Bright 74

Phase Three (July 23, 2016 – October 14, 2016)

Public Comment Summary Report

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Overview

Public Involvement Objectives

The objectives for the Bright 74 Study's public involvement and outreach efforts are:

- To provide multiple opportunities for stakeholders and the public to review Studyrelated information and obtain updates on the progress being made to identify and evaluate the feasible transportation alternatives to improve connectivity between the Bright, Indiana area and the I-74 corridor
- To provide stakeholders and the public with multiple opportunities through which they can provide feedback to the Study Team
- To update community members who may have participated in previous planning efforts, while identifying and reaching out to new, previously untapped community members and stakeholders
- To hold three formal public meetings during the 12-month Study. Dates and locations will be posted on OKI's website and shared through numerous other public channels as soon as the information is available. Every public meeting will be followed by a 30-day public comment period with all information available on the website (<u>Bright74.oki.org</u>)

Purpose of this Document

OKI views comprehensive, strategic stakeholder outreach and public involvement as essential to the success of the Bright 74 Study. As such, this Public Comment Summary Report has been developed to record public involvement activities undertaken and the input received during the third or final of three phases of the Study process.



Phase Three Documents

Phase Three of the Bright 74 Study can be summarized as the *Alternative Concept and Final Recommendations* phase. Public involvement for this phase was implemented between July 23, 2016 (following the end date of the Study's second 30-day public comment period) and October 14, 2016 (the end date of the Study's third and final 30-day public comment period).

In accordance with the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Project Development Process, during this study phase the Study Team completed a Conceptual Solutions Report (Appendix A) which summarizes the development, screening and evaluation of the four concepts drafted in Phase Two. The Conceptual Solutions Report was posted on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Phase Two: Conceptual Solutions* page on September 14, 2016 to coincide with the start of the Study's final 30-day public comment period.

In addition, based on Advisory Committee input, public feedback and costs/impacts versus benefit evaluation, the Study Team narrowed the four concepts to one alternative concept and created an accompanying cost and impact estimates chart. The Alternative Concept and Recommendations (Appendix B), as well as the Cost and Impact Estimates Chart (Appendix C) were posted on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Phase Three: Alternative Concept and Final Recommendations* page on September 14, 2016 to coincide with the start of the Study's final 30-day public comment period.

Conceptual Solutions Report

The Conceptual Solutions Report summarizes the development, screening and evaluation of the four concepts drafted in Phase Two. It also includes the three steps taken by the Study Team following Public Comment Period Two as part of Phase Three tasks.

- Step 1: Based on Advisory Committee input, public feedback and costs/impacts versus benefits, the Study Team recommends no further evaluation of Concept 3 Carr Road Connector and Concept 4 State Line Road Connector.
- Step 2: Upon additional evaluation, the cost estimates and impacts of Concept 2 -Whites Hill Connector were found to be significantly higher than Concept 1. Therefore, the Study Team recommends no further evaluation of Concept 2 – Whites Hill Connector.
- Step 3: Based on Advisory Committee input, public feedback and costs/impacts versus benefits, the Study Team recommends advancing Concept 1 Improve Existing (North Dearborn and Whites Hill) Roads as the Study's Recommendation.

Recommendation

The recommendation was Phase Two's *Concept 1: Improve Existing Roads*. Concept 1 has three components:

 Component 1 – Enhanced Maintenance of North Dearborn and Whites Hill Roads (Appendix D)



- Component 2 North Dearborn Road Improvements (Appendix E)
- Component 3 Whites Hill Road Improvements (Appendix F)

Based on further evaluation in Phase Three and public input received throughout the Study development process, three other general recommendations were included with the Alternative Concept.

- Replace SR 46 bridge over Whitewater River (Appendix G)
- Improve sight distance on US 52 east of SR 46 intersection (Appendix G)
- Future evaluation of other existing roads used to access the interstate, not included in the scope of this Study (Appendix H):
 - North Dearborn Road (between Whites Hill Road and SR 1)
 - North Dearborn Road (east of State Line Road)
 - o Jamison Road
 - Sand Run Road (between State Line Road and the Ohio border)

All three components of the Alternative Concept and the other three general recommendations were posted on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Phase Three: Alternative Concept and Final Recommendations* page on September 14, 2016 to coincide with the start of the Study's final 30-day public comment period.

