



MEETING SUMMARY

MILTON-MADISON BRIDGE PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing – January 14, 2010

The Milton-Madison Bridge Project team held a public hearing (the fourth public meeting for the project) on January 14, 2010, at the new Milton Elementary School in Milton, KY. A total of 173 public attendees signed in at the meeting. An additional 24 project team members were present, including KYTC, INDOT, FHWA and consultant staff.

The meeting started with an open house at 6:30 p.m., with a presentation at 7:00 p.m. A formal comment period followed the presentation; then the open house was resumed and lasted until about 8:30 p.m. Project team members were available to answer questions and provide information about the exhibits.

The following exhibits were provided at the meeting: Purpose and Need, details of the Proposed Action and Ferry Service, Section 106 Resources, and Section 4(f) Resources. An aesthetic preference survey was provided for input on the bridge color and abutment texture and Public Comment Forms were provided for additional input. A court reporter was on site to document verbal comments from attendees.

Jack Couch gave the welcome and introduced the project team by groups.

Tim Sorenson provided an overview of where the project started; the Purpose and Need for the project; alternatives considered; and details of the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is to replace the truss superstructure on the existing piers. A free ferry service will be provided between Milton and Madison during the closure to maintain the connection between communities. Tim also described the impacts that would result from the project and outlined the proposed mitigation measures to offset these effects.

Following the presentation, attendees were invited to provide input through a variety of measures. At the meeting, participants could make a formal statement before the entire audience, share comments during a one-on-one conversation with the court reporter, or fill in a written comment sheet. After the meeting, written comments could be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the project team. An electronic link to submit comments was added to the project website.

Comments from audience members included the following; a verbatim transcript is attached to this summary:

- Reverend Wayne Mahoney: Milton and Madison need a new, four-lane bridge from Jefferson Street to I-71, with a spur to Carrollton. It is important to consider the future; the improved route will provide new life to Milton, Bedford, Madison, and Trimble County.
- Phil Mullins: The project team should reevaluate the proposed helicopter service for medical emergencies and consider providing a water ambulance instead.
- Steve McAtee: The project team needs to be honest and open about the inspection reports, the ferry service, the economic impacts, and the strength of the aging piers. The economic impacts are too high – can we stand to lose 697 jobs to push the bridge through quickly?
[Note: Tim offered to discuss these points following the formal comment period to clear up any confusion.]

- David Myers: I work in Madison and live in Milton; being able to cross the bridge daily is important. The drive around to Markland is cost prohibitive and I don't think the ferry service will work. Both approaches to the bridge are horrible; rebuilding the bridge in its current location won't address these safety problems. Stimulus money represents our tax dollars. We need a new bridge somewhere else.
- Bob Yowler: We need a new bridge but have to be realistic about costs. Emergency medical access needs to be considered. I'm worried about the decrease in revenue for Milton, and the change in residency and shopping habits that will result from the closure. Safety improvements are needed along KY 36. This project represents an opportunity for the communities; we should seek stimulus money for innovation and development in Trimble County.
- Tim Ralston: We need a new bridge, not to waste more money and energy on another old-style bridge. The old piers are not safe to reuse.
- Kline Barnes: The increased travel distance to Markland leads to increased costs, time, and emissions. Our local officials have promised us a new bridge since the 1990s – we would have a new bridge in place today if we had reached consensus then.
- Aaron Bebout: Putting a heavier structure on the existing piers isn't going to work. Drilling all the way through the piers to test them made them weaker. A bridge at Jefferson Street would meet the needs of trucks. Ferry Street is too restrictive for trucks.
- Joe Newby: The look of the bridge should be designed for the future, not looking to the past. We would like to see some of the construction jobs reserved for local workers. The economic impacts do not match the cost of the bridge. The core of a large concrete pour is the strongest part but it takes a long time to cure. The pier cores out there today may last another 100 years because they have cured and were built to last.
- Cletus Gibson: Can you assure us that local workers will get to work on the construction portion of the job?

Tim S. invited the public to visit the information stations after the presentation for further discussion of the Proposed Action or EA. Three additional comments were recorded at the court reporter station:

- Sue Fisher: I support the bridge project.
- Corey Murphy: Build the bridge.
- Pastor Ben Colburn: I'm a pastor in Milton and half of my congregation comes from Indiana. Providing one ferry on weekends during the closure will affect our church's attendance and finances and will take years for recovery. It's going to close churches in Trimble County.

Following the formal comment period, the open house was resumed and lasted until about 8:30 p.m. A total of three comment forms and eight aesthetic surveys were returned as of February 1, 2010; copies of these items are included in the public hearing notebook, available through the KYTC Division of Highway Design or the KYTC Division of Planning.

