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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS TO REVIEW I-69 ALTERNATIVES

INDIANAPOLIS – The five alternatives for the extension of I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis will be the focus of a round of three public involvement meetings in November. The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Tuesday, November 6: Linton High School Cafetorium
10 N.E. H St.
Linton, IN
- Wednesday, November 7: Center Grove High School Cafeteria
2717 S. Morgantown Rd.
Greenwood, IN
(Located at Johnson County roads 500 W 'Morgantown Rd.' and 700 N 'Stones Crossing Rd.')
- Thursday, November 8: Washington High School Auditorium
608 E. Walnut St.
Washington, IN

Each meeting will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will follow a set format consistent with recent public involvement meetings. At 6:00 p.m., the doors will open with the public invited to view displays describing some of the study's findings. The displays will remain open for the entire evening.

At 7:00 p.m., members of the study team will report on the screening results, which reduced the 14 route concepts to five alternatives, which will receive detailed environmental study in the coming months. The screening report and a map of the alternatives advanced for more study can be downloaded from the study Web site (www.I69indyevn.org).

From 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., individuals can publicly comment on the screening results. Because hundreds of people have attended past meetings, each speaker will be limited to two minutes. In addition, 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.

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People who have thoughts 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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