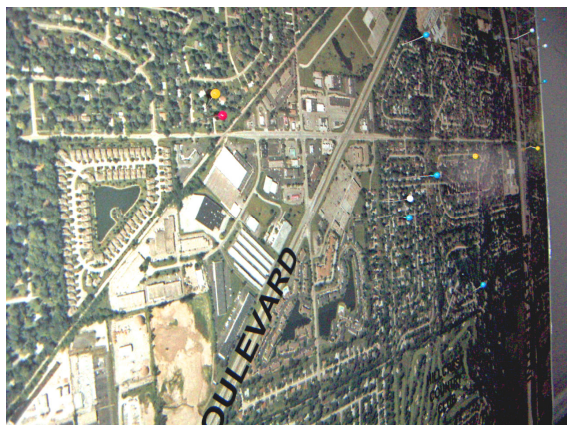




Public Kick-Off Meeting Summary

The Indianapolis MPO and BRAG Community hosted a Kick-Off Meeting for the Binford Village Study on Thursday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Divine Savior Lutheran Church. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the MPO and The Schneider Corporation at 5:30 and covered introductions, project background, goals and objectives, project scope and schedule, and opportunities to get involved. A copy of this presentation can be found at <http://www.binford71.org/>. A question and answer session followed the presentation.



Participants were also asked to participate in the following:

- Identify where they work/live on a map;
- Participate in 10 critical success factors dot sticker exercise;
- Fill out a public input question form; and
- Sign up for a focus group if desired.

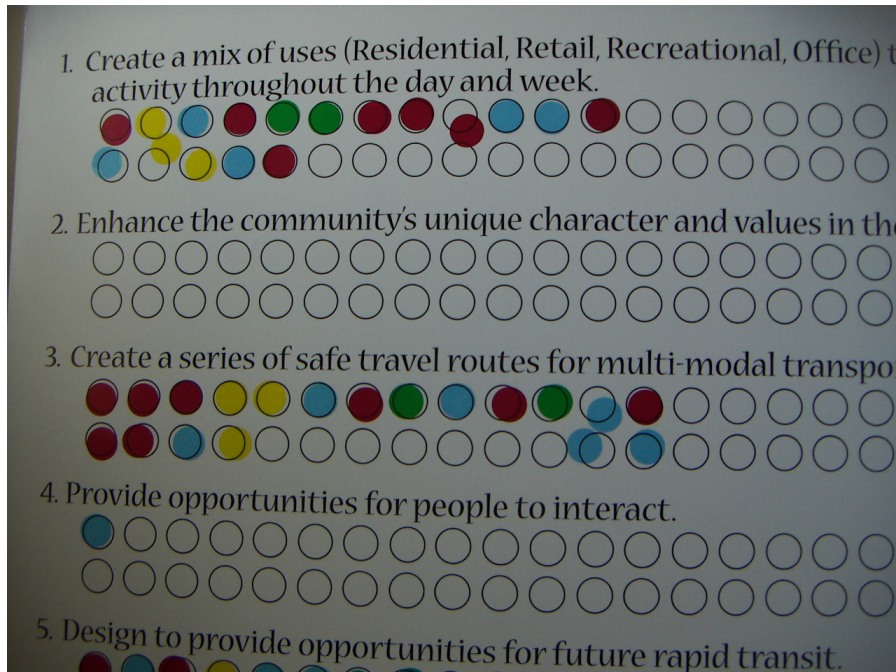
32 people signed in for the Public Information Meeting and the following pages summarize the comments received.



Critical Success Factors

10 critical success factors were identified for the Binford Village Study. Each participant was given three dot stickers to place by the three critical success factors they felt would be most important for the project. The prioritized results are in the table below.

Dot Stickers	Critical Success Factors
19	Create a series of safe travel routes for multi-modal transportation. (More walkable)
17	Create a mix of uses (Residential, Retail, Recreational, Office) that will promote activity throughout the day and week.
16	Design to provide opportunities for future rapid transit
9	Design to encourage high quality building design and landscape treatments.
7	Sustain and improve the existing neighborhoods
4	Make sustainability a key in all design decisions. (Energy efficient design, water conservation, reuse and recycled materials, storm water management, etc.)
3	Enhance safety through better lighting, visibility and street life.
2	Provide open spaces and opportunities for recreation.
1	Provide opportunities for people to interact.
0	Enhance the community's unique character and values in the design.



Public Input Question Results

Each participant was asked to answer the following questions:

- What do you see as the biggest opportunity this project presents?
- What concerns you the most about this project?
- What would you most like to see at or near the 71st and Binford Area?
- What is the most important change that needs to happen in the area?

In addition, participants were asked to identify other comments, questions or concern. A summary of these public input questions are below.

What do you see as the biggest opportunity this project presents?