PUBLIC MEETING #4 ATTENDEES

Project Team

Name	Organization
Greg Rawlings	FHWA
Jeff Smith	FHWA
Janice Osadcuk	FHWA
Eryn Fletcher	FHWA
Andrea Clifford	KYTC
Tim Foreman	KYTC
Gary Valentine	KYTC
Andy Barber	KYTC
Marvin Jenkins	INDOT
Mary Jackman	INDOT
Ben Lawrence	INDOT
Brad Johnson	Wilbur Smith Associates
Robert Ball	Wilbur Smith Associates
John Carr	Wilbur Smith Associates
John Mettill	Wilbur Smith Associates
Rebecca Thompson	Wilbur Smith Associates
Tim Sorenson	Wilbur Smith Associates
Samantha Wright	Wilbur Smith Associates
Harry Fox	Wilbur Smith Associates
Aaron Stover	Michael Baker Jr. Engineers
JB Williams	Michael Baker Jr. Engineers
Greg Stiles	Michael Baker Jr. Engineers
Kathy Francis	Doe Anderson
Jack Couch	KIPDA

Other Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Aaron Bebout	Madison Truck and Transfer
Albert Powers Jr	A-Z Lawn & Garden
Barclay Hudson	
Ben Colburn	Milton Wesleyan Church
Betsey Liston	
Bob Canida	
Bob Eckhart	
Bob Mosher	
Bob Yowler	Morgan Drug Store
Brian Schoester	EHI Consultants
Brittney Dicken	
Bruce Perry	
Bryan Taylor	
C Turner	
Camille Fife	
Carla Goins	Trimble Co Schools, PAG
Casey Bloos	WDRX/WXGO
Chad Modesitt	HNTB

Charles Combest	
Charles Wentworth	
Charlie Cochran	
Cheston A Rowlett	
Chris Liter	
Cletus Gibson	
Col. Glenn A Fisher	Bedford Loan & Deposit Bank
Corey Murphy	PAG
Cris Sauer	
Cynthia Smoots	
Dan Prevost	Parsons
Daniel W Herring	HW Lochner, Inc.
Danny Henderson	
Danny Sachleben	
Darlene Frymes	
Darrell Coffin	
Darrell Henderson	Madison City Council
David Hommel	
David Myers	
Denny Jackson	Mayor of Milton
Deward Wilson	
Diana Clifford	
Don Ward	Round About Madison
Donald Clifford	
Donald Hughes	
Dow Sommer	Rotay Lift
Ed Coombs	IKRCC
Ed Freeman	
Ed Henley	
Erica Soule	
Ernie Harris	Senate
Fred Farley	
Gale Liter	
Gayle Brown	Census Bureau
Glen Powell	TCSO
Glenn Perkins	
Gordon Weston	
Grant Butters	
Greg Groves	URS
Guy Gene Cutshaw	
Helen Moore	
Jake Stremmel	HNTB
James C Jones	
James Overton	Overton Farms, PAG
James Puckett	
James Robertson	
James Wilkins	M&M Cartage
Janet Dierkes	
Jerry Hall	
Jerry Harmon	Milton Commissioner

Jim Whicker	
Joe Newby	
John Hillery	
John M Biesen	Disable Vet Retire
Judy Lockett	
Kathryn Suer	
Kenneth Hall	
Kenny Penick	
Kevin Dent	URS
Kevin Watkins	Madison Area Chamber of Commerce
Kline Barnes	Barnes Oil & S&K Property
L.F. Stephenson	
Larry Collins	KYDOT
LeAnne Adams	
Les Healy	
Lewis P Angotti	
Linda Hommel	
Linda Lytle	Madison Ave CVB
Lisa L Stewart	
Liz Palmquist	Congress
Lori Davis (Adams)	
Lou James	Milton City Commissioner
Louis Alexander	
Lucas Soule	
Lynda Perry	
Marcia H Dunaway	Trimble Co Board
Marcia Snyder	
Margaret Seifert	
Margaret Taylor	
Marie Robertson	
Mark Fisher	Madison Regatta
Mark Thompson	
Martha Sykes	
McKenzie Combs	
Michael Barnes	Barnes Oil
Michael Perkinson	
Michael Terhune	
Mike Andrisko	
Mike Brand	Madison Regatta
Mike Stuart	
Mort Copeland	
Nathaniel Adams	PAG
Nolan Hamilton	PAG
Norvel Barnes	
Pamela Craig	Tri-County Community Action
Patrica McLaughlin	
Patrick Gourley	
Paul Hassfurder	
Pete Backus	Madison City Council
Pete Roden	Hibbett Sports

Peter Woodburn	PAG
Phil Mullins	
Phil Seuer	Seuer Storey
Phyllis Brown	
Phyllis McLaughlin	Trimble banner
PJ Shelley	
Ralph Vogel	
Randall Embry	KIPDA
Rev. Chad Adamik	St Peter Lutheran Church
Rev. Wayne Mahoney	Mt Taber Wesleyan Church
Richard Dickie	
Rick Berry	Madison City Council
Robert E Stewart	
Robert Schirmer	Schirmer Farms
Robert Shelley	
Rodney T Ashby	
Roger Allman	KDH, PAG
Ron Harper	
Saluatore Rappa	KYDOT
Sam Snyder	Richwood Inn
Sara Barnes	Barnes Oil
Sara Denhart	The Madison Courier
Sarah Whicker	
Shannon R Hoskins	City of Milton
Sherry Boldery	
Shirley Coffin	
Shirley Hamilton	
Stephen Mathewes	FHI Consultants
Steven McAtee	Madison Auto Service
Sue Fisher	PAG
Sue Stephens	
Susan Rappa	KYDOT
Susanne Buchanan	
Tabatha Sidell	
Tim Ralston	
Tommy Storey	
Vicki Perkinson	
Virginia Jorgensen	Cornerstone Society HDBR
Warren Auxier	PAG
Wayne Kyle	
Windell Leach	