



## THRU THE VALLEY JANUARY 19, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

### PUBLIC MEETING OVERVIEW

The first public meeting for the *Thru the Valley* project was held on January 19, 2005 from noon to 7 p.m. at the Sharonville Convention Center. The meeting was held in an open house format. Exhibits were displayed around the perimeter of the room. Depending on the time of day, 10 to 14 ODOT and consultant project team members were in attendance to answer questions and explain the exhibits. Various members of the Implementation Committee also attended throughout the day.

Members of the public began arriving at the meeting prior to 12 p.m. Public attendance was greatest between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., however there was constant flow of people throughout the course of the open house. A total of 236 people signed in and 88 submitted comment sheets (at the meeting).

There were no complaints from the public or the project team members about the location of the meeting or the facility.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Public notification of the meeting was handled through multiple communication methods.

- Meeting notices were mailed on December 30, 2004 to 2336 area residents, businesses and community organizations.
- Copies of the notice were provided to local Implementation Committee members for distribution throughout their communities.
- The meeting time and date was posted at [www.thruthevalley.com](http://www.thruthevalley.com) beginning in November 2004.
- Several local municipal newsletters and Web sites also announced the public meeting.
- A legal advertisement for the meeting ran in The Cincinnati Enquirer on January 5, 2005 (online and print versions).
- An article about the meeting appeared in the Sunday, January 16, 2005 edition of The Cincinnati Enquirer. Several other broadcast media also announced the meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

### MEDIA COVERAGE

Representatives from seven media outlets covered the public meeting including: The Cincinnati Enquirer, Tri-County Press, News 5 (WLWT-TV), Local 12 (WKRC-TV), 9 News (WCPO-TV), Fox 19 (WXIX-TV) and 700 (WLW-Radio).

## COMMENT SHEET SUMMARY

To date, 98 comment sheets were submitted at the meeting, through the mail and online through [www.thruthevalley.com](http://www.thruthevalley.com). When reviewing this summary, please note that not every respondent answered all of the questions.

We received comment sheets from each municipality in the project area. Lockland submitted the most comment sheets - approximately 35 percent (of the 98 submitted).

Everyone who submitted a comment sheet (and supplied an address), will receive a letter thanking them for their input. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list that was created based upon the questions asked through the comment sheets will also be included in the mailing.

### Summary of Responses

In terms of perceived transportation problems in the project area respondents answered as follows:

- 81% indicated **safety** is a major or moderate problem
- 87% indicated **congestion** is a major or moderate problem
- 61% indicated **access** is a major or moderate problem

Overall, respondents agreed with the project goals:

- Improve safety on I-75 - 93% agreed
- Ease congestion on I-75 - 93% agreed
- Increase area mobility - 79% agreed
- Providing transportation solutions that are compatible with local communities - 84% agreed

Most respondents (61 percent) listed Business/Industry and Residential Properties (58 percent) as being most critical to the long-term well being of their community.

### Responses Regarding the Alternatives

The alternatives were listed with an opportunity for open-ended comments. The following summarizes the written comments provided.

1. No Build
  - All 39 respondents indicated disagreement with the no-build option
2. No-Build option with Minor Improvements
  - 17 respondents agreed
  - 16 respondents disagreed
3. Increase capacity on I-75 by adding lanes (at-grade) and replacing local roadway system for Neumann Way
  - 31 respondents agreed
  - 7 respondents disagreed
4. Increase capacity on I-75 by adding express lanes and replacing local roadway system for Neumann Way
  - 32 respondents agreed
  - 10 respondents disagreed
5. Improve Ronald Reagan/Galbraith Interchanges
  - 50 respondents agreed
  - 3 respondents disagreed

6. Improve Cooper/Davis Street Ramps
  - 33 respondents agreed
  - 13 respondents disagreed
7. Improve Shepherd/Mangham Drive Interchange and replace local roadway system for Neumann Way
  - 30 respondents agreed
  - 11 respondents disagreed
8. Add Collector-Distributor System from Shepherd Lane to I-275
  - 20 respondents agreed
  - 13 respondents disagreed
9. Transportation System Management & Transportation Demand Management
  - 12 respondents agreed
  - 4 respondents disagreed

#### Where Respondents Reside and Work

Respondents were asked to indicate where they worked and where they resided. The following summarizes the responses received.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Reside</b>	<b>Work</b>
Arlington Heights	5	5
Cincinnati	5	6
Evendale	3	7
Glendale	6	4
<b>Lockland</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>
Lincoln Heights	2	1
Reading	5	6
Sharonville	6	9
Woodlawn	1	4
Wyoming	4	3
Outside the Project Area	22	31
<i>Total # of Respondents</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>99</i>

#### Meeting Notification

The comment sheet asked respondents to indicate how they found out about the public meeting. The following summarizes the answers.

<b>Notification Method</b>	<b># of Respondents</b>
Friend	12
TV	10
Mail	38
Radio	3
News	26
Legal ad	1
Web site	7
Other	13
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>110*</b>

\*Respondents indicated more than one notification method.