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Letter to the Bloomington Herald Times

1 message

David Keppel <keppel@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Nov 5, 2011 at 10:12 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear Members of the MPO,

Thank you very much for your tireless work on I-69 and for taking time to hear public comment. You face a momentous decision, and I wish you all the best. I thought you might be interested in a letter I submitted to the Bloomington *Herald-Times*.

With appreciation and best wishes,

David

David Keppel
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To the Editor:

At the November 4 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization on I-69, the significant division on the committee was not over the merits of the road itself. Virtually all understand that the NAFTA superhighway would bring only noise and air pollution, damage to karst landscape and groundwater, together with fast food road stops in place of Bloomington's unique character. Just when this community is trying to plan for global warming and high fuel costs, we would be forced to accept the 1950s obsolete "future."

The real division on the committee was between those who accept this disaster as inevitable and those who reject it as unacceptable. The Indiana Department of Transportation is practicing extortion in threatening to block Federal funds for public transportation, even though it would be unable to apply these funds to I-69. As committee member Mark Stoops told INDOT's representative: If you want a dialogue, "stop holding a gun next to our head."

Inevitability is the last refuge of a system that is economically, environmentally, and politically bankrupt. Egyptians, Libyans, and Tunisians have overturned "inevitable" despotisms at risk of their lives. Can we show equal determination and civility in defense of our community?



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I-69

1 message

Denise Breeden-Ost <dbreeden@bluemarble.net>

Sun, Nov 6, 2011 at 10:59 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Hello, neighbors.

I would like to comment on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's decision--and future decisions--on the new-terrain I-69.

It seems to me that some of your conflicts over inevitability stem from not wanting to waste your efforts--or risk your funding--on a lost cause.

When I was a teenager, stressing out over how to save the world without wasting my efforts on lost causes, my dad used to quote the Talmud at me: "It is not incumbent upon thee to finish the task, but neither art thou free to desist from thy part in it." Obviously this problem has come up before. I don't think the question is whether you can "finish this task" and prevent the disaster that is I-69; your part in it is pretty straightforward. I hope you will do your part, and stand up for this community we all love. I'll do mine.

Peace

Denise Breeden-Ost



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I-69 From the mouth of the Federal Government

1 message

S Christopher Rollins <propilot3000@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 11:52 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

To all the members,

This is a quote from our own Federal Government on 8:44 am EST January 9, 2003 ABC RTV6

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Interior Department have both backed the U.S. 41/I-70 route, saying it would do the least amount of environmental damage and still meet the project's top aim of improving travel through southwestern Indiana."

I know that a nice road would be great for Crane, but this can be done by improving the road to North Entrance to Crane from Bloomington. This road is fine just needs a bit more attention that it has not been given in many years.

So the word regarding connectivity to CRANE from Indianapolis has not had issues over the years so why now. Fix and upgrade the road to Crane from Bloomington and there you go, a most improved way to get to Crane fro, Bloomington. You might improve the connection from 37 to 46 and this would also help the road to crane.. A lot less work and a lot less damage to people property and environment.

The US 41 to 71 is already designed and ready for heavy traffic and does not need much improvement and if 70 is going to get six lanes in the future than this is the BEST BEST option for the state of Indiana to get to Evansville.

DO NOT DESTROY MY INDIANA HOME

I have read many articles in the Times and they are not stating all the facts I suggest that the MPO put in the Times a full article stating the complete and HONEST EAGLE SCOUT HONEST facts so that the whole county can get the truth.

I highly motivate all of you NOT to let I-69 be built. STOP IT NOW before we all regret it later.

Keep Indiana and Monroe County Beautiful

Remember Bloomington is the TREE CITY USA, Keep the trees and no more concrete.

*-"Winners Never Cheat, even in tough times"
"Honor in Business is the most important thing"- Jon Huntsman*

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I-69

1 message

jana pereau <janapereau@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 5:56 PM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO members -

As new comers to Bloomington, we have had to play "catch-up" with the issue of I-69 (we arrived in August of this year). While doing so, we have fallen completely in love with Bloomington as a community and as a place to live. We are looking for land to purchase and build as carbon-free a house as we can. We are looking for lots in the central area so that we can walk and ride to as many destinations as possible - my husband already bikes to work at IU everyday, and we both bike everywhere in the core community and to the Y.

