9. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION

Public involvement and environmental resource and regulatory agency coordination are integral to the project development and decision-making process. The North Carolina Turnpike Authority and the Federal Highway Administration coordinated and consulted with numerous federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the general public through a variety of means, as summarized in this section.

9.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement and input has been encouraged throughout the development of this project. Local government officials, civic organizations, neighborhood groups, and interested citizens were informed of the progress of the project through a series of public workshops and a substantial number of small group meetings. Other outreach efforts and opportunities for the public to review project information and provide input included project mailings, a project Web site, and a toll-free project telephone number (i.e., project hotline). Comments received on the project may be obtained by contacting the project team via email at monroe@ncturnpike.org or via the contact information for the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) provided in **Section S.2**.

9.1.1 CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS

In 2007, a series of Citizens Informational Workshops (CIW) took place from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on June 25 (at South Piedmont Community College) and June 26 (at NC Cooperative Extension Office – Union County Center). The workshops, held by the NCTA, presented the draft Statement of Purpose and Need for the project and the range of alternatives being considered for the project. They also gave an overview of the NCTA, the project schedule, the project development process, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. The workshops afforded the public an early opportunity to comment on the draft Statement of Purpose and Need as well as the range of alternatives being considered, per Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Approximately 398 citizens signed in at those workshops.

There were 480 written comment forms received at and following the workshops. The six questions provided on the comment sheet are listed in **Table 9-1,** along with the top responses received for each question. The workshop comment form and handout are included in **Appendix K**.

Of the 377 responses gathered in regard to tolling, 360 respondents were clearly not opposed to a toll, and only 17 respondents specifically stated that they were against tolling. Remaining respondents expressed other concerns (such as financial burden, permanence of the toll, heavy truck restrictions, discounts for local residents, and questions regarding monthly electronic passes). Regarding potential impacts, respondents were most concerned with potential impacts to residents, traffic congestion, and growth in the area.

TABLE 9-1: Workshop Comment Form Responses

Question	Top Responses				Number of Responses
1. Which project development issues are important to you and your community and should be examined in this study?	Neighborhoods and Communities				454
	Natural Resources				229
	Land Use				139
2. Based upon the maps displayed at the workshops, which alternative do you feel would best serve transportation needs in the US 74 corridor area? Are there additional alternatives that should be considered?	Corridor Segments 1, 10, 13, 18, and 31. No additional alternatives suggested				292
3. What do you perceive are the transportation problems in the US 74 corridor?	Extremely heavy traffic volume				372
	Too many stop lights/traffic signals				39
	Too many commercial trucks				23
4. Do you agree with the proposed project purposes of: 1) improving mobility, 2) providing high-speed regional travel, and 3) maintaining property access?	Yes				408
	No Response				33
	No				12
5. When you think about the potential impacts of this project, please tell us how concerned you are with each of the following:	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Little Concern	No Concern	No Opinion
Potential impacts to the environment	81	56	21	11	3
Potential impacts to local residents	130	32	7	2	1
Potential impacts to local businesses	46	89	25	10	2
Construction schedule	75	71	24	4	2
Traffic congestion	105	56	12	1	2
Growth in the area	92	62	12	6	1
Project delay	87	59	13	5	5
6. Do you have any questions or comments regarding charging people who choose to use this roadway a toll to help accelerate its construction and to pay for on-going operations and upkeep of the road?	Great idea!				31
	I do not oppose.				329
	I oppose.				17

Source: *Summary of the Community Information Workshop Comment Forms*, PBS&J, July 30, 2007.

Additional comments on the forms came mainly from residents of the Fairhaven and Bonterra Village subdivisions. These comments primarily requested the elimination of Corridor Segments 18, 22, and 30 from further consideration.

9.1.2 LOCAL OFFICIALS MEETING

A Local Officials Meeting was held prior to the June 2007 CIWs to provide local officials a project overview and an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments. The meeting was held on June 25, 2007, at Monroe City Hall. A presentation was made by the NCTA covering the project overview, project financing options, and tolling aspect of the project. Following the presentation, an open discussion was held and officials were given the opportunity to ask questions. Meeting minutes are included in **Appendix K**.

