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Hwy I-69

1 message

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Sat, Oct 29, 2011 at 11:10 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

We own property in Greene County and Monroe County. We are FOR I-69 and see no reason that it should not go through Monroe County and near Bloomington.

 God Bless

Ron and Eugenia Chaney



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FW: Critical Information on I-69 - Please Read

1 message

Janet Burks <jburks@ocsbank.com>

Mon, Oct 31, 2011 at 3:02 PM

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Per the email below - I totally agree with all stated and think the MPO should support I-69

Janet Burks



From: Christy Gillenwater [mailto:kelly@chamberbloomington.ccsend.com] **On Behalf Of** Christy Gillenwater
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2011 1:11 PM
To: Janet Burks
Subject: Critical Information on I-69 - Please Read

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Your Support is Needed on November 4th!

Once again, an important vote is set to take place.

I-69 traffic will soon approach Bloomington.

Local transportation resources are at stake.

We need your support on November 4th.

The Federal Highway Administration has confirmed that the decision to construct I-69 does not lie with the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As it pertains to the 1.7 miles of Section 4 ([map](#)) within the MPO boundary, the state may still elect to use state resources to fund the connection to State Road 37 absent a local TIP amendment to include the highway.

Each day active construction brings the highway closer to our community, it becomes increasingly important that the MPO act as planning partners with federal and state agencies. We can't stop the traffic that will be heading into our community as the southern Sections open to traffic, but we can begin to plan for the reality of the highway. If the local MPO continues to delay or say 'no,' it may very well further remove the community from the process all while jeopardizing our local ability to fund local infrastructure maintenance and transit operations.

On November 4th, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will ask the MPO to once again include I-69 in the TIP. We encourage you to ask the MPO to recognize that the highway is only miles from reaching the Monroe County line. Traffic is expected to be open from Evansville to Crane within the next 16 months.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Attend the MPO Policy Committee meeting on Friday, November 4th at 1:30 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.**
- **Public comment will be heard at the meeting on the 4th. Tell planning officials that we need to be prepared for I-69. Highway traffic will soon be approaching our community.**
- **Leaving I-69 out of the Transportation Improvement Program jeopardizes tens of millions of dollars for local infrastructure and transit.**
- **Write to members of the MPO and let them know that our community needs to be a part of the planning process for this significant highway project.**
- **Email:**

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- **Be sure to copy the Chamber at mhutton@chamberbloomington.org**
- **Call the Chamber at 336-6381 for more information.**

- Visit the official I-69 website at <http://www.i69indyevn.org/>

Thank you for taking action on this important issue!



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I-69

1 message

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Mon, Oct 31, 2011 at 3:28 PM

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I find it hard to believe that there is still resistance on the part of the MPO to approve a plan for I-69 in Monroe County. It's here, folks, and we need all the infrastructure we can get to attract and keep jobs here, and a vibrant economy. Otis is moving away, and will GE be far behind? Bloomington has some wonderful roads (or will have) and a fine public transportation system. Please don't risk losing the needed funding for our transportation systems by trying to be "green," when the road will be built here anyway.

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November 4th / I-69

1 message

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Cc: mhutton@chamberbloomington.org

Good Afternoon,

*In light of recent Federal clarifications regarding the 1.7 miles of Section 4 in question, **I encourage you, on November 4th, to support the inclusion of I-69 to the TIP.** I support our community and would be disappointed to see local infrastructure projects go unfunded as a result of state funding bearing the burden of this 1.7 miles of construction.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Faye Victoria Jameson



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I-69

1 message

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To The Powers in Monroe County That Be:

I am writing to kindly request that you include I-69 in the TIP. Listen, the highway is going to happen. I too am not fully in favor of it as I support building a high speed rail system in this country with the primary goal of removing every single long distance carried from interstate highways. But that will likely not happen in my lifetime, though it should.

The highway is going to happen and all I can see from your efforts to stop it are consequences that no one wants. Let's at least have a voice in how it's built. Play the hand dealt you the best you can.

Jim Sprague

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MPO Meeting Nov. 4

1 message

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Dear MPO Policy Committee Members,

As representative of the residents of Bloomington, I am writing to ask you to vote against including I-69 in the TIP if the subject comes to a vote this Friday. INDOT is trying to blackmail our community and stomp out any semblance of democratic process by threatening to withhold funds for other transportation projects. The Bloomington/Monroe County MPO must fight these dirty tactics and hold strong to the many reasons (environmental, fiscal, communal) for opposing the construction of an interstate through our community. Sincerely,

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Isabel Piedmont-Smith
City Council Representative, District 5
Bloomington, Indiana



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I-69

1 message

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Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 10:48 AM

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Vote YES! To include I-69 into the MPO!