I-69 will only bring those inevitable and unenviable offspring that interstates always do: sprawl, strip development along the corridor (no one wants to live near an interstate or even play there), more traffic (studies have demonstrated that if you build it, they will come) and the accompanying noise and pollution.

We rode the train this weekend between Washington DC and NYC, and were struck - as we always are - at how different the landscape is when not viewed across four lanes, four shoulders, a median and the 100' setback. The land is completely denuded, hilltops removed, valleys filled, drainage disrupted, wildlife cut off from their necessary foraging lands. A barrens.

Alternatives always exist, if people are open-minded and work together in good faith. Bloomington and Monroe county have a strong history of environmental work that could be our legacy to our children and an example to the rest of the state - and the country. Why is a highway inevitable? Only when people decide that it is - we can find another way, a better way. Please work to make an alternative to I-69 "inevitable".

Sincerely,

M. Jana Pereau
Architect (ret.)



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Citizen Email, Voting Citizen, Longtime Bloomington Citizen

1 message

S Christopher Rollins <propilot3000@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 10, 2011 at 10:07 PM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

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To The MPO members,

Hello and good evening,

I have just got off the phone with a good friend who is a farmer in Texas who's land would be involved with the I 69 in Texas. He has told me that the folks in Texas would rather have the money go to protecting the border and protecting US Citizens in Texas from the Mexicans.. Here is a brief section of what is being said in Texas..

"Among the reasons people oppose the highway are suspicions it would be used for drug running.

...That it would be a toll road is another factor that aroused opposition. People also objected that a foreign company was involved."

But TxDOT is in trouble: as with the Indiana Department of Transportation (InDOT), it doesn't have the funding for I-69.

This is only some of the comments.

Texas is the starting point for this I 69 and if they don't have the backing then the I 69 project will not be connected. It is still up in the Air if the rest of the states are going to have the cash to build the road too. So should we start something that has other citizens in other states opposed to the I 69. The road may never get done because other states have not got on board yet with the project. So we would have a piece of a the road that GOES NOWHERE just like the Alaska BRIDGE.. Remember this bridge project...

Why not just finish the Highway 37 or use the US 41/I-70 Route because there will be less effort and better community connections with either one of the above routes. I say Indiana should finish what they started MANY MANY MANY years ago with highway 37. The studies are done, and many cities south of bloomington would love for the 37 to be completed all the way south.

Please do not allow this road to be built.

If you are worried about the money for the local community transportation, well the bloomington community built this this transportation, not the feds, we the people will always keep bloomington

functioning, not the FEDS or the state.

Remember that you all were put on the committee to look and help the people of this community, but you all were not place there to do your own bidding. YOU all are there to work and do the peoples or this monroe county communities needs, you have the obligation to listen and follow the majority of the Bloomington citizens.

DO NOT Let this road be built in OUR TOWN.

No I-69

Thank you

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**Federal Highway
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Indiana Division

November 16, 2011

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In Reply Refer To:
HDA-IN

Kent McDaniel, Chairman
Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
401 N. Morton Street, Suite 160
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Bloomington, IN 47402

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

I am writing to you regarding Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) views about the Bloomington /Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) Policy Board Meeting that occurred on Friday, November 4, 2011. As the Chair of the BMCMPPO, you have a challenging and important role to maintain a level of cooperation and civility during board meetings. It is my view that during this meeting that did not appear to have occurred. I admired your making it clear at the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting that the public should direct their comments only toward the pending amendment being considered. However, the public subsequently began engaging in personal attacks, accusations and even public ridicule. This was not only directed toward members of the Policy Board but even to the Indiana University Hospital representative, who was openly "hissed" by people in the audience. I do not believe tolerating such conduct helps encourage cooperation nor supports open comments from the public regardless of their position on a project.