9.1.3 OPEN HOUSES

A series of open house style meetings were held in September 2008 to present the draft functional engineering designs for the Detailed Study Alternatives (DSAs). The meetings were held as follows:

- September 9 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm – Monroe City Hall
- September 10 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Wingate Community Center
- September 10 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Union West Regional Library

Approximately 200 individuals attended these open house meetings. Three stations displaying small-scale functional design plans were provided at each meeting site. NCTA representatives were assigned to each station to answer project specific questions in a one-on-one format. Large-scale plans also were displayed. Functional engineering designs presented at these open houses are the same as those included in this draft EIS and used for impact calculations. Public comments were accepted and will be incorporated following selection of a preferred alternative as appropriate.

Prior to the September 2008 open house meetings, additional individual meetings were held with representatives of the Town of Stallings, Citizens Against Route Eighteen (C.A.R.E.), Hendricks Automotive Group, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), McGee Corporation, and the Union County Public Schools. These meetings afforded these stakeholders an opportunity to discuss specific concerns associated with the draft functional designs. C.A.R.E is a community-based group focused on informing and mobilizing residents against Corridor Segments 18 and 18A of the Monroe Connector/Bypass. To date, the group has submitted more than 2,000 signatures in opposition to Corridor Segments 18 and 18A.

9.1.4 SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Throughout the study process, the project study team met with a variety of organizations, agencies, and groups to exchange information, collect data, or to make a presentation about the project at the request of community groups.

The following organizations and citizens groups requested or participated in small group meetings about the project. At these meetings, NCTA provided project updates and answered questions from attendees. The meeting dates and groups involved are listed below:

- 07/27/07 — Hendricks Automotive Group
- 08/02/07 — Bonterra Builders
- 08/02/07 — Fairhaven Subdivision and C.A.R.E.
- 08/21/07 — Lennar Homes
- 08/21/07 — Monroe City Council
- 09/06/07 — Bonterra Village Subdivision
- 09/11/07, 02/12/08, 03/26/08, 10/13/08 — Town of Indian Trail

- 09/20/07, 05/15/08 — Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
- 12/13/07, 09/09/08, 10/13/08 — Stallings Town Council and C.A.R.E. (12/13/07 only)
- 01/09/08, 09/09/08 — McGee Corporation
- 01/22/08 — Union County Commissioners
- 02/08/08, 09/09/08 — CPCC
- 04/17/08 — Town of Hemby Bridge
- 04/21/08 — Matthews Transportation Summit
- 09/09/08 — Union County Public Schools

9.1.5 OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS

Various methods employed for communicating project information and announcements of public meetings are described below.

9.1.5.1 Newsletters

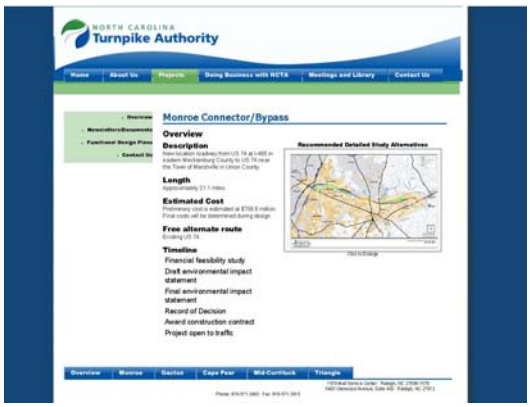
Project newsletter November 2007
Source: NCTA

Two newsletters, distributed to residents and property owners within the project study area, were used to provide the public with information about the project and project-related events (such as CIWs) and to seek comments from the public. Copies of newsletters are included in **Appendix K**.

The first newsletter was distributed in June 2007 and announced the upcoming CIWs and included project information. The second newsletter was distributed in November 2007 and announced the selection of the DSAs. Each newsletter was mailed to more than 24,000 addresses.