Cost and Impact Estimates Chart

A chart (Appendix C) was developed so that the public could review the different aspects of each concept. The Study Team evaluated all three components of the Alternative Concept and the other three general recommendations to show of the estimated travel times, traffic volumes, environmental and property impacts, and range of estimated construction costs.



Advisory Committee Activities

OKI established an Advisory Committee (AC) for this study. The AC serves as a key element in the Study's public outreach program by communicating information in the community, exchanging ideas and listening to stakeholder feedback. AC members work with one another, the Study's consultant team and OKI staff to review and discuss details and progress updates.

Members

The AC consists of Dearborn County OKI Board of Directors members and other key stakeholders who represent 20 diverse and well-established governmental and civic-based organizations in the region, as well as citizens-at-large. Members represent large groups of people with whom they work and correspond regularly, as well as receive feedback. The AC members' broad reach and representation throughout the Study Area and Dearborn County provide information as a working group to the OKI Bright 74 Study Team. AC members serve in an advisory capacity without compensation. A list of the AC members, alternates and agency or affiliation is posted on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the <u>Advisory Committee</u> subheading found on the <u>Participants</u> page (open document by clicking the green text).

Responsibilities

- Provide Study updates and disseminate information to community, organization or agency members to encourage an exchange of information
- Share community, organization or agency members' questions, concerns and general feedback with OKI and the Study's consultant team
- Assist with public involvement and outreach efforts, as appropriate

Meetings

During Phase Three of the Study, one AC meeting was held at the North Dearborn Branch Library on August 17, 2016. Thirty-seven Bright area residents and property owners attended the August 17 AC meeting as recorded on the sign-in sheet. Two members of the media also attended the meeting. Following the conclusion of this AC, public comments were received from five residents who had asked to speak, if time permitted. The AC approves prior meeting minutes at their subsequent meeting. Once approved, AC minutes are posted to the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Advisory Committee* subheading found on the *Participants* page (open documents by clicking the green text).



Phase Three Public Outreach Activities

Public Open House Flyer

OKI staff created and shared a Public Open House flyer (Appendix I) with OKI members in the meeting packet and at the September 6, 2016 Intermodal Coordinating Committee meeting, as well as in the meeting packet and at the September 8, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Copies of the flyers were made available for distribution at the North Dearborn Branch Public Library and for the AC meeting on August 17, 2016 for members to take with them and distribute.

Constant Contact and Social Media Communications

Constant Contact Messages

The Advisory Committee members received notice of the Open House via Constant Contact on August 18, 2016, along with the database of 390 "interested individuals," media and legislators. In addition, a paper copy was mailed to 17 individuals who have requested to be notified via mail. Immediately following the Open House, meeting materials and information were posted on the study website and an email notifying recipients of their availability was distributed through Constant Contact to Advisory Committee members and "interested individuals" on September 15, 2016.

Website Postings

The <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website has been live since mid-November 2015. As information develops, it is being posted to the website. All public open house materials, including the exhibit boards and survey, were posted to the website under the *Phase Three: Alternative Concept and Final Recommendations* page to coincide with the Public Open House on September 14, 2016. During Phase Three, OKI periodically updated the Phase Two webpage to improve communications in direct response to public comments received.

Social Media Postings

OKI uses the agency's Facebook page and Twitter account for all Social Media networking activities. During Phase Three, the Bright 74 Study has been the subject of five Facebook posts and five Tweets. These messages have been shared by numerous staff, AC members and citizens.

Media Relations Summary

Media Outreach

Local print, TV, radio and online media news outlets also received notice of the Public Open House via Constant Contact. The notice was sent to 18 unique media-related email addresses on August 18, 2016. A list of these regional media contacts has been included as Appendix B of the Public Involvement Plan which is available on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website at the top of the *Participants* page (open document by clicking the green <u>Public Involvement Plan (PIP)</u> text). The notice was also posted on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website on the *Home, Phase Three: Alternative*



Concept and Final Recommendations and Contact Us pages.