Everyone now knows many are not for I-69 but it is coming and it is time for Bloomington to get on board and help make this as positive as we can. At this point I am sure we have ticked off anyone who is in charge of making decisions and we can only hope that they don't hold it against our fair city. There are many places along 37 that have needed overpasses or underpasses for many years and it is time that we see if that can't be accomplished. Yes I know there will be some inconveniences, but that is life, full of inconveniences that we have to learn to deal with, so get in the talks and get started. Not being at the table is not helping our community.

Vote YES!!

Sue Elkins



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Concerning I-69 and Monroe County MPO

1 message

Grant Lengacher <grant@dcmetal.com>

Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 11:35 AM

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"I-69 will do nothing to advance the economy of Bloomington, Monroe County or the rest of the state." CARR Website

Cannelburg, IN. Please take a moment of your time to punch that town into your preferred maps program.

Before any presumptions, please note; I hold an MPA in finance from SPEA. I lived in Bloomington for two years while doing my graduate work, and I love your town. I am not some crazed "right wing nutter" as our friends across the pond would put it.

Now, please allow me to make our case for the proposed interstate. Southwestern Indiana, outside of Bloomington, is not a wealthy area. The only industries we've ever known are farming, coal mining, and construction. My personal experience is somewhat representative: I spent the first 18 years of my life living first in a trailer, and then a family constructed house 5 miles away from the nearest paved road. The local economy has improved since then, but most people are still essentially poor.

I currently run my fathers business, which he started the year I was born. We do well, but we have always had transportation issues. The quickest way to get to Indy from our business is to take a series of county roads and two lane highways (with huge equipment mind you) all the way until we pop out onto 2nd Street in Bloomington, from which we make the grueling, light laden slog up 37 to Indy. The installation of this road would do wonders for us. It would likely reduce our travel time to Indy by approx. 35%, making it possible to serve more customers in northern Indiana. The same circumstance applies to the Evansville area.

Also, if I'm not mistaken, money spent on transportation projects results in some of the highest return on investment achieved by spending public dollars (which, lets make no mistake, are what sustain Bloomington).

Bloomington is doing well, but the rest of southwestern Indiana could use a boost.

Thanks for your time,

Grant Lengacher



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I-69 comment from Rolling Glen Neighborhood Association

1 message

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Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 1:19 PM

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Dear Mayor Kruzan and MPO Members:

How would you feel if your home--the haven enjoyed by you and your family--were suddenly jeopardized, its air of peace and well-being disturbed? What if the investment you made in this property were also endangered, further threatening your family's safety and future security? Furthermore, what if your property ownership was no longer a source of pride and pleasure but a prison, because you had no realistic hope of selling your home without incurring a severe, perhaps fatal financial loss? These nightmarish situations are what we, the residents of Rolling Glen, have faced for over a year with new terrain I-69 en route to invading the very heart of our rural neighborhood.

Nestled in a picturesque valley in the southwest Bloomington, surrounded by farmland and other small residential communities tucked into the gently rolling hills, Rolling Glen is a fairly new neighborhood built on land that used to be part of the Zike farm. Individual homeowners seeking both rural surroundings and commuting convenience bought property in the early 2000s and constructed homes. The majority of owners have moved into the neighborhood after 2007 (????), with the most recent house being completed in 2010. Rolling Glen is situated in a karst area; there are several quarries nearby, and underground springs, caves, and sinkholes can be found in many residents' backyards.

It was well-known that new terrain I-69 was going to come relatively near the neighborhood. But we have all shared stories about visiting the local I-69 construction office prior to purchasing properties within the development and being told that the highway would be some distance away, over a ridge currently occupied by a farm and several silos. We were told that we would not be able to see the I-69 corridor, and that it would be no louder than Route 37. We were shown maps that confirmed these assurances. But all of this changed dramatically in the summer of 2010, after Governor Daniels accelerated the I-69 project. Suddenly, the maps changed, bringing new terrain I-69 right through several properties in the eastern half of the neighborhood. We met with INDOT to determine what this would mean for our neighborhood; some properties were slated for buyout, access to others was inadvertently cut off, and the neighborhood character would be irrevocably changed. No one could tell us what the highway would look like, whether we would receive sound barriers, or even why the preferred route for the highway had so suddenly changed. No one could even tell us if we would receive noise mitigation in the form of walls, though we were informed that it was possible under existing regulations, but that the federal and state regulations regarding noise mitigation were being revised.