9.1.5.2 Project Web site and E-mail

A project Web site (NCTA Web site: www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe) provides project information, documents, previous newsletters, project maps, and an online comment form. The online comment form enables users to add their name to the project mailing list and/or provide comments and ask questions. Visitors are also able to e-mail the project study team directly (at monroe@ncturnpike.org). The Web site is updated periodically as new information, documents, maps, and reports become available.



Project Web site:
(www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe/)

9.1.5.3 Project Toll-Free Telephone Number

A toll-free hotline number was created for the project (1-800-475-6402). This provides a resource for citizens to ask questions, provide input, or request a meeting for a particular organization. All calls received were logged and responded to in a timely manner.

9.2 AGENCY COORDINATION

9.2.1 SCOPING LETTER

A formal scoping letter (as required by NEPA) was sent by NCTA to local, state, and federal agencies on January 5, 2007. The scoping letter is included in **Appendix A-3**, along with the agency response letters. The purpose of the scoping letter was to solicit comments and collect pertinent project information early in the project development process. The coordination (NEPA scoping) between NCTA, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the agencies aided the development of the Statement of Purpose and Need, range of alternatives considered, and the determination of the DSAs.

Table 9-2 lists the agencies that provided comments in response to the scoping letter (arranged by date), along with a brief summary of those comments.

TABLE 9-2: Scoping Comments

Agency	Date	Comments
NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Division of Water Quality	01/22/07	Provided a list of water resources within the study area and general comments.
NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Natural Heritage Program	01/23/07	Recommended careful surveys and planning to minimize impacts to rare species, natural communities, and Significant Natural Heritage areas that occur within the study area. Noted water systems that support important populations of rare species and natural communities: Crooked Creek, East Fork Twelve Mile Creek, Goose Creek/Duck Creek, and North Fork Crooked Creek.
Town of Marshville	01/31/07	Stated support of project. Noted that the Monroe Bypass should be constructed without unnecessary delay upon the existing right of way.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission	02/05/07	Recommended that all portions of the project have full control of access and a wide enough right of way to allow for future widenings, preventing the need for future new location roadways to accommodate traffic once the area reaches build-out. Environmental analysis should include a discussion of urban sprawl and a thorough analysis of secondary and cumulative impacts in the project vicinity. The EIS should include details of protective measures provided by local governments and expected impacts to all state and federally listed species in and near the project. Habitat fragmentation and impacts to stream channels and water quality should be examined.

TABLE 9-2: Scoping Comments

Agency	Date	Comments
NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Mooresville Regional Office	02/05/07	Any open burning associated with the project must be conducted in compliance with 15 A NCAC 20.1900
US Fish and Wildlife Service	02/13/07	Recommended a complete assessment of habitats and survey updates for federally listed species and Federal Species of Concern. Concerned with potential impacts to streams, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, and sensitive species. Noted the project corridors are just south of the Goose Creek basin, which supports the endangered Carolina heelsplitter mussel and is designated as critical habitat. Strongly support adoption of local regulations to provide appropriate protection for the watershed. Recommended a thorough analysis of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts from this project and an analysis of measures adopted to mitigate impacts.
US Army Corps of Engineers – Wilmington District	02/13/07	Recommended that both Lake Twitty and Lake Lee be treated the same in the study area boundary (i.e., either both are in the study area, or both are out) and that the study area boundary on the north be adjusted to include all preliminary corridors for both R-3329 and R-2559. Noted changes in the use of certain terms, phrases, and definitions. Field jurisdictional determinations (JD) have been completed previously for R-2559 and R-3329. Any new alternatives or corridors will have to be accomplished at the same level of detail as those existing.
US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4	02/14/07	Outlined issues and concerns regarding Clean Water Act Sections 401, 402, and 404, Clean Air Act, prime farmlands, invasive species, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act (MBTRA) of 2004, and the purpose and need of the project.
NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management – Office of Geospatial & Technology Management – National Flood Insurance Program	08/08/07	Noted that any road crossings of rivers or streams with floodplain located within communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) require a floodplain development issued by the appropriate county or municipal floodplain administrator. Rivers or streams mapped with floodways or with non-encroachment areas will require submittal of valid no-impact studies or approved Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMR) to the proper floodplain administrator prior to the issuance of permits. Communities participating in the NFIP include Mecklenburg County, Union County, Lake Park, Indian Trail, Monroe, and Wingate.