It is my hope that the BMCMPPO Policy Board will work to maintain a level of respect and civility during their future meetings, and I want to offer my assistance in any way to help the BMCMPPO to achieve this goal. My efforts to answer numerous formal questions and follow up questions, engage in a face-to-face dialogue with the BMCMPPO Subcommittee demonstrates my commitment to improving relations with the Policy Board and to ensure that the "3-C" planning process is a reality. As a member of this Board, I want to express my commitment to work with the BMCMPPO Policy Board to cultivate a spirit of cooperation with INDOT as both entities need each other to address the current and future transportation needs in the BMCMPPO planning area.

If you wish to discuss this further, feel free to contact me at 317-226-7476.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Tally Jr.
Division Administrator
FHWA Indiana Division

cc:

Jack Baker, Bloomington Plan Commission President
David Drake, Ellettsville Town Council President
Lynn Coyne, Director of Real Estate-Indiana University
Kathy Eaton-McKalip, INDOT, Seymour Dist. Director
Susie Johnson, Public Works Director
Mark Kruzan, City of Bloomington Mayor
Richard Martin, Monroe County Plan Commission
Kent McDaniel, Bloomington Public Trans Corp
Patrick Murray, Citizens Advisory Committee (Chair)
Andy Ruff, City Council
Marisol Simon, Federal Transit Administration
Mark Stoops, Monroe County Commission President
Robert Tally, FHWA
Julie Thomas, Monroe County Council President
Bill Williams, Monroe County Highway Department Director
Michael Cline, INDOT Commissioner
Sam Sarvis, INDOT Deputy Commissioner
Jim Stark, INDOT Deputy Commissioner
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Josh Desmond, MPO Director/Assistant Director of Planning
Raymond Hess, Sr. Transportation Planner
Michelle Allen, FHWA



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November 18, 2011

Kent McDaniel, Chairman
Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
401 N Morton Street, Suite 160
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Bloomington, IN 47402

Dear Mr. McDaniel,

Like many Hoosiers, it is with great disappointment that I learned of the BMCMPPO's decision to table its vote to add the construction of Section 4 of I-69 to the MPO's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Likewise, after hearing about several of the disparaging remarks (directed towards the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and our industry partners) made by members of the general public, and members of the MPO's Policy Committee, I am compelled to contact you directly to make three points.

1. My employees deserved better treatment from the MPO Policy Committee at the November 4, 2011 Policy Committee meeting. I know this was not the first time my staff has been treated poorly at your MPO meetings. Frankly, it is shameful that you have not been capable of conducting public meetings in a manner that befits the importance of a cooperative transportation planning process, and common human decency. While we are not perfect, INDOT and our consultants working on the I-69 project have consistently interacted with the MPO and the general public in a professional, friendly, and cooperative manner. We expect to be treated in the same manner.

2. It is unfortunate that in 2011, the BMCMPPO Policy Committee has acted in a consistently uncooperative manner regarding Section 4 of I-69, and that the committee shows no indication that it intends to change behavior in the foreseeable future. That said, I urge the BMCMPPO to add the construction of Section 4 of I-69 to your TIP as soon as possible. By adding Section 4 of I-69 to the TIP, the BMCMPPO Policy Committee will be acting in the immediate and best interests of Bloomington residents and businesses that utilize and rely upon the current surface transportation system on a daily basis. By adding Section 4 of I-69 to the TIP, the BMCMPPO will serve notice it desires a healthy and cooperative relationship with INDOT, which provides INDOT the best opportunity to reciprocate. By not adding Section 4 of I-69 to the TIP, the MPO is sending a clear message to INDOT that we should consider spending our discretionary federal funds in other deserving planning partner communities across Indiana.

Kent McDaniel
November 18, 2011
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3. INDOT will continue to build Section 4 of I-69, and we anticipate our final contract letting in 2012.

Sincerely,


Michael B. Cline

Copy to:

Mark Kruzan, Mayor, City of Bloomington
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David Drake, Ellettsville Town Council President
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Tort Claim / Civil Law suit Notice
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Bloomington, Indiana

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Call For And petition For Grievance Nov, 4, 2011
13:30 Section 4 7-69 Meeting!
1st Amendment Grievance

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Grievance's order of the Meeting - short term, long term
Perceived Violation of the Elected And or Appointed person's
via Laws or Rules used By the Leadership UNCONSTITUTIONAL
As well UNETHICAL, Civil Rights Acts or Force Acts 1833-1871
14 Amendment 9 Amendment 2nd Amendment! Acts of ABUSES!