Media Coverage

Three members of the media were recorded as attending the September 14, 2016 Open House on the event's sign-in sheets. These reporters represented *The Beacon*, Eagle Country 99.3 WSCH-FM and *The Dearborn County Register & Journal Press*. Their attendance at the Open House resulted in three news article publications.

In addition to coverage of the September 14 Public Open House, 30 other articles have been published by the media on the Bright 74 Study since its inception and six before OKI initiated the Study. Links to each article are provided on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Media Coverage* page.



September 14, 2016 Public Open House

Overview

A Public Open House meeting was planned for each of the three phases of the Bright 74 Study. The purpose of the open houses was to share study information with the public and gather their input.

The Phase Three Public Open House was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at East Central High School's Performing Arts Center (1 Trojan Place, St. Leon, Indiana 47012) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The format was open-house style, meaning that visitors could arrive and stay as long as they liked to receive the same information and have the same opportunity to share comments with the Study Team members. Staff greeted visitors at the front registration table where they were invited to sign-in. Sign-in provides OKI with the ability to record attendance levels.

Attendance

One Hundred Twenty Four (124) people signed-in at the registration table.

Noted below are the members of the Study Team and AC members and alternates who were in attendance at the third open house.

- OKI Staff: Mark Policinski, Robert Koehler, Robyn Bancroft, Lorrie Platt, Karen Whitaker, Ashley Patrick
- Consultant Team Staff: David Wormald, Gary Mroczka, Steve Curless, Margaret Yocom, Ben Blandford
- AC members and alternates: Celeste Calvitto, Marilyn Hyland, Todd Listerman, Kevin Lynch, John Stenger, Jan Uhlmansiek, Nicole Daily

Summary of Information Presented

Twelve, oversized (36" x 48" or larger) exhibit boards were used at the Open House to share general Study information, components of the alternative concept and other general recommendations. A list of all 12 exhibits can be reviewed by visiting the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website's *Phase Three: Alternative Concept* page. Staff members were positioned at the boards to answer questions and receive comments from guests. No materials or handouts were shared with attendees.



Public Comment Summary

Comment Opportunities Made Available to the Public

The following opportunities were made available to solicit public input during Phase Three of the Study.

- The Phase Three survey was administered at the Public Open House on September 14, 2016 through use of group polling sessions. Members of the public used handheld electronic devices to respond to each of the survey questions. For the open comment question, people received a half-sheet of paper to complete and return to Study Team members. Anonymous polling results were gathered from 64 participants in 10 consecutive sessions during the three hour period.
- An online version of the survey, using the software Survey Monkey, was posted to the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website to coincide with the September 14, 2016 Public Open House. The survey closed at midnight on Friday, October 14, 2016.
- Paper copies of the survey were made available at the North Dearborn Public Library from September 14 to October 13, 2016. A table top display accompanied the paper surveys and included the Study logo and website address. All 12 exhibit boards were also left at the library for public review.
- The <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website also has had an open comment text box available 24/7 since the website went live in mid-November 2015. This channel for public input will remain open throughout the Study and questions and comments may be submitted anytime to OKI staff.
- The website and all printed material provided the OKI Project Manager's email address (<u>rbancroft@oki.org</u>).
- The website and all printed material provided the OKI Project Manager's direct office telephone number (513-619-7662).

Documentation of Survey Responses Received

A total of 568 surveys were submitted to the Study Team during the 30-day public comment period. Of these:

- 64 surveys were completed via the electronic poll at the September 14, 2016 Public Open House. To facilitate tabulation of the data received, staff entered the information submitted with the polls into the Survey Monkey database.
- 470 surveys were completed online using the Survey Monkey link on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website.
- 34 paper surveys were collected from the North Dearborn Public Library. To facilitate tabulation of the data received, staff entered the content of these surveys into the Survey Monkey database.