- Bike/Pedestrian Connectivity
- Connection of communities via sidewalks/bike paths to connect to Fall Creek trail/Skiles Test Park to Binford and surrounding neighborhoods – especially along 71st, 75th, Hague Road
- Connect to shopping, schools and light rail
- To improve the quality of life for people in the BRAG area
- Continued improvement of area and surrounding communities
- Services – easy accessible to our neighborhoods
- Better quality of life – community center
- Bringing all neighborhoods together to form a community
- Connecting the multiple communities in the area
- The chance to complete our neighborhood
- If economic development occurs, neighborhood development follows
- The company I work for, Info-lite manufactures LED signage and digital signage systems
- Creating an urban center to this group of housing subdivisions
- I am in a LED sign business (info-lite corp). I think that this development will create more business opportunity for me. Also, as MBE/DBE Company, I will have a chance to supply LED signs to the light rail system.
- To make the BRAG area and neighborhoods a better place to live and work and for it to be self-contained
- Chance to continue to improve the quality of life in the Binford and 71st Street corridor and area encompassed by BRAG organization
- Possibility of getting sidewalks and on-street bike lanes quicker
- Past clean up of neighborhood and more places to shop
- Better/greener opportunities to transport suburbanites downtown
- Keep the BRAG momentum going. Have an opportunity to shape and use the focus areas of development
- The opportunity to connect the neighborhoods with walking paths to make this a true community
- Growth to area
- Safety for the public
- Improvement of east/west corridor traffic routes
- Redevelopment of some struggling developments (i.e. medical building at 62nd and Binford)

What concerns you the most about this project?

- Whether or not it will be implemented
- Getting enough people involved
- Completing it – funding
- If we get a train I fear that the diesel fumes would add to our already unhealthy air quality
- Creation of 'high density' area
- Getting funding for the end results
- Getting (needing) the light rail
- How to fund

- Traffic during construction
- That the project will move ahead without proper pedestrian access
- Fostering sufficient involvement
- I live and work in the area, my business, Info-lite may be able to provide signage for any station
- Inevitably there will need to be a parking lot/garage. My concern is that it will be attractive, safe and useful.
- If not planned correctly, the traffic might become an issue, like many areas in NY City where I came from
- Financing
- The complexity of the project
- Hoping that sidewalks/bike lanes are built before transit stop rather than waiting
- Train path way – noise pollution, traffic stoppage
- Impact on homeowners, sound, cost
- Level of BRAG involvement. I hope we step up and engage
- Concentrating on projects that will never be realized due to cost i.e. over-passes. (Save the money for light rail)
- Cost
- Lack of coordination currently between DPW, Indianapolis and MPO concerning 75th and 71st St redo as specified in the I-465/I-69 redo plan

What would you most like to see at or near the 71st and Binford Area?

- A multimodal hub including rail stop, bus stop, multi-use path with bike storage and vehicular parking
- Variety of shopping, green spaces. Alternative storm water (ie rain gardens, bioswales) native plants, natural areas. Connection via rail to downtown or bus station to downtown, bike racks in shopping areas
- Train station – retail village
- Condos and /or apartments, offices, businesses
- Removal of Sunoco and Marathon stations; Enlargement of Kroger Parking area
- Walkway/trail up Graham Rd to 75th; Walkways along 75th – 71st east and west of Binford
- Rapid Transit Center
- Community Center/Neighborhood Center
- A hub for the light rail project
- Distinctive ‘village’ identity – attractive area
- Pedestrian access
- More small shops and restaurants
- Good design! More pedestrian friendly. More density, multi-story buildings but limited in height (3 stories)
- Shopping mall, book store, more restaurants
- Safe and convenient pedestrian and bike access to the whole area
- A health food grocery store or market
- Continued growth of useful commercial and retail establishments
- Bookstore, family-owned businesses, full service ethnic restaurants
- Clean up of roadways along 7^{ast} to Steinmeier Dr
- Good solid retail/commercial HUB for surrounding communities
- Roundabouts! No, just kidding. All empty retail spaces full
- Sidewalks and cross walks. I would love to ride my bike to work at community hospital north
- Immediate care center (medical); physician offices, retail, park, walking trails, restaurants
- Improved land/real estate development
- Train station with plenty of parking integrating farmers market under roof

What is the most important change that needs to happen in the area?

- Connection of neighborhoods via sidewalks/bike paths to Fall Creek trail and shopping areas as well as to other neighborhoods.
- Sidewalks and bike lanes
- Sidewalks and street lights
- Trails and sidewalks
- Slow down traffic on Binford
- Multifamily Housing
- Rapid Transit
- Sidewalks/Trails/Bike Lanes
- Sustainability
- Pedestrian access between neighborhood and new/existing retail/commercial areas
- No longer a 'drive 'through' area; no bedroom area only
- Put parking lots behind buildings
- More Businesses
- All access walkway
- Emphasis on crime control
- Besides sidewalks/bike lanes – traffic calming along Allisonville, 71st, 75th, Hague and even Binford
- Keep current businesses and add more
- Rapid transit system on current rail line by Allisonville going downtown
- In flux of better shopping/restaurants, retail – sustainable
- Continued reduction in crime
- Pedestrian walkways and cross walks and slowing down speed limits on Binford (up to 86th St)
- More public input, this study seems to be the big step forward to fix that process.

Other comments, questions or concerns

- Give more notice of meetings
- Zero tree loss – adopt zero canopy loss – reduce hardscape
- We had no idea of the possible scope of this project and we are excited to hear what possibilities, aside from the train, are being considered.
- My concern is that the big dreams will ever become reality
- Safety in the area
- To be a true community “village” people should be able to get from one neighborhood to another on foot or bike – this is good for people and the environment and good for children
- Looking forward to focus groups