For the next year, we worked diligently to find out more information about the highway and to stop it if we could. In July of 2011, we received more devastating news: under new Indiana regulations, officials only needed to

consider the noise impact on households (“receivers”) within 800 feet of the outer lane. Prior to regulatory revisions, officials had considered the impact of increased highway noise on every house in Rolling Glen and several around the immediate area, and cost estimates had brought the price per benefitted receiver to approximately \$33,000, very close to the target of \$30,000. Under the revised guidelines, which mandated that officials only had to consider the properties within 800 feet of the outer lane, there were fewer impacted properties, causing the cost per benefitted receiver to soar to approximately \$99,000. This meant that, although every other regulatory criteria was met (a majority of residents desired noise walls, and the noise walls would dampen highway noise to a sufficient extent), the increase in cost per benefitted receiver met that the noise walls were not “cost effective” under existing guidelines. Since the highway is slated to be 75 feet up in the air, it is impossible for us to plant trees to hide it.

That is the untenable situation that we now must live with—a highway 75 feet up in the air, cutting through the heart of our rural neighborhood, within a chip shot of several houses on the eastern side of the development. We face dramatic increases in noise pollution, air pollution, security threats, and litter. Our property tax assessments are plummeting because no one wants to buy any house that will be so close to the highway. One resident’s assessment plunged from \$423,000 to \$359,200 in 2011 alone, *after* the change in route was announced. These plummeting tax assessments are dramatic evidence of corresponding declines in the appraised value of our homes and land. We are all paying dearly for a highway that is not needed nor wanted.

We have elected you to represent us and our interests. Bloomington’s character will be forever changed by I-69, just as our neighborhood’s rural character and beauty will forever be altered. INDOT’s plans to connect I-69 to Rt. 37 in between Victor Pike and Rockport Road will further endanger residents of this area; the light at Victor Pike is already one of the most dangerous intersections in town because of the frequency with which vehicles on Rt. 37 run that red light. This situation is particularly dire because no funds have been earmarked for Sections 5 and 6. Moreover, I-69 poses new dangers to this neighborhood and to Bloomington because it will be a hazardous cargo route. Bloomington in general and karst-impacted areas such as Rolling Glen in particular will also suffer massive karst impacts such as altered drainage, damage to homes from heavy blasting, and worsening of existing sinkholes and caves (many of which dot our backyards).

Please do not vote I-69 back into the TIP. Because each section of I-69 has independent utility, per INDOT’s own admissions, there is no legal requirement to build Section 4 through Monroe County. We elected you to office to be accountable to and to serve the citizens within the MPO’s jurisdiction. Please do not fall victim to the state’s bully tactics!

Yours Sincerely,

The Rolling Glen Neighborhood Association

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I-69 Highway Opportunity

1 message

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Good Afternoon MPO Board Members,

I would like to take a moment and let you know that I am in support of the I-69 Highway opportunity. This is a very critical time for Bloomington and our community where I-69 will be a huge help in transportation concerning our area. The I-69 route through Bloomington will undoubtedly be assistance to the Monroe County Airport and Cook Aviation Inc. opening new opportunities for growth in Bloomington and surrounding communities.

I urge you strongly to support I-69 to be included in the TIP.

Thank you in advance for your endorsement.

Rex G. Hinkle

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MPO policy committee I69 vote

1 message

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Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 6:39 PM

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Dear MPO Policy Committee,

Anyone who has needed to drive regularly to Evansville from Bloomington recognizes the immense need for safe roads between the two cities. A vote against I69 is a vote against giving the Evansville area equal opportunity to provide for its citizens and to create opportunities for growth in the area. Although we can disagree about WHERE the road should be created, we cannot deny the fact that a safe, limited access road from southwest Indiana to Bloomington, and on to Indianapolis is vital to the future of, not just southwest Indiana, but the entire population of the state.

I encourage every single committee member to take a drive to Evansville from Bloomington. Imagine needing to make that drive every single week. Is there any other area of Indiana that is as difficult to safely reach? If you don't have time to make the challenging drive, just look at a map.

