

Bright 74 Study: Does Area Have Transportation Problem? Take A Survey

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Robin Bancroft (left), strategic planning manager for OKI Regional Council of Governments, discusses the Bright 74 Study with visitors at an open house event on Wednesday, February 17. Photo by Mike Perleberg, Eagle Country 99.3.

(St. Leon, Ind.) – A steady line of people filtered into the first Bright 74 Study public open house Wednesday evening.

The OKI Regional Council of Governments hosted the event at East Central High School in an effort to gauge the need for either a new road or improving existing roads in the Bright area. Robyn Bancroft, OKI's project manager for the Bright 74 Study, says the first phase is to determine what the transportation problem in the Bright area are.

“So that’s the whole purpose of this study. It’s to look at what are the needs, what are possible solutions. Is it a new roadway? Is it fixing exiting roads? Is it a combination of both? And its vetted through the public who have the ability to weigh in through the whole process,” Bancroft said.

After viewing data maps and speaking with Bancroft and other OKI representatives, attendees were asked to take an electronic survey. OKI is asking citizens in Dearborn County and the surrounding area

who didn't make it to the open house to complete the survey online at bright74.oki.org (<http://bright74.oki.org/>). The survey is available online for the next 30 days.

A second open house for the Bright 74 Study is being planned for June. An exact date, time, and location will be announced leading up to the meeting. A third public meeting should take place before the end of the year.

The Bright 74 Study was born of an idea by Dearborn County Commissioner and OKI president Kevin Lynch: to build a new road from Bright to the Interstate 74 ramp in West Harrison. That doesn't necessarily mean that a new connector road will be the endgame. Lynch spoke more about the project **in an interview with Eagle Country 99.3 on Wednesday** (<http://eaglecountryonline.com/local-article/update-bright-74-study-public-open-house-wednesday/>).



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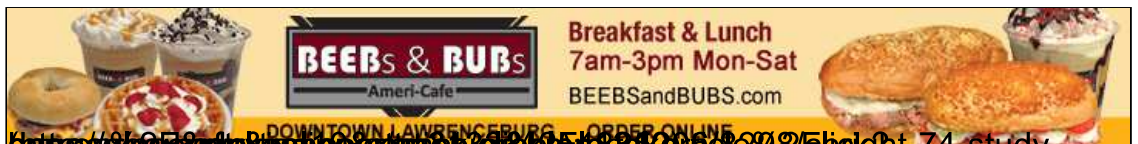
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Great idea! Let's bring in more traffic, including commercial vehicles, into town and the outlying areas so they can travel on the already established roads that can barely handle the traffic it has. If you drive a truck or semi on Stateline or N. Dearborn Rd, you're already consuming the road stripe to stripe. If one wants to make the argument that the area needs more commercial business or access you would need to reinforce and strengthen the CURRENT roads that we have to support the influx. You cannot build a mansion on a sand dune.

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