Documentation of General Comments Received

General Comments Received via Website

The Study Team received 17 messages via the project website's general comment box between July 23, 2016 and October 14, 2016. The general subject matter of the messages is summarized in the bullets below. All names and email addresses have been removed to ensure anonymity and privacy. The Project Manager responded to every question through a direct email to the email address provided. Any addition email or phone call exchanges that occurred as a result of the Project Manager's initial response are documented in other bulleted sections that follow.

- One person was having difficulty finding the survey
- Two people expressed their opposition to the project
- Four people expressed concern about not receiving notice of the Advisory Committee meeting
- One person expressed concern that a yes or no question was not given regarding the proposed draft alternatives
- One person expressed concern about the lack of public support, the advisory committee membership and about the need for sidewalks through town
- One person requested that a list of advisory committee membership be included on the website
- One person expressed concern regarding the fragmentation of natural land in the area
- One Whites Hill resident expressed their opposition to the widening of the road
- One person expressed their opposition to I-74 access and concern with potential conflicts of interest of the advisory committee members
- One person expressed concern that individuals who live west of Whites Hill and to Route 1 were not invited to participate in the study
- One person who attended the September 15 Advisory Committee commented that intersection improvements need to accommodate tractor trailer trucks, but was not supportive of roundabouts and also expressed their opposition to increasing speed limits on local roads
- One person questioned why Stateline Road and Sand Run Road were not included in the study
- One person asked for clarification regarding the funding question on the survey

Project Manager Emails

The Project Manager received nine (9) direct emails, however some of these became email chains or conversations as described below.

• An email related to the petition was received on September 8, 2016. The Project Manager replied on September 9, 2016. Additional email correspondence between the member of the public and Project Manager occurred on September 10, September 12 and September 13, 2016. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.



- The Project Manager responded by email to comments and questions received via the website's open comment box and listed above. On one occasion a member of the public replied back with questions regarding the Advisory Committee. The Project Manager suggested that the member of the public call her directly so that her questions could be addressed efficiently. A phone call occurred on September 9, 2016. This phone conversation is discussed below.
- An email was received on September 12, 2016 asking for information about the September 14, 2016 Public Open House. The Project Manager responded on September 13, 2016. An email in connection to this correspondence was received from a second member of the public, however no questions were asked. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- The Project Manager was cc:'d on an email regarding the petition on September 13, 2016. No questions were asked of the Study Team, so no reply was sent. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- An update petition email was received on September 13, 2016. The Project Manager sent a reply on September 14, 2016 to confirm that the petition update was received. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- An email was received on September 16, 2016 asking why improvement of State Line and Sand Run roads was not included in the Study. The Project Manager sent a reply to this email on September 16, 2016. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- An email was received on September 21, 2016 asking for an update on the survey responses to date. The Project Manager sent a reply on September 22, 2016 which stated that, following the same process used for the Study's other two survey/public comment periods, the summary of all surveys received would be provided in a third Public Comment Summary Report the week following the close of the survey. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- An email was received on September 22, 2016 asking for explanation of survey question 8. The Project Manager sent an explanation back on September 23, 2016. A reply back from the citizen saying "thanks for a fast reply" was received on September 23, 2016. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.
- An email was received on October 9, 2016 via the <u>www.oki.org</u> website asking about the use of public input in the Study and sharing improvements needed for roads outside of the Study's scope. The Project Manager responded via email on October 10, 2016. No further email correspondence regarding this email chain occurred.

Project Manager Phone Calls

Two (2) phone calls from members of the public were received by the Project Manager at her direct office phone number (513-619-7662) during Phase Three of the Study.

• One (1) call was received directly and responded to immediately. The gentleman needed assistance to find the Concept maps on the website. He was on his home computer at the time of the call, so the Project Manager was able to guide him directly to the Phase Three page and the maps.



• One call was the result of a series of email exchanges with a citizen. The Project Manager suggested a phone conversation. The phone call occurred on September 9, 2016. The citizen was concerned about the environmental impacts of Concepts 2, 3 and 4. The Project Manager shared the status of the Study and that Concepts 2, 3, and 4 were not being further considered. The citizen said this put her mind at rest to hear Concept 1 was being advanced as the recommendation because she had moved to the area for the natural beauty and wildlife. She had no further questions regarding the Advisory Committee to discuss during the phone call. This call is also referenced above.