9.2.2 NOTICE OF INTENT

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the project was published by FHWA in the Federal Register on January 19, 2007 (Volume 72, No.12, pages 2,582–2,583). **Appendix A-1** contains a copy of the NOI.

9.2.3 AGENCY COORDINATION

9.2.3.1 Section 6002 Project Coordination Plan

In October 2007, in accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, the NCTA developed a Project Coordination Plan for the proposed Monroe Connector/Bypass project. The plan establishes a project schedule, sets a monthly schedule for coordination meetings, establishes agency review times, identifies a process for resolving issues of concern, and identifies Cooperating Agencies and Participating Agencies. The Section 6002 Project Coordination Plan was developed and finalized in consultation with FHWA and NCDOT, as well as the Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

Draft versions of the plan were shared with Cooperating Agencies and Participating Agencies, and discussed at the Turnpike Environmental Agency Coordination (TEAC) meetings held February 14, 2007, and May 17, 2007. Written comments on the plan were received from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ), NCDENR Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), and North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCR). The plan was revised to incorporate these comments. The final Section 6002 Project Coordination Plan for the Monroe Connector/Bypass project is included in **Appendix A-5,** along with copies of invitation letters to Cooperating Agencies and Participating Agencies, and responses to those invitations. **Table 9-3** provides an overview of agency roles.

TABLE 9-3: Agency Roles

Agency	Lead Agency	Joint Lead Agency	Cooperating Agency	Participating Agency
Federal Highway Administration	✓			
North Carolina Turnpike Authority		✓		
North Carolina Department of Transportation		✓		
US Army Corps of Engineers			✓	✓
US Environmental Protection Agency				✓
US Fish and Wildlife Service				✓
NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Division of Water Quality				✓
NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Wildlife Resources Commission				✓
State Historic Preservation Office				✓
Mecklenburg-Union MPO				✓

9.2.3.2 Coordination with MUMPO

NCTA presented regular updates at the bi-monthly meetings of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) and at the monthly meetings of the MUMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). **Table 9-4** and **Table 9-5** summarize the MUMPO and MUMPO TCC meetings, respectively.

TABLE 9-4: MUMPO Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
01/17/07	MUMPO staff met with NCTA to explore ways in which the NCTA could assist MUMPO with project implementation. NCTA expressed the need for a decision on whether or not the Monroe Bypass should be tolled.
03/21/07	NCTA provided an update on the study area, purpose and need for the project, environmental review process, scoping process, and schedule for the Monroe Connector/Bypass.
07/18/07	NCTA provided a summary of the June 25, 2007 Local Officials Meeting and the June 2007 Citizens Informational Workshops.
09/19/07	MUMPO approved a resolution (34-1) recommending tolling of the Bypass portion of the Monroe Connector/Bypass project (**Appendix A-2**). The Town of Stallings cast the one opposing vote.
11/14/07	NCTA requested comments on the draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report, which presents the NCTA's recommendations for DSAs. NCTA also provided information on construction cost estimates.
01/16/08	NCTA's monthly status report was presented to MUMPO. NCTA noted comments received from C.A.R.E (Citizens Against Route Eighteen).
03/19/08	NCTA discussed recent public-input events and NCTA's receipt of resolutions and letters concerning DSA Segments 18A and 2. NCTA provided a summary of agency concerns and status of environmental studies.
05/21/08	NCTA stated that the travel forecasts were complete, and also noted the meeting with the TCC on May 1, 2008, to review early functional designs. Construction costs were discussed.
07/16/08	NCTA provided a status report on the engineering designs, environmental studies, and Draft EIS. NCTA noted that the NC General Assembly had approved $24 million in annual gap financing for the project beginning in July 2009 lasting for a period of 39 years.
09/17/08	NCTA reviewed the project schedule for the draft EIS and stated that it should be released by the end of the year with public meetings to follow in early 2009. NCTA also stated that the final EIS should be available by October 2009.
11/19/08	NCTA discussed preparation of the indirect and cumulative effects assessment (ICE). NCTA also explained the various methods that will be used to publicize the Draft EIS once it is complete.
01/21/09	NCTA provided an overall update and status of the project. Also provided an updated project schedule.

