



MILTON-MADISON BRIDGE PROJECT TO HOLD FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Louisville, Ky. – (January 26, 2009) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will conduct the first public meeting of the Milton-Madison Bridge Project. The meeting will be held February 12, 2009, at Brown Gymnasium, 100 Broadway St., in Madison, Ind., from 6:00-8:30 p.m. A presentation and public polling exercise begins at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and provide feedback on the project.

The meeting schedule includes:

Milton-Madison Bridge Project Public Meeting	
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Information Fair
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Presentations & Electronic Preference Polling
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Information Fair Continues

The meeting begins with an Information Fair providing project details to the public. “We will have manned stations set up around the gym, giving people the chance to ask questions about the project in an informal setting,” said Project Manager John Carr of Wilbur Smith Associates.

One station is devoted to explaining the Milton-Madison Bridge Project’s “Purpose and Need.” “Detailing Purpose and Need for the project plays an important role in meeting federal requirements that help the project move forward,” said Gary Valentine, KYTC project manager. “The Purpose and Need document provides justification that a problem currently exists and explains how the project could remedy that problem.”

The public will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on possible bridge location alternatives. Maps showing potential alignments will be on display.

Following the Information Fair, project managers will use electronic preference polling to gauge public sentiment on a variety of bridge characteristics such as shape, height and symmetry.

KYTC and INDOT announced the kickoff of the Milton-Madison Bridge Project in August 2008. The project is examining the need for the rehabilitation or replacement of the aging US 421 span with an affordable Ohio River bridge that safely connects the communities of Milton, Ky., and Madison, Ind. Goals for the project, which is expected to take three years and \$5 million to complete, include selection of a bridge location, identification of affordable bridge types and the completion of a federal environmental study.

In the event of inclement weather, meeting cancellation information will be made available to the local media and on the project Web site at MiltonMadisonBridge.com, or by calling 859-254-5759 extension 269.

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