The Course of the Meetings the Leadership Sought to
UNJUSTLY Limit the enter Action of the use of the
1st Amendment Federal and state History and the Core View of
A representative Republic! My Concluded Request is the HAULTING
of the ABUSE of the 1st Amendment in such GENERAL Assembled
Meetings - I request use of writ of MANDAMUS so
ask to Respectfully uphold the Basic Views of REFERENDUM
style Voting so the will wished to Be A Act will
Be A Just Act For ALL EFFECTED as Like 2010 Mid term Cap
tax Vote! No more Mid DAY Meetings or Closed Door!

Writ of Mandamus, U.S. Title 42 Section 1983, 1985, Civil Rights
Acts 1833-1871? INDIANA Bill of rights Article 1 Section's 9,
23, 31. Open Meeting Laws.

The 1st Amendment is not a crime THAT is to Be Made One
By the Leadership Paid to via OATH to MAINTAIN it ALL!

This is A call For to HOLD A Election Vote For the
I-69 Matter Section 4!

Pro Se

Bruce Anderson
Friday 18th Nov

2011



Re: I-69 / Put It To A Vote

1 message

Keith Meyer <kmeyer.hoosier@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 17, 2012 at 3:02 PM

To: Andy Ruff <ruffa@bloomington.in.gov>

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When INDOT pulls all of your funding can we have it down in southern Indiana. We are pushing for a new I-67 to go along with I-69. Maybe we can convince INDOT to stop construction on the 45 bypass in Bloomington and put it towards I-67. Maybe we can stop money for the B-line and use it towards the section of I-69 you are just delaying since the state will just go ahead and pay for itself anyways.

Could you answer who funds Hoosier Environmental Council and the Environmental Law & Policy Center.

On 5/26/11, Andy Ruff <ruffa@bloomington.in.gov> wrote:

> Mr. Meyer,

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> Exactly what evidence can you cite that supports your claim that the
> majority of Monroe County residents favor I-69 through Bloomington and
> Monroe County? Though I may have missed something over the years, I am
> aware of no examples of indicators of majority of support for I-69 by Monroe
> County citizens. Public input to INDOT submitted as part of the Tier 1
> Draft EIS for I-69 contained comments by 21,873 people. Of those public
> comments 20,467 (94%) were opposed to the I-69 route through Monroe
> County. Of course those comments weren't all from Monroe County residents,
> but many were. At every public meeting held in Monroe County on I-69 where
> public comments were expressed, a strong majority of the citizens
> participating (usually 75 to 95%) have been opposed to I-69. This includes
> many meetings held over a period of a decade, with hundreds of citizens in
> attendance at several of the meetings. These include meetings sponsored by
> INDOT, by City government, County government, the local MPO, and more.

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> The majority of City and County elected officials are openly opposed to
> I-69, many of them aggressively opposed to it. Several have made opposition
> to I-69 one of the major planks in their campaign platform. The Mayor is
> formally opposed to it, and has won the past two elections by huge margins.
> The City Council, the County Commissioners, and the County Council are all
> on record as representative elected bodies having passed resolutions
> opposing I-69. This seems strange if in fact the majority of citizens
> support I-69, don't you think? The Herald-Times used to take informal polls
> each year at the County Fair (a demographic sampling location that I believe
> is relatively pro-I-69 compared to the City and County overall population),

> and, though I could be mistaken (though I don't believe I am) I think that
> even those polls (worded and conducted by the pro-I69 H-T) failed to show
> majority support for I-69. Even in Evansville, the supposed center of
> support for I-69, objective polls taken have not shown strong support for
> I-69. A state representative from Evansville did a poll of his constituents
> some years ago to try and gauge where they were at on I-69, and he found
> about 1/3 support for the Bloomington new-terrain route, 1/3 support for the
> US41/I-70 Terre Haute upgrade route, and 1/3 who didn't care at all because
> they said it was not important. I can find out who that representative was
> if you like. I think I can even get the poll results. I could go on, but I
> believe you get the idea. Please let me know if you have arguments and
> evidence to the contrary - I would be very interested in hearing them. I do
> agree with you that it would be interesting to see this question on the
> ballot, but I'm not sure how that would be done.