TABLE 9-5: MUMPO Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
01/04/07	NCTA updated the TCC on recent activity concerning the Monroe Connector/Bypass, including review of potential alternatives, confirmation of the study area, and selection of a project name. It was further noted that a NOI was being developed for publication in the Federal Register and that a scoping meeting was scheduled.

TABLE 9-5: MUMPO Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
03/01/07	NCTA thanked the TCC for hosting a scoping meeting in February and for providing comments on the study area boundary and Statement of Purpose and Need. The schedule for the project was outlined. The Bypass tolling aspect was also discussed, noting that the NCTA is seeking an answer from MUMPO regarding its interest in tolling the Bypass portion of the project.
04/05/07	NCTA requested a decision from MUMPO regarding its preference on how the projects will be financed. Two options were discussed (i.e., Connector and Bypass both tolled, or Connector tolled and Bypass non-tolled). It was then noted that the MUMPO LRTP would need to be updated if both the Connector and Bypass are tolled.
06/07/07	NCTA reviewed the preliminary alternatives that were to be shown to the public at the June 2007 CIWs.
07/12/07	NCTA summarized the June 25 Local Officials Meeting and the June 25 and 26 CIWs.
08/02/07	NCTA provided an update on the comments received from the June 2007 CIW. Also discussed was the August 15, 2007, TEAC Meeting to discuss the Statement of Purpose and Need.
09/06/07	NCTA provided an update on the progress of the EIS. The TCC unanimously passed a motion to recommend to the MUMPO that it support tolling both the Bypass and Connector portions of the project and that the TCC supported a draft resolution to that effect.
10/04/07	NCTA gave an update on the Monroe Connecter/Bypass studies and on public comments and petitions from the Bonterra subdivision, the Fairhaven subdivision, and C.A.R.E. NCTA described efforts being made on Corridor Segments 18 and 22 to avoid and minimize impacts on the two neighborhoods and surrounding areas.
11/01/07	NCTA distributed the November 2007 newsletter and discussed the recommended 16 DSA. NCTA asked for comments on the draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report.
12/06/07	NCTA provided updates on comments received on the alternatives and noted an extension of the comment period for the draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report.
01/03/08	NCTA provided an update on the designs and analyses for Corridor Segments 18, 18A, and 2, and a summary of the public comments received regarding these corridor segments.
02/07/08	NCTA provided an update on the status of the Draft EIS and the close of the comment period on the draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report.
03/06/08	NCTA discussed the indirect and cumulative effects (ICE) assessment. Also discussed were the ongoing detailed engineering and environmental studies and field work. NCTA stated that a decision had been made to identify a recommended alternative in the Draft EIS.
04/03/08	NCTA reviewed the status of the overall functional designs, and also efforts to minimize impacts on the Old Hickory Industrial Park from Corridor Segment 2. Also discussed was the ICE study.
05/01/08	NCTA held a project work session to meet with members of the TCC to discuss preliminary centerline alignments and preliminary interchange locations.
07/10/08	NCTA provided a status report on the engineering designs, environmental studies, and Draft EIS. NCTA noted that the N.C. General Assembly had approved $24 million in annual gap financing for the project beginning in July 2009 and lasting for a period of 39 years.
08/07/08	NCTA reported that functional designs had been provided to NCDOT for review and comment and that the maps will be posted on the NCTA Web site when finalized.

TABLE 9-5: MUMPO Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
09/04/08	NCTA reported that functional designs will soon be posted on the NCTA Web site and that open houses would be scheduled in September to provide the public with opportunities to review the designs.
10/02/08	NCTA reported that the functional designs presented at the September public meetings were available on the NCTA website and that the Draft EIS was still on track to be released by the end of 2008.
11/06/08	NCTA reported that decisions had been reached on which streams will be bridged and which will be crossed with culverts.
01/08/09	NCTA reported that portions of the Draft EIS were under review and that the full document would be released soon. The Draft EIS would include a recommended alternative.
02/05/09	NCTA reported that the Draft EIS was still under review and stated that the anticipated opening year of 2013 has not changed.
03/05/09	NCTA provided an update on the status of the document review. Also announced that following the approval of the Draft EIS, preparations will begin for a series of Citizens Informational Workshops and Public Hearings, tentatively scheduled for May 2009.