Summary of All Surveys Received

The following several pages consist of a comprehensive summary of all responses received for each of the nine survey questions. This summary includes all electronic surveys received online, all individual survey polls received at the open house and paper surveys received via the North Dearborn Branch Library display. A separate document containing each of the 568 individual surveys received is available as Appendix J and on the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website under the *Phase Three: Alternative Concept* page. Question 10 asked "If you would like to receive updates on the Bright 74 Study, please provide us with {your name and email address}." To ensure anonymity and privacy, Question 10 is not included in Appendix J. All percentages have been rounded-up to the whole number.

Question 1: Where do You Live?

Using the Study Area map, Question 1 asked survey participants to please check the one option that best represented where they currently reside. A majority of respondents indicated that they live in the Study Area (70% or 393 people). The next most frequent response was that survey respondents lived in Dearborn County outside the Study Area (20% or 111 people). A total of 562 people responded to this question. Six (6) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Bright 74 Study Area	70%	393
City of Lawrenceburg (outside Study Area)	4%	22
Dearborn County (outside Study Area and Lawrenceburg)	20%	111
Indiana (not Dearborn County)	1%	4
City of Harrison, Ohio	3%	15
Hamilton County (outside of Harrison)	2%	9
Ohio (not Hamilton County)	1%	4
Kentucky	1%	4
Skipped Question	1%	6

*All percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. All percentages have been rounded-up to the whole number.



Concept 1 has three components. Questions 2, 3 and 4 asked the public individually about each of the three components.

Question 2. Which response best represents your view of Concept 1: Component 1 – Enhanced Maintenance?

217 people or 39% of all responses stated that this component of Concept 1 was "Important" to them. 303 people or 54% of all responses stated that this component of Concept 1 was "Unimportant" to them. A total of 561 people responded to this question. Seven (7) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Important	39%	217
Not Sure	7%	41
Unimportant	54%	303

Question 3. Which response best represents your view of Concept 1: Component 2 – North Dearborn Road Improvements?

413 people or 74% of all responses stated that this component of Concept 1 was "Unimportant" to them. A total of 560 people responded to this question. Eight (8) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Resp	Responses	
Important	19%	108	
Not Sure	7%	39	
Unimportant	74%	413	

Question 4. Which response best represents your view of Concept 1: Component 2 – Whites Hill Road Improvements?

414 people or 74% of all responses stated that this component of Concept 1 was "Unimportant" to them. A total of 562 people responded to this question. Six (6) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Important	17%	98
Not Sure	9%	50
Unimportant	74%	414



The County wanted to hear the public's initial thoughts on the concept of roundabouts as a possible, future intersection design solution. Questions 5, 6 and 7 asked the public about roundabouts.

Question 5. What is your response to the statement: For <u>Dearborn County</u> <u>intersections in general</u>, I support the County's further public review and future consideration of roundabouts.

463 people or 82% of all responses disagreed with this statement and thought the County should not consider nor get public review on roundabouts as a possible, future intersection design solution generally in the County. A total of 566 people responded to this question. Two (2) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	12%	70
Not Sure	6%	33
Disagree	82%	463

Question 6. What is your response to the statement: For the <u>intersection of North</u> <u>Dearborn Road and State Line Road</u>, I support the County's further public review and future consideration of a roundabout.

483 people or 86% of all responses disagreed with this statement and thought the County should not consider nor get public review on roundabouts as a possible, future intersection design solution for the North Dearborn and State Line intersection. A total of 564 people responded to this question. Four (4) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	10%	58
Not Sure	4%	23
Disagree	86%	483

Question 7. What is your response to the statement: For the <u>intersection of</u> <u>Whites Hill Road and North Dearborn Road</u>, I support the County's further public review and future consideration of a roundabout.