Finally, can you imagine the joy and the relief on the faces of parents in southwest Indiana who have children at Indiana University?

Sandra Kay Bender,



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Fw: MPO and I69

1 message

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Wed, Nov 2, 2011 at 1:16 PM

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Subject: MPO and I69

Dear Mr. Murray:

We haven't had the pleasure of meeting. Though I know maybe three or four members of the MPO, most, like yourself, I do not know. You need to know that I am a member of the board of Bloomington Public Transit. This is an extremely well-managed organization with very capable staff and drivers as well as a conscientious board of citizens dedicated to constantly improving the quality of our riders.

I want to comment on the current stand-off between the MPO and Indot. First, the financial vulnerability that our local bus transit system faces by a withdrawal of funds is both real and severe. Second, public opinion polls as well as public comment favors I 69; it appears plain for many to see that it is a minority that is impeding progress. I realize that some who object to I 69 do so due to philosophical reasons and public stances they have taken such as protecting the environment. No one wants to degrade our environment! I respect their positions but I disagree with opponents because they are not acting in the overall public good.

Third, I tend to try to have a vision 20 or 30 years out. I can see I 69 heavily used, moving all kinds of vehicular traffic quickly and safely from one place to another. This traffic will pass through Bloomington and it will stop in Bloomington and enrich the commerce of this great community. Permanent jobs will result from this commerce, there will be more revenue for the public good, and we will be a better community for it. Incidentally, I would guess that those who are in opposition right now will take good advantage of the highway when it is completed.

Fourth, historically, many public infrastructure works have been uncomfortable at the time. I remember when the national highway system was mapped out and construction began in the Eisenhower Administration. Aren't we all, at this juncture, honestly grateful that this national system moves us quickly and usually safely to our destinations? For each one of you, haven't

you at some time used US 10, 70, 80 or 90 to move laterally across this beautiful country? Haven't you used US 65 to go north to Chicago or south to Kentucky, Tennessee or Alabama or taken 71 up to Cleveland or 95 to Washington, DC? Some of us have used all these convenient roadways. At some level we probably take them for granted but at one time there was some pain, there was some discomfiture, some dislocation, some moving. Land was appropriated, with compensation, to meet the needs of an increasingly growing and mobile population. We are the better for it.

Finally, let me say that a lot is at stake here. The larger good is the issue. I 69 will be built; the vision has been out there for decades. We can be a part of this process from a position of strength and contribute to the outcome or we can continue to put up obstacles and use delaying tactics, which ultimately will be of no avail. Costs go up with continued delay. It is time to be a part of this process and when we are done, we will all benefit and use our new highway.

Thanks for listening. My best to all.

Alex Cartwright



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I-69 -- I say YES!

1 message

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Wed, Nov 2, 2011 at 3:38 PM

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To the MPO committee,

I strongly urge you to vote FOR I-69. I travel I-69 several times a year from Indy to north of Lansing, MI. It is a great interstate and with many cities and communities large and small along the way. I have not seen any evidence that I-69 has adversely impacted any of these communities. I-69 would be a much needed safe choice of travel for our IU students who live in Evansville and other communities south of Bloomington. The loss of critical funds needed for our transportation services, especially our bus systems and local road projects would be devastating. I will wait to cast my local election ballot after the MPO meeting on Friday.

Suzanne

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November Bloomington MPO Meeting

1 message

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Wed, Nov 2, 2011 at 6:22 PM

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Hello to all,

I attended the Bloomington MPO meeting in September and was disappointed that there was no opportunity to speak on the importance of planning and managing the construction of I-69. Each of the counties impacted by this project are experiencing positive and negative outcomes but the positives far exceed any negatives.

As you contemplate the proposal to remove or retain I-69 planning from the Current Bloomington MPO TIP, please consider the following:

- Per a 2009 NSWC Crane presentation, its annual economic impact on the counties in the South I-69 corridor was \$153.8 Million. Monroe County's portion of that was \$58.9 Million, the majority share (38.7%) in the benefits of being in proximity to one of Indiana's largest economic engines. As Crane anticipates significant increase of its capacity over the next few years, these figures will correspondingly continue to multiply. Therefore, it warrants our individual municipalities, and the I-69 corridor as a collective community, to strive to support this tremendous asset.
- The Evansville-Indianapolis corridor of I-69 addresses a major deficiency identified during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) proceedings. Regardless of Crane's internal efforts to strengthen its position since that time, those efforts could prove futile during a future BRAC, if the required external support from the region's communities is found lacking.