9.2.3.3 Turnpike Environmental Agency Coordination Meetings

The NCTA initiated regularly scheduled agency coordination meetings throughout the project development process. These TEAC meetings were held to review the status of current NCTA projects and to discuss environmental concerns and permitting requirements. **Table 9-6** provides summaries of the TEAC meetings held for the Monroe Connector/Bypass project.

TABLE 9-6: TEAC Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
01/04/07	Identified next steps in the combined Monroe Connector/Bypass Draft EIS Study. Discussed project name, study area, draft Preliminary Statement of Purpose and Need, alternatives development, previous agency comments and concerns, draft NOI and project initiation notice, agency scoping meeting, and draft project schedule.
01/25/07	Project Scoping Meeting – the following information was presented and discussed at this meeting: project background information, Preliminary Statement of Purpose and Need, preliminary study area, known environmental issues, project approach and project resources.
02/14/07	Determined the proposed project study area and discussed the draft Preliminary Statement of Purpose and Need. Draft Section 6002 Project Coordination Plan (with revisions) was distributed. Scoping comments received from various agencies.
03/22/07	Reviewed comments and responses to the project study area map and the draft Preliminary Statement of Purpose and Need. Introduced the draft screening criteria for alternatives and solicited comments.
04/18/07	Completed discussions on the Statement of Purpose and Need, and conducted further discussion and refined agreement for alternatives screening process, and introduced proposed alternatives.

TABLE 9-6: TEAC Meeting Summaries

Meeting Date	Meeting Purpose and Summary
05/17/07	Began discussions on the preliminary study alternatives and discussed revisions to the draft Section 6002 Project Coordination Plan. A presentation was given showing the Preliminary Study Alternatives and the various constraints that were considered when developing alternatives.
06/20/07	Previewed upcoming PowerPoint slideshow presentation, display boards, maps, and handout materials for the June 25 and June 26, 2007, Citizens Informational Workshops.
08/15/07	Reviewed results of Citizens Informational Workshops, submitted draft Preliminary Statement of Purpose and Need for agency comments. The results table of the First Qualitative Screening of alternatives was distributed. An overview of the basic screening criteria and a description of the alternative concepts were given.
09/27/07	Concluded discussions on Qualitative First Screening of conceptual alternatives. Discussed Qualitative Second Screening of preliminary corridors and preliminary Qualitative Third Screening of data.
10/17/07	Addressed comments on the Qualitative Second Screening and presented findings of the Qualitative Third Screening. A table showing the preliminary impacts associated with the Preliminary Study Alternatives was presented for review.
12/05/07	Discussed agency and public comments on Draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report, which was released 11/06/07.
02/05/08	Discussed summary of public comments on Draft Alternatives Development and Analysis Report, range of reasonable alternatives, and indirect and cumulative impacts. Elimination of the upgrade US 74 alternative was discussed.
07/08/08	Presented ongoing preparations of functional designs for the DSAs. Elimination of the upgrade US 74 alternative was discussed.
09/23/08	Elimination of the upgrade US 74 alternative was discussed. Began discussions of qualitative indirect and cumulative effects studies, as well as discussion of the preliminary hydraulics analysis. Details of the functional design open houses were also shared.
10/07/08	Discussed information in order to achieve consensus on bridging decisions for streams and wetlands crossed by the DSAs.
10/21/08	Various agency members participated in a field review of the following crossings: 3, 6, 8, 9, 14, 27, 46, and 47 (See Figures 2-10e, f,, i. o, and x). Field team also visited two known populations of Schweinitz's sunflower adjacent to Secrest Shortcut Road and in the vicinity of the proposed Unionville-Indian Trail interchange.