498 people or 88% of all responses disagreed with this statement and thought the County should not consider nor get public review on roundabouts as a possible, future intersection design solution for the Whites Hill and North Dearborn intersection. A total of 567 people responded to this question. Only one (1) person skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.



Answer Choices	Resp	Responses	
Agree	9%	50	
Not Sure	3%	19	
Disagree	88%	498	

Question 8. What is your response to the statement: In order to help pay for the Concept 1 Study Recommendations, <u>I am open to future public review and consideration of a local funding increase</u>.

461 people or 82% of all responses disagreed with the statement and thus shared that they would not be open to future public review and consideration of a local funding increase to implement the recommendations of this Study. A total of 560 people responded to this question. Eight (8) people skipped this question. Respondents were permitted only one answer.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	8%	42
Not Sure	10%	57
Disagree	82%	461

Question 9: Additional Comments or Suggestions?

Question 9 asked survey respondents whether they had any additional comments or suggestions. 262 or 46% of the 568 surveys had a written response to this question. 74% of people who answered this question and shared additional comments live in the Study Area. 306 people skipped this question. Question 9 was an open-ended question.

Residential Location	Shared Comments	
Bright 74 Study Area	74%	195
City of Lawrenceburg (outside Study Area)	5%	12
Dearborn County (outside Study Area and Lawrenceburg)	17%	44
Indiana (not Dearborn County)	1%	2
City of Harrison, Ohio	1%	2
Hamilton County (outside of Harrison)	1%	3
Ohio (not Hamilton County)	0%	1
Kentucky	1%	3

People often mentioned one or more topics in their written comments to this question. The most frequently mentioned comments have been summarized in the general, reoccurring topics and concerns below:

- Fix, repair, maintain, improve, etc. existing roads.
 - Of the maintenance items listed in the survey, the public mentioned most



frequently the need for repairing potholes, repaving, repairing slides/crumbling/deteriorated roads, addresses drainage/flood-prone areas, replacing guardrails and addressing sight obstructions

- Of the over 100 maintenance-related comments, about a quarter stated a priority need for roads outside the scope of the Bright 74 Study
- No need for study, disagree with everything, leave area alone, not needed, etc.
- Don't widen was often accompanied by one or more of the following concerns regarding:
 - o Proximity of road to homes and the safety of families and children
 - Increased taxes (do not support)
 - Negative impact to properties, land, homes, trees, property value, etc.
 - Negative impact to rural quality of life, country feel, peace and quiet, etc.
 - o Increased vehicle speeds and/or traffic
 - o Increased commercialization of the area
- Do not support installation of roundabouts

Question 10: Would You Like to Receive Study Updates?

Question 10 asked the public whether they would like to receive updates about the Study. If yes, people were asked to provide their name and email address. Of the 568 surveys received, 173 or 30% provided their contact information. Of the people who shared contact information, 122 or 71% live in the Study Area. To ensure anonymity and privacy, Question 10 is not included in Appendix J. Those who shared contact information were added to the Study's contact database.



Other Public Input

Petition

A public petition entitled "NO Bright 1-74" was circulated by Bright area residents. OKI received two printed copies and two email copies of the petition during Phase Three of the Study. The OKI Project Manager received the most recent, paper petition update at the September 14, 2016 Public Open House. At that point in time, the petition included 1063 electronic signatures and 462 comments. The petition read as follows:

No to Bright Indiana I-74 road project

Bright Indiana residents and surrounding residents do not want a connector road built to save 4 minutes of travel time to Harrison Ohio at the cost of 10 to 55 million dollars.

We need our current roads repaired and improved with this money.

We do not want our "country" life disturbed.

We do not want progress and new development to come into the area.

We do not want our environment, land, waterways and wildlife disturbed.

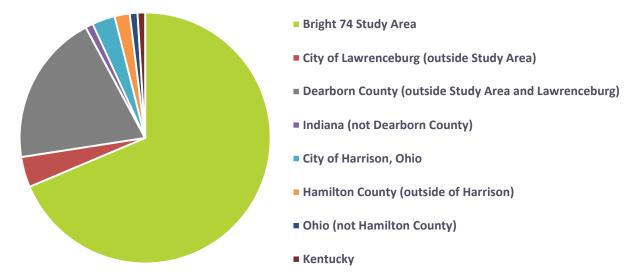
Continue to fund Harrison Ohio for emergency service in the area or propose another fire house be built.



