APPENDIX V-D

Public Meeting Summaries

Route 65 Public Information Meeting # 1 Summary

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Introduction

The intent of this memo is to provide a brief summary of the first Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) conducted for theLocation Study and Environmental Assessment for Route 65 in Benton County. The meeting was held on Wednesday, February 22nd in Lincoln, Missouri between 4 pm and 7 pm at the Lincoln School. Representatives from MoDOT and CH2M HILL, MoDOT's consultant, were present to convey a variety of information and answer questions from those in attendance. An open-house format was used for the meeting. No formal presentations were delivered.

A variety of media outlets were used to announce the meeting and encourage project stakeholders to attend the PIM. Local radio and local newspapers were utilized to run advertisements and stories about the study and public meeting. The Benton County Transportation Corporation provided a tremendous about of local support and "word of mouth" advertising.

Station Summaries

A variety of exhibits were used to present pertinent project information. The exhibits were organized in logical "stations" to aide in conveying key messages and information to those in attendance.. A description of each station is as follows:

- **Station 1: Welcome/Why We're Here.** At this station, general project information was provided to inform attendees about the project including project history and schedule.
- **Station 2: The NEPA Process.** Several exhibits were presented at Station 2 to describe the basic tenets of the NEPA process, to define environmental resources and their use, and to describe cultural resource investigations that would be conducted as part of the study.
- **Station 3: Purpose and Need.** This station described why the study was necessary and what problems needed to be solved as part of it. Crash data, crash analyses, and traffic operations were portrayed on a variety of exhibits to demonstrate the safety and capacity related needs of the study.

- **Station 4: Full Range of Alternatives.** Station 4 presented potential alternatives to address the issues defined in Station 3. A wide range of alternatives were examined and comprised the "full range" of alternatives considered. Exhibits showing typical sections and plan view alignments of these alternatives were used to convey their basic characteristics.

  In addition to the alternatives exhibits described above, large "strip maps" portraying the entire study corridor were displayed on tables for public viewing. Marking pens were provided to allow the attendees opportunity to comment directly on the maps regarding the alternatives, the mapping, and the known constraints displayed.

- **Station 5: Public Comment.** The final station provided opportunity for attendees to comment on the information provided at the meeting. Comment cards were available at tables for individuals to express their thoughts in writing. A tape recorder was also provided to allow individuals to give their comments orally.

Public Comment

A total of 216 people attended the meeting. As of April 18, 2006, 192 written comments and one oral comment were received. Of those comments, the vast majority expressed opposition to any alternative that would bypass Lincoln. A summary of those comments is provided under separate cover.

Route 65 Public Information Meeting # 2 Summary

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Introduction

The intent of this memo is to provide a brief summary of the second Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) conducted for the Location Study and Environmental Assessment for Route 65 in Benton County. The meeting was held on Wednesday, May 24th in Lincoln, Missouri between 4 pm and 7 pm at the Lincoln School. Representatives from MoDOT and CH2M HILL, MoDOT's consultant, were present to gather input, convey information and answer questions from those in attendance. An open-house format was used for the meeting. No formal presentations were delivered.

The intent of the meeting was to provide background for the study; to present the screening methodology applied to the full range of alternatives; to present the reasonable alternatives retained for further consideration; and to present the identified preferred alternative.

A variety of media outlets were used to announce the meeting and encourage project stakeholders to attend the PIM. Local radio and local newspapers were utilized to run advertisements and stories about the study and public meeting. The Benton County Transportation Corporation provided local support and "word of mouth" advertising.

Station Summaries

A variety of exhibits were used to present pertinent project information. The exhibits were organized in logical "stations" to aide in conveying key messages and information to those in attendance. A description of each station is as follows:

- **Station 1: Welcome/Why We're Here.** At this station, general project information was provided to inform attendees about the project including project history and schedule. A summary of the comments received at PIM # 1 was provided at this station as well.
- **Station 2: Full Range of Alternatives Screening.** Station 2 provided a map depicting the full range of alternatives as shown at the first PIM in February 2006. An impact summary table was provided to compare impacts between the various alternatives. Also, the screening methodology used to evaluate the full range of alternatives was presented.

- **Station 3: Reasonable Range of Alternatives.** This station presented information about the reasonable alternatives remaining after the full range screening process. Specific alternatives were not shown; rather, the study area within which the reasonable alternatives existed was displayed. Key characteristics affecting the reasonable alternatives were described in an effort to convey the drivers for the preferred alternative.
- **Station 4: Preferred Alternative.** Station 4 presented maps of the preferred alternative as identified by the study team. Key features were highlighted, such as realigned crossroads, median shifts, median openings and auxiliary lanes.

  In addition to the alternatives exhibits described above, large "strip maps" portraying the preferred alternative were available on tables for public viewing. Marking pens were provided to allow the attendees opportunity to comment directly on the maps regarding the preferred alternative, the mapping, and the known constraints displayed.
- **Station 5: Environmental Assessment.** Station 5 presented information regarding the ongoing environmental studies and details of the Environmental Assessment being prepared by the study team.
- **Station 6: Public Comment.** The final station provided opportunity for attendees to comment on the information provided at the meeting. Comment cards were available at tables for individuals to express their thoughts in writing. A tape recorder was also provided to allow individuals to give their comments orally.
- **3-D Visualization Video.** A 3-D visualization of the conceptual alternatives was shown on video. The video depicted a widen existing alternative, an eastern Lincoln bypass alternative, through-town drive through in Lincoln, and median cross over depiction.

Public Comment

A total of 200 people attended the meeting. As of June 12, 2006, 185 written comments were received. Of those comments, the vast majority expressed support for the identified preferred alternative, opposition to any alternative that would bypass Lincoln and opposition to the "2+1" roadway configuration.

A summary of these comments is provided under separate cover.