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> The "committee" I assume you are referring to is our local MPO policy
> committee that recently voted to approve our 2012-2015 Transportation
> Improvement Program without including I-69. This committee is made up
> primarily of City and County elected officials, some appointed City and
> County officials, an Ellettsville official, local transit managers, and a
> representative of Indiana University, one from INDOT, and a citizen
> representative. I'm not sure what you mean by this group representing
> "their own personal interests and not the community's", or exactly what
> "interests" they have that you might be talking about, unless it might be
> their interest in getting re-elected (the elected officials on the MPO) in
> which case logic dictates that they would be voting the way they believe the
> public wants them to vote.

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> I see that you have moved to Jasper - a wonderful community. My brother
> Mike is a pediatrician there. It's kind of neat that you moved from one of
> the absolute most livable and economically thriving Indiana cities
> (Bloomington) to another of the state's most livable and economically
> thriving communities (Jasper), and in of all places Southwest Indiana, and
> with neither one on an interstate highway - indeed with Jasper not even on a
> four-lane divided highway of any kind at all.

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> Good evening to you,

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> Andy Ruff
> Bloomington City Council and MPO member
> On Wed, May 25, 2011 at 12:20 PM, Stacy Rhoads
> <rhoadss@bloomington.in.gov>wrote:

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>> All --

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>> The Council was copied in on the following e-mail to the MPO. The writer
>> lives in Jasper.

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>> ----- Forwarded message -----
>> From: Keith Meyer <kmeyer.hoosier@gmail.com>
>> Date: Tue, May 24, 2011 at 12:38 PM
>> Subject: I-69 / Put It To A Vote
>> To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov
>> Cc: mmaloney@heraldt.com, council@bloomington.in.gov,
>> mayor@bloomington.in.gov
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>> I moved away from Monroe County a few years ago and I just want to
>> state that the comment from one of the committee members stating there
>> is overwhelming opposition to I-69 passing through Monroe County by
>> the residents of the county is simply not true.
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>> The truth is there is a VERY small minority stating they are
>> representing all the residents of Monroe County.
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>> The majority of residents in Monroe County want I-69.
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>> How about putting it on the ballot in November? Are you for or against
>> I-69 passing through Monroe County?
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>> Once and all put it to an end and show that the few people stating
>> they are speaking for the majority are in fact delusional.
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>> A committee such as yours that is actually representing their own
>> personal interests and not the community should be disbanded and
>> replaced by a group whom has not already formed its opinion.
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>> By the way the only thing I miss about Bloomington are the EVIL BIG
>> BOX STORES and national chain restaurants.
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I-69

1 message

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Tue, Feb 7, 2012 at 2:36 PM

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To the Officials,

As the head of a highly regulated communications company, I can say I have gone through many changes. Changes can be good or bad but changes offer a challenge. When change comes there are options. If you don't go with change, you wither and die. If you go with change early enough, you can learn how the change will affect you and even make decisions for growth and improvement based on those facts. If you change for the sake of change, you really have done nothing because you don't have a plan. Which option is Bloomington and Monroe County taking?

You have known for many months that I-69 was coming and you have had ample time to talk about this and how these changes can better Monroe County instead of wasting everyone's time over issues that can produce no positive results. You are only looking at Bloomington and not the small towns and communities that lie within Monroe County. You may be determined to flex your muscle but in the end those revenue losses to our county will put us back into a different age. Do you really want Bloomington and the County to be a joke? During this time, you have also stalled projects for the town of Ellettsville and perhaps even Stinesville. Smithville and Harrodsburg.

As a company with national recognition, we would rather see planned growth with **common sense** rather than tunnelled visioned officials whom, it is said, would be happy with dirt roads. No one said we have to like change but large amounts of it we do have to accept for the betterment of communities and yes for growth.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Darby A. McCarty

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Raymond Hess <hessr@bloomington.in.gov>

I-69

1 message

Antonia Matthew <antonia.matthew@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 19, 2012 at 4:33 PM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO

I wish that I could attend the meeting on Friday but I cannot.

But I do oppose I-69 coming through Bloomington for all the reasons that have been stated and restated.

