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Plan News

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MIT'S UPDATE



MIT'S started bus service to the Meijer Store on August 12, 2013 by extending Route 14 and changing it to a 45-minute route. There has long been public support for the idea of having this transit service and now that the Muncie annexation of the Meijer Store area is fully in effect, MIT'S is providing that service. It is hoped that this route extension will result in increased ridership on that route and to the area.

As in the past, MIT'S staff met with Muncie Community Schools administrators prior to the school year to finalize plans for providing transportation and delivered route books and other information that the schools have been able to make available to help the students more easily use the transit service. This cooperative effort has helped reduce transportation costs supported by local taxes.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) removed the overhead signs on Main Street and the associated support poles during August and repaired the sidewalk there. This effort was coordinated with MIT'S and MIT'S made the necessary short-term adjustments including buses accessing on one side (instead of two sides) of the transfer station in order to keep the transit service operating smoothly. This cooperativeness by both agencies shows how working together can be beneficial.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

October 9th is the date for this year's annual "Walk to School Day".

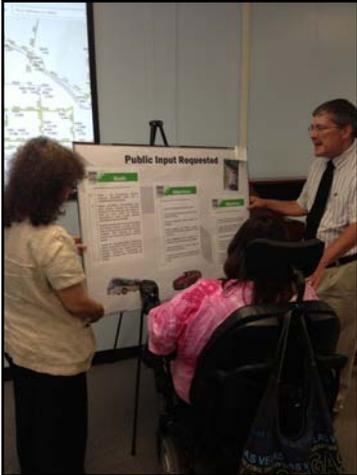
"Walk to School Day" began in the US in 1997 as a one-day event geared towards building awareness for the need for walkable communities. In 2000, the event became international when the UK and Canada (both of which had already been promoting walking to school) partnered with the US to create the first International Walk to School Day. There are many reasons to celebrate— safer and more accessible streets, healthier habits and cleaner air to name just a few.



For more information on "Walk to School Day" please go to: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

FY 2013-2040 DELAWARE-MUNCIE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

On August 20th, 2013 the DMMPC hosted an open house giving the public a chance to see the projects that are being included in the proposed 2013-2040 Transportation Plan. Attendees were encouraged to leave their suggestions, comments and feedback with the transportation staff or by directly marking up any of the numerous displays on hand.



The public was given the chance to see various levels of service pertaining to vehicular traffic volume as projected through 2040 using modeling software. Also made available was a level of service map for bicycles, which included the roads with existing dedicated bike lanes. There were also display boards representing existing MITS routes, sidewalks, recreational trails, and the urban bicycle/pedestrian system. Most of the public's comments written on these displays reflected an interest in additional dedicated bike lanes.

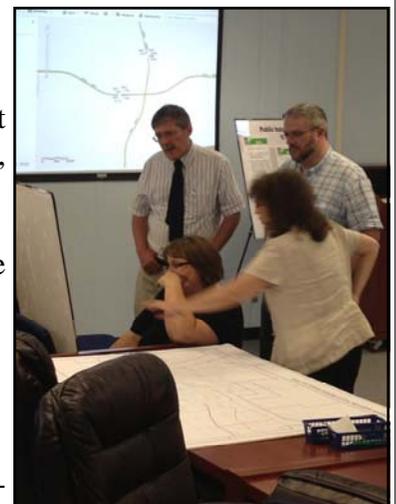
The public was also given a list of goals and objectives and asked to indicate which ones they liked/agreed with. A sampling of those goals/objectives are:

Goals:

- Promote the development of land, parking facilities and effective movement of people and goods within the Central Business District (also known as Downtown), while improving the aesthetic character and environmental quality of downtown Muncie.
- Promote the community's ability to improve the surface transportation system by means of an improved economic base resulting from orderly economic development encompassing all industries - housing, retail, manufacturing and tourism.

Objectives:

- Use the existing transportation facilities to their maximum efficiency.
- Develop infrastructure design guidelines, following complete street principles, that include standards for sidewalks, bicycle facilities, transit motorized vehicles and streetscape features.
- Improve accommodation of non-motorized travel and to eliminate conflict between modes of travel.
- Improve and increase the role of transit services to improve overall transportation system efficiency.
- Improve and promote pedestrian and bicycle facilities and circulation to create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community.



FY 2013-2040 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The DMMPC has developed a draft FY 2013-2040 Transportation Plan to guide transportation Planning efforts and improvements into the long-range. It is a federal requirement that the Delaware Muncie Transportation Improvement Program projects be supported by a long range (20+ years) transportation plan updated every four years and the previous document was from 2009. The Transportation Plan document will be presented for public hearing at the September 5th Plan Commission meeting, go through the transportation committees in September for their approvals, be acted on by the Plan Commission Board on October 3rd and then be submitted for state and federal review and approval.



