

US 31W Access Management Study Public Involvement Plan

Public involvement has become an integral part of transportation studies. Public involvement gives stakeholders and the general public a sense of ownership to a study and the solutions that result. It fosters better communication and coordination among all parties involved. It expands the universe of alternatives examined and ensures that the most appropriate solution is found.

I. Objectives

This Public Involvement Plan documents the public involvement process that will be integrated into the US 31W Access Management Study. Objectives of the Plan are:

- Foster participation, communication, coordination and support among stakeholders, business owners and the general public
- Promote an understanding of access management principles and the overall study through education and outreach

II. Elements

The following key elements compose the US 31W Public Involvement Plan

A. Develop Advisory Group

An advisory group will be developed that will serve to provide guidance and input to the study, as well as to provide information for the Consultant. The group will consist of representatives from the KYTC, MPO, and other stakeholders. Following is a list of organizations to be represented on the group and their contact persons:

Mr. Gary Raymer	Chief District Engineer, KYTC District 4
Ms. Patty Dunaway	Dept. of Planning Branch Mgr., KYTC District 4
Mr. Barry House	Transportation Eng. Specialist, KYTC Div. of Planning
Mr. Ed Poppe	Director, Elizabethtown Planning and Development
Mr. Chris Hunsinger	Director, Hardin County Planning and Development
Mr. Robert Bush	City Engineer, City of Elizabethtown
Mr. Murray Wanner	City Planner, City of Radcliff
Mr. Steve Barno	Zoning Administrator, City of Radcliff
Mr. Harold Brown	Director, City of Radcliff Public Works Dept.
Mr. Danny Allen	Hardin County Road Supervisor
Mr. Joe Yates	Fort Knox Environmental Management Division
Mr. Jon Ballard	Trans. Director, Elizabethtown Independent Schools
Mr. Larry Fohl	Trans. Director, Hardin County Schools
Mr. Mike Hall	Owner, Transportation Management Systems, LLC
Mr. Steve Willett	Owner, T & W Office Products
Mr. Carl Swope	Swope Auto Center

B. Advisory Group Meetings

These meetings will be coordinated with meetings of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee. Four advisory group meetings will be held. General content of the meetings will be as follows:

- #1 Introduce the project and problems, present existing conditions, and begin to discuss access management.
- #2 Present examples of how access management principles can be implemented within the corridor. Based on existing conditions and input from the first public meeting, present applications of access management techniques that can be implemented and receive feedback from the group.
- #3 Present refined recommendations for access management techniques to be applied in the corridor and make recommendations for specific retrofit projects. Receive feedback from the advisory group.
- #4 Present final recommendations for the access management plan, including specific retrofit projects.

C. Educational Brochure

Develop a brochure to serve as an educational and informational tool about access management. The purpose of the brochure will be to educate stakeholders and the public about the study and about access management in general. The brochure will be a single sheet, double-sided, foldable document, at a maximum size of 8 ½ inches by 14 inches. A hard copy original and electronic version in PDF format will be provided to the LTADD.

D. Public Meetings

Two public meetings will be held. Both will be targeted toward stakeholders, but will be open to the public. With assistance from the LTADD and KYTC District 4 office, a database of stakeholders, including contact persons and address information, will be developed. A direct-mail postcard announcing the meetings will be sent. Both meetings will be held in easily-accessible public locations.

Public Meeting #1 will be held near the end of the first quarter of the study. Its purpose will be to educate the public on access management and its benefits, present the existing state of the corridor, and obtain public input.

Public Meeting #2 will be held during the last quarter of the study. Its purpose will be to present the access management plan and recommended retrofit projects and to obtain input on these.

E. Local Business Survey

A survey of businesses that front US 31W will be conducted. The survey will help to identify concerns and issues of business owners, but will also serve to educate owners on the importance and benefit of access management. Results of the survey will be tabulated and presented to the advisory committee.

F. Presentation to MPO Policy Committee

A presentation will be made to the LTADD MPO Policy Committee. The presentation will include the reason for the study, existing and projected future conditions, access management principles, results of the study, and recommendations.

G. Workshop

A one-day workshop will be led by the LTADD for the purpose of educating local planning and zoning officials on access management principles, objectives, tools, and benefits. The workshop will include the discussion of local access management guidelines and ordinances, including how they pertain to the decision making process. The Consultant will have a supporting role in the workshop.

H. News Media Interview

An interview with a local newspaper will be held for the purpose of developing a news story on the US 31W Access Management Study.

I. Web Site

A Web site for the project will be developed and maintained by the LTADD. The Consultant shall produce deliverables and other relevant informational materials in PDF format for inclusion on the Web site. The Web site shall include a link for comments from the public.

III. Schedule

The following are anticipated dates for public involvement activities:

Activity	Completed By
Develop Study Advisory Group	September 30, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting #1	Mid-October, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting #2	Mid-February, 2006
Advisory Group Meeting #3	Mid-April, 2006
Advisory Group Meeting #4	Mid-June, 2006
Develop Educational Brochure	November 16, 2005
Public Meeting #1	Mid-November, 2005
Public Meeting #2	Mid-July, 2006
Conduct Local Business Survey	November 18, 2005
Presentation to MPO Policy Committee	Mid-July, 2006
Access Management Workshop	Mid-May, 2006
News Media Interview	Mid-November, 2005
Web Site	Duration of Project