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Lake County, Ohio



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Ann M. DiDonato	Area Manager Northern Region	The Illuminating Company
Bob Parker		Baker & Associates
Chuck Ashcroft	Executive Director	Grand River Partnership
Don Crellin	Assistant Chairman	Leroy Township Zoning Board
Gerald Jenkins Jr.	Administrator	Madison Township
Linda Bruhenne	Chairwoman	Leroy Township
Martin Gareau	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Mentor
Nancy Currie	Madison-Perry	Chamber of Commerce
Raymond Jurkowski	General Manager	LAKETRAN
Rita McMahon	City Manager	City of Painesville



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Stakeholder Committee Meeting

January 21, 2004

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- ❑ Introductions
- ❑ Purpose of the Study
- ❑ The Study Process
- ❑ Role of the Stakeholder Committee
- ❑ Meeting Dates, Times, & Location
- ❑ Input to Public Involvement Plan
- ❑ Input to Problem Statement



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Vrooman Road Study

Background

Vrooman Road (County Road 227) provides access to Perry and Leroy Townships, as well as southeastern Painesville from I-90. North of I-90 and adjacent to the Indian Points and Mason's Landing Parks, Vrooman Road spans the Grand River. TranSystems Corporation has been hired by Lake County, Ohio, to provide consulting services for the Preliminary Development Phase of Vrooman Road in Leroy and Perry Townships. The PDP study will involve the analysis of Vrooman Road's alignment and condition adjacent to and including the Grand River Bridge.

The analysis will look at three major issues with Vrooman Road.

- Vrooman Road's grade south of the intersection with SR 84 is too steep, causing erosion and slippage issues;
- The Grand River Bridge is in a state of disrepair and creates safety issues;
- Vrooman Road south of the Grand River Bridge involves some serious curves and angles that create safety issues.

The goal of the study will provide for improved safety and maintenance of Vrooman Road, as well as allowing for a north-south corridor in between Interstate 90 and State Route 2.

Problem Statement

The Vrooman Road study should alleviate the problems currently existing with the road and bridge today. The following issues were identified and are summarized below as a "Problem Statement" for the project.

The Vrooman Road Study will:

- ***Provide acceptable traffic operation for future traffic volumes;***
- ***Correct identified accident problems;***
- ***Eliminate flooding of a new bridge spanning across Grand River;***
- ***Reduce dangerous current steep grade near Vrooman's intersection with State Route 84;***
- ***Accommodate transit needs; improve safety for truck travel;***
- ***Provide safe and good access to the Nuclear Power Plant in Perry Township; providing unrestricted weight limits;***
- ***Eliminate or avoid current geotechnical problems near Vrooman's intersection with State Route 84.***



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Preliminary Public Involvement Plan

Introduction

The Vrooman Road Bridge crosses over the Grand River in Leroy Township, Ohio, 0.2 miles south of State Route 84. There are several safety concerns due to issues with the current bridge. First, the road frequently floods causing roadway conditions dangerous to drivers. Next, the grade approaching SR 84 to the north of the bridge does not meet current standards, also possibly causing roadway conditions dangerous to drivers. There have been many accidents on the bridge over the last several years. There is also a weight limit on the current bridge, which restricts traffic access from IR-90 to Perry Power Plant, which is approximately 5 miles northeast of the bridge.

Lake County has retained TranSystems Corporation to complete a study of the area around the Vrooman Road bridge. The study area will include the intersections of Vrooman Road and SR 84 and River Road and SR 84. The purpose of this study is to analyze the area and identify structural and geometric deficiencies which may be contributing to safety and access problems in the area, including the possible need to replace the bridge and retaining wall. As a result of such analysis, options for countermeasures to address these deficiencies in order to increase safety and IR-90 access will be given. Both positive and negative impacts of these options need to be identified and discussed. The process of this study must involve various project stakeholders- the affected residents, business owners and community leaders, as well as the political entities and funding agencies, which must ultimately implement the countermeasures. Therefore, the Public Involvement Program, detailed in this Public Involvement Plan, is a critical component to the success of this study.



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Purpose

Public involvement during a transportation planning study serves two basic purposes – to distribute information and to solicit input. It is important that the components of the Public Involvement Plan address both objectives. The Public Involvement Program for the Vrooman Road Study will:

- Educate the public and decision-makers about the study process and their role within it
- Solicit input on the problems that the study should be designed to solve
- Provide information on the needs identified during the technical analysis
- Solicit input on the alternatives that should be considered
- Provide information on the potential impacts and benefits of each alternative
- Solicit input on the recommended solution
- Provide information on the chosen solution and rationale used in decision-making

In order to achieve these goals, the Project Team proposes to use several methods described in detail below.

Methods

Stakeholder Committee. The primary forum for public input for this project will be the use of a Stakeholder Committee. A group of stakeholders, representing diverse viewpoints on the priorities for the area, will be assembled to provide input throughout the study. The Stakeholder Committee will be involved in each phase of the study to provide feedback in each area listed above.

The project team will assemble a group of representatives from the Lake County Engineer's Office, Lake Metroparks, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the



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Federal Highway Administration, NOACA, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Perry, Madison, Painesville and Leroy Townships, Laketrans, various public officials and area businesses. Other interested parties may be added to the committee, if necessary, to ensure that all viewpoints have been represented. Members of the public that do not hold a seat on the committee will be welcome to attend committee meetings, but they must hold all comments until the end of the working session.

Five Stakeholder Committee Meetings are anticipated. These are tentatively scheduled for 1/21/04, 2/11/04, 3/31/04, 6/9/04 and 7/28/04. The meetings will be held at the Leroy Community Chapel, 12920 Painesville-Warren Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077. Times and dates will be finalized with the Stakeholder Committee at the first meeting. Each meeting's agenda will be as follows:

- Meeting #1:* Introduction to process, input to public involvement plan, and input to problem statement (objectives of the study)
- Meeting #2:* Review of project's "Purpose & Need" and input to alternatives to be considered
- Meeting #3:* Coordination on project impacts by alternative (focus on park issues, archaeological resources, or ecological resources, as appropriate to each option)
- Meeting #4:* Review of Alternatives and preparation for Public Involvement Meeting, which is tentatively planned for June 30, 2004
- Meeting #5:* Discussion of recommendations



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Public Meeting. One general public meeting will be held once alternatives have been developed and compared, but prior to any decision on a preferred alternative. The public meeting, tentatively scheduled for June 30, 2004, will be held at a public location near the study area. Property owners along the corridor will be notified by direct mail of the public meeting date, time and location. A press release will be issued to assist the media in providing notice to other members of the public. The particulars of these activities will be coordinated with the Lake County Engineer's Office.

The meeting will be held as an open house from 4-8 p.m. During this period, members of the public may view exhibits and ask questions of the project team. A 30-minute presentation will be made at two points during the open house, tentatively planned for 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting and for two weeks after the meeting date. The project team will compile all comments received and provide this information for consideration during the discussion of recommendations with the Stakeholder Committee.

Project Updates. Between Stakeholder Committee Meetings, the County Engineer and other Committee members will be informed of the progress of study tasks. The methods to be used for transmitting these progress reports may include e-mail, letter, fax or personal briefing. The preferred method of communication for each stakeholder will be recorded and employed.

Modifications to the Plan

A Public Involvement Plan is never final until the project is complete. The approaches being used for this project will be examined during the progress of the work and adjusted as necessary. The Stakeholder Committee will be consulted regarding appropriate measures to be used for community outreach as well as information



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Stakeholder Committee Meeting
February 11, 2004
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Discussion of Purpose & Need
 - Primary Needs
 - Secondary Needs
- Input to Alternatives to Be Considered



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Alternatives

During the February 11, 2004 stakeholders meeting for the Vrooman Road study many conceptual ideas were brainstormed to meet the needs of the project. These ideas are listed below.

- No Build
- Replace bridge at its same current location and elevation
- Realign Vrooman Road, raising it to the minimal allowed elevation for 100 year flood eliminating sub-standard curves/alleviate problems with retaining wall
- Realign Vrooman Road to connect with Lane Road
- Vacate road altogether from State Route 84 to Seeley
- Vacate road, vacate interchange at Vrooman Road and make a new interchange elsewhere
- High level bridge straight across to Lane Road
- Improve Vrooman from State Route 84 to I-90 eliminating sub-standard items
- Reroute Vrooman east, not necessarily to Lane Road
- Consider ODOT "Alternative 5" from comprehensive plan
- Modify river to address flooding



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Purpose and Need

This project's "purpose and need" document will establish the needs that the project is intended to address. It will also provide information to help in the evaluation of alternatives – those that do not meet the primary needs of the project may be eliminated from further consideration as part of the study.

Based upon input from the Stakeholder Committee, the project team has identified the following primary needs:

1. Improve connection from SR 84 to I-90 to provide access route to power plant that can accommodate all standard vehicle sizes (Homeland Security)
2. Eliminate safety and community impacts associated with closure of Vrooman Road due to flooding
3. Eliminate existing geometric deficiencies (steep grade, substandard curves)
4. Reduce accidents
5. Reduce maintenance problems associated with slope adjacent to Vrooman Road at SR 84
6. Provide acceptable traffic operation for future traffic volumes
7. Accommodate transit needs/school transportation

Other project goals stated by Stakeholder Committee:

- ☐ Provide an aesthetically pleasing bridge to complement the scenic Grand River;
- ☐ Minimize short and long term impacts on the Grand River;
- ☐ Accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists (Note: Local funds from license plate and gas tax cannot be used for this purpose.)
- ☐ Accommodate future plans for utilities along Vrooman Road

Alternatives will not be discarded based upon failure to meet other project goals, but these factors will be used in the evaluation of alternatives. The evaluation will also include impacts on residences and communities, consistency with local development goals, cemeteries, park property, historic and archaeological resources, streams, floodplain, and project cost.



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Stakeholder Meeting Minutes July 28, 2004

Introduction: Went around room and introduced selves in case there were new people in attendance.

People from various organizations, public officials, and some residents were in attendance.

Goals: To discuss recommendations and go over comments received from citizens following the public involvement open house that was held on July 7, 2004.

Alternatives: The alternatives presented at the meeting were again shown to the Stakeholder group and explained which of the needs each would fulfill.

- **Alternative A:** This option provides access to Madison Avenue via high-level bridge. It improves all aspects of the purpose and need including: bridge condition, retaining wall, flooding, conveying all traffic safely, (geometric issues) improving access for large vehicles (school buses), and Homeland Security.
- **Alternative B:** This option provides access to Lane Road via high-level bridge. It improves all aspects of the purpose and need including: bridge condition, retaining wall, flooding, conveying all traffic safely (geometric issues), improving access for large vehicles (school buses), and Homeland Security. Some problems with this option include: possible 5-point intersection, or moving of River Road to avoid one, may impact more unaffected areas, and engineering problems with needing another bridge over the waterfall.
- **Alternative C:** This alternative provides access to Madison via slightly elevated low-level bridge through the valley. The needs this alternative fixes are flooding, by elevating bridge just above the 100-year floodplain, and the retention wall problems, and bridge condition.
- **Alternative D:** This option replaces the bridge in the current location. This option is cheaper than the rest. It alleviates the bridge condition problem along with the retaining wall issues.
- **Alternative E:** Is the "No Build" which would take no action, resulting in the bridge and roadway being closed after such time that the bridge becomes impassable.



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Public Involvement Meeting: The public involvement meeting was held on June 9, 2004 at the LeRoy Fire Department from 4:00-7:00 PM. The meeting was an open house with detailed exhibits, which included each of the alternatives and a typical section. Information given to the public included handouts with text explaining the options along with potential consequences and what parts of the project's needs each alleviate as well as a matrix showing costs for each option and a comment sheet.

Comments from Meeting: Many people chose more than one option as a preferred. So the comments have been broken down to show the differences.

- 22 people chose a high-level bridge option (A or B)
- 36 people chose a low-level bridge option (C, D, or E)
- Of the 22 that chose a high-level option, 22 chose B, and 7 also chose A.
- Of the 36 people that chose a low-level option, 30 chose C, 21 chose D and 3 chose E. Two people that chose E also chose C and D.

Issues/Concerns: Issues and concerns brought up by members of the stakeholder group include the following:

- Cost of the minimum would be 4 million dollars for alternative D; Homeland Security monies may be able to help out.
- Affecting parks more than the condo community north of SR 84.
- Would take more parkland for C and might impact wild and scenic status.
- (Citizen) Intersection fixed now swings wider with removal of the telephone pole.
- Bridge aesthetics are important.
- Noise level, pollution and traffic would all be increased.
- Need more time to evaluate noise analysis and photo renderings, need more information to base a decision on. (Noise, visual, park, traffic, and zoning).
- What it would look like from Indian Point.
- Yearly maintenance costs.
- Added traffic traversing SR 84.
- Waterfall impacts.
- Sheriff concerned about grade and curves as far as safety goes.



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Other: The business of deciding on a preferred alternative has been tabled due to the unanimous feeling that there was too low of an attendance at the meeting and that more information would be needed before coming to a final decision. At the meeting the group allowed for a spokesperson for the community around River Road to speak at the meeting. Mrs. Judy Hoppert attended the meeting and voiced the concerns of a group in her neighborhood. These included the following:

- Got feedback from the area and have been passing around a petition to keep a high-level bridge from being built.
- Do not want a high-level bridge due to noise and aesthetics.
- However do not want an option that would affect the condos as Alternative C does.
- Do not want I-90 to be reshaped that would affect homes and businesses, want the road to be maintained as a country road.

Next Meeting: The next meeting, (meeting #5), will be determined at such time the project team can acquire more in-depth information and create renderings for the group to see. At this time given a larger attendance of the committee shows a preferred alternative will then be chosen.



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Stakeholder Meeting Minutes February 16, 2005

Introduction: Went around room and introduced selves in case there were new people in attendance.

People from various organizations, public officials, and some residents were in attendance.

Goals: To discuss recommendations and strive for choosing a preferred alternative.

Alternatives: The alternatives presented at the meeting were again shown to the Stakeholder group and explained which of the needs each would fulfill.

- **Alternative A:** This option provides access to Madison Avenue via high-level bridge. It improves all aspects of the purpose and need including: bridge condition, retaining wall, flooding, conveying all traffic safely, (geometric issues) improving access for large vehicles (school buses), and Homeland Security.
- **Alternative B:** This option provides access to Lane Road via high-level bridge. It improves all aspects of the purpose and need including: bridge condition, retaining wall, flooding, conveying all traffic safely (geometric issues), improving access for large vehicles (school buses), and Homeland Security. Some problems with this option include: possible 5-point intersection, or moving of River Road to avoid one, may impact more unaffected areas, and engineering problems with needing another bridge over the waterfall. (Some reconfiguring had been done with this alternative to address concerns presented by the public at the previous meeting.) Reconfiguring included closing off River Road from SR 84, making it a cul-de-sac and potentially rerouting another road to SR 84 from it.
- **Alternative C:** This alternative provides access to Madison via slightly elevated low-level bridge through the valley. The needs this alternative fixes are flooding, by elevating bridge just above the 100-year floodplain, and the retention wall problems, and bridge condition.
- **Alternative E:** Is the "No Build" which would take no action, resulting in the bridge and roadway being closed after such time that the bridge becomes impassable.



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Presentation: A presentation was given during the meeting illustrating the steps taken by the stakeholder meeting up until this point. It displayed the process of developing a purpose and need for the project through the development of feasible alternatives. The presentation also went through the pros and cons for each alternative and how each met the purpose and need.

Other studies: At the previous meeting the stakeholders felt they needed further investigation into noise and visual issues the different alternatives posed on the park and the surrounding community. Displays of how each alternative would look from various areas in the park and neighboring communities for each option were shown, along with preliminary noise estimates for each alternative.

Comments/Issues/Concerns: Issues and concerns brought up by members of the stakeholder group include the following:

- The representatives from the sheriff's department and EMA both agreed that Alternative B was the safest alternative and would be better as an evacuation route for the Perry Power Plant.
- Representatives from Perry Township felt that residents in affected communities should have another meeting to see the alternatives and comment.
- Representative from Perry Township felt that more in-depth investigations of the alternatives should be done before choosing a preferred.
- Representatives from Leroy Township felt that Alternative B best accomplished the purpose and need.
- Representatives that had been on previous groups for the past project questioned the differences of the project from then and now and the possibility of receiving funding for it. (IN response Alan Exley and Jim Gills representing the Lake County Engineer's Office noted the many differences between past projects and the one today.
- Noise level, pollution and traffic would all be increased.
- Need more time to evaluate noise analysis and photo renderings, need more information to base a decision on. (Noise, visual, park, traffic, and zoning).
- What it would look like from Indian Point.
- Yearly maintenance costs.
- Added traffic traversing SR 84.
- Waterfall impacts.
- Sheriff concerned about grade and curves as they correlate with safety along the corridor.



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Stakeholder Meeting

February 11, 2004

Attendance

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Linda Burhoune	Le Roy Trustee	254-4315
TED DAVIS	PAINESVILLE TWP. SCHOOLS	(440) 375-5571
LEE BODNAR	Painesville Township	352-1443
ALAN EXLEY	LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER	350-2770
Bob Parker	Baker	216-776-6614
Chuck Ketzig	Lake Metroparks.	440-439-9874
LARRY GREENE	LAKE COUNTY EMA	440-350-5455
CHUCK KLCO	Le Roy Twp	440-254-4003
WILLIAM CROSKER	LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	440-350-5517
RON CRELLIN	Le Roy Twp Zoning	440-254-4566
Steve Robinson	ODNR Scenic Group	330-527-4184
DAN TASMAN	LAKE COUNTY PLNG	440 350 2740
NANCY CURRIE	Madison Perry area Chamber of Commerce	440-428-2189
Pat O'Grady	LEROY DISPATCH	440 352-4436
Harrell C. Wetzel	Lake Co. Planning	440-350-2740



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Stakeholder Meeting

February 11, 2004

Attendance

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Stakeholder Meeting

March 31, 2004

Attendance

Name	Organization	Phone
TED DAVIS	PAINESVILLE Twp. Schools	
Lt. Lonnie Sparkman	Lake Co Sheriff's Office	
LARRY GREENE	LAKE CO. EMERG. MAN.	350-5455
PAT GREENE	LeRoy Dispatch	
Nancy Currie	Mad-Perry Chamber of Commerce	428-2189
Mark Alan Carpenter	ODOT - DISTRICT 12	(216) 584-2089
WLR	Lake Twp	440-254-4388 (216)
Tom Seige	ODOT D-12	844-581-2086 440
Don Gelbin	LeRoy Zoning	254-4566
DAN TASMAN	LAKE COUNTY PLANNING	440 350-2740
ALAN EXLEY	LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER	440-350-2770
Chuck Krizig	Lake Metroparks	639-7275
MICHAEL B. ARMSTRONG	FWWA	(614) 880-0855
David Gilman	L.C. Dev. Council	350-2974
Marcella. Webster	L.C. Planning	350-2740
Jim Armaline	No ACA	x323 216-241-2414
Chris. Owen	Baker & Assoc.	216-776-6630
DENNIS KEENEY	LeRoy Zoning	440 298-1341

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Stakeholder Meeting

March 31, 2004.

