

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Project: I-64 Corridor Study; Story Avenue to I-264
Item No.: 5-553.00
Subject: Local Officials / Stakeholder Meeting No. 1
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 2:00 PM (Eastern Time)
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Representative Attica Scott	Kentucky State House – District 41
Rick Tonini	City of Saint Matthews, Mayor
Lucy Heskins	City of Norbourne Estates, Mayor
Brandon Coan	Louisville Metro Council, District 8
Bill Hollander	Louisville Metro Council, , District 9
Dirk Gowin	Louisville Metro Public Works, Transportation Engineering Manager
Lt. Arnold Rivera	Louisville Metro Police Department, Operations Traffic Unit Lieutenant
David Johnson	Louisville Metro Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), Chief Engineer
Cynthia (Johnson) Elmore	Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation, Metro Historic Preservation Officer
Cinnamon Jawor	Louisville Tourism
Aida Copic	Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Director of Planning
Troy Creasy	CSX
Todd Hood	TRIMARC, Systems Administrator
Brian J Sinnwell	Louisville Regional Airport Authority, Vice President of Planning & Facilities
Nicole Konkol	Kentucky Heritage Council
Beth Niemann	KYTC Central Office, Division of Planning
Stephen De Witte	KYTC Central Office, Division of Planning
Jayalakshmi Balaji	KYTC Central Office, Division of Planning
Tonya Higdon	KYTC Central Office, Division of Planning
Matt Lawson	KYTC Central Office, Division of Planning
Patrick Perry	KYTC Central Office, District 5 Location Engineer
Tim Foreman	KYTC Central Office, Division of Environmental Analysis
Matt Bullock	KYTC District 5, Chief District Engineer
Stephanie Caros	KYTC District 5, PIO
Tracy Lovell	KYTC District 5, Project Development Branch Manager
Carl Jenkins	KYTC District 5, Design
Russell Wheatley	KYTC District 5, Utilities
Tom Hall	KYTC District 5, Planning
Donna Hardin	KYTC District 5, Environmental
Kevin Bailey	KYTC District 5, Traffic
Larry Chaney	KYTC District 5, Planning
John Ballantyne	FHWA
Eric Rothermel	FHWA

Andy Rush	KIPDA
Brian Meade	AECOM
Kevin Dant	AECOM
Brad Johnson	HMB
Michael Leathers	HMB
John Meyer	HMB
Lindsay Walker	HMB
Jarrold Johnson	HMB
Mitch Green	HMB
Nathan Long	KSWA
Kathryn McGrath	Corn Island Archaeology

Attachments:

- *Meeting Agenda*

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To facilitate the meeting, an agenda was provided digitally and is included as an attachment to these meeting minutes.

Meeting Comments / Summary:

HMB began the meeting by introducing key project team members and provided a brief introduction to the study. They then turned the presentation over to Matt Bullock Chief District Engineer for KYTC District 5 who also provided some history on the study and explained the goals and objectives. Matt turned the meeting back over to HMB to begin the presentation. An online interactive presentation using the ESRI ArcGIS StoryMap tool was used to present information on the study background, tasks and schedule, existing conditions, and potential improvement strategies.

Six survey polls were conducted throughout the meeting to provide opportunities for interaction along with question and answer periods at the end of each topic. The following summarizes the discussion for each agenda item:

I. Study Review

HMB presented the study purpose, goals, and the schedule. No comments were received. HMB asked three initial poll questions. The results are summarized below along with any related comments entered through the *chat* screen.

- Do you think improvements are needed in this section of I-64?
 - 65% responded major improvements are needed including adding capacity.
 - 31% responded minor improvements are needed.
 - 4% responded no improvements are needed.
- How often do you travel on this section of I-64?
 - 65% responded occasionally.
 - 23% responded multiple times per week.

- 10% responded every day.
- 3% responded never.
- Lt. Arnold Rivera (Louisville Metro Police) clarified in the chat that he travels the I-64 corridor 5 days a week.
- Dirk Gowin (Louisville Metro Public Works) asked if this question was meant to be answered based on Pre Covid-19 conditions or since. No response was provided prior to closing the poll, but a clarifying statement will be provided in the public survey to request responses consider pre Covid-19 conditions.
- Why do you travel on this section of I-64? (multiple responses were permitted)
 - 72% responded they make shopping and recreational trips.
 - 53% responded they make local trips for work.
 - 28% responded they makes trips for “other” reasons.
 - 25% responded the make regional trips for work.
 - No one responded they make school trips or don’t travel on I-64.