With these factors in mind, I respectfully ask the Bloomington MPO to responsibly address the need to continue with project planning for the I-69 project as it passes through the MPO area. Failure to do so will be a detriment to not only Bloomington but the entire Southwest Indiana region. Your consideration and approval of this request is greatly appreciated.

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I-69

1 message

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Dear MPO,

I know this is late, but what I have to say needs to be said.

I worked through three administrations going door-to-door opposing the new-terrain route for I-69. For years I personally spoke with more people, eyeball to eyeball, than anyone in the entire State of Indiana about I-69 and can attest first hand that liberals and conservatives alike overwhelmingly oppose the new-terrain route.

Nature aside, comparing the cost of building, and especially maintaining a new-terrain route vs. upgrading US 41 and adding on to an existing maintenance budget totalling one-third the cost of the new-terrain makes so much more sense to all. It was surprising and terribly disappointing to see to see Mr. fiscal responsibility, Mitch Daniels himself, push so hard for a new-terrain route chosen by the fiscally irresponsible Democrats (tongue-in-cheek if you will) that was overwhelmingly contrary to the desires of the very people who elected him. Federal highway budgeting stands to be a derisive issue for years to come. The money needs to be used for upgrades - not new roads. True Conservatives agree.

Indiana has a great opportunity to preserve some of the most unique karst in the world; preserve precious prime farmland and save taxpayers billions of dollars by stopping this ill-begotten project.

During the Kernan Administration I wrote an LTE to the Indy Star. I had found a web site that had a report from a committee on farmland preservation the O'Bannion Administration commissioned that was chaired by then Lt. Governor Kernan. The Farm Bureau was represented as well as several other business interests including the Trucking Industry. The conclusion of the commission clearly stated that the biggest threat to the farming industry was highway development. Both farmers and truckers agreed that Indiana should upgrade existing corridors and that new development was neither desirable nor needed. It went on to mention how much more responsible it was to avoid having to build all of the additional infrastructure that goes along with new development rather than simply improving already existent infrastructure.

As usual, I made sure my claims were backed with references. I sent the LTE in to the Star, pretty proud of

the find that proved beyond question that the new terrain route was a bad choice for Indiana. Amazingly, not only did my LTE never get published, but within 3 days the web site was removed. Having already doubted that our political system worked for the benefit of the people, this was verification I hoped I would never see. I will never forget. And the hope that the media would report fairly on such an important issue was dashed. But somehow, the American dream that some decisionmakers somewhere actually listen to the majority of their constituents is still alive in Monroe County, Indiana.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you have the opportunity to actually prove that every now and then the morally, ethically, fiscally, and environmentally correct decision can be made somewhere in America. Under great duress or not, it is time to make the right decision. Please tell INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration that Monroe County is off limits.

Ninety-four percent of all commenters said NO to new-terrain for I-69. Please prove that the majority of you will actually listen to the vast majority of us.

Respectfully yours,

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Please see attached letter.

1 message

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Thu, Nov 3, 2011 at 12:01 PM

Please advise if you have any questions.

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November 4, 2011

Dear Bloomington-Monroe County MPO Policy Committee Member:

I am writing today on behalf of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 5,000 members statewide employing nearly 800,000 Hoosiers to encourage you to include Interstate 69 in your local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

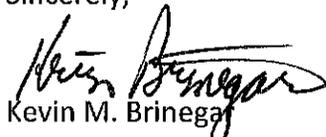
Completion of I-69 is important not only for the Bloomington community, but for the entire region and indeed the state. It is a vital stimulus for economic development and job creation, connecting the southwest corner of our state to critical economic assets such as Crane NSWC, the IU-Bloomington campus and the Indianapolis metropolitan region – literally thousands of businesses both large and small in communities throughout Indiana. It is particularly important to those companies that manufacture products and need to ship them beyond our state's borders, creating jobs, wealth and economic opportunity for Hoosiers.

The debate over I-69 and its route concluded long ago with ample public input and remonstrations. Further delay is unwarranted. Any further decision not to include I-69 in the local TIP plan would be irresponsible, resulting in nearly \$30 million in lost federal funding for transportation maintenance and improvements for the Bloomington community.

