the IPFW property and utilizing Medical Park Drive.

Response: The connection provides improved safety and access to IPFW property and the Memorial Coliseum. The proposed new road way should have minimal impacts on the neighborhood. The new roadway will not connect to the neighborhood unless requested. This project has not been designed and will likely coincide with development on the property by IPFW.

Comment: Citilink should consider providing more service by using smaller buses and vans on a "on call" basis.

Response: Citilink has several route deviation routes that are similar to an "on call" service along specified corridors. This comment has been forwarded to Citilink for consideration.

Comment: Shuttle service should be provided from outlying shopping centers to the new baseball stadium for home games and special events. This would eliminate the need for more parking and help fill the stadium.

Response: This comment has been forwarded to the City of Fort Wayne and Citilink for consideration.

At the Allen County Home Owners Association Meeting, the participants were asked to provide examples of good transportation projects/activities/services and to name transportation problems. The results are listed below.

Good Transportation Projects/Activities/Services

North Clinton Street, Mayhew Road, Tonkel Road and Dupont Road Intersections
Extension of Engle Road/Aboite Center Road from Jefferson Boulevard to Smith Road
Extension of Hillegas Road and Ardmore Road from Bass Road to Jefferson Boulevard
The Hillegas Road and Ardmore Road Corridor Improvements
The Interstate 69 Widening Project
The Ardmore Road Extension from Lower Huntington Road to Airport Expressway
Improvements at the Dupont Road, Tonkel Road, Mayhew Road and North Clinton Intersections
Traffic signal at Diebold Road and Dupont Road
Auburn Road and Cook Road intersection improvements (planned) and new bridge over Interstate 69
The Hillegas Road and Ardmore Road connection

Transportation Problem Areas

Going south on Tonkel Road turning east on Dupont,Road, there is a blind spot due to the curve between North Clinton and Dupont Road making it hard to see northbound vehicles
The Bass Road and Hadley Road Intersection
The pavement condition on Dickie Road
The pedestrian access to Northrop High School from Ludwig Road area
The Tillman Road at US 27 Intersection has been under construction and left unfinished
Need a passing blister on Lake Avenue at Lofton Way
Covington Road switches lanes too many times
There is not any Express Bus service across town
Lack of sidewalks on new major road widening projects
The Wallen Road and Auburn Road Intersection needs a traffic signal
Traveling north during rush hour