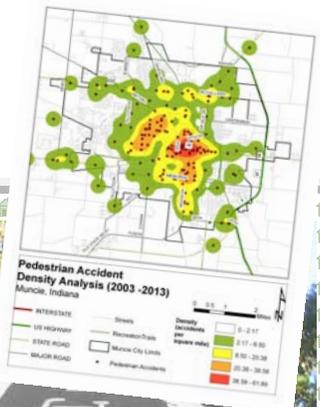
The following are LPA projects listed in the Transportation Plan:

- #1 Southside Gateway, Madison (29th to Walnut) for reconstruction/streetscape/roundabout in 2014-15
- #2 Neely Avenue (New York to Wheeling) for reconstruction/safety improvements in 2014-15
- #3 Walnut Street at Riggin Road for roundabout in 2014-15
- #4 Macedonia Avenue (26th Street to 29th Street) for sidewalk in 2014-15
- #5 Lyndenbrook Area (Purdue and Tillotson) for sidewalk in 2014-15
- #6 Sign Replacement (safety) within Muncie in 2014-15
- #7 Bridge #85, Strong-800E over Mississinewa River, for replacement in 2014-15
- #8 Nebo at SR 332 for Welcome Visitor Center and street to Nebo in 2014-15
- #9 Morrison Road (Jackson Street to Keller Road) for reconstruction, bike/ped improvements in 2014-15
- #10 Bridge #226, CR 419E over Cardinal Greenway Trail) for removal in 2014-15
- #11 Sign Replacement (safety) within Delaware County and Yorktown in 2014-15
- #12 Jackson Street at Nebo Road for roundabout in 2014-15
- #13 River Road (Morrison to Nebo) for bicycle/pedestrian trail in 2014-15
- #40 Everbrook (SR 332 to Bethel Avenue) for road extension in 2016-20
- #41 Kitselman Trailhead on SR 32 near White River and trail improvements in 2016-20
- #42 Wheeling Avenue (Riverside to Centennial) for reconstruction in 2016-20
- #43 Wheeling Avenue (Centennial to McGalliard) for reconstruction in 2016-20
- #44 Bridge #141, Tiger Drive over White River, for rehabilitation and bike/ped path in 2016-20
- #45 Bridge #516, Tillotson Avenue over White River, for rehabilitation in 2016-20
- #46 Bridge #161, CR 170S over White River, for rehabilitation in 2016-20
- #47 Sutherland (Broadway Street to CR 600W) for road extension in 2016-20
- #48 Nebo Road (River Road to Jackson) for center turn lane in 2016-20
- #49 Nebo Road (Jackson to SR 332) for center turn lane in 2016-20
- #50 Jackson Street (SR 32 to Pittenger Road) for repaving in in 2016-20
- #51 Barr Road (Princeton to Riggin) for road extension in 2021-25
- #52 Evermore Road (Marleon to Morrison) for road extension in 2021-25
- #53 Jackson Street (Celia Avenue to White River) widening for center turn lane in 2021-25
- #54 Riggin Road (Wheeling to Walnut) widening for center turn lane in 2021-25
- #55 Morrison Road (Jackson to River Road) widening for center turn lane in 2021-25
- #56 Centennial Avenue (Wheeling to Broadway) for reconstruction & turn lanes in 2021-25
- #57 Riverside Avenue (New York to Wheeling) for reconstruction in 2021-25
- #58 Walnut Street (Memorial to 23rd) for reconstruction & turn lanes in 2021-25
- #59 Bethel Avenue at New York Avenue for roundabout in 2021-25
- #60 Morrison Road (Bethel to Evermore) for center turn lane in 2021-25
- #61 CR 600W (SR 32 to River Road) for road extension in 2021-25
- #62 CR 200S (CR 500W to CR 600W) for road extension in 2026-30

FY 2013-2040 TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONTINUED

The following are INDOT projects listed in the Transportation Plan:

- #20 I-69 bridges at N edge of county for repair & maintenance in 2014-15
- #21 SR 332 at Nebo for safety improvements in 2014-15
- #22 Bethel Avenue, bridge over I-69 for repair & maintenance in 2014-15
- #23 SR 32 Bridge, Jackson over White River, for replacement in 2014-15
- #24 Passive Rail Crossings in Delaware County for improvements in 2014-15
- #25 SR 28, 0.3 miles east of CR 600W for slide erosion correction in 2014-15
- #26 I-69 median from SR 28 into Grant County for cable rails in 2014-15
- #27 US 35 (US 36 to SR 3-Bypass) for paving in 2014-15
- #28 SR 3 and US 35 for repair and maintenance on 11 bridges in 2014-15
- #29 SR 32 in downtown Muncie for modernization of 9 signals in 2014-15
- #30 Walnut Street over SR 67 for bridge repair & maintenance in 2014-15
- #31 SR 67 (SR 28-600N to SR 167) for preservation/safety improvements in 2016-20
- #32 SR 167, 1.01 miles north of SR 67, for bridge replacement in 2016-20
- #33 I-69, over CR 400S, for bridge rehabilitation in 2016-20
- #34 Us 35, over Muncie Creek, for bridge rehabilitation in 2016-20
- #35 SR 332 bridges for bridge maintenance in 2016-20
- #36 SR 32, 0.3 miles east of CR 700E, for culvert repair & maintenance in 2016-20



FY 2013-2040 TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROPOSED PROJECTS