The time for debate has passed; the decision to proceed with the I-69 project has been made. The time for constructive, responsible action that benefits the economy of the Bloomington community and Southwest Indiana is upon us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Brinegar
President

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Please vote NO on I-69

1 message

Doug Hanvey <hanvey@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 3, 2011 at 2:13 PM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO Members:

Please say "NO" to I-69. Don't let Bloomington be blackmailed by INDOT etc. We will find the funding we need for our roads. I-69 is unnecessary in Peak Oil times, environmentally destructive, and downright stupid besides. Tell the powers that be that the money for I-69 would be better spent repairing the bridges and roads we have, and building public transportation infrastructure. We don't need this boondoggle.

Doug Hanvey
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Bloomington MPO Letter

1 message

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Thu, Nov 3, 2011 at 3:00 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen;

Attached please find a letter related to the inclusion of the construction of Interstate 69 into the Bloomington Transportation Improvement Plan.

Thank you,

Matthew T. Meadors

President & CEO



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November 3, 2011



THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
SOUTHWEST INDIANA

Leading Businesses. Leading Communities.

Bloomington MPO Members
Bloomington City Hall - Showers Building
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Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana, our member firms, and the thousands of employees represented by these employers to encourage you to include the construction of Interstate 69 in your Transportation Improvement Plan.

The construction of Interstate 69 linking Evansville and the greater southwest quadrant of the State of Indiana to Indianapolis has been our chamber's longstanding top priority. The completion of Interstate 69 holds tremendous promise for southwest Indiana, and the entire state. We strongly believe it will be an economic driver, resulting in the creation and retention of desirable new jobs for our fellow citizens - now and for generations to come.

The highway will also provide a safer way for citizens from southwest Indiana to travel northward, with a projected 30,000 fewer serious crashes taking place over a twenty year period, resulting in 40,000 fewer injuries. The families of southwest Indiana - your fellow Hoosiers - deserve to have a safer way to visit Bloomington, Indianapolis, and other parts of their home state.

The highway will also significantly shorten the drive time from southwest Indiana to points north, reducing the drive time to Indianapolis for citizens from our region by approximately thirty minutes. This reduced travel time equals a savings of 5,000 vehicle-hours per day, or 640,000 vehicle hours per year. Over twenty years, the travel time savings for Evansville to Indianapolis trips alone will result in a savings of more than \$1.1 billion in driver-time vehicle operating costs. According to the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement, the benefits go on and on.

We could not be more pleased to see the construction of 65 miles of the highway underway. We urge you to include the construction of the highway into your Transportation Improvement Plan and work with all appropriate partners to ensure the highway is constructed as cost-effectively and efficiently as possible.

Respectfully,

Matthew T. Meadors
President & CEO



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

November 3, 2011

The Honorable Mitch Daniels
Governor of Indiana
Indianapolis, IN 46204

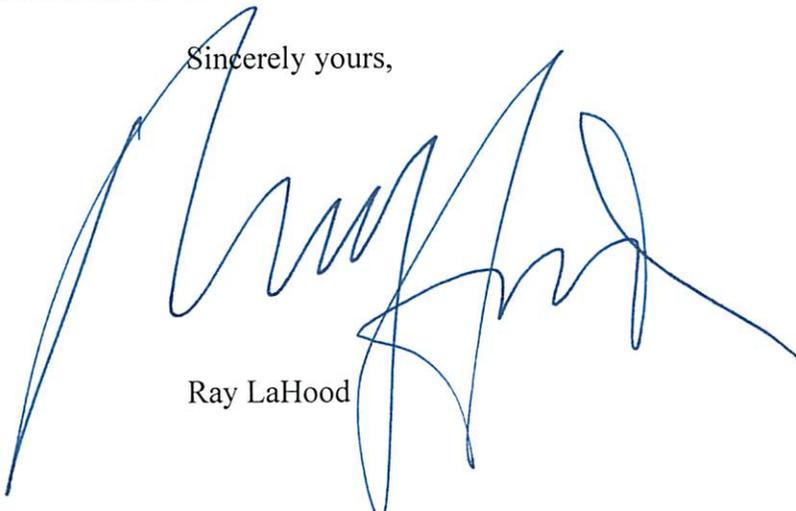
Dear Governor Daniels:

As we discussed, I understand that the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) Policy Committee will consider BMCMPPO's ongoing decision making with respect to certain portions of Interstate-69 (I-69), including a 1.7-mile segment of I-69 that would connect to Route 37 within the planning boundary of BMCMPPO.