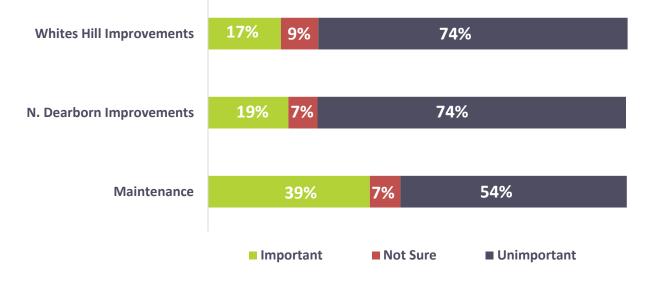
Public Comment Synopsis

The Bright 74 Study Team actively reached out to stakeholders (regional and local civic leaders and elected officials, business and community organization representatives, neighborhood groups, property owners and residents) in Phase Three of the Bright 74 Study to ensure that community members were informed about the Study, its goals and had multiple opportunities to exchange information with the Study Team; share their comments, questions and concerns; and provide input. Feedback received will be used to help inform and guide the development of the Study's recommendations.

70% of the 568 surveys were from residents of the Bright 74 Study Area

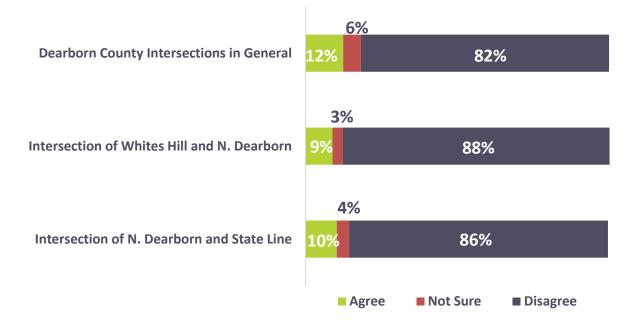


View of Concept 1 Components:

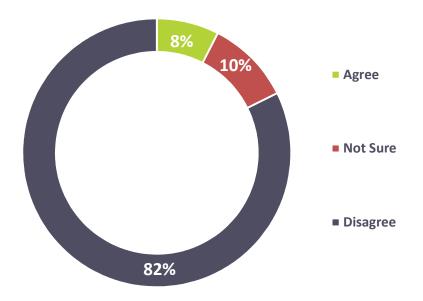




Response to whether roundabouts should be publicly reviewed and considered as a possible, future intersection design solution:



Response to being open to future public review and consideration of a local funding increase to implement the recommendations of this Study:





Other Public Comments Shared:

The most frequently mentioned comments are summarized in the general, bulleted topics listed below:

- Fix, repair, maintain, improve, etc. existing roads.
 - Of the maintenance items listed in the survey, the public mentioned most frequently the need for repairing potholes, repaving, repairing slides/crumbling/deteriorated roads, addresses drainage/flood-prone areas, replacing guardrails and addressing sight obstructions
 - Of the over 100 maintenance-related comments, about a quarter stated a priority need for roads outside the scope of the Bright 74 Study
- No need for study, disagree with everything, leave area alone, not needed, etc.
- Don't widen was often accompanied by one or more of the following concerns:
 - Proximity of road to homes and the safety of families and children
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 - Negative impact to rural quality of life, country feel, peace and quiet, etc.
 - Increased vehicle speeds and/or traffic
 - o Increased commercialization of the area
- Do not support installation of roundabouts

Next Steps

Following the Phase Three public comment period which closed on October 14, 2016, the Study Team will review the feedback received and presented in this Summary Report. Public and Advisory Committee input will be considered when finalizing the Study Recommendations. The Study's Alternatives Evaluation Report (Final Report) with the Study Recommendations will be posted to the <u>Bright74.oki.org</u> website's *Phase Three: Alternative Concept* page in November 2016.