It is going to damage the environment -- animals, plants, water table, people's dwellings, etc,etc,

It is going to cost Bloomington in maintenance of feeder roads and law enforcement.

It is not going to bring real jobs to Bloomington but will drain commerce away from the city.

It appears that neither INDOT or the Federal Highway people are interested in the local impact or working with us, or even listening to us.

Whatever happens, I know that you are all trying to do the best for Bloomington and Monroe County; please try and get us a valid seat at the table so that we have input on what is being done to us.

Thank you all again for the time and energy you have devoted to this problem.

sincerely,

Antonia Matthew



Raymond Hess <hessr@bloomington.in.gov>

I 69 Comment

1 message

barbara bonchek <bbonchek@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 23, 2012 at 7:33 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO,

I have been quietly watching what has been happening with I69 coming through our beautiful and pristine Southern Indiana and then cutting through our wonderful Bloomington community. We need to remember why we all chose to live in this wonderful area. We live here because of the beauty and fantastic aspects of our local area. We can get where we want by maybe taking just a little more time. By saying a new mega highway will improve upon this is ludicrous. It will split our community, bring a huge amount of potentially dangerous and polluting traffic to our area, break up important access to our local road system, and have a major negative impact on our fragile karst system. I live on a farm in Greene County on top of karst. We depend on a well so the underground water system is very important to us. The sink holes are everywhere and I continually see how fragile it can become in a heartbeat overnight. To build a road through karst is just not a good idea. I am very surprised that the I69 engineers think this is ok to do.

Let's step back a bit, see the reality of what is happening and understand that we are pawns in a big picture of consumption and wastefulness. We are not the ones who will benefit from this road. The folks from Kentucky are the smart ones. They saw that they did not need a new terrain highway and intend to use existing highways for the continuance of I69. The age of the NAFTA highway is also not a viable reality anymore. Why should we work to send products and jobs elsewhere when we have the ability to keep it all on our own soil.

Let's work together to keep our beautiful Southern Indiana intact and remain a place we want to be for the rest of our lives, and not a place through which to just drive. Let's save our heritage and fragile land and move the highway to existing roads if improved transportation is our goal. As fuel for our vehicles continues to raise, who wants to drive much anyway?

Thanks for this opportunity to speak my opinion. I trust you will do the right thing and protect our beautiful Southern Indiana land. We can stand up to big government who are using this road as a political means to their own advantage.

Sincerely,
Barb Bonchek



Raymond Hess <hessr@bloomington.in.gov>

regarding today's meeting

1 message

ccedge@alumni.iu.edu <ccedge@alumni.iu.edu>

Fri, Feb 24, 2012 at 7:19 AM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO of Bloomington:

I'd like to throw in my voice with those of reason who are against the building of I-69. I hope that you will continue to hold out against the mighty pressures of the state, as you so courageously have thus far!

To build such a highway as I-69 in this day and age is catastrophic for Indiana for two big reasons: the age of gasoline-powered individual transportation has run its course and we are in the last gasp (almost literally as well as figuratively!) of big highways; also the funding that would go for that stuck-in-the-past concept will be lost to maintaining the current transport infrastructure that we must keep safe and usable as we transition into the next phase of realistic transportation. The MPO and this city have the imagination, the conceptual power, and the will to hold out and, then, choose a wiser course for our citizens. We can -- probably in the short-range future -- show the state and the nation that local government, local citizens, can do the right thing, even under the immense pressure of those who wield gigantic (but truly unwarranted) power over our lives for their profit!

Thank you for considering my statement.

Sincerely,
Carol Edge

P.S. My apologies if you receive this twice! My email is wacky right now. :(

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Keep I-69 Outta Here!

1 message

Doug Hanvey <hanvey@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 24, 2012 at 12:47 PM

To: mpo@bloomington.in.gov

Dear MPO Members:

I am unable to attend the meeting today (February 24) about I-69. In lieu of attending, I am writing you to speak out against I-69. Please please PLEASE say "NO" to I-69. Don't allow Bloomington to be blackmailed by INDOT etc. I-69 is a stupid and destructive waste, and unnecessary in the current economy. The money should be spent on our current roads and bridges, if at all.

We don't need this boondoggle!

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