II. Existing Conditions Overview

a. Roadway Information

HMB presented the existing roadway information collected including roadway geometrics, roadway characteristics, and an overview of information gathered on the Cochran Hill Tunnels. No Comments were received.

b. Crash History

HMB presented the crash history overview for the study area. No comments were received.

c. Traffic

HMB presented the traffic overview for the study area. Dirk Gowin asked if widening of I-71 would result in diverting traffic off I-64? HMB responded that programmed roadway projects are considered in KIPDA’s future year model. As a result, any diversion of traffic from I-64 to other interstates, including I-71, should be accounted for in the 2045 forecast volumes.

HMB asked one poll question related to traffic. The results can be seen below as well as any related *chat* comments.

- When travelling on this section of I-64, do you experience congestion?
 - 44% responded yes! I have to leave early to deal with the additional delay.
 - 40% responded it’s a little busy.
 - 12% responded it’s busy but I can drive the speed limit.

- 4% responded I can drive as fast as I want (or the posted speed limit).
- Dirk Gowin suggested we should have split the question by AM and PM. He noted PM is obviously busier than the AM. HMB's response: This will be taken into consideration when preparing the public survey. He later clarified it would be beneficial to also break out by direction. He noted it is much easier coming in (to town) than going out.

The following comments were received in the *chat* relative to traffic:

- Bill Hollander (Louisville Metro Council, D9) made the following comment, "Any particular ideas for the Grinstead exit? I hear a lot of complaints about getting off there coming into town in the evening. There's also concern about how the One Park proposed development will potentially add more traffic there."
- Brandon Coan (Louisville Metro Council, D8) also commented: "Following up on Councilman Hollander's question - will this project improve bike/ped accessibility under, through and across the Grinstead intersection? Many neighborhoods are cut off from each other due to the current built environment there."
- HMB responded this study is primarily focused on I-64 and less on the crossroads. They noted they do not have recent turning movement counts at crossroads such as Grinstead Drive and Cannons Lane and it would be difficult to collect at this time due to the ongoing pandemic.
- Kevin Bailey (KYTC D5) gave the following response to one of Councilman Hollander's questions, "KYTC District 5 Permits has told One Park we will be looking at their TIS and impacts on the area, including the ramp from I-64 westbound. We have warned them there may be improvements required once they have a final plan."

d. Environmental

HMB presented the environmental overview. Following that discussion, HMB asked a follow-up poll question. The results can be seen below.

- KYTC is aware of the significance and sensitivity of the Olmsted Parks (Cherokee and Seneca) and of the Cochran Hill Tunnels. Other than these well-known features, what other environmental categories are you most concerned about? (multiple responses were permitted)
 - 58% identified both air/noise and parks and recreational lands categories.
 - 47% identified the historic preservation category.
 - 42% identified the visual impacts category.
 - 37% identified the water resources category.
 - 21% identified each of the following categories: businesses and areas of interest, social/environmental justice, hazardous materials and threatened and endangered species.

III. Improvement Strategies

HMB presented an overview of the potential improvement strategies. Following that discussion, HMB asked a follow-up poll question. The results can be seen below.

- What types of improvements are you / your group most supportive of for I-64? (multiple responses were permitted)
 - 72% identified transportation systems management and operations strategies.
 - 64% identified safety strategies.
 - 60% identified spot improvements and widening strategies.
 - No one identified that no improvements were needed.

IV. Wrap-Up

a. Next Steps

HMB presented the next steps of the study. No comments were received.

b. Questions / Comments

HMB provided an opportunity for additional comments or questions and gave contact information for the KYTC D5 project manager (Carl Jenkins) for further comments or questions after the presentation.

V. Public Outreach Survey

HMB completed the meeting by demonstrating the online public outreach survey developed to collect feedback on the study. They encouraged participants to complete the survey once it goes live early next week. A link to the public outreach StoryMap and survey will be sent via email following this meeting

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