

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROJECT LIST

**4/16/09** - Phone call from a Sandra Williams in Noblesville indicating that she likes the idea of the Carrigan Road pedestrian bridge, but thinks its “absolutely ridiculous spending that kind of money on the bridge when our country doesn’t have it...ridiculous.”

*The MPO did not respond to this comment as no contact information was given.*

**4/27/09** - Owner of BP Jackson LLC (Marathon Oil) since 1973 – property on SW corner of Thompson Rd./St. Rd. 37. She called in response to the ad in IndyStar for public comment on ARRA project list and asked if her property was to be affected by any of the projects. The property will not be directly affected by any projects, but concern was voiced over any further widening of Thompson Rd. and the effects 5 lanes of traffic would have on the property.

*The MPO talked to this person during a phone call and explained as stated above.*

**5/5/09** –

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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May 5, 2009

Lori Miser, Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Miser:

I am writing to express my concern of the projects that have been submitted for Marion County's use of stimulus dollars. As I look at the list of projects, I noticed that none seems to be located in Pike Township and few, if any, are located in

minority or low-income communities within Center Township. I realize that there were requirements that had to be met and the projects had to be "shovel ready", but there are great needs in these townships that seem to have been overlooked.

As I drive through my district (parts of Pike and Wayne Townships) and throughout Center Township, there are many places that need sidewalks, curb cuts, resurfacing and other road maintenance. I hope the ARRA funds can be distributed equitably throughout Marion County and not simply be focused on areas that have traditionally always received maintenance and upkeep.

Another major concern is the time in which the Public Meeting will take place. Many people will be at work during the proposed time of 1 p.m. In order for the public to be active participants in this process I think that another meeting should take place in the evening when taxpayers who work during the day will be able to attend. Due to the special nature of this situation, ARRA dollars, I would like to suggest that the meeting take place at a location other than the City County Building where parking can be free of charge, possibly at the Julia Carson Government Center. If another meeting is held at the City County Building taxpayers should be allowed to park at the Market Square Arena location, free of charge. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns on behalf of my district and the traditionally neglected taxpayers of Marion County.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box with a thin black border, containing a small red 'x' icon in the top-left corner, indicating a redacted signature.

Cherrish S. Pryor

Cc: Congressman Andre Carson

*The MPO had several phone conversations about this and also followed up with a letter on May 6<sup>th</sup> and provided additional information again on May 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**5/5/09-**

Steve,

Thanks for your time and the information you provided this afternoon. Is it possible to get a map with notations of the proposed ARRA projects from Proposal T-024? It would be very helpful for review purposes. If so, you can send it to me via return e-mail. If MPO does not have a map, can you refer me to the appropriate office that could provide this information?

Thanks.

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*The MPO discussed this issue during a phone call and responded with an e-mail providing additional information on May 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**5/5/09 –**

**Good afternoon!**

**Thanks Representative Pryor for sharing your concerns regarding the lack of attention our community is receiving in this process.**

**I too recognize the importance of being “shovel ready.” However, I find it hard to believe that a mayor corridor like Lafayette Road does not have any design work or any engineer studies on record. Especially, since someone has recommended a bike lane for the road. Pike and Wayne Township has roads and curbs that are hideous! And to miss out on an opportunity to clean-up or beautify these areas would be tragic.**

**I would be delighted to work with City Staff to find a location outside the City-County Building and to organize a meeting time that is feasible for working –class individuals to attend a public hearing to learn about the projects and to express their views and concerns about the process.**

**Sincerely,**

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*MPO noted the comments and provided an e-mail response on May 7<sup>th</sup>.*