Attendance

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Vrooman Road Study

Stakeholder Meeting Attendance List June 9, 2004



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Tom Sarge	5500 Transportation Blvd.	ODOT - D-12
Steve Rolason	11027 Hopkins Rd. Garrettsville, OH 44231	ODNR Scent Bureau
LARRY GREENE	LAKE County EMA	—
Judith Burdette	7286 Crellan Rd LeRoy	LeRoy Twp ^{Justices}
ALAN EXLEY	550 BLACKBURN Rd.	LAKE County ENGINEER
Lt. Lonnie Sparkman	104 E. ERIE LAKE County Sheriff's Office	LC-S.O
DON CRELLIN	7780 LESTER Dr. LeRoy Township, Ohio 44077	LeRoy Zoning
DAN DONALDSON	LAKE SWCD 125 E. ERIE ST PV OH 44077	LAKE SWCD
Sam Gills		Lk Co. Eng.
Wally Siegel	P.O. 65 Perry	Perry Twp
Gary Paine	city of Painesville	city of Painesville
Chuck Koenig	Lake Metroparks	
Chuck Koenig	14570 VALENTINE RD	LeRoy Twp
Donald D. Kohn	city of Painesville	same
Jim Armalino	1299 Superior, Cleveland	NOACA
Maher Holozadah	Ditto	NOACA
DEWIS KEESY	14429 LEROY CENTER RD LEROY TWP.	LEROY TWP.
Chris Owen	Baker & Associates	



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Jim Pithler	2840 S. Ridge Perry	Resident
Frank W. Pithler	2840 S. RIDGE PERRY	HOME OWNER
Judy Hoppert	2955 River Rd Perry	Resident
Paul Owen	5911 Vrooman, LEPPY	ABEUS RESIDENT
Chris Owen		Baker & Assoc.
Ami DiDonato	7757 Auburn Rd. Concord	CEI
Rich Van Post	6522 INDIAN POINT, PAINESVILLE	Lorain Twp Trustors
Chuck Kenzig	11211 Spear Rd. Concord Twp.	Lake Metroparks
DARRELL C. WEBSTER	125 E. ERIE ST. PAINESVILLE	LCPC
Larry Adrey	2065 Hubbard Rd. Madison, OH 44057	Madison Twp
Richard A. Merkody	2582 JENNINGS RD CERA,	LeRoy Twp
CHUCK KLEO	14510 VALENTINE RD Leoy 44086	LeRoy Twp
DAU TASMAN	LCPC 175 E ERIE ST /PAINESVILLE	LCPC
ALAN EXLEY	550 BLACKBURN ROL. PVE	LAKE CO. ENGINEER
Don Ramm	7 Richmond street / Painesville	City of Painesville
NANCY CURRIE	6421 Indian Point	MADISON-PERRY AREA CHAMBER

June 23, 2004

Dear Resident/ Property-Business Owner/ Interested Citizen:

Subject: Vrooman Road Study

The Lake County Engineer's Office has recently contracted with TranSystems Corporation to perform an analysis of the Vrooman Road corridor from I-90 to SR 84 to evaluate any roadway deficiencies, and explore alternatives for replacing the Vrooman Road Bridge over the Grand River.

We would like to invite you to join us for an Open House Public Involvement Meeting.

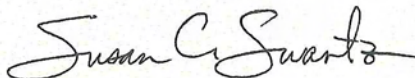
Date: *Wednesday, July 7, 2004*
Time: *4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*
Location: *LeRoy Community Center*
Address: *13028 LeRoy Center Road*

The meeting will follow an open house format. You may visit at any time to review the exhibits and ask questions. No formal presentation will be given.

The purpose of the meeting is to display to the community the current alternatives under consideration and to solicit comments from the public. Representatives from the Lake County Engineer's Office, the Ohio Department of Transportation and TranSystems Corporation will be available to discuss the proposed project and answer questions. You will have the opportunity at this meeting to provide comments on the project.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the project team at (614) 336-8480 or via e-mail at scswartz@transystems.com

Respectfully,



Susan C. Swartz
Project Manager



Vrooman Road Study

Public Meeting Attendance List July 7, 2004

TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name	Address	Organization, if any
Carolyn Morrison	5409 Pebble Creek, P.ville, 44077	-
Lee Bodnar	Painesville Township	
CHUCK CRITKOVICH	55 ERIEVIEW PLAZA CLEVELAND, OH 44114	HNTB
DARRELL E. WEBSTER	LAKE CO PLANNING COMMISSION 125 E. ERIE ST. PAINESVILLE	
LEO J. TALIKKA	2603 RIVERSIDE DR P.L.L.E., OH 44077	SELF
Richard L. Don	"	"
David Gilman	Box 330 P.ville 44077	L.C. Development Council
MARK ALAN CARPENTER	5600 TRANSPORTATION BLVD.	ODOT
RICH VAN PUT	6522 INDIAN POINT	LeRoy Twp
RICHARD A. MERKOSKY	7584 JENNINGS DR	LeRoy Twp
Laura Freeman	Lake County Biz Journal-Wilber	
ALAN EXLEY	550 BLACKBURN RD PAINESVILLE, OH	Lake County Econ
Jerald H. Mathers	5512 Vrooman Road LeRoy OH	Home Owner
Jim Armachine	1299 Superior, Cleveland, OH	NOACA
Richard Deener	5902 Woodhill St, P.ville, OH	Home Owner
Tom + Gerry Reed	6089 Dewey Rd Madison	
PAUL SIDERS	5430 VROOMAN RD.	
Don Anzick	2780 S. Ridge Perry	-
Anzick Debbie Fox	" " "	Home Owner
Patricia Beck	5582 Vrooman Rd P.ville	



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Name	Address	Organization, if any
Burt Bork	5582 Vrooman Rd	
Chris Oum		Baker & Assoc
Nancy & Greg Currie	6421 Indian Pointe, Leroy	Madison-Perry Area Chamber of Commerce
Todd Mackey	5302 Queen Ann Way	
Michael PONSART	5360 VROOMAN RD	
SANDY PONSART	5360 VROOMAN RD	
Andy Assel	5399 Pebble Creek Ln Pville	
Alan R Digney	150 Paradise Rd Pville	
John Smith	4007 MAIN ST Perry	
Don Crellin	7780 Luster Dr. LeRoy 44677	LeRoy Zoning
Dennis L Keeney	14429 LeRoy Green, 44686	Zoning CONRO
Steve Holson	11027 Hopkins Rd Garrettsville, OH 44206	Scienc Rivers
Dwight & Betty Talente	5390 Vrooman Rd. Painesville OH 44087	
LARRY GREENE	LAKE G. EMA	EMA
Robert Guthrie	2857 S. Ridge Rd Perry 44081	
Judy Hoppert	2955 River Rd Perry	
Dennis Hoppert	2955 RIVER RD. PERRY	
Bill FUSON	5700 VROOMAN PVILLE.	
Mary C Rogers	5208 Luendann Way Painesville	
LT Mill	6250 US RT 6 Rome	



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July 7, 2004

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Name	Address	Organization, if any
Jessica Deenan	5902 Woodhull Pkwy	
Lois Ann Houston	5876 Woodhull St. Painesville	
Tom Houston	5876 Woodhull St. Painesville	
Joe & Kathy Monreal	2965 River Rd Perry OH 44081	
Brian Stetson	3035 River Rd. Perry OH 44081	
Cindee Wild	3035 River Rd Perry 44081	
Harry McCune	6900 Madison Rd Thompson 44086	Sedley Precast
Jean Kujala	5566 Vrooman Rd	
Martin Kujala	5566 Vrooman Rd	
John Weir	7320 Leroy Thompson Rd.	
Lu Duncay	436 Pleasant Ave. P.ville	
Carol Lynn Kirsch	2975 River Rd. Perry	
Cheryl H	Leroy Fay Trust	
Arny Albert	5705 CANYON RIDGE DR PAINESVILLE 44077	
Chris Siders	5430 Vrooman Rd.	
Russell Tuttle	2821 River Rd.	
Shelby Brumbaugh	6449 VROOMAN RD	
Jeff Brumbaugh	6449 VROOMAN Rd	



Vrooman Road Study

Public Meeting Attendance List
July 7, 2004



Name	Address	Organization, if any
Pam England	3026 River Rd	
Doug Feathers	Perry, Oh 44081	
Tom Condon	6260 Conlay Rd	
Dan Waltermire	5580 Canyon Ridge Dr. Perry Twp 44077	
Joan Pitchler	2840 S. Ridge, OH	
Jaime Pitchler	2840 South Ridge Rd	
Frank W Pitchler	2840 SOUTH RIDGE RD	
Gregory Sanford	5444 Vrooman Rd	
Susan Ash-Sanford	5444 Vrooman Rd	
Pam Wells	5220 Queen Ann Way	
AL WELLS	" " "	



Vrooman Road Study Lake County, Ohio



Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this open house meeting is to present the alternatives for the Vrooman Road Project, to answer questions, and to solicit comments on the proposed alternatives to be considered when choosing a preferred alternative.

Background



The Vrooman Road Study Corridor includes the section of Vrooman Road from I-90 north to SR 84. The Grand River is a scenic river located in a steep-sided, narrow valley just south of SR 84. Vrooman Road crosses the Grand River on an existing bridge at the bottom of the valley.

The purpose of the Study is:

- Perform an in-depth analysis of the corridor to evaluate any roadway deficiencies, and
- Explore alternatives for the structurally deficient Vrooman Road Bridge.

Purpose of the Project

The Purpose for the Vrooman Road Study Project is to alleviate the deficiencies along the roadway from I-90 north to SR 84. These problems include flooding, sub-standard curves and steep grades, retaining wall failure, and structural deficiencies of the existing bridge. The current roadway is the chosen evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. In order for the roadway to be sufficient for this purpose Vrooman Road must be improved to meet standards. The goal of the study is to provide for improved safety and maintenance of Vrooman Road, as well as allowing for a north-south corridor in between Interstate 90 and State Route 84.

Alternatives

From I-90 to just south of the bridge, Vrooman Road will remain two lanes, but will be improved to provide standard curves, lane widths and shoulders. Improvement to this portion of the roadway is not anticipated to impact any homes and property impacts are expected to be minimal. The amount of right-of-way to be purchased, if any, will be determined during design when the locations of the ditches have been established.

Four alternatives for the bridge replacement have been developed as a result of this study, along with a No Build option; below are some short descriptions of each option.

Alternative A – High Level Bridge to Madison Avenue

Alternative A involves replacing the existing bridge with a high-level bridge, spanning the Grand River Valley, tying into Madison Avenue. It would include alleviating all deficiencies at the current intersection. This option will also maintain access to Seeley Road.

Alternative B – High Level Bridge to Lane Avenue

Alternative B involves replacing the existing bridge with a high-level bridge, spanning the Grand River Valley, tying into Lane Road at State Route 84. This alternative will also maintain access to Seeley Road.

There are two options for the intersection with Lane Road at State Route 84:

- The first option creates a five-point intersection with the new Vrooman Road tying into Lane Road at State Route 84. River Road would connect to the southeast corner of the intersection
- The second option realigns River Road and State Route 84 east of the intersection with Lane Road and Vrooman Road.

Alternative C – Low-Level Bridge

Replace current structure with a longer bridge in the Grand River Valley just above the 100-year flood elevation, with the road following its current location everywhere else. This alternative would include improvements to the retaining wall on the north end of the valley.

Alternative D

Replace the existing structure with an improved bridge in the same location as the existing bridge and repair the retaining wall along SR 84.

Alternative E

The No Build alternative would involve routine maintenance, leaving the road in its current condition. The bridge would eventually be closed as its condition deteriorates.

Next Steps

The Study Team will collect and summarize the comments that are received. The comparison of alternatives will be finalized based upon public comments, the environmental studies, and preliminary cost estimates. Once this information is available, the Study Team will work with Lake County to recommend a preferred alternative. Once the option is chosen, Lake County will be seeking funding for the project. The timeline for design, right-of-way purchase, and construction will not be finalized until the project funding is identified.

Comments will be accepted at the meeting, by mail, fax, or e-mail until July 23, 2004:

**TranSystems Corporation
Vrooman Road Study Team
5747 Perimeter Drive, Suite 240
Dublin, OH 43017**

**E-mail: scswartz@transystems.com
Fax: (614) 336-8540**



Vrooman Road Study
Lake County, Ohio



Vrooman Road
Preliminary Project Impacts

ISSUE/CONCERN	Vrooman Road Preliminary Project Impacts				
	A	B	C	D	E
BRIDGE LENGTH (feet)	1,800	1,800	1,000	200	N/A
ADDRESSES GEOMETRIC DEFICIENCIES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
ADDRESSES FLOODING	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
ADDRESSES BRIDGE CONDITION	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
ADDRESSES/AVOIDS WALL CONDITION	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
POTENTIAL RELOCATIONS					
SINGLE FAMILY	0	1	0	0	0
MULTI FAMILY	0	0	1	0	0
BUSINESS	1	0	1	0	0
PROPERTY IMPACTS (parcels)	16	7	9	0	0
CULTURAL RESOURCES					
HISTORY/ARCHITECTURE (properties to be evaluated)	1	4	0	0	0
ARCHAEOLOGY	Will require evaluation/avoidance				
ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES					
WETLANDS (acres)	0.13	0.36	0.09	0	0
STREAMS (in addition to crossing of Grand River)	0	1	0	0	0
Park/Section 4(f) - acres perm r/w (preliminary)	3.03	3.02	0.93	0	0
Additional Impacts	Modified access to Masons Landing; relocation of canoe launch and parking	Modified access to Masons Landing; relocation of canoe launch and parking	Minimal facility impacts; steep grade remains; may be difficult to construct	Minimal impacts; road still floods	Eventual bridge closure; road still floods

DESIGN
ISSUES

PROPERTY
IMPACTS

ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS



Vrooman Road Study

Public Meeting Comment Form
July 7, 2004

Name:

Address:

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Other Comments:

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Vrooman Road Study Lake County, Ohio



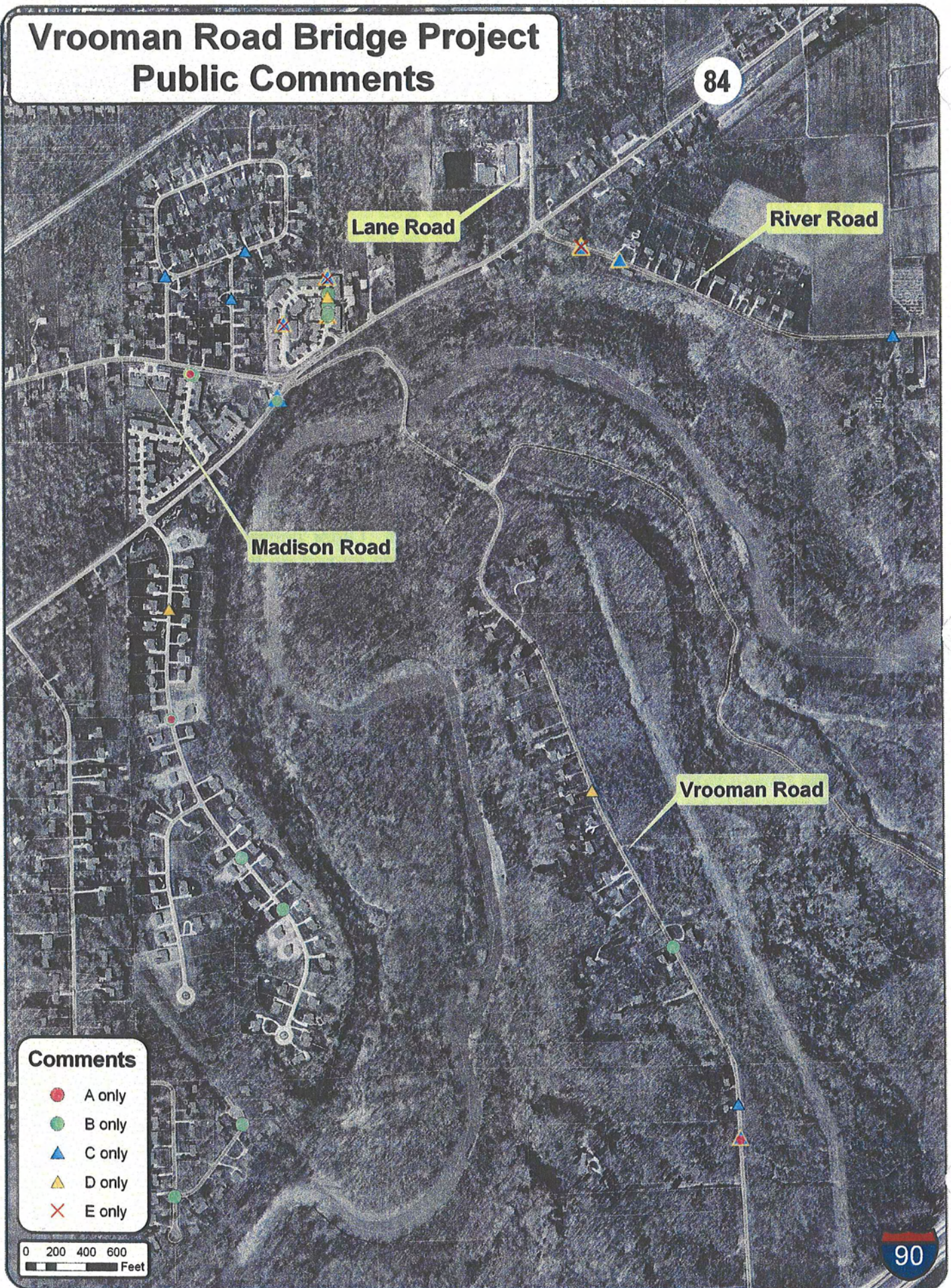
Of the nineteen people that chose B four of them also chose A with the thought that both met the needs of the project. One also chose C, which was preferred. Another also chose A, D, and E because he did not want any option that included taking any of the condos on River Road. The other thirteen chose B for various reasons including the idea that it was a straight shot, Madison Avenue was already a really congested intersection, a more direct route to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, takes traffic away from Canterbury Crossing Condominiums, and fewer impacts to people.

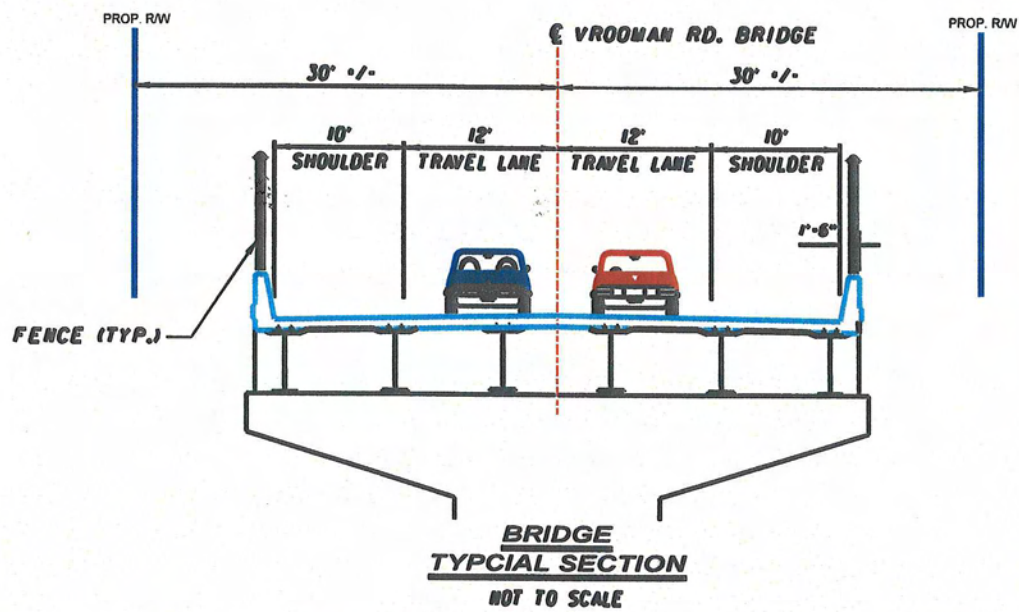
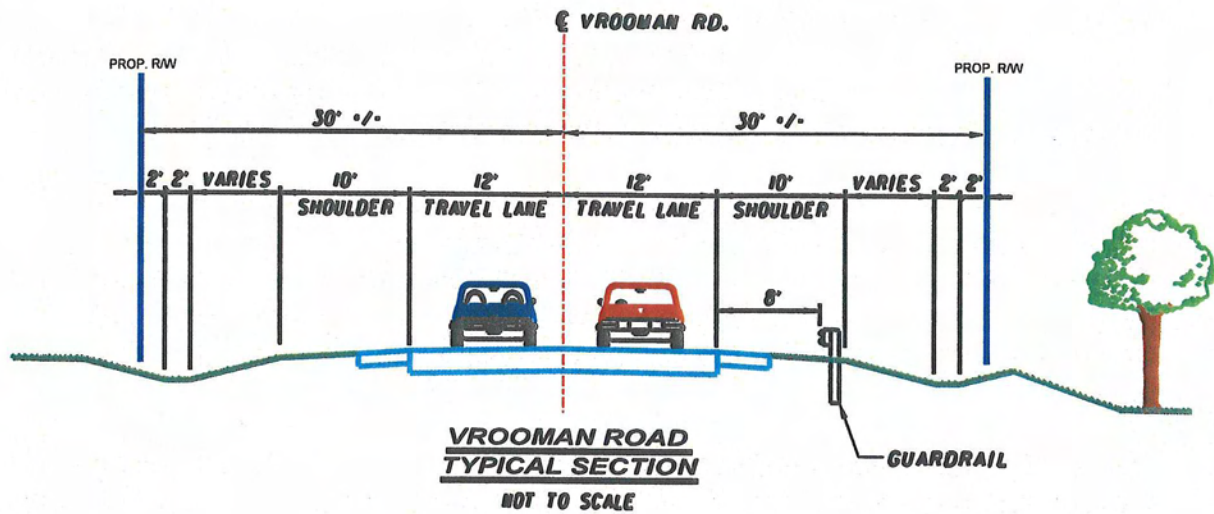
Thirty people chose C as a preferred route of these; sixteen also chose other routes as preferred. (Of the six, one also chose D and A, two also chose D and E, and twelve also chose D as preferred alternatives.) Most of the people that chose Alternative C chose it because it still fixed some of the main problems the current roadway and bridge have, but also maintains the quiet rural area they have today and would not increase truck traffic. Other comments were that it would cost less and that it would not have a large impact on the Metro-parks or the environment.

Twenty-four people chose Alternative D. Of those, seventeen also chose other routes as preferred. (Of those seventeen, two chose C and A, two also chose C and E, one also chose E, and twelve also chose C.) Some of the comments in favor of D were that it would maintain the integrity of the area by keeping the road the same as it is today, not allowing a large amount of truck traffic, and not hurting property values. One person suggested raising the road south of the bridge saying that would alleviate the flooding problems. Another didn't feel the road needed to be changed for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant if it wasn't going to be around much longer.

Three people chose Alternative E as a preferred alternative; two also chose Alternatives C and D. The other one also chose A, B, and D because he did not want any alternative that would take any of the condos. Reasons for E were that high truck traffic volumes were not desired in the area, and maintaining the Metro-parks as they are along with property value concerns were cited.

Vrooman Road Bridge Project Public Comments







Vrooman Road Study Lake County, Ohio



Public Involvement Summary

Sixty-nine people signed the sign-in sheet at the July 7, 2004 public involvement meeting held for the Vrooman Road Study Project. Of those, sixty-six of those were members of the public. The meeting was an open house style meeting held at the Leroy Township Fire Station located at 13028 Leroy Center Road.

The room was set up with two sets of alternatives were on either side of the room with a comment area and environmental table set up in the middle. The sign-in table was at the entrance where handouts and comment forms were given out to people as they came in. The meeting lasted from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Comments were accepted at the meeting and for a period extending until July 23, 2004.

The study team also attended the Canterbury Crossing Condominiums Unit Owners Association meeting on July 28, 2004 at their regular time at the Public Library after learning some of the residents had not received a notification for the public meeting. As a part of regular business the study team explained the project, answered any questions regarding it, as well as showing the displays from the public meeting and passing out handouts, also from the public meeting. The comment period was extended for the residents there.

The project team received 58 returned comment sheets as a result of the July 7, 2004 Public Involvement Open House. Some people that responded had more than one alternative that they liked as the preferred. The breakdown of preferred alternatives is explained below:

Four out of the seven people that chose A, also put B as a choice, because they felt that either one would solve all the needs for the project, as well as being more long-term options. One person chose A along with both C and D, because he felt that any of these options would meet the needs of the project. The other person that chose Alternative A did so because it did not require relocations, did not need to cross the stream, thereby saving money and also that it did not have any impacts on the archaeology as Alternative B might. Yet another also chose B, D, and E because he did not want any option that included taking any of the condos on River Road. Other comments in favor of Alternative A were that it would eliminate a five-point intersection and avoid the power lines.



Mr. Gary M. Kirsch
2975 River Road
Perry, OH 44081

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 20, 2004

Dear Mr. Kirsch:

Per your request at the July 7th public meeting for the Vrooman Road Study Project, I have enclosed prints of the exhibits that were on display at the meeting. The comment period ends for the general public on July 23, however, since you are just receiving this information we will accept your comments up until July 28th.

I hope this helps. If you have any more questions you may contact the study group at (614) 336-8480, via e-mail at VroomanRoad@transystems.com or by fax at (614) 336-8540. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Annette N. Marquez, EI



Ms. Judy Hoppert
2955 River Road
Perry, OH 44081

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 20, 2004

Dear Ms. Hoppert:

Per your request at the July 7th public meeting for the Vrooman Road Study Project, I have enclosed a copy of the environmental reports that were on display at the meeting. The comment period ends for the general public on July 23, however, since you are just receiving this information we will accept your comments up until July 28th.

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Sincerely,

Annette N. Marquez, EI

July 22, 2004

Mr. Leo J. Talikka, Esq.
2603 Riverside Drive, Suite 100
Painesville, OH 44077

Re: Vrooman Road Project

Dear Mr. Talikka:

Per your request in your comment form regarding the July 7th public meeting for the Vrooman Road Study Project, I have enclosed prints of the exhibits that were on display at the meeting.

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Ms. Pam England
3026 River Road
Perry, OH 44081

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 20, 2004

Dear Ms. England:

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Sincerely,

Annette N. Marquez, EI



Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Peterson
5298 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 21, 2004

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Peterson:

Per your request regarding the July 7th public meeting for the Vrooman Road Study Project, I have enclosed the following:

- Copies of the exhibits shown at the meeting (5 sheets),
- The handouts that were distributed at the meeting (3 sheets).

The comment period ends for the general public on July 23, however, since you are just receiving this information we will accept your comments up until July 28th.

I hope this helps. If you have any more questions you may contact the study group at (614) 336-8480, via e-mail at VroomanRoad@transystems.com or by fax at (614) 336-8540. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Annette N. Marquez, EI

Mr. Chuck Ashcroft
Grand River Partners, Inc.
C/O Lake Erie College
391 W. Washington Street
Painesville, OH 44077

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 21, 2004

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Per your request regarding the July 7th public meeting for the Vrooman Road Study Project, I have enclosed the following:

- Copies of the exhibits shown at the meeting (5 sheets),
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Sincerely,

Annette N. Marquez, EI



Name
Address
City, State Zip

TranSystems Corporation
5747 Perimeter Drive Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

July 22, 2004

Dear Name:

Thank you for your interest in the Vrooman Road Study Project. Your request to attend the next Stakeholder meeting has been noted and accepted. The process for this project allows the general public to attend the stakeholder meetings, listen to what is discussed amongst the group, and if the issues they feel need to be mentioned have not already been discussed, at the end of the meeting; one representative per group may speak on behalf of the whole group. I understand there are three people that will be at the meeting for the group you are representing. All three of you may still attend the meeting, but you will need to coordinate your comments amongst yourselves so that one person can express the feelings of the whole. A few minutes will be given to you if the stakeholder group chooses at the end of the meeting, and the group has not already covered the information you offer. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2004 at 4:00 PM located at the Leroy Community Chapel, 12920 Painesville-Warren Road, Painesville, OH 44077.

If you have any more questions you may contact the study group at (614) 336-8480, via e-mail at VroomanRoad@transystems.com or by fax at (614) 336-8540. Thank you once again for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

February 2, 2005

Name
Address
City, State Zip

RE: Vrooman Road Study

Dear Name:

You have requested to be notified of Stakeholder Group meetings for the Vrooman Road Study. Therefore, we'd like to inform you that a meeting has been scheduled.

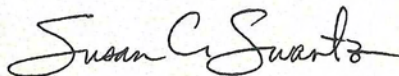
The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005 at 4:30 PM located at the Leroy Community Center, 13028 Leroy Center Road.

This will be a working session for the stakeholder committee. The public is permitted to attend and observe the proceedings.

There will not be a public comment or presentation period at this event. If you have additional information that you would like the group to consider but that was not already presented at the previous meeting, please send to me so that I may include this information in the data given to the stakeholder group.

If you have any more questions you may contact me at (614) 336-8480, via e-mail at VroomanRoad@transystems.com or by fax at (614) 336-8540. Thank you once again for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

December 8, 2005

Mr. Larry Albert
5705 Canyon Ridge Drive
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

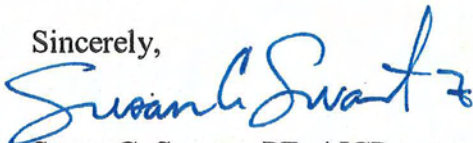
Dear Mr. Albert:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. In your comments you mentioned that a comfortable shoulder capable of accommodating bicyclists would be preferable. While designated bike lanes will not be included, paved 10-foot shoulders on either side are currently planned for either of the two high-level alternatives, which could be used for cycling and pedestrian traffic.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



Vrooman Road Study

Public Meeting Comment Form
July 7, 2004

TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

LARRY R ALBERT

Address:

5705 CANYON RIDGE DRIVE

Representing:

SELF

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

option B - High level to Lane

In my ~~own~~ opinion, tying the bridge into Lane is the obvious selection. This creates a direct north-south route to I-90 for all of Perry and the east side of Painesville. It then eliminates ~~to~~ I-90 traffic from Lane making a ~~right~~ ^{right} turn on 84 & another left on Vrooman. The high level bridge is consistent with bridges over the Grand River on SR534 & SR528 in Geneva & Madison.

Other Comments:

I'm an avid bicyclist. Please make the bridge & road wide enough for a comfortable shoulder.

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December 8, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Ash-Sanford
5444 Vrooman Road
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ash-Sanford:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. In your comments you were concerned about the hills and curves along Vrooman Road affecting your ability to see out of your driveway, which you feel would be worse if truck traffic increases as a result of the project. The proposed improvements would bring Vrooman Road up to current standards to eliminate these sight distance problems.

Additional public meetings are typically included in each stage of project development. No additional meetings are scheduled at this time. Your address will be included on the mailing list provided to the County for future meetings.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: Sue Ash-Sanford [we_ashsanfor@lgca.org]
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2004 12:15 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: Vrooman Road Study

Susan and Gregory Ash-Sanford
5444 Vrooman Road

The alternative we prefer is to raise the bridge in the current placement. We have a great concern about the amount of traffic and the addition of trucks on Vrooman Road. At the July road meeting our questions about the current hills and curves on Vrooman Road were answered differently according to the person we questioned. Currently, we have great difficulty getting in and out of our driveway due to the hill. Traffic can not be seen. If we allow trucks on Vrooman we feel someone could get hurt entering and exiting drives.

With the extension of Lane Road, if Vrooman went directly over to Lane we feel the truck traffic would be dangerous. This is a great concern. We would like another meeting to discuss concerns in a more formal way so everyone hears the same answers. In talking to neighbors we didn't all get the same answers to questions.

December 8, 2005

Mr. Andy Assel
5399 Pebble Creek Ln.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

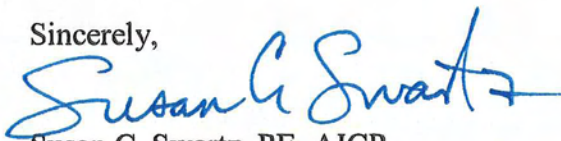
Dear Mr. Assel:

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We appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions on the alternatives under consideration.

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Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
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Vrooman Road Study

Public Meeting Comment Form
July 7, 2004

TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Andy Assel

Address:

5399 Pebble Creek Ln Painesville, OH 44077

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Either A or B. Not sure of impact on traffic, but I believe A or B are the right way to address the problem issues is flooding, retaining wall failure, steep grades

Other Comments:

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December 8, 2005

Ms. Ellen Ball
5270 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Ms. Ball:

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We appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions on the alternatives under consideration.

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name: ELLEN G. BALL
Address: 5270 QUEEN ANN WAY
Representing: _____

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I WOULD PREFER ISSUE CONCERN B - HIGH-LEVEL TO
LANE RD.

SINCE LANE RD GOES DIRECTLY TO RT. 20 I FEEL THIS
WOULD BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE. COMING UP THE VROOMAN
RD HILL AT RT. 84 IS DANGEROUS WHEN YOU HAVE TO WAIT
FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE.

Other Comments:

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5747 Perimeter Drive, Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017

E-mail: VroomanRoad@transystems.com
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Mr. Bruce Balzer & Ms. Joan Deskin
5209 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

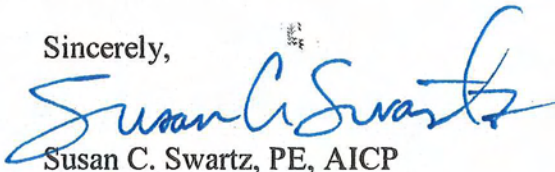
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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name: Bruce Balzer + Joan Deskin
Address: 5209 Queen Ann Way
Representing: All informed Condo owners affected
by A, B or C alternatives vote NO!

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Only D or E would be
acceptable to any well informed
resident of Canterbury Crossing (42 units)
or Pebble Creek (44 units). Our homes
were selected for location, i.e. non-highway
life style! Further more, we have been
informed by appraisers + realtors that
alternatives A, B or C would reduce all of
our values (because we are both condos
in the same neighborhood) by up to 50%!!
The Lake County Engineer will have 106
families crusading against his re-election
if he goes thru with A, B or C.

Other Comments: As important, why would the
government want to provide terrorists
with a direct shot? A
semi truck leaving I-90 would
be able to attack the Perry
Plant within minutes if you permit
A, B or C. There would be no
opportunity for intervention. Semi-trucks
and other trucks have more than enough
access via 528 + 44 exits and also
Route 2. As far as evacuation routes for

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the excuse - well that is ridiculous.

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STOP the trucks from getting there

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by keeping access limited to present
and local law enforcement will have

in Plant
Areas / Access
suspicious activity
monitor
non power
time

December 8, 2005

Mr. Burt and Ms. Patricia Bork
5582 Vrooman Road
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Ms. Bork:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

In your comment, you suggested raising Vrooman Road near Seeley Road to alleviate flooding and replacing the bridge itself. While this would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure and reduce occurrences of flooding, it would not meet all of the project goals since the steep grade and sharp curve approaching SR 84 would not be corrected. One of the main needs for this project has been to accommodate emergency vehicles of all sizes and provide an evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant that can accommodate all standard vehicle sizes. At this time, we have not been given any information indicating a plan to close the power plant.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Burt Bork

Address:

5582 Vrooman Rd, Painesville, OH 44077

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

D As a resident of Vrooman Rd I am concerned about the increased traffic, noise, litter, pollution and decreased property values that a high level bridge will bring to our beautiful country road.

The statement that replacing the existing bridge will not address flooding is absurd. Flooding at the existing bridge could be addressed by simply raising the level of the road on the south side of the bridge to the level of the bridge. This could be done without even replacing the bridge.

Other Comments:

Obviously you are going to proceed with whatever plan you decide on regardless of the feelings of the residents.

I mentioned at the meeting that all the streets involved are primarily residential streets and the exit at 90 should remain a non truck route. Seems reasonable to me, yet I was scoffed at for mentioning such an alternative.

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TRANSYSTEMS
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Name:

PATRICIA BORK

Address:

5582 VROOMAN RD

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Initially we were told this road project was to be the "chosen evacuation route" for the Perry Power Plant. Now we are told semi-trucks would have better turning room in the new intersections. If this is for evacuation why are the residents now to have to listen to truck traffic daily? If A or B are chosen, the road should still limit thru traffic to "no trucks" as the signs are currently.

Also, how much longer is the plant to be in operation? Is this to take until 2009? Will the plant be soon closing?

Other Comments:

What about maintaining a rural atmosphere as the majority of the residents voted in the recent survey?

I am in favor of "D" and raise the road slightly by Seely to eliminate the flooding - this elevation could be done now if someone provides the funds.

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Mr. Ted Bosh
5317 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Bosh:

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Sincerely,



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CO-Annette Marquez

From: TeddyBosh@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 10:26 AM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: Vrooman Road Project

The best alternative for the area is C, D or E.

Ted Bosh
5317 Queen Ann Way
Painesville Ohio

7/20/2004

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Mr. & Mrs. Crummy
2539 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

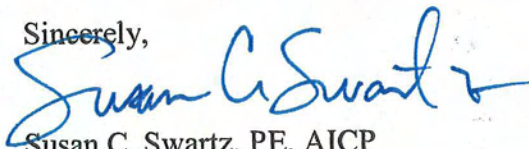
RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Crummy:

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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

NORAN T AGNES C RUMMAY

Address:

2539 LITTLE DR Pk Ohio 44077

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Plan C

Other Comments:

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Mr. & Mrs. Dawson
5475 Canyon Ridge Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

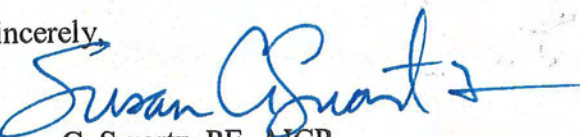
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The Lake County Engineer's Office and the study team will continue to coordinate with environmental agencies as a part of this project to meet state and federal requirements for maintaining the integrity of the Grand River Valley.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: ROBERT DAWSON [DAWSOR01@ODJFS.STATE.OH.US]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 8:13 AM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: Vrooman Road Comments

Dar Sirs.....Sorry we were unable to attend your public meeting on July 7, 2004, discussing future planning for Vrooman Road and the Vrooman Road bridge. we are life-long residents of Perry Township and my wife and I have a keen interest in this project since we reside on Canyon Ridge Drive and our property backs up to the Grand River valley. The river, park and bridge can be viewed from our back yard.

We believe the best approach to this needed improvement would be the 1,000 foot low-level bridge. A bridge of this type would allow Vrooman to be improved and would allow for full access to I-90 (above the flood elevation) but would continue to keep heavy truck traffic from entering predominately residential neighborhoods. The low level approach would not destroy the beauty of the river valley and the park and should not devalue existing property values in and around the project.

If we can answer any additional questions reply to this email or contact us by telephone at 440-357-4440. Thank you.

Robert J. & Dawn M. Dawson
5475 Canyon Ridge Drive
Perry Township, Ohio

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Mr. & Mrs. Denver
5902 Woodhill St.
Painesville, OH 44077

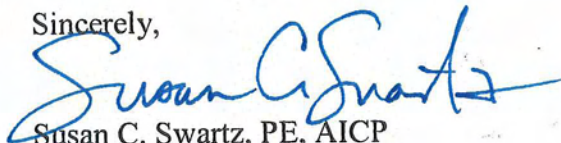
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Name:

Richard Denner & Barbara Denner

Address:

5902 Woodhill St. Painesville, Oh

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

*We prefer Alternative B - it is straighter line, would
involve less property acquire and more traffic from
SR # 2 down Lane Rd intersection. Also less
property involvement*

Other Comments:

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Mr. Alan Dynes
150 Paradise Rd.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Dynes

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As the project moves forward, the county will be in contact with residents whose property may be required as a part of this project.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager



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Name:

Alan R Dwyer

Address:

150 PARADISE Rd Painesville, Ohio 44077

Representing:

OWNER 2606 Riverside Dr & Past owner 2603 Riverside

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

B -

I AM NOT OPPOSED TO LOSING 2606 - BUT
I WOULD NOT WANT FRONTAGE TAKEN FROM 2603 OFFICE
COMPLEX - AND BOTH A & C WOULD DO THAT
UNLESS YOU TOOK ALL OF 2603 - ALONG WITH 2606

ALSO PRICE, WOULD HAVE TO BE RIGHT -
MONEY TALKS

ALL HAVE 5yr LEASES JUST RENEWED

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Ms. Pam England
3026 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study

Dear Ms. England:


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This project includes maintaining Vrooman Road's two-lanes of traffic. You also voiced your concern about what a high-level bridge may look like in the valley, when designing the bridge, aesthetic applications may be taken into consideration to help the bridge blend in better with the environment. Noise analyses will be performed as the project progresses.

As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Pam England

Address:

3026 River Road - Perry Ohio 44081

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

D

I LIVE ON the River edge / Valley Edge I live here because I choose nature, wildlife, A thriving ecosystem.

I choose not to live with noise, traffic exhaust fumes A structure with 4 lanes of concrete is Not the Best choice for any living thing, plant or animal.

I choose to keep my property and area a beautiful area with value.

I choose not to live in an area like Heislup or B#15 in Mentor

We do not want ANY Bridge that has such an environmental, visual, sound effect on our community in such a negative way.

Other Comments:

I would like to live on River Rd for many years with harmony -

I CAN hear the train on a high level bridge from Bent street - think of the sound impact with a high level Bridge crossing at either Madison or Vrooman -

It would be like leaving your TV on Loud Vol. day and night.

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Mr. Douglas Feathers
3026 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

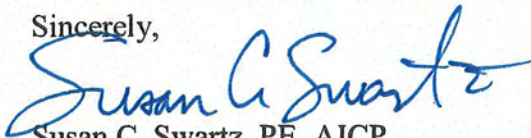
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Preliminary noise analyses were considered during the study process, but detailed noise analyses are expected as the project progresses. As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meet all state and federal requirements as a part of this project.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

DOUGLAS FEATHERS

Address:

3026 River Rd.

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Either Cor D

Why?

Our Community does not want the increase in
traffic
noise
Pollution and its effect upon

The Grand River and the wildlife and us!

I - we Do not want or will Accept A HIGH
LEVEL Bridge!

Other Comments:

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Ms. Vicki Gibson
2565 Madison Ave.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

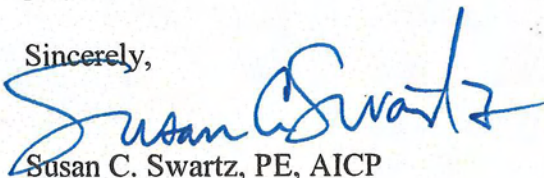
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In your comments you voiced your concern about what a high-level bridge may look like in the valley. When designing the bridge, aesthetic applications may be taken into consideration to help the bridge blend in better with the environment. You also voiced your concern of increased noise. Additional noise analyses are expected to be conducted as the project progresses. Another comment was concerning the beauty of the valley area. As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting state and federal requirements as a part of this project.

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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name: Vicki D. Gibson
Address: 2545 Madison Ave, Painesville, Oh 44077
Representing: Local property owners, concerned citizens

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer C and/or D alternative. The problem needing to be addressed is flooding and bridge maintenance. We don't need any more large truck traffic. I bought my property for the rural setting and the area is growing in leaps + bounds. The park & river that the bridge spans is pretty and we don't need a huge expansion bridge that will take away from the charm of the area, nor do we need any more noise and pollution from increased traffic.

Other Comments:

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Mr. David Gilmer
6737 Painesville Ravenna Rd
Painesville, OH 44077


RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

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Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

David Gilmer

Address:

PO Box 855 330

Representing:

Self.

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative B is the only commercially
viable alternative for the future of eastern
Lake County.

Other Comments:

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Ms. Dorothy Griff
5288 Queen Ann Way
Perry TWP., OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

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Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Dorothy A. Griff
5288 Queen Ann Way
Perry Twp. OH 44077

Address:

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

*I am opposed to Plan C
Please just repair the bridge*

Other Comments:

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Mr. & Mrs. Guthrie
2857 South Ridge Rd.
Perry TWP., OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

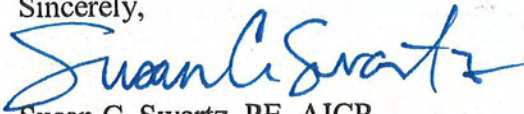
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Guthrie:

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In your comments you voiced your concern of increased noise. We expect that detailed noise analyses will be completed as the project progresses.

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name: Robert & Nancy Guthrie 440-259-4051
Address: 2857 South Ridge Rd. Perry Twp. OH 44081
Representing: Nancy Guthrie Trustee

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

We would prefer alternative C or D. A bridge high enough to prevent flooding would be sufficient. We do not want a high level bridge for the following reasons:

- 1) We do not want the noise or traffic a high level bridge would bring.
- 2) We do not want area homeowners to have their property taken or infringed upon.
- 3) We do not want the rural setting of the area disrupted.

CC: Perry Township Trustees
James Gills
County Commissioners

Other Comments:

Has anyone considered how hard it would be to make a left hand turn off of River road if it were to be relocated?

We need a light at Lane & River, but not a high level bridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hoppert
2955 River Rd.
Perry TWP., OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hoppert:

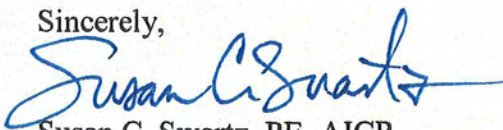
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This project includes maintaining Vrooman Road's two-lanes of traffic. Alleviating problems at the Vrooman Road/SR 84 intersection will bring the intersection up to standards allowing safer use by improving sight distance and improving turning radii.

In your comments you also voiced your concern about additional noise. Preliminary noise analyses were performed within the study area, but detailed analyses are anticipated as the project progresses. As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting state and federal requirements as a part of this project.

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: Dennis Hoppert [dahopp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2004 12:31 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Cc: dahopp@yahoo.com
Subject: proposed bridge

Dear Transystems,

This email is in response to your request for feedback regarding the Vrooman road bridge over the Grand River. I was at your meeting in Leroy Twp. and spoke with many of you regarding this project. I have lived on River Road in Perry for approximately the last ten years. I am well aware of the deterioration of this bridge as well as the retaining wall along side of the hill. I travel this route at a minimum of twice each day. While I agree that something needs to be done to correct the current situation, I only agree with two of your four proposed alternatives. The first two, A and B which incorporate a high level bridge spanning the valley I do not agree with at all. I find them to be total over kill as an alternative. Reasons to this are many. This area does not need nor desire a roadway of such magnitude. The effects on the surrounding areas would be devastating. I moved to this area to escape the congestion and noise of cities such as Mentor. The additional semi truck traffic this would allow to pour into this area would increase the noise and air pollution to an unacceptable level. This would not only affect the people of this area, but the wild life as well. The natural habitat of these wet lands would be ruined. Indian Point would become an overlook to a bridge. I could go on and on.

The alternative of C which is a low level bridge I find would be acceptable, but only in it could be designed without a massive restructuring of the intersection with Route 84. Again, we do not need access for semi truck traffic freely through this area, as they already have acceptable alternatives if they really need them.

The alternative of D which is to replace the bridge basically where it sits, but raise it above the 100 year flood plane, I find most adequate to correct this problem. This corrects the local problem as it exists, and hurts no one. Why spend 10 million dollars whether it be federal, state or local monies that we don't have to. These extra funds could better be used on any of these three levels for more pertinent matters than a big fancy bridge.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Hoppert
2955 River Road
Perry Twp., Ohio 44081-9697

(440) 259-2287

CO-Annette Marquez

From: Hoppert [Hoppert@Sel.k12.oh.us]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 11:40 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: Vrooman Road Study

Name: Judy Hoppert
Address: 2955 River Road, Perry, Ohio 44081
Representing: Myself, as well as concerned citizens in the general area.

Which alternative do you prefer and why?
Living on River Road for the past ten years, I am fully aware of the need to address the problems of the bridge going over the Grand River on Vrooman road. Its deterioration makes it increasingly unsafe especially when one considers the continued flood waters which weaken it. This bridge services not only the community, but is used by my family on a daily basis; still, it is for myself and my community which leads me to put the environment of the area before that of the bridge. My husband and I both travel 50 - 60 miles a day to work in order to live in a green, peaceful and quiet environment. Those who live in the city come to Perry because it is the first exit off of I-90 which can take them to a rural setting. Placing a high level bridge over the Grand River Valley would change everything in this area. One would stand on Indian point and see, as well as hear traffic going over this bridge. Anyone living in the general area would not be able to escape its presence because it would be on the same level as all of the surrounding roads. One must also consider the effects the added traffic noise would have on the adjacent park land which is filled with organisms of varied species. Alternative D would be my first choice for the area with Alternative C my second choice only if it does not disrupt the properties on SR 84. If we maintain this area in its presence state or do the bare minimal to keep it operational, we will be ensuring not only Perry's peaceful setting but also our children's chances of living in a green future.

Other Comments:

On Monday, July 12, the Pitchler's and I met with Mr. Alan Exley. We requested to be at the next Stakeholder meeting which is scheduled at the end of this month. He stated that he might be able to arrange for representatives of the residence surrounding the area to have a few minutes at this meeting and that I should include with this letter whom would be the person(s) attending. That night an informal meeting was held. The group attending chose Doug Feathers, Joan Pitchler and myself as the representatives for the area. Please let me know if this is possible and inform me of the time, date, and location of this meeting. When this project is completed, it is the residence of this area, and our

children,
who will be living with the results, all we ask is to be heard.

December 8, 2005

Mr. Tom Houston
Ms. Lois Houston
5876 Woodhill St.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Ms. Houston:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions on the alternatives under consideration. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

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Project Manager



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Name:

Lois Ann Houston

Address:

5876 Woodhill St. Painesville

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative B. This would preserve more of the Metro Parks areas. Coming out at Lane Rd. would be better than Madison Ave. as this area is already very congested. This would also eliminate the flooding near the present bridge, closing the road periodically.

Other Comments:

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Name:

Tom Houston

Address:

5076 Woodhill

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

*B #1 There is already enough traffic at Madison Ave!
#2 This allows a more direct traffic flow into the Perry area
and 'new' plant
#3 And it would have less impact on the Lake Metro park land!*

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Mr. Leonard Jagoda Sr.
3239 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Jagoda:

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Name:

LEONARD J. JAGODA SR

Address:

3239 RIVER ROAD - PERRY - OH - 47081

Representing:

Neighbors

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

ALTERNATIVE "C" LOW LEVEL BRIDGE

LESS COST EFFECTIVE - WOULD ADD MORE TO THE AESTHETICS OF OUR OHIO NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER - (THE GRAND RIVER) ALSO THE ROAD - TO SEELEY ROAD WOULD STILL ALLOW RECREATIONAL USE OF THE PARK AND RIVER. THE OLD ROAD WILL ALLOW USE OF MASON'S LANDING RECREATION AREA. ALSO - LESS TIME LOST SINCE CONSTRUCTION WOULD NOT TAKE TOO LONG TO COMPLETE.

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Mr. Dennis Keeney
14429 Leroy Center Rd.
Thompson, OH 44086

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Keeney:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

In your comments, you expressed concerns about high winds, maintenance, ice and high speeds on a high-level bridge. It is true that winds and ice can be a concern on any bridge of any length or height, with these issues being more important for a long or high bridge. Maintenance and inspection are also more challenging on a high bridge. However, such issues are routinely and effectively managed on numerous bridges of substantial length and/or height throughout Ohio and are therefore not likely to eliminate the consideration of an alternative that best meets the needs of the project.

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Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
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Name: DENNIS L. KEENEY
Address: 14429 LEROY CENTER RD. THOMPSON, OHIO 44086
Representing: LEROY ZONING

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

ALTERNATIVE "C" BUT WITH ALTERNATIVE "A" CONNECTION
AT MADISON AVE. I BELIEVE THAT FOR THE SAME MONEY
AS THE HIGH-LEVEL ALTERNATIVES THAT A PASSAGE
THROUGH THE GRAND RIVER VALLEY AT THAT LOCATION
COULD EMPHASIZE ONE OF LAKE COUNTY'S ASSETS. THIS
ROUTE IS THE ENTRY TO LEROY TWP. AND PERRY TWP. AND
THE MAJORITY OF PROPERTY IS LAKE METROPARKS. ECONOMIC
BENEFITS OF TOURISM ARE WELL KNOWN AND IF THIS PRO-
JECT IS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, IT TOO COULD ADD
RECREATIONAL BENEFITS. GEOMETRIC DEFICIENCIES COULD
BE OVERCOME WITH A SPEED REDUCTION THROUGH THE
VALLEY AS THE CASE IS NOW. TRUCK TRAFFIC COULD BE

Other Comments:

ACCOMMODATED BUT THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE A PRE-
PREFERRED TRUCK ROUTE. NEGATIVES TO THE HIGH-LEVEL
ALTERNATIVES ARE HIGH WINTER WINDS, HIGHER SPEED ACCIDENTS,
HIGHER MAINTENANCE COSTS AND HIGHER NOISE LEVELS
THROUGH THE VALLEY, A STATE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER. HOW
WILL ELECTRIC, ETC. BE ACCOMMODATED? BURY IT OR HANG IN
CONDUIT? THERE REALLY SEEMS TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE
TO DO SOMETHING UNIQUE IN OUR AREA, WITHIN BUDGET AND
LONG LASTING, IF APPROACHED WITH CARE, THE RESIDENTS OF
LEROY TWP, PERRY TWP. AND LAKE COUNTY AS A WHOLE WOULD
BENEFIT FAR BETTER IN THE LONG RUN WITHOUT A HIGH-LEVEL

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ALTERNATIVE.

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Mr. Mark Kellerman
Ms. Sheryl Kellerman
2935 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Ms. Kellerman:

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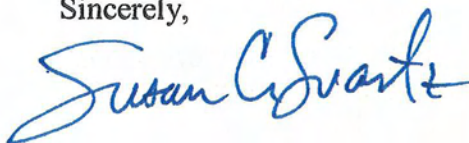
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Regarding construction delays and detours, currently the only alternative under consideration that would not be expected to cause any lengthy detours is Alternative B (high-level bridge to Lane), which would only be expected to require closures during the reconstruction of the intersection.

You are correct that the cost was underestimated. The bridge cost shown at the public meeting did not take in to account the wide shoulders on the bridge structure. This information has since been updated and will be corrected in the planning study report.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,





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Name: MARK F. NEUERMAN
Address: 2935 RIVER RD. PERRY OH. 44081
Representing: PROPERTY OWNER, TAXPAYER, CONCERNED CITIZEN

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I BELIEVE ONLY ALT. C OR D SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.
I'VE LIVED IN LAKE CO. FOR 50 YRS. & HAVE ENJOYED
THE NATURAL SCENIC BEAUTY OF GRAND RIVER MOST
OF MY LIFE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY RIVER
IMPACTED THE WAY HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
WILL CAUSE. BEING A PROPERTY OWNER ON RIVER RD.
I FEEL MY PROPERTY VALUES WILL SUFFER ALSO.
WHILE ALT. D WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT & LITTLE EXPENSE,
ALT. C WOULD HAVE LOW IMPACT & ALLEVIATE THE
FLOODING PROBLEM.

Other Comments:

THE PROJECTED COST OF A HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE IS
GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING
THE UPGRADES THAT WILL BECOME NECESSARY AFTER
IT'S COMPLETION.

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Name:

Sheryl Kellerman

Address:

2935 River Rd Peney OH 44081

Representing:

Concerned Citizen, Property Owner & Taxpayer.

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative C would definitely be the 1st Choice.

It has the least impact and expense while eliminating the problem.

Construction of a high level bridge over the Valley (A on B) would have a disastrous effect on the area for years! The Grand River & the surrounding area has a natural balance that will be adversely affected by the construction of a high level bridge & the added pollution to the area.

It is a County road & should be maintained as one for the residents of the community/county. A bridge above flood level would preserve the area & provide adequate access to Rt. 90.

Alternative D would be a 2nd Choice. - Low impact.

If Alt. A or B are implemented, along w/ the exorbitant cost of construction there would be major ongoing maintenance issues - The Rt 90/Vrooman road overpass would also have to be upgraded to handle the increased traffic. Property values will be diminished. The delays & detours that will be caused by the construction will be greater than an inconvenience caused by the flooding of the area.

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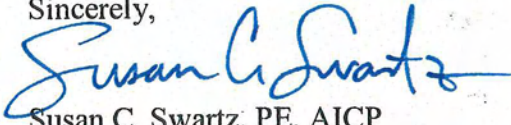
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Sincerely,



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Name:

Jack R. Linda S. Kless

Address:

3151 RIVER Rd. Perry

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

C - ~~Option D~~ - less impact on the River and
Surrounding areas
Option D - might not solve the problem
in question

OPTION A - I like this, because it seems to
protect the river, valley etc.
from as few changes as possible.
And because it seems logical & a
straight forward solution.
Need to know more about this
option.

Other Comments:

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Ms. Joyce Kmetz
5310 Naylor St.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Ms. Kmetz:

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Name:

Joyce E. Kmetz

Address:

5310 Naylor St.

Representing:

Myself

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer alternative C. I realize that there is a need for something bigger & better & that the road frequently floods. However, there is enough highway area between Routes 2 and 90 that I do not see the need for a high-level bridge that would bring an excess of traffic, as well as an excess of large trucks.

Other Comments:

I have lived in the area for 43 years and have seen a build-up of houses and businesses. It doesn't seem like it would be good for the community to go as far as the first 2 alternatives.

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Ms. Carol Kochever
2506 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

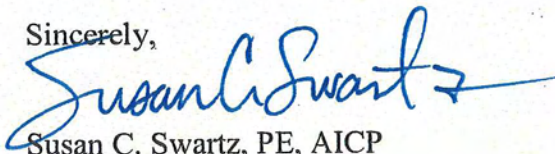
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In your comments, you stated that you would like the area preserved as it is. We would like to assure you that on-going meetings and discussions between Lake Metroparks and Lake County to mitigate park access and functions are expected. It is the intent of the project to maintain access and recreation areas in the Grand River Valley. While replacing the bridge itself would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the roadway would still be susceptible to flooding and would not eliminate the steep grade and sharp curve approaching SR 84. One important goal of the project is to provide passage for emergency vehicles and allow for an appropriate evacuation route of the area.

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
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Name:

Carol Kochever

Address:

2506 Circle Drive Painesville

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternatives C or D would be what we would like to see. We have very little problem or inconvenience with the way it is right now. If it is flooded, I have a pretty good idea before I approach Vrooman Road, so I simply allow extra time to go down Route 84. We like to picnic down at Mason's landing & would like to see the area preserved the way it is. I also think a High level Bridge would create a whole new problem. More traffic through the area would mean longer delays on Madison Avenue, Route 84 and Kane Road. I feel very strong on just improving the existing bridge. We have lived here for 20 years and my husband grew up here.

Other Comments:

The flooding is minimal and improving the existing bridge would solve the problem, preserve the area around the bridge and save a heck of a lot of funding that I'm sure is needed in a more serious problem area. A High level Bridge is not for this area - this is not a big city or high traffic area. This is my opinion and I feel very strongly about it. Thank you for caring. Carol Kochever

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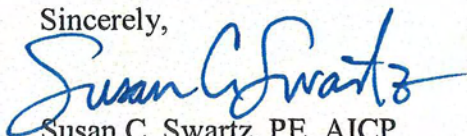
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If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: Joseph & Nerida Krukowski [jink@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2004 12:25 AM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: public meeting comment

Hi,

I am e-mailing you our comments concerning the Vrooman Road discussion. I will also be mailing a form with the same remarks.

As residents, taxpayers, parents and concerned citizens, our choice of options concerning Vrooman Road would be option C--Low level Bridge. There are so many good points for this option that we see all other options as frivolous , destructive and intrusive. Option C allows for our neighborhood and the natural beauty and assets of the area to be maintained. Option C safeguards our children at play, our vehicular integrity and our tax dollars. We see option C being an enhancement to the valley if designed with consideration to the flow of traffic and nature. Part of the beauty of this option would be that it would still limit the size of the vehicles using the pass.

However , given the demographics and economic factors, we know you will bulldoze ahead without consideration of our views. But we felt you should know how we felt.

Sincerely, Joseph and Nerida Krukowski. Residents of Circle Drive.

God answers "knee mail"!

In Christ, Nerida (for Joe) Krukowski



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TRANSYSTEMS
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Name: JOSEPH & NERIDA KRUKOWSKI
Address: 2509 Circle Dr
Representing: _____

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

As residents, taxpayers, parents & concerned citizens --- our choice of options concerning Vrooman Rd would be Option C - Low level Bridge. There are so many good points for this option that we see all other options as frivolous & destructive. Option C allows for our neighborhood & the natural beauty of the river to be maintained. Option C safeguards our children at play, our vehicular safety & our tax dollars.

Other Comments:

However, given the demographics & economic factors, we know you will bulldoze ahead without consideration of our views. But we felt you should know how we felt.

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Mr. William Kuret
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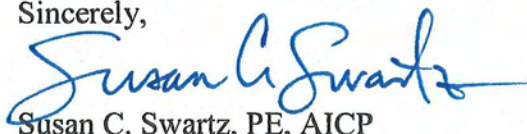
Dear Mr. Kuret:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

We appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions on the alternatives under consideration. We will make sure your name is on the mailing list provided to the county.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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CORPORATION

Name:

William Kurek

Address:

5313 Queen Ann Way

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

B - TRAFFIC will be away from my Residence

Other Comments:

I was surprised that I did not receive anything informing me of the meeting. Especially since option C has a possibility of forcing me to move!

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5747 Perimeter Drive, Suite 240
Dublin, Ohio 43017E-mail: VroomanRoad@transystems.com
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December 8, 2005

Mr. Stephen LaBonne
2509 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. LaBonne:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

In your comments you were concerned about access to Vrooman Road. The intent is to maintain access, although some connections will need to be reconstructed. Alternative B (the high-level bridge to Lane) would not be expected to alter the access to Canterbury Crossing, as would be necessary in Alternatives A and C. The details will be resolved during the design phase once an alternative is chosen for advancement.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name:

Stephen Lufkin

Address:

5444 Quaker Arms Way

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

C (low level close to existing) solves the general important problems - maintenance & flooding - with less cost and disruption of existing traffic patterns compared to A or B.

D (replace existing) also deserves serious consideration as the simplest & cheapest way to keep the bridge open.

Other Comments:

I am angered by the high-level-to-lane (B) option - I am a (centerline crossing) rider and it appears the option would severely compromise my access to Vrooman Rd.

I between Madison and Lane on 89

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Ms. Joyce Lintern
2509 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

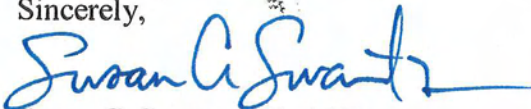
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Project Manager



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CORPORATION

Name: JOYCE WINTER WAY PAINESVILLE (Perry)
Address: 5215 QUEEN AVE Perry Township
Representing: Self

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative A.
I just prefer the tree in to be at Madison Ave.

Alternative B - would be OK

The C, D, & E alternatives appear to be more like
band-aid surgery.

Other Comments:

Joyce Winter

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Mr. Todd Mackey
2509 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Mackey:

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If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Todd Mackey

Address:

5302 Queen Ann Way

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer alternative "B". It is a more straight road
and this will help to alleviate the traffic congestion during the
afternoon hours at the current intersection at Madison Ave.
An intersection at Lane road will help.

Other Comments:

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Mr. & Mrs. Manns
5321 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Manns:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

The project is included in the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) plan for 2009. However, the ultimate date of construction will be dependent upon the timeline for environmental, design, and right-of-way purchase activities, in addition to the availability of funding. Alternative C, the option that would have the possibility of impacting your condo, is not currently being recommended for advancement.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: OscarandGigi@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 10:49 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: [SPAM] Vrooman Road Bridge Plans

To Whom it may concern,

Any plan that is going to tear down our condo, is not my option for the bridge plans. We just bought this 5 years ago, and would hate to see it torn down for the high level bridge plan to Madison Avenue. Our option would be either of the plans to Lane Road, but hate to see anyone lose their home for this plan. We would be very interested in hearing when these plans might take effect. (Projected year). We had planned to retire here. Still plan to retire here. We do not want to move again. We waited years to buy our dream condo, and we have done that. Please take into consideration tearing down brand new condos.....Thank you so much. Oscar and Jeannette Manns, 5321 Queen Ann Way, Painesville, Ohio 44077 (Canterbury Crossing Condo)

December 8, 2005

Mr. Jerald Mathews
5512 Vrooman Rd.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Mathews:

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Name:

Jerald H. Mathews

Address:

5512 Vrooman Road, Leroy OH

Representing:

Self

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

B - least impact to home owners
- addresses flooding problems
- better traffic flow

Other Comments:

not A - traffic problem at Madison + 84
- a lot of east bound traffic on 84
comes from Madison

not C - No solution to flooding and traffic

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Mr. Calvin Miller
2543 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Miller:

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Name:

Calvin C. Miller

Address:

2543 Circle Dr. Painesville, Ohio 44027

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer "C" - this will eliminate flooding and not increase traffic flow on Madison Avenue, at times now we have to wait for two light changes at Vrooman Rd and route 84 to get out on to Madison Avenue and another wait for a light to change to get onto ~~the~~ Vrooman Rd or Rt 84 - this would not harm Masons Landing where a lot of people use. Our emergency vehicles have a hard time getting in and out of our allotment and the two condo complexes.

Other Comments:

My biggest concern is to eliminating the flood of Vrooman Rd.

A and B would create a real mess as far as I can see it

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Mr. & Mrs. Monreal
2965 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Monreal:

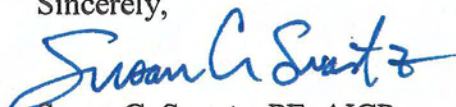
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In your comments you stated that you were concerned about the river and eco-system. As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements as a part of this project. Preliminary noise analyses were performed within the study area, but detailed analyses are anticipated for later phases of project development.

You also voiced your concern about what a high-level bridge may look like in the valley. When designing the bridge, aesthetic applications may be taken into consideration to help the bridge blend in better with the environment.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Joe & KATHY MonREAL

Address:

2965 RIVER RD PERRY OHIO 44081

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

WE WOULD ONLY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE C OR D. WE FEEL THAT EITHER OF THESE WOULD CAUSE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF HAVOC ON OUR RIVER AND SURROUNDING ECOSYSTEM. I MYSELF AND KATHY ENJOY THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE HAVE AROUND US NOW. WE WOULD NEVER WANT TO LOOK OUT OUR FRONT WINDOW TO SEE A HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE, AND NOISE AND TRUCK TRAFFIC THAT WOULD COME WITH IT. WE WILL FIGHT THIS BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE.

Other Comments:

WE WILL CONTACT ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS THAT WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THE HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE, TO EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO IT.

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Name:

Joe Monreah

Address:

2965 River Rd Perry OH 44081

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I DO NOT PREFER ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES. I LIVE ON RIVER ROAD, THE SIXTH HOUSE UP. I THINK THAT THE PROJECT WOULD CAUSE MAJOR DISRUPTING OF LIVES. THE TIME FACT FOR COMPLETING THIS PROJECT WOULD CAUSE MUCH ADDED TIME FOR OUR ROUTES TO AND FROM WORK AND JUST EVERY DAY LIVING. I WORRY THAT OUR PROPERTY VALUE WOULD DECREASE. I ALSO AM OPPOSED TO ALL THE TRUCK TRAFFIC THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD BRING TO THE AREA. I ALSO OPPOSE THE ENVIRONMENT DISRUPTION THAT THE PROJECT WOULD CAUSE.

Other Comments:

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Ms. Carolyn Morrison
5409 Pebble Creek Ln.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

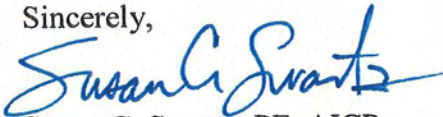
Dear Ms. Morrison:

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In your comments you were concerned about impacts to the cemetery on Lane Road. During the design process, we anticipate that necessary measures will be taken to avoid or minimize any impacts to the cemetery.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRAN SYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Carolyn Morrison

Address:

5409 Pebble Creek Ln.

Representing:

self

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternatives A or B - Do not believe the D, E, or C alternatives will be long term solutions to existing problems or concerns.

Prefer Alternative B because it would appear to impact the fewest # of people - ~~3 or 4~~ However, what impact would the bridge placement have on the Lane Rd. cemetery?

I thought the map of the intersection at Madison Ave. (A) showed having to relocate 1 whole building at Canterbury Crossing which means at least 3 or 4 family units. That's not an issue/concern maybe it was the C plan.

Other Comments:

Appreciate opportunity to see proposed ideas & present preferences prior to your selection of preferred alternative.

Maybe have meeting for residents of the W. side of the river (in Perry / P. Township) for next presentation!

Thanks -

Would have been nice to have had info. at Perry Library for 2 days or so other people could see it!

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December 8, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Neroda
5284 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Neroda:

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Project Manager



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Name: Michael & Ruth Neroda
Address: 5284 Queen Ann Way, Canterbury Crossing Circle
Representing: _____

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

We prefer alternative D.

Other Comments:

We do not want alternative C

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Cincinnati, Ohio 43017

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December 8, 2005

Ms. Cynthia Nines
2562 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Ms. Nines:

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Sincerely,



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Project Manager



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CORPORATION

Name:

Cynthia Nines

Address:

2562 Circle Dr. PAINESVILLE OH 44077

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative C -

Its Such a beautiful area, it would be a Shame
to Ruin it with Construction of a larger bridge
plus all the wild life that would be affected.

I moved out here to get away from all the traffic
of the City.

We do not want this area to be another Mentor !!

NO orange Barrels in this Area. Improve the Area
without destroying Nature.

Other Comments:

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December 8, 2005

Mr. Thomas Ondrejech
2530 Circle Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Ondrejech:

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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

THOMAS ONDREJECH

Address:

2530 CIRCLE DR. PAINESVILLE (PERRY TWP.)

Representing:

SELF

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

ALT. "B" AND MOVE RIVIER RD TO THE
EAST. THIS WILL GIVE TRAFFIC A CLEAR
EXIT-

Other Comments:

MAKE NEW ROAD PARALLEL TO VROOMAN.
TO THE EAST.

THIS WAS TO BE DONE 40 YRS AGO.
WHEN THEY BUILT THE INTERCHANGE

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Ms. Mary E. Rogers
5208 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

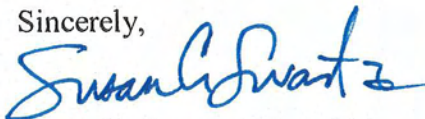
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Dear Ms. Rogers:

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name:

Mary C Rogers

Address:

5208 Queen Ann Way

Representing:

myself

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

*alternative B - traffic will be diverted from
our condos*

Other Comments:

*alternative C will ruin our property values
in Canterbury Crossing - will you buy us out?*

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Mr. Cliff Shandle
5773 Canyon Ridge Dr
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

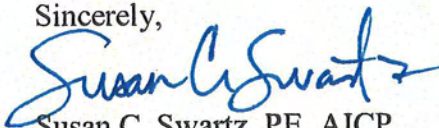
Dear Mr. Shandle:

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Thorough archaeology studies are anticipated as part of this project. Some studies have already been completed and areas of concern are being considered. Coordination will be conducted with the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Services as well as the Ohio Historic Preservation Office to determine what measures need to be taken to address cultural resources.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: cliff & shirley [scshandle@ncweb.com]

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 3:05 PM

To: CO-VRoomanRoad

Subject: Vrooman Road Study Comment Form

In response to question "Which alternative do you prefer and why?" on comment form re. above subject, I believe that alternative B would be the best option because in my view it would be more direct to the Nuke plant, less disturbing to residents, & a more direct path, perhaps saving cost. I also thought that the archaeology study had already been done

Cliff Shandle

December 8, 2005

Mr. Chris Siders
Mr. Paul Siders
5430 Vrooman Rd.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Siders:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

Part of the purpose and need for this project is safety, which includes providing a proper evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant that can accommodate all standard sized vehicles. The current roadway has steep slopes and sharp turns that, among other things, do not allow proper sight distance for oncoming obstacles.

All comments and concerns are noted and will be included in the study report. It is true that whatever option is selected will not meet the wishes of everyone that submitted a comment.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name:

Chris Siders

Address:

5430 Vrooman Rd., Leroy Twp.

Representing:

choice

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Choice #1 - Alt. C - fixes the bridge + resolves flood problem on Seeley Rd without screwing anything else up. (Yes, I realize that trucks will still have a problem + won't be able to negotiate the steep hill + curves. That's actually a good thing to me personally. I do not want semis barreling down my road at 50 mph which is exactly what will happen with the high level scenarios.)

Choice #2 - Alt. D (see above.)

Choice #3 - Alt. A - I'm not naive + don't honestly believe the govt. will make this decision based on the input of a few dozen citizens - get real! So, because I know that the engineering co. will push for one of the high level bridges, then A is clearly the best high-level bridge alternative (because it doesn't screw up Madison Ave + Rte 84 as much as Alt B which is real cluster.

Other Comments:

I suppose it's nice that the govt. process includes asking for our input, although I'm cynical about how much weight it truly carries in the scheme of things. But I'm trying to be optimistic so thank you for this opportunity. However - we certainly were not given any length of time to have any citizen (resident) meetings amongst ourselves after the meeting, did we?! Only 2 weeks - not enough time to mobilize anyone to action. Almost like it was planned that way... how about that. Also, Transystems was able to ballpark a cost estimate

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for Alt. C + we were told how expensive it is (\$4MM I think?) but when

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Name:

PAUL SIDERS

Address:

5430 VROOMAN RD.

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

"C" IS MY CHOICE. THIS WILL IMPROVE CROSSING THE RIVER AT "HIGH WATER" TIMES. BUT, WILL SOMEWHAT HELP TO CONTROL TRAFFIC SPEED. AS IT IS NOW, TRAFFIC EXCEEDS POSTED SPEEDS OF 45 MPH AND 25 MPH. CONSTANT TRAFFIC AND EXCESS SPEEDING MAKES FOR DIFFICULT ENTERING AND EXITING DRIVEWAYS. IF THIS PROBLEM EXISTS NOW, IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE IF AND WHEN VROOMAN RD. GETS IMPROVEMENTS. DON'T INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE AND TELL ME THIS WON'T BE A PROBLEM. EVEN NOW TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS (SEMI'S) USE VROOMAN.

Other Comments:

YOUR PEOPLE NEED TO GET TOGETHER BEFORE MEETING WITH THE RESIDENTS. YOUR INFORMATION WASN'T CONSISTANT WITH YOUR REPS. ONE WOULD ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE WAY AND THEN WHEN ASKED LATER THE SAME QUESTION IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. OR QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AND REP. WOULD HAVE TO ASK ONE OR TWO OF THEIR PEERS. THE ANSWER MIND YOU, THESE WERE NOT HARD QUESTIONS OR OUT OF THE ORDINARY. ALL THIS DID WAS CAUSE US TO QUESTION ANY INFORMATION GIVEN. MIND YOU, ALL THOSE ATTENDING DID USE PHONES TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION GIVEN OUT AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE OPEN HOUSE.

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Mr. Leo Talikka, Esq.
2603 Riverside Dr., Suite 100
Painesville, OH 44077

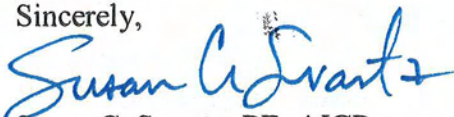
RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Talikka:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions on the alternatives under consideration. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION

Name: Leo J. Talikka, Esq.

Address: 2603 Riverside Drive - Suite 100, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Representing: *Self* - *[Signature]*

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer that Vrooman Road be kept in the same location as it is presently and that

the bridge be replaced. Therefore, I choose Alternative C- Low-Level Bridge. However,
my second choice would be Alternative B- High Level Bridge to Lane Avenue.

Other Comments:

It is hereby requested that you forward a copy of the proposed sites that you had at the
meeting at Leroy Hall along with any photographs.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Mr. & Mrs. Tuttle
2821 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tuttle:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

In your comments you stated the Alternative C would not impede on residential properties, however, Alternative C includes taking out four units at the Canterbury Crossing condos to accommodate the improvements that would be needed for the intersection at Vrooman Rd. and SR 84.

The exact configuration of the reconnection of River Road will be resolved if the Lane Road option is selected for further work. Several different ideas are being discussed for providing this connection. Based upon discussions with the County, we anticipate that landowners whose property would be affected will be contacted for further discussion on these matters when the study resumes.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: russt [russt@ncweb.com]
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2004 8:01 AM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: [SPAM] VROOMAN ROAD STUDY

VROOMAN ROAD STUDY
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE ALTERNATIVE DESIGN THAT I THINK IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE IS ALTERNATIVE C. THIS ALTERNATIVE IS THE MOST COST AFFECTIVE IN MY OPINION. IT RAISES THE ROAD ABOVE THE FLOOD PLANE, WHICH WOULD ALLEVIATE ANYMORE FLOODING PROBLEMS. IT CREATES A NEW BRIDGE THAT WOULD ALLOW TRAFFIC TO FLOW BETTER. MOST OF ALL IT DOES NOT IMPEDE ON ANYONE'S RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND LIFESTYLE.

MY WIFE AND I BOUGHT THIS HOUSE ABOUT 1 MONTH AGO ONLY TO BE DEVASTATED BY NEWS THAT ONE OF THE POSSIBLE BRIDGE DESIGNS WAS GOING TO CONNECT WITH LANE RD. AND REROUTE RIVER RD. TO TRAVEL THROUGH MY PROPERTY BEHIND MY BARN. WE PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY BECAUSE OF THE PARK LIKE FEATURES AND THE AMOUNT OF ACREAGE. THIS WOULD TOTALLY DESTROY OUR PROPERTY. WE HAVE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN THAT WE WANTED TO GROW UP WITH THIS PROPERTY AND NOT TO GIVE PORTIONS OF IT TO A ROADWAY THAT IS NOT NEEDED. WE DID NOT KNOW THAT WE WERE PAYING \$209, 000 FOR PROPERTY THAT WOULD BE STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF TWO BUSY ROADWAYS WITH A HIGH RISE BRIDGE. WE WOULD ALSO LOSE A LOT OF PROPERTY VALUE AND PROBABLY NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO SELL THE PROPERTY FOR ANYTHING CLOSE TO WHAT WE PAID FOR IT. A HIGH RISE BRIDGE IS ONLY GOING TO BRING MORE NOISE, TRAFFIC AND SEMI TRAFFIC TO A RURAL SETTING THAT HARDLY EXISTS ANYWHERE IN LAKE COUNTY NOW. THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL STATE ROUTES IN THE AREA THAT SEMI TRAFFIC CAN USE. !

I SEE NO NEED FOR A HIGH RISE BRIDGE WHEN YOU CAN CREATE A BRIDGE IN THE SAME LOCATION BRINGING EVERYTHING ABOVE THE FLOOD PLANE. PEOPLE THAT BUY HOUSES IN THIS AREA BUY THEM FOR THE RURAL SETTING NOT TO SEE MORE TRAFFIC AND INDUSTRY TO CREATE A MENTOR.

SINCERELY,

RUSSELL & DONEILLE TUTTLE
2821 RIVER RD.
PERRY, OH 44081
(440) 259-3541

December 8, 2005

Mr. Frank, Ms. Joan, and Ms. Jane Pitchler
2840 South Ridge Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. and Ms. Pitchler:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated meeting state and federal requirements as a part of the project.

Part of the purpose and need for this project is safety, the current roadway has steep slopes and sharp turns that, among other things, do not allow proper sight distance for oncoming obstacles. The improvements at the SR 84 and Vrooman Road intersection are to eliminate the skew of the intersection, improving sight distance as a safety factor. The five-point intersection at Lane Road, River Road and SR 84 is being evaluated and solutions to this intersection are being investigated.

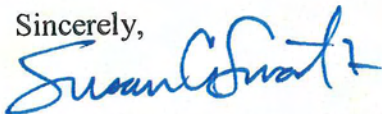
Another major purpose for this project has been providing an evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant that can accommodate all standard vehicle sizes.

Thorough historical and archaeological studies will be done as a part of this project to consider any areas that are considered historic or archaeological points of interest.

As of right now, it is not possible to evaluate how any of the alternatives may affect the value of your property.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name:

FRANK W PITCHLER

Address:

2840 SOUTH RIDGE RD. PERRY, OH 44081

Representing:

HOME OWNER, PROPERTY OWNER

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I PREFER PLAN C AND/OR D

PLAN D HAS NO CHANGE TO THE PARK OR ANYONE'S HOME OR PROPERTY. IF WE HAVE TO PICK ANOTHER PLAN, C WOULD BE THE ONE I COULD LIVE WITH. IT WOULD SOLVE THE FLOODING ISSUE.

PLAN A OR B, I WOULD TRY TO STOP. IT WOULD RUIN THE PARK SETTING, STEAL PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AND HOMES, NOT TO MENTION PROPERTY DEPRECIATION. THE HISTORICAL FLARE, THE NOISE AND OTHER RESULTS OF A HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE WOULD BE DRASTIC. I THINK THIS PART OF PERRY IS ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC SETTINGS IN LAKE COUNTY. THE HISTORICAL HOMES, THE HISTORY AND TRACES OF THE PAST INDIAN CULTURE, THE WATER FALL, THE GRAND RIVER, TRIBUTARY AND BACKYARD STREAMS, WILDLIFE, HILLS AND VALLEYS MAKE A WONDERFUL PICTURE. IT WOULD BE ASHAMED TO DESTROY SUCH A PLACE. PROGRESS CAN BE ROUTED DOWN RTE. 44, RTE 2 AND RTE 20 RTE 528.

Other Comments:

I MOVED HERE 15 YEARS AGO TO ESCAPE THE RAT RACE OF MENTOR AND CONCORD. I DESIGNED AND BUILT MY OWN HOUSE. MY WIFE, OUR FAMILY, AND I DID EVERYTHING FROM CLEARING THE PROPERTY, LAYING THE FOUNDATION, FRAMING AND EVERYTHING ELSE TO CREATE A WONDERFUL HOME FOR MY FAMILY AND I TO LIVE. I KNOW HOW THE PIONEERS MUST HAVE FELT. MANY FOND MEMORIES HAVE BEEN MADE. WHAT YOU PROPOSE IN PLAN B AND A WOULD DESTROY WHAT I HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR.

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Name:

Jayne Pitchler

Address:

2840 South Ridge Rd.

Representing:

Taxpayer, Voter, Perry Resident

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I strongly prefer that a combination of alternative plans C and D be used. This combination would allow for the altering of the bridge and the raising of the road to prevent flooding but nothing more than that. The intersection with Route 84, Mentor Ave., and Vrooman Rd. would stay the same and therefore not affect the business on the corner of Rt. 84 and Mentor Ave. or the condo on the edge of Rt. 84. (As seen in Plan C alone). This combination/alteration of plans C and D would eliminate the hassle of deciding whose property, home, and/or business is more valuable than another's. Any other "improvements" would not be for our benefit.

Other Comments:

On a more personal note, people who have lived in Perry Twp. have grown accustomed to Vrooman Rd. and its many "deficiencies", as they are called. In matter of fact, many of us would rather "accept" these deficiencies than accept something much worse, such as the taking of our property, home, privacy, and environment as it is. It is a fact, after talking to many of my neighbors, that many others besides myself would be satisfied if the decision were to use plan D, leaving Vrooman Rd. as it is, or using a combination of Plans C and D. Choose wisely and keep in mind those who will be most affected by this decision. These are our homes, our property, our privacy, and our environment that you are affecting! (comments continued on next page)

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Other Comments (Continued...):

As an afterthought, many have used the Perry Nuclear Power Plant as an excuse for building a new bridge. Let us not forget that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant's lifespan is coming to a rapid end. By the time this project is completed, it would be a pitiful excuse for constructing alternatives A and B. Besides, anyone who decides to take up residence in Perry takes the risk of the Nuclear Power Plant melting down. If this were the case, most people would never escape in time, even if they did try to. For us who have lived in Perry before the construction of the Nuclear Power Plant, it is a fate that we too have accepted and would rather live in the peaceful environment that we originally moved here to, than to ruin that for a false sense of security. The only other reason for such a major construction would be to allow semi trucks through for the industrialization of Perry and it's surrounding areas. Many people moved to Perry before the school systems were even improved, including myself, and it was because of the land and it's beautiful surroundings that many people decided to settle here. If we wanted to be caught up in the mad rush of traffic and the problems that come with inner city life, all of us would move to a city like Mentor or similar to it. We don't want that though! Constructing a massive bridge, as seen in alternative plans A and B, would not only allow for increased traffic flow, both car and semi, but it would also ruin the environment for both the Metro Parks, and personal home and land owners in the area. These alternatives would decrease the value of many lovely homes in the area and devastate the natural environment that surrounds this scenic area.



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TRAN SYSTEMS
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Name:

JOAN M. Pitchler

Address:

2840 South Ridge Rd., Perry, OH 44081

Representing:

Home and Property Owner

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer plan C and/or D. I would like the low level bridge for the main reason it would keep this area pretty much the way it is. The major flooding concern would be corrected. The Metro Park would keep it's same appeal, nature and the historical setting for ALL OF THE SURROUNDING AREA would have minimal impact, and property value for the local home owners would not be affected.

Plan B is completely OUT for the main reasons listed above. There are historical landmarks that become an issue, not to mention the chaotic scenario's of a 5pt. Intersection or 3 Intersections so close together. This added Intersection would destroy the natural setting of beauty and wildli in my backyard. Let us not forget about nature and the enviromental impact to my land!

Other Comments:

We moved to Perry over 15 years ago. We built our own home. This was before any new schools were built and urban sprawl was in Mentor and Concord. We would have moved farther out but I already have an hour's drive to work and my husband a 30-minute drive. We wanted the country atmosphere and the Metro Park setting. Over this time, we have seen Perry build much faster than we had hoped and when the option came, we acquired a little more property around us to insure maximum distance from our neighbors. My husband and I both grew up in areas that drastically changed in time- Willoughwick and Boardman, OH. Just traveling around the area, we have seen what Hershey Rd and Lost Nations have become! It makes us sick! People have moved here because of the wonderful setting, please DO NOT Take this From us.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ungers
3210 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

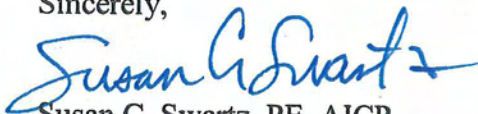
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You expressed concerns regarding noise issues. Preliminary noise analyses were performed within the study area for comparison of the early options, but detailed analyses are anticipated for future phases of project development as design choices are developed.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name: R. JOSEPH + LILIAN UNGERS
Address: 3210 RIVER RD - PERRY, OH 44081
Representing: STONEGATE FARM

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

C - LOW LEVEL BRIDGE

OUR FARM IS NORTH OF THE GRAND RIVER FROM INDIAN
POINT. WE HAVE ENJOYED THE PEACE AND QUIET OF ~~OUR~~
OF OUR PROPERTY SINCE 1957. WE WOULD HATE TO HAVE
TO HEAR THE TRAFFIC THAT WOULD BE CREATED WITH
A HIGH LEVEL MAIN ARTERY, SIMILAR TO MENTORS THREE
NORTH SOUTH ARTERYS - LET'S KEEP SOMEPLACE IN THIS
COUNTY A RURAL AREA.

Other Comments:

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Mr. Dan Waltermire
5580 Canyon Ridge Rd.
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Waltermire:

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Sincerely,



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Project Manager

CO-Annette N. Marquez

From: lcdwaltermire@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2004 7:21 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Cc: Dan.Waltermire@ps.ge.com
Subject: Vrooman Road Study Comments

Name: Dan Waltermire
Address: 5580 Canyon Ridge Drive, Painesville (Perry Twp), OH 44077
Representing: None (but member of Canyon Ridge Homeowners Assoc - ~70 owners of land near Vrooman)

Which alternatives preferred and why?

I prefer Alternative A and B much more than Option C, D, and E. Option A is my favorite and let me explain my rankings. Option A and B would eliminate the dangers of going up and down the steep hills (versus Options C-E) which can be treacherous in the winter especially freezing rain. It also would allow any large emergency vehicles (large fire vehicles or anything needed to get from/to the Perry Nuclear Plant). Option A seems to be better in that the existing power lines would be avoided and a potential five-way intersection would be avoided. In my opinion more people go west on 84 or straight on Madison Ave then go right towards Lane Rd/River Rd or 84 East. But still there's not a lot of differences between A or B. Option C is better than D or E for the long-term but should only be considered in my opinion if the funding for A or B can not be obtained. Option D would be tough because I imagine at least 6-8 months the bridge would be closed whereas Options A-C would allow minimal to no disruption to those that save a lot of time using Vrooman Road versus other alternatives. I travel round-trip daily on Vrooman Road to Summit County and my spouse uses it probably round-trip every other day. Getting this bridge fixed should be a big concern for most of the local area residents of eastern Painesville Twp and Southern Perry Twp. I also know other people in North Perry that use Vrooman Road on good weather days because State Route 20 is dangerous until it turns into S.R 2.

Other Comments: Thank you to Lake County and TransSystems for sending a letter and hosting an Open House to understand the options, ask questions, and be able to provide our feedback.

Here's a current peeve of mine. Lake County or ODOT should have a sign or flashing lights/radio warning drivers on I-90 that Vrooman Road is closed (due to flooding or if in winter). It normally doesn't make on the radio traffic stations (like WTAM- AM 1100). The sign or lights should be in the East bound lanes on I-90 before S.R. 44 in order for people to exit on 44 and come across Rt. 84 or some other way. To a lesser frequency people should have a warning before the Madison exit in the westbound for the same reason. However if a new bridge project is coming in the next few years than it's probably not worth it.

Any questions please call me at 440-350-1919

December 8, 2005

Mr. Alvin Wells
5220 Queen Ann Way
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

While replacing the bridge would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the roadway would still be within the 100-year floodplain, leaving it susceptible to flooding needing continued maintenance on the county's part. Alternative C raises the bridge just above the 100-year floodplain, but would require completely reconstructing Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side. It would also require reconstruction of the intersection at SR 84 and Vrooman Road and much of SR 84 between Madison Avenue and Lane Road.

As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to insure the integrity and beauty of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to taking all environmental precautions as a part of this project. Preliminary noise analyses were performed within the study area, with detailed analyses planned for later phases of project development.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP

CO-Annette Marquez

From: apw2002 [apw2002@ameritech.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2004 3:26 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Subject: Vrooman Road Project

Hello,

My name is Alvin P. Wells. I do not believe that options A, B, or C will benefit this area. If anything it will detract from the semi-quiet nature we currently enjoy. Redesigning the interchange at Route 84 and Madison avenue will probably result in much more traffic on a daily basis. There is already ample traffic in this area. We do not need a high span, high speed bridge to make travel easier. In my opinion, option D along with raising the road bed above flood level would make the most sense and could be accomplished with the least amount of expense and inconvenience to all concerned. In lieu of this, Option 'D' alone, would be preferred.

Thank you.

Alvin P. Wells
5220 Queen Ann Way
440-357-5533

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Ms. Cindee Wied
3055 River Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Ms. Wied:

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Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager



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Name:

Cinder Wild

Address:

3035 River Rd.

Representing:

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

Alternative (A)

- No need to relocate homes.
- No need to cross stream - causing additional cost to construct bridge/supports.
- No impact to archaeology site near Lane Rd

Other Comments:

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Paul Belanger, Ph.D., President
Grand River Partners, Inc.
c/o Lake Erie College
891 W. Washington Street
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Dr. Belanger:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

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We understand your concern for the Grand River Valley. However, it is not clear that Alternative C is the best choice for this purpose. Your comments and our responses are summarized below.

Discourage Urban Sprawl and Promote Rural Character. Your comments maintain that Alternative C would be less likely to promote urban sprawl compared to Alternatives A and B. It may be true that providing a substandard roadway will discourage development in the surrounding townships. Growth management is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction. The County does not make a practice of discouraging growth through providing substandard roadways, due to the safety issues involved and the quality of life for the motorists already using that facility.

Grand River and its wildlife and floodplain. Your comments suggest that Alternative C would be least detrimental to the Grand River. Our preliminary studies indicate that the

opposite is true. Alternative C would replace the Vrooman Road bridge just above the 100-year floodplain and would require reconstruction of Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side of the river, denuding the hillside. This option would also require the most earthmoving within the valley itself. Alternatives A and B would span the valley, resulting in physical impacts at the locations of piers and temporary impacts for construction.

Wetlands and Tributaries. The impacts on wetlands cannot be specifically determined until the preliminary bridge designs are available. However, it is possible that Alternatives A or B could have minimal wetland impacts if the pier spacing allows avoidance. Alternative C would not allow this flexibility. It is correct that Alternative B is projected to affect a tributary that is not affected by Alternative C.

Mason's Landing Park. It is true that Alternative C is projected to allow Mason's Landing to remain in its current location. However, Alternatives A or B would include provisions to maintain access or to relocate the facilities. Canoeists and other recreational users would be able to continue use of the river under any scenario.

Noise. Your comments indicate that Alternative C would provide the least noise pollution. Preliminary evaluations indicate that this is not true for the river and valley itself. The noise from vehicles climbing the steep grade of Vrooman Road north of the river is anticipated to be more detrimental than the additional noise from a bridge being at a higher level.

Scenic Character and Views. The beauty of the Grand River valley is important. However, Alternative C, which would result in a bridge mid-way up the valley and require reconstruction of Vrooman Road up the hillside was not shown in renderings to be more aesthetically pleasing than a higher level bridge spanning the valley. In fact, a higher level bridge would be expected to be less obtrusive to river users, blocking less of the view along the valley than a lower level bridge.

Impacts to Park Property. It is possible that Alternative C would require less permanent right-of-way from the parks; however, this option would not meet all the identified needs of the project.

Safety and Traffic Flow. While Alternative C would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the road would still contain steep grades and sharp curves. While it would be better than the No Build condition, it would not eliminate all the identified problems that would be addressed by Alternatives A and B. Alternative C would not meet the project's Purpose and Need by failing to eliminate steep grades. One goal of the project is to provide an appropriate evacuation route for the area and allow passage for emergency vehicles of all sizes. It is important to note that Alternative C fails to meet many of the objectives of the project while resulting in property impacts to several residences along SR 84.



Remove Existing Bridge and Reduce Streamside Erosion. Any of the proposed build options, Alternatives A, B or C, would achieve this objective.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan C. Swartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent than the last name "Swartz".

Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
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Grand River Partners, Inc.

A Non Profit Organization Working To Protect The Grand River

August 20, 2004

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Ref. Vrooman Road Study

Dear Susan:

Thank you for allowing Grand River Partners, Inc. to present written comment on the Vrooman Road Study.

Grand River Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization working "to preserve the water quality, open space, natural, recreational, agricultural and scenic resources of the Grand River Watershed in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull Counties by uniting residents, landowners, businesses communities, public agencies and private organizations in the respect, stewardship and permanent protection of the Grand River."

On Tuesday August 17, 2004 the Board of Trustees for Grand River Partners, Inc. met to discuss the Vrooman Road Bridge Replacement Project and made the decision to recommend **Alternative "C"** for the following reasons:

- Alternative "C" will be less likely to promote urban sprawl. Both Alternatives "A" and "B" will negatively impact the landuse and rural character of Lake County,
- Alternative "C" will be the least detrimental to wildlife, the Grand River, its floodplain, and its surrounding habitat
- Alternative "C" will have the least impact upon the surrounding wetlands,
- Alternative "C" will not impact any tributaries,
- Alternative "C" will allow Mason's Landing Park to remain in its existing location, and continue to provide an access for canoeist and other recreational users that enjoy the State designated Wild-Grand River,
- Alternative "C" will provide the least amount of noise pollution,
- Alternative "C" will maintain the Grand River valley's scenic character,



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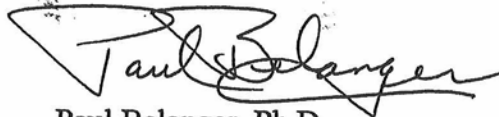
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- Alternative "C" will continue to provide residents the opportunity to view the beauty of the Grand River corridor,
- Alternative "C" will impact the least amount of Lake Metroparks property,
- Alternative "C" will increase safety and travel conditions by reducing or eliminating the frequency of roadway flooding,
- Alternative "C" will improve the road grade and will create less hazardous roadway conditions,
- Alternative "C" will realign the bridge which will eliminate dangerous curves, improve traffic flow, and improve traffic safety,
- Alternative "C" will remove the existing bridge bulkheads from the channel of the Grand River reducing streamside erosion,
- Alternative "C" will still provide citizens the opportunity to travel through the Grand River valley and enjoy its beauty which will promote the rural character of the surrounding area yet provide a safe passage for travelers,

Grand River Partners, Inc. believes that of all the alternatives, **Alternative "C"** addresses all of the safety concerns outlined in the Vrooman Road Study while having the least amount of impact on the State designated Wild Grand River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Belanger". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Belanger, Ph.D.
President

December 8, 2005

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RE: Vrooman Road Study comments

Dear Mr. Roloson:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Vrooman Road Project following the public involvement meeting held on July 7, 2004. We appreciate you taking the time to bring issues you feel are important to our attention. All comments received as a result of the meeting were reviewed and considered during the development of the Planning Study. In review of our Planning Study Report, the Ohio Department of Transportation has suggested that we formally acknowledge receipt of each comment.

As a part of this process, the Lake County Engineer's office along with the Study Team have been in contact with the Metroparks as well as environmental interest groups, Army Corps of Engineers, the Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider the integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements as a part of this project.

We understand the concerns of the Grand Wild & Scenic River Advisory Council. However, it is not clear that Alternative C is the best choice for the valley. Your comments and our responses are summarized below.

Needs that are Met. It is true that Alternative C will resolve the flooding problem, replace the deficient structure, and improve the intersection with SR 84. However, this option does not meet the need to eliminate the steep grade on the north side of the river. One of the primary purposes of the project is to provide an adequate evacuation route for the area and to accommodate emergency vehicles of all sizes.

Wetlands and Tributaries. The impacts on wetlands cannot be specifically determined until the preliminary bridge designs are available. The current impact comparison assumed the worst case if no avoidance is possible. However, it is possible that

Alternatives A or B could have minimal wetland impacts if the pier spacing allows avoidance. Alternative C would not allow this flexibility. It is correct that Alternative B is projected to affect a tributary that is not affected by Alternative C.

Grand River Corridor and Wildlife. Your comments suggest that Alternative C would be least detrimental to the Grand River corridor. Our preliminary studies indicate that the opposite is true. Alternative C would replace the Vrooman Road bridge just above the 100-year floodplain and would require reconstruction of Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side of the river, denuding the hillside. This option would also require the most earthmoving within the valley itself. Alternatives A and B would span the valley, resulting in physical impacts at the locations of piers and temporary impacts for construction. There is no evidence to suggest that the impacts for siltation or erosion would be worse for Alternatives A and B than for Alternative C. A clear span of the Grand River is anticipated in any alternative.

Historic/Cultural Issues. Alternative C does not have a lower likelihood of cultural issues, based upon preliminary information. The reconstruction required along SR 84 in the area of known sites is not less extensive than for Alternatives A or B.

Mason's Landing Park. It is true that Alternative C is projected to allow Mason's Landing to remain in its current location. However, Alternatives A or B would include provisions to maintain access or to relocate the facilities. Canoeists and other recreational users would be able to continue use of the river under any scenario.

Scenic Character and Views. The beauty of the Grand River valley is important. It is correct that drivers on Vrooman Road would have less of a view down to the valley in Alternatives A or B compared to Alternative C. However, considering users of the river valley itself, Alternative C may not be preferable. Renderings were prepared following the public meeting that show Alternative C, which would result in a bridge mid-way up the valley, would not necessarily be more aesthetically pleasing than a higher level bridge spanning the valley. In fact, a higher level bridge would be expected to be less obtrusive to river users, blocking less of the view along the valley than a lower level bridge. Aesthetics can be considered during the development of the design for any alternative.

If you have any more questions regarding this project, you may contact Alan Exley at the Lake County Engineer's office at (440) 350-2770. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Swartz, PE, AICP
Project Manager

CO-Annette Marquez

From: Steve Roloson [sroloson@apk.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2004 2:04 PM
To: CO-VRoomanRoad
Cc: Bob Gable; CO-Susan Swartz
Subject: Comments on Vrooman Road Alternatives from Grand River Advisory Council

Hi Susan,

Thank you for forwarding the aerial photographs showing the three alternatives that have been developed for the proposed replacement of the existing Vrooman Road bridge.

At the quarterly meeting of the Grand River Wild and Scenic River Advisory Council held on July 12, 2004 a substantial amount of time was spent reviewing the provided documentation and discussing the pros and cons of each alternative. The alternatives were also reviewed and thoroughly discussed in an on-site meeting held on July 20, 2004 with Mr. Bob Gable, ODNR Scenic River Program Administrator.

As the result of these two meetings and over 20 years of personal experience related to the Grand River bridge crossing of Vrooman Road the following conclusions have been reached:

Alignment "C" was recommended by the Grand Wild & Scenic River Advisory Council as the preferred alternative. The ODNR, Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, Scenic Rivers Program agrees with the Council's recommendation and will promote the selection of Alternative "C" as the final route for the Vrooman Road bridge replacement. Some of the reasons for this decision are listed below:

- Alternative "C" solves the flooding issue of Vrooman Road
- Alternative "C" improves accessibility for occasional truck traffic, yet will not promote substantial increases in truck traffic. This will avoid increases in noise levels that would otherwise adversely impact the residents on Vrooman Road and the recreational visitors to Mason's Landing park.
- Alternative "C" will solve the alignment problem of the existing Vrooman Road Bridge
- Alternative "C" will solve the approach and width deficiencies of the existing Vrooman Road Bridge
- Alternative "C" will provide adequate turning radius onto east bound SR 84 from Vrooman Road
- Alternative "C" will impact the least amount of wetlands of the 3 proposals.
- Alternative "C" will impact the less than 1 acre of Lake Metroparks property compared to over 3 acres for the other 2 alternatives.
- Alternative "C" does not impact any tributaries to the Grand River as compared to Alternative "B" which will adversely impact a perennial tributary and a scenic waterfall.
- Alternative "C" is located closest of the alternatives to the existing intrusion of the present Vrooman Road Bridge, thereby minimizing impacts. The other 2 alternatives will substantially alter natural areas within the corridor of Grand River which was designed as an Ohio Wild River by ODNR in 1974. This river corridor is one of only two rivers in Ohio to ever achieve this Wild River designation which is the highest possible level. To be consistent with this designation, the Grand River is given the highest level of protection.
- Alternative "C" would be the shortest and lowest of 3 alignments which would reduce needed construction time and lessen the potential for impacts to occur such as erosion and siltation that impact water quality and harm wildlife.
- Alternative "C" is the least expensive design and does not have issues with historical structures or cultural resources like the other alignments. This should further reduce the time and expense involved to complete the project.
- Alternative "C" allows Mason's Landing Park to remain in the existing location.
- Alternative "C" will offer travelers on Vrooman Road a much better view of the beautiful Grand River valley than would the other alternatives. The scenic character of the Grand River and it's importance to tourism

and the local economy should not be overlooked.

- All alternatives would be required to clear span the channel of the Grand River.
- When the bridge is designed, esthetics should be incorporated into the structure in order to promote, rather than detract from, the wild and scenic character of the Grand River valley.
- Although neither of the remaining alternatives were determined to be acceptable, of these, Alternative "A" was much preferred over Alternative "B". Construction of Alternative "B" would adversely impact a perennial tributary to the Grand River resulting in substantial erosion and instability of the creek channel.
- One council member did prefer Alternative "B" and then "A", over Alternative "C" because he considered them preferable for future economic development. All others preferred Alternative "C".

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. My contact information is listed below.

Respectfully,

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Other Comments:

Alternative C Low Level Bridge
Less costly - don't have to purchase all the land

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Vrooman Road Study

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Public Meeting Comment Form
July 7, 2004



Name:

Address:

Representing: LeRoy resident

Which alternative do you prefer and why?

I prefer Alternative B - second option

① straight shot - best travel conditions gear around

② low property impact

③ addresses flooding, bridge and retaining wall

Other Comments:

still maintains access to park

Cost - best bang for buck

quickest route south away from Nuke plant

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Vroomin' down new Vrooman?

■ Frequent flooding of Grand River compromises road's usefulness as evacuation route

John Arthur Hutchison
Staff Writer

An estimated \$10 million to \$12 million project to construct a new Vrooman Road and bridge over the Grand River Valley in Perry and Leroy townships has moved off the back burner.

The potential project would essentially connect Route 84 with Interstate 90.

Because of the Sept. 11 attacks and greater homeland security concerns, the project, which once died in 1996, has been revived at the urging of the federal government, Lake County Engineer James R. Gills said.

One reason the project stalled seven years ago was the discovery of American Indian burial grounds off Route 84.

Studies for the project were completed years ago, but must be updated, Gills said.

A new consultant will work to design the least amount of disturbance to the burial grounds, he said.

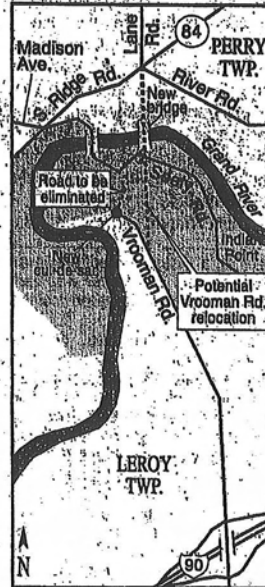
A portion of Vrooman Road would be eliminated south of the Grand River and a cul-de-sac installed.

Lake Metroparks wants to keep the current section of Vrooman Road open to the bridge over the Grand River, from South Ridge Road, to provide access to the 133-acre Mason's Landing Park in Perry Township.

In order to do that, the Metroparks would probably have to assume responsibility of maintaining the bridge, Gills said.

If the project goes forward, construction could begin by 2008 to 2009 at the latest, Gills said.

Vrooman Road is considered an access and evacuation route to and from the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in North Perry Village, Gills said.



"With 9/11, the project jumped up back on the table because of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant," he said.

"There is no direct access to the Perry plant."

Flooding of the Grand River has prompted frequent closings of Vrooman Road in the past.

"At least three times a year, we have to close it," Gills said. "Vrooman Road is an evacuation route, but if it's flooded, we can't use it."

Currently, the Vrooman Road bridge has a posted load limit of 24 tons.

Because the bridge won't hold a heavy vehicle, federal and state officials say that is a security problem, he said.

State and federal funds would pay \$7 million toward the project and are included on the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency's project list for eligible funding.

Gills has asked U.S. Rep. Steven C. LaTourette for additional assistance to secure funding.

LaTourette, R-Madison Village, said he applied for the funds as part of the federal transportation bill for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, but it is too early to tell if the funding will be approved.

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Comment	Number of Responses	Action
Expressed Opinion on Alternative. No additional comments	24	Letter sent to individual acknowledging opinion of alternatives.
Requested copies of exhibits and handouts from 07/07/04 Public Meeting	4	Sent to requesting individual
Requested copies of environmental reports shown at the 07/07/04 Public Meeting	2	Sent to requesting individual
Request to next Stakeholders Meeting	2	Sent notification of and invitation to next Stakeholders Meeting, including meeting protocol
I am a bicyclist. Please make the bridge and road wide enough for a comfortable shoulder	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noting that while designated bike lanes will not be included in the design, 10-foot shoulders on either side are currently planned for the two high-level alternatives.
Concern over amount of traffic on current road. Due to sight distances from hills and curves, have difficulty getting in and out of our driveway. If increase in truck traffic would lead to someone getting hurt, and is very dangerous.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments. The proposed improvements would bring Vrooman Road up to current standards to eliminate sight distance problems
Would like another meeting to discuss concerns in a more formal way to get the same answer.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments, and informing the recipient that while no public meeting has been scheduled, contact information has been included on the project mailing list
Direct to Perry Nuclear Plant is ridiculous, will only make it easier for terrorist to attack the plant. Plenty of truck access to the area via 528, 44, and 2. Evacuation Route excuse is ridiculous. Keep truck to present routes for trucks.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments
Raise Vrooman Road to the current bridge level to alleviate the flooding problems and replacing the bridge itself.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments. This would not meet all project goals of the project as the steep grade and sharp curves would still exist. One of the main needs for this project has been to accommodate emergency vehicles of all sizes and provide an evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant that can accommodate all standard size vehicles.
Concerned about the increased traffic, noise, litter, pollution and decreased property value from a high level bridge.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.

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All streets involved are residential streets. Exit at 90 should remain a non-truck route.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.
A low level bridge above the flood elevation would allow Vrooman to be improved and full access to I-90, while keeping heavy truck traffic from entering predominately residential neighborhoods.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.
Low level approach would not destroy the beauty of the river valley and the park, and should not devalue existing property values in and around the project.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noting that coordination with environmental agencies will continue as part of this project..
I live on the river and valley edge because of nature, wildlife and thriving ecosystem, not with noise, traffic and exhaust fumes. We do not want any bridge that has environmental, visual and sound effect on our community is such a negative way. Noise impacts from a high level bridge would be like having you TV on loud day and night	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted that esthetic applications may be taken into consideration to help the bridge blend in better with the environment; noise analysis will be performed as the project progresses; the project team has coordinated with Metroparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements.
Problems that need addressed are flooding and bridge maintenance. We don't need anymore large truck traffic. I bought my property for the rural setting. The park and river that the bridge spans are pretty and don't need a huge expansion bridge that will take away from the charm of the area, nor do we need more noise and pollution from increased traffic.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about aesthetics of the bridge; additional noise analysis are expected as project progresses; and the project team has coordinated with Metroparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements.
We don't want a high level bridge because we don't want the noise or traffic that it will bring; don't want area homeowner to have their property taken or infringed upon; don't want the rural setting of the area disrupted. Has anyone considered how hard it would be to make a left turn off of River Rd. if it were relocated. We need a light at Lane Rd. not a high level bridge.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about increased noise and that further noise analysis would be completed.

