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Ind. 39 Corridor Study Heads to Public Hearing

More than a year after launching, the Ind. 39 Gateway Corridor Study heads Sept. 13 to the Hendricks County Area Plan Commission for its public hearing.

The hearing is scheduled during the plan commission's regular monthly meeting at the county government center in Danville at 6:30 p.m.

Following county planning department and study leader presentations, the hearing opens for public input. The plan commission then makes its recommendation to the county commissioners on whether to adopt the study as part of the overall comprehensive plan.

The commissioners, during a subsequent meeting, decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the recommendation.

County residents who support or oppose the plan have the opportunity to voice their views during the hearing.

Copies of the plan are found at the county website, http://www.co.hendricks.in.us/ under "News & Notices," all county libraries, and the planning department's office.

The study details a development strategy for the five-mile corridor between U.S. 40 and I-70, relying on research, an on-line survey that drew nearly 700 responses, state highway plans and the project steering committee.

The study recognizes Hendricks County's growth (third-fastest in the state, and with more than 158,000 residents) and how to manage expected growth along the corridor.

The study: small-town planning at Belleville, the I-70 interchange and the fivemile stretch, where continued agricultural practices and conservation subdivisions are recommended, along with traffic calming measures.

At Belleville recommendations include residential and non-residential development, infill, and U.S. 40 corridor in both directions.

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