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I-69 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS TO SHOWCASE STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNICAL TOOLS

INDIANAPOLIS – The draft Purpose and Need Statement for the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Environmental Impact Study will be the focus of another round of public involvement meetings in May. The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Martinsville: Monday, May 7, Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St.
- Oakland City: Tuesday, May 8, Wood Memorial High School, 943 S. Franklin St.
- Sullivan: Wednesday, May 9, Sullivan High School, 902 N. Section St.

Each meeting will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will follow a set format. At 6:00 p.m., the doors will open with the public invited to view four displays describing some of the study's important findings and the state-of-the-art technical tools used in the study.

The Indianapolis -Evansville Linkage display - will portray the results of the analysis showing that Evansville, overall, has the worst transportation connection to Indianapolis of any major metropolitan area in Indiana

The Travel Model display - will feature the statewide travel model, emphasizing the results, which are found in the Draft Purpose and Need Statement

The Geographic Information System (GIS) display - will describe how GIS will be used in the upcoming impacts analysis. This display will include a brief program, illustrating the capabilities of the GIS technology

The Regional Economic Results display - will present the major findings related to economic need. This display will illustrate counties with high rates of poverty, low income households, and unemployment

The displays will remain open for the entire evening.

At 7:00 p.m., members of the study team will present the essential findings in the draft Purpose and Need Statement. The draft Purpose and Need Statement and a separate executive summary can be downloaded from the study Web site (www.I69indyevn.org). Copies of the executive summary can be obtained by calling the project hotline 877-INDY-EVN (877-463-9386).

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From 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., individuals can address the audience to offer suggestions regarding the draft Purpose and Need Statement. Because hundreds of people have attended past meetings, each speaker will be limited to two minutes. Also, the order in which people speak will be assigned randomly using a lottery system; not on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Individuals wishing to speak must register when they arrive.

People who have ideas to share but cannot attend the public involvement meetings can submit their comments in three other ways:

- by calling the 24-hour toll-free project hotline, 877-INDY-EVN (877-463-9386)
- by visiting the project Web site: www.I69indyevn.org and leaving an e-mailed comment
- by writing a letter to: Lyle Sadler

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