

PLANNED EAST/WEST CORRIDOR

WORTHSVILLE RD./STONES CROSSING RD./S.R.135

The City of Greenwood is in the beginning stages of a major East/West Corridor connecting I-74 and I-65 to the new I-69 highway with no direct access to I-69. This five lane proposed route will allow thousands of semi-trucks, dump trucks, commuter vehicles along with a variety of other vehicles to pass by our schools, residential neighborhoods, churches and custom home estates each and every day. Just from I-65 to S.R. 135 this route will pass by four major schools, six churches and forty six homes that currently face Worthsville Road and Stones Crossing Road along with having to go through two round-a-bouts, two major curves and two stop lights. They also are recommending installing a median to be built that will prevent many residents along Worthsville and Stones Crossing Roads from being able to turn from their driveway to go east or west.

The proposed corridor will be seventy foot wide from curb to curb plus an additional ten foot on each side of the road for a walking path and a bicycle path. This is a total of a ninety foot wide roadway. This will also require moving twenty six residents from their homes and buying up almost 18 acres of ground at a cost of \$27,000,000 and it still will not connect directly to I-69. The plan is to turn the traffic south on S.R. 135(which is already overwhelmed with traffic) and take them all the way south to 144 in Bargserville then back track west to I-69. This does not make good sense. Commuters will not want to go all the way down to Bargserville to get to I-69 and they will start using the secondary roads like Honeycreek Road, Demaree Road, Smokey Row Road. They will go to Whiteland Road and Smith Valley Road to avoid congestion on S.R. 135 placing more traffic in our residential areas.

I will assure you that the traffic coming from these highways will not abide by our speed limits in our school zones and our residential neighborhoods. They are not going to go from 65mph to 25mph to a round-a-bout to 40 mph to a stop light to 40mph to 25mph to a round-a-bout to a long curve in the round to the next long curve in the road between a church and a residential neighborhood to 25mph to 40mph to another round-a-bout to 45mph then to a stop light. With this route it will be creating the same bad situation we currently have on S.R. 135 with residents leaving their neighborhoods and trying to cross five lanes of traffic.

Summary of concerns:

- The safety of our children and our residents with five lanes of highway type traffic
- Noise from thousands of cars and trucks each day and through the evening
- Why this route? Whiteland Road and County Line Road are better options.
- How are we to turn east or west from our driveways with a median?
- We will incur huge depreciation home values
- Tax increases to take care of additional roadways on this project
- Approximately \$27 million in tax payer dollars spent on this project