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<p>Alternatives A and B which incorporate a high level crossing are overkill. The area does not need or desire a roadway of such magnitude and would have a devastating effect on the surrounding area. The additional semi-truck traffic would increase the noise and air pollution to an unacceptable level to where it would effect both the people and wildlife of this area. The natural habitat of these wetlands would be ruined and Indian Point would become an overlook to a bridge.</p>	2	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about increased noise; the project team has coordinated with Metroparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements; and intersection improvements will bring the intersection up to standards.</p>
<p>Alt B would preserve more parkland and be better intersection than Madison Ave. which is more congested. Would also eliminate the periodic closing of the bridge due to flooding</p>	2	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.</p>
<p>Alt C would be less cost effective and add more aesthetics of our Ohio Scenic River. Seeley Road would allow recreational use of the park and river and the old road would allow use of Mason's Landing.</p>	1	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.</p>

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<p>Alt. C with Alt. A connection. I believe that for the same money as the high-level alternatives that a passage through the Grand River Valley at the location would emphasize one of Lake County's assets. With this area being Metorparcs, economic benefits of tourism are well known and if this project is given careful consideration, it too could add recreation benefits. Geometric deficiencies could be overcome with a speed reduction in the valley. Truck traffic could be accommodated but does not need to be a preferred truck routed. Negatives to the high level alt. are high winds, higher speed accidents, high maintenance costs, and higher noise levels through the valley, a state wild and scenic river. How will the electric (high tension overhead lines) be accommodated. There really seems to be an opportunity here to do something unique in our area, within budget, and long lasting, if approached with care.</p>	1	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about high winds, maintenance, ice and high speeds on a high-level bridge. While these issues are a concern and a challenge, these issues are routinely and effectively managed on numerous bridges on substantial length and/or height throughout Ohio, and are therefore not likely to eliminate the consideration of an alternative that best meets the needs of the project.</p>
<p>I don't want to see the river impacted the way high level bridge construction will cause. Being a property owner on River Road, I feel that my property values will suffer. The projected cost of a high level bridge is grossly underestimated especially considering the upgrades that will become necessary after its completion. High level bridge would have a disastrous effect on the area and natural environment for years. Construction delays and detours would be greater than the inconvenience of flooding detours</p>	2	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorparcs and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements; that the cost was underestimated as the bridge shown did not have wide shoulders on the bridge structure; and that Alt. B would be the only alternative that would not cause lengthy closures.</p>

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I do not believe that either high level bridge option is appropriate as it will have a high impact on the area ecosystem; increase large truck traffic; increase general traffic; and access to interstate exists by way of Route 44 and 528. I believe that low level bridge options is appropriate as it has less impact to ecosystem; no increase truck traffic; alleviates road closing due to flooding; and easier and safer to cross Grand River.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments.
We have very little problem or inconvenience with the way it is right now. If it is flooded, I have a pretty good idea before I approach, so I simply allow extra time to go down 84. We like to picnic a Mason's Landing and would like to see the area preserved the way it is. A high level bridge would create a new problem of more traffic through the area with longer delays on 84, Madison, and Lane. The flooding is minimal and improving the existing would solve the problem and save a lot of money that could be used on serious problems elsewhere.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has ongoing meetings and discussions with the Lake Metroparks and Lake County to mitigate park access and functions. It is the intent to maintain access and recreation areas in the Grand River Valley. While replacing the bridge itself would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the roadway would still be susceptible to flooding and would not eliminate the steep grade and sharp curve approaching. One important goal of the project is to provide emergency vehicle access and an appropriate evacuation route.
As residents, taxpayers, parents, and concerned citizens, our choice is the low level bridge. We see so many good points for this option that we see all other options as frivolous, destructive, and intrusive. Option C allows for our neighborhood and the natural beauty and assets of the area to be maintained; safeguards our children at play, our vehicular integrity, and our tax dollars; will be an enhancement to the valley if designed with consideration to the flow of traffic and nature – option would limit the size of the vehicles using the pass.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metroparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements; replacing the bridge itself would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the roadway would still be susceptible to flooding and would not eliminate the steep grade and sharp curve approaching. One important goal of the project is to provide emergency vehicle access and an appropriate evacuation route.

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Any plan that is going to tear down our condo is not my option for the bridge. We would hate to see it torn down for the high level to Madison Ave. We would be interested in when these plans might take effect. We would like to retire here.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted that the project is on NOACA 's plan for 2009. Ultimate date of construction will be dependent on environmental, design, and ROW. Alt. C, the option for impacting your condo is not currently being recommended for advancement.
C or D would cause the least amount of havoc on our river and surrounding ecosystem. We would never want to look out our front window and see a high level bridge and noise and truck traffic that would come with it. We worry that our property values would decrease.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements; preliminary noise analysis was performed within the study area, but detailed noise analysis is anticipated for later phases of the project; and when designing the bridge, aesthetic application may be taken into consideration.
D, E, and C would not be long term solutions to existing problems or concerns. What impact would the bridge placement have on the Lane Ave Cemetery.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about the cemetery and that during the final design process, necessary measures will be taken to avoid or minimized any impacts to the cemetery.
It is such a beautiful are, it would be a shame to ruin it with construction of a larger bridge plus all the wildlife that would be affected. I moved here to get away from all the traffic of the City.	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR have to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements

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Alt. B would be the best option as it would be more direct to the Nuke plant, less disturbing to the residents and a more direct path, perhaps saving costs. I also thought that the archaeology study had already been done	1	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about archaeology and that the archaeology studies are anticipated for this project. While some studies have already been completed and areas of concern considered. Coordination will be conducted with ODOT and Ohio State Historic Preservation Office
Alt. C will fix the problem while not screwing anything else up. I realized that truck will still have a problem and won't be able to negotiated the steep hill and curves. That is actually a good thing as I don't want semis barreling down my road at 50 mph. Limiting truck traffic on Vrooman Rd. along with traffic speeds is a good think as it is difficult to get out of our driveways under existing conditions.	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about traffic levels and speed. Part of the purpose and need for this project is safety, which includes an evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant that can accommodate all standard size vehicles. The current roadway has steep slopes and sharp turns that do not allow proper sight distances for oncoming obstacles.
Alt. C is the most appropriate as it the most cost effective, raises the road above the flood plain, and creates a new bridge that would allow traffic to flow better, and most of all does not impede on anyone's residential property and lifestyle. The alternative that connects to Lane Road would travel through my property and behind my barn. This would totally destroy our property, our property value, not be able to sell it. People buy houses in this area for the rural setting not to see more traffic and industry to create a Mentor	2	Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about residential impacts. Alt. C would include impacts to four residential units. The exact configuration to River Rd. will be resolved if the Lane Road alternative is selected for further study. Several ideas are being discussed providing this connection. We anticipate landowners that property may be affected will be contacted for further discussion on these matter during the next phase of the project.

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<p>Plan D and C has no change to the park or anyone's home. Plan A or B would ruin the park setting, steal people's property and homes, not to mention property depreciation. The noise and other results of a high level bridge would be drastic- think this part of Perry is one of the most scenic settings in Lake County. The historical names, the history and traces of the past Indian culture, the water fall, the Grand River, tributaries and backyard streams, wildlife, hills and valleys make a wonderful picture. It would be a shame to destroy such a place. Progress can be rerouted down Routes 44, 2, 20, and 528. People have lived in Perry Twp. and have grown accustomed to the Vrooman Rd. and its many deficiencies. In matte of fact, may of us would rather accept these deficiencies than accept something much worse, such as the taking of property, home, privacy and environment as it is. Perry Nuclear Power Plant is an excuse for building a new bridge – the power plant lifespan is coming to a rapid end.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorparcs and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements; the current roadway has steep slopes and sharp turns that do not allow proper sight distances for oncoming obstacles; improvements at the SR 84/Vrooman Road and Lane/River Road/SR 84 intersection are to eliminate the skew and improve sight distances; part of the purpose of this project is to provide an evacuation route; historical and archaeological studies will be done and considered as part of this project; and right now it is not possible to evaluate how any of the alternatives will affect the value of your property.</p>
<p>Our farm is north of the Grand River from Indian Point. We have enjoyed the peace and quiet of our property since 1957. We would hate to hear traffic that would be created with a high level main artery. Let's keep some place in this county rural</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about noise, and that preliminary noise analyses were performed within the study area for comparison of early options. Detailed analyses are anticipated for future phases of project development.</p>

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<p>I do not believe that options A, B, or C will benefit this area. It will detract from the semi-quiet nature we currently enjoy. Redesigning the intersection of SR 84 and Madison will probably result in much more traffic on a daily basis. We don't need a high span, high speed bridge to make travel easier. D along with raising the road bed above flood level would make the most sense and could be accomplished with the least amount of expense and inconvenience to all concerned</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about the environment and impacts. The project team has coordinated with Metorpark and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to insure the integrity and beauty of of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to taking all environmental precautions as part of this project.. While replacing the bridge would alleviated physical deterioration of the structure, the roadway would still be within the 100-year floodplain, leaving it susceptible to flooding and needing continued maintenance on the county's part. Alt. C raises the bridge just above the 100-year floodplain, but would require completely reconstructing Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side, the Vrooman/SR 84 intersection, and much of SR 84 between Madison Ave. and Lane Rd.</p>
<p>Prefer Alt. C because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less likely to promote urban sprawl – A and B will negatively impact the land use and rural character of Lake County, • least detrimental to wildlife, the Grand River, its floodplain and it surrounding habitat, • least impact upon the surrounding wetlands, • will not impact tributaries, • will allow Mason's Landing Park to remain in its existing location, and continue to provide an access for canoeist and other recreational users that enjoy the state designated Wild Grand River, • will provide the least amount of noise pollution, • will maintain the Grand River Valley's scenic character, • will continue to provide residents the opportunity to view the beauty of the Grand River corridor, 	<p>1</p>	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorpark and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements. Specifically addressed items included:</p> <p><i>Discourage Urban Sprawl & Promote Rural Character.</i> It may be true that providing a substandard roadway will discourage development in the surrounding townships. Growth management is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction. The County does not make it a practice of discouraging growth through providing substandard roadways, due to the safety issues involved and the quality of life for the motorist already using that facility.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will impact the least amount of Lake Metroparks property, • will increase safety and travel conditions by reducing or elimination the frequency of roadway flooding, • will improve the road grade and will create less hazardous roadway conditions, • will realign the bridge which will eliminate dangerous curves, improve traffic flow, and improve traffic safety, • will remove the existing bridge bulkheads from the channel of the Grand River reducing streamside erosion, and • will still provide citizens the opportunity to travel through the Grand River Valley and enjoy its beauty which will promote the rural character of the surrounding area yet provide a safe passage for travelers. 		<p><i>Grand River and Its Wildlife and Floodplain:</i> While your comment indicate that Alt. C would be less detrimental to the Grand River, our preliminary studies indicate that the opposite is true. Alt. C would replace the bridge just above the 100-year flood plain and would require reconstruction of Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side of the river, denuding the hillside, which would require the most earthmoving within the valley itself. Alts. A & B would span the valley resulting in physical impacts at the locations of piers and temporary impacts for construction.</p> <p><i>Wetlands & Tributaries:</i> The impact on wetlands cannot be specifically determined until the preliminary bridge designs are available. However, it is possible that Alts. A & B could have minimal wetland impacts if the pier spacing allows avoidance. Alt. C would not allow this flexibility. It is correct that Alt. B may affect a tributary that is not affected by C.</p> <p><i>Mason's Landing Park:</i> Alt. C is projected to allow Mason's Landing to remain in its current location. Alts. A & B would include provisions to maintain access or to relocate the facilities. Canoeists and other recreational users would be able to continue use of the river under any scenario.</p> <p><i>Noise:</i> While your comments indicate that Alt. C would provide the least noise pollution, preliminary evaluations indicate that this is not true for the river and valley itself. The noise from vehicles climbing the steep grade of Vrooman Road north of the river is anticipated to be more detrimental than the additional noise from a bridge being at a higher level.</p>

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		<p><i>Scenic Character & Views:</i> The beauty of the Grand River is important. Alt. C would result in a bridge mid-way up the valley and require reconstruction of Vrooman Rd. up the hillside. A higher level bridge would be expected to be less obtrusive to river users, blocking less of the view along the valley than a lower level bridge.</p> <p><i>Impacts to Park Properties:</i> It is possible that Alt. C would require less permanent right-of-way from the parks; however, this option would not meet all the identified needs of the project.</p> <p><i>Safety & Traffic Flow:</i> While Alt. C would alleviate the physical deterioration of the structure, the road would still contain steep grades and sharp curves. Alt. C would not meet the project's Purpose and Need by failing to eliminate steep grades. One goal is to provide an appropriate evacuation route for the area and allow passage for emergency vehicles of all sizes. Alt. C fails to meet many of the objectives of the project while resulting in property impacts to several residences along SR 84.</p> <p><i>Remove Existing Bridge & Reduce Streamside Erosion:</i> Alts. A, B, and C would achieve this objective.</p>
<p>Prefers Alt. C because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solves the flooding problem, • improve accessibility for occasional truck traffic, yet will not promote substantial increases in truck traffic. This will avoid increases in noise levels that would otherwise adversely impact the residents on Vrooman Road and the recreational visitors to Mason's Landing Park, • solves the alignment problem of the existing Vrooman Road Bridge, • solves the approach and width 	1	<p>Letter sent to individual acknowledging comments and noted concerns about environment and that the project team has coordinated with Metorparks and environmental interest groups, ACOE, Grand River Partners, and ODNR to consider integrity of the Grand River Valley and are dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements. Specifically addressed items included:</p> <p><i>Needs That are Met:</i> Alt. C will resolve the flooding problem, replace the deficient</p>

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<p>deficiencies of the existing Vrooman Road Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides adequate turning radius onto east bound SR 84 from Vrooman Road, • impacts less than 1 acre of Lake Metroparks property, compared to over 3 acres for the other 2 alts., • does not impact any tributaries to the Grand Rives as compared to Alt. B which will adversely impact a perennial tributary and a scenic waterfall, • is located closest of the alternatives to the existing intrusion of the present Vrooman road Bridge, thereby minimizing impacts. The other 2 alts. will substantially alter natural areas within the corridor of the Grand River which was designed (spic) as an Ohio Wild River by ODNR in 1974. This rivers corridor is one of only tow rives in Ohio to ever achieve this Wild River designation which is the highest level of protection, • shortest and lowest of 3 alignments which would reduce needed construction time and lessen the potential for impacts to occur such as erosion and siltation that impact water quality and harm wildlife, • is the least expensive design and does not have issues with historical structures or cultural resource like the other alignments. This should further reduce the time and expense involved to complete the project, • allows Mason's Landing to remain in the existing location, • will offer travelers on Vrooman Rd. a much better view of the beautiful Grand River Valley that would the other alternatives. The scenic character of the Grand River and its importance to tourism and the local economy should not be overlooked, 		<p>structure, and improve the intersection with SR 84. This option does no meet the need to eliminate the steep grade on the north side of the river. One of the primary purposes of the project is to provide an adequate evacuation route for the area and to accommodate emergency vehicles of all sizes.</p> <p><i>Wetlands & Tributaries:</i> The impact on wetlands cannot be specifically determined until the preliminary bridge designs are available. However, it is possible that Alts. A & B could have minimal wetland impacts if the pier spacing allows avoidance. Alt. C would not allow this flexibility. It is correct that Alt. B may affect a tributary that is not affected by C.</p> <p><i>Grand River Corridor & Wildlife:</i> While your comment indicate that Alt. C would be less detrimental to the Grand River, our preliminary studies indicate that the opposite is true. Alt. C would replace the bridge just above the 100-year flood plain and would require reconstruction of Vrooman Road up the bank on the north side of the river, denuding the hillside, which would require the most earthmoving within the valley itself. Alts. A & B would span the valley resulting in physical impacts at the locations of piers and temporary impacts for construction.</p> <p><i>Historical/cultural Issues:</i> Alt. C does not have a lower likelihood of cultural issues, based upon preliminary information. The reconstruction required along SR 84 in the area of known sites is not less extensive than for Alts. A & B.</p> <p><i>Mason's Landing Park:</i> Alt. C is projected to allow Mason's Landing to remain in its current location. Alts. A & B would include provisions to maintain access or to relocate</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all alternatives would be required to clear span the channel of the Grand River, when the bridge is designed, aesthetics should be incorporated into the structure in order to promote, rather than detract from, the wild and scenic character of the Grand River Valley, although neither of the remaining alternatives were determined to be acceptable, of these, Alt. A was much preferred over Alt. B. Construction of Alt. B would adversely impact a perennial tributary to the Grand River resulting in substantial erosion and instability of the creek channel. 		<p>provisions to maintain access or to relocate the facilities. Canoeists and other recreational users would be able to continue use of the river under any scenario.</p> <p><i>Scenic Character and Views:</i> The beauty of the Grand River is important. While drivers on Vrooman Rd. would have less of a view down to the valley in Alts. A & B compared to Alt. C., users of the river valley itself may prefer Alt. C. Alt. C would result in a bridge mid-way up the valley and require reconstruction of Vrooman Rd. up the hillside. A higher level bridge would be expected to be less obtrusive to river users, blocking less of the view along the valley than a lower level bridge.</p>

Vroomin' down new Vrooman?

■ Frequent flooding of Grand River compromises road's usefulness as evacuation route

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An estimated \$10 million to \$12 million project to construct a new Vrooman Road and bridge over the Grand River Valley in Perry and Leroy townships has moved off the back burner.

The potential project would essentially connect Route 84 with Interstate 90.

Because of the Sept. 11 attacks and greater homeland security concerns, the project, which once died in 1996, has been revived at the urging of the federal government, Lake County Engineer James R. Gills said.

One reason the project stalled seven years ago was the discovery of American Indian burial grounds off Route 84.

Studies for the project were completed years ago, but must be updated, Gills said.

A new consultant will work to design the least amount of disturbance to the burial grounds, he said.

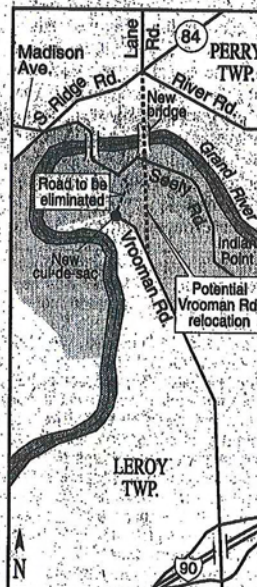
A portion of Vrooman Road would be eliminated south of the Grand River and a cul-de-sac installed.

Lake Metroparks wants to keep the current section of Vrooman Road open to the bridge over the Grand River, from South Ridge Road, to provide access to the 133-acre Mason's Landing Park in Perry Township.

In order to do that, the Metroparks would probably have to assume responsibility of maintaining the bridge, Gills said.

If the project goes forward, construction could begin by 2008 to 2009 at the latest, Gills said.

Vrooman Road is considered an access and evacuation route to and from the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in North Perry Village, Gills said.



"With 9/11, the project jumped up back on the table because of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant," he said.

There is no direct access to the Perry plant.

Flooding of the Grand River has prompted frequent closings of Vrooman Road in the past.

"At least three times a year, we have to close it," Gills said. "Vrooman Road is an evacuation route, but if it's flooded, we can't use it."

Currently, the Vrooman Road bridge has a posted load limit of 24 tons.

Because the bridge won't hold a heavy vehicle, federal and state officials say that is a security problem, he said.

State and federal funds would pay \$7 million toward the project and are included on the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency's project list for eligible funding.

Gills has asked U.S. Rep. Steven C. LaTourette for additional assistance to secure funding.

LaTourette, R-Madison Village