It is my understanding that the State of Indiana has two options to construct this segment. The State of Indiana may choose to build this 1.7-mile segment using Federal-aid formula funds so long as BMCMPPO includes the construction of this segment in the Transportation Improvement Plan. However, if the State of Indiana builds this segment using only State funds, Federal planning laws would not apply.

I hope this helps clarify the options available to the State of Indiana. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,



Ray LaHood

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I-69

1 message

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Thu, Nov 3, 2011 at 4:29 PM

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November 3, 2011

MPO Policy Committee Members

This letter is to encourage you to vote in favor of including construction for Section 4 in the TIP. While there are those who still believe it is possible to stop construction through Monroe County, this is neither realistic, nor pragmatic. Given what's at stake, it would be an extreme disservice and negligence to the citizens of Monroe County for the MPO committee to ignore the consequences. The possibility that our local transit systems could lose a significant portion of its funding including funding for future infrastructure projects is a prime example of the consequence of not including I-69 in the TIP. It has been established that the state does not need inclusion in the TIP to build this section, so it seems that by not doing so we are only at risk of losing local funding while minimizing our opportunity for input on the portion that passes into Monroe County.

The MPO subcommittee sent 109 questions to INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. These were questions that the Policy Committee didn't feel had been adequately addressed. Those questions have been answered; further, Bob Tally, Indiana Division administrator of the Federal Highway Administration has presented the idea of a cooperative agency comprised of state, local, and federal representatives which would include more local input into the design of the highway. It is my hope that this idea can be further explored and if realized the MPO has a seat at the table and can be an asset to the process.

For medical device companies and patients, minutes can be crucial. It has been said that subtracting just a few minutes from travel time is not so important. I disagree. Those few extra minutes may be the critical few minutes for a patient who is dependent upon an emergency delivery of a product that could improve or perhaps save their life.

There are some Committee members who are philosophically opposed to this highway. Your voice has been heard, but now it's time to do the right thing for current and future citizens of Bloomington/Monroe County. I urge you to support this project and get involved in a positive way so that our local needs are best presented and considered in the design. In the same way the MPO wanted accountability and answers from state and federal highway representatives, CFC Properties is asking the same of you, to be accountable to the citizens of Monroe County. Your vote to include the plan for Section 4 in the TIP is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Jim

Jim Murphy

President

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Re: MPO's Decision Re Inclusion of I-69

1 message

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Dear MPO Policy Committee members,

I sent the e-mail below some weeks ago and still feel very strongly about this issue. In fact, I think the rationale to move forward now is even more compelling given the potential loss of not only transportation dollars for road/bridge improvements, etc. but public transit funds as well. While I can understand the rationale suggested by some that holding out on including I-69 in the TIP perhaps gives us leverage to negotiate items that are important to us in planning, I think there is a compelling counter risk that continuing to hold out and block moving forward on this will put INDOT in a reactive position that would result in eliminating or greatly reducing our go forward ability to have impact on design and implementation issues.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: MPO's Decision Re Inclusion of I-69

Dear MPO Policy Committee members,

I am writing to you today on behalf of our leadership team at the Cook Group of companies and also as Chairman of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation strongly requesting that you vote to include I-69 in our local Transportation Improvement Program.

I will be brief and to the point. I can list many reasons why completion of I-69 is important for our community, region and state. It is an important economic development and job creation stimulator. It is critical to the continued viability and strength of Crane, an asset of Bloomington, not just the region/state. And certainly it is important to Cook and other life sciences companies who manufacture products that need to get safely and effectively to transportation hubs in Indianapolis and beyond.

However, the debate over I-69 and its route has come and gone, the decisions to build it and the route it will take have been made. To continue to create roadblocks and fight against its inevitable construction hurts no one but our community and citizens. I know you are all well aware of the consequences of not including I-69 in the Bloomington Monroe County TIP (engineering, right-of-way and construction for section 4 at this point). \$30 million in potential lost federal funding for our community for much needed road improvements and maintenance is a significant concern and one that should not be taken lightly.

Bloomington is a wonderful community that we all love and cherish. Our diverse, innovative and creative community needs to be involved in the pending decisions about how I-69 is built. To run the risk of being marginalized from involvement in this process, other future opportunities as well as potential lost funding, is a risk that I strongly encourage you to avoid. Instead, I'd suggest we take a positive and practical approach to impact I-69's development and construction in the most beneficial manner for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Most Respectfully,

Dan Peterson

Vice President Industry & Government Affairs

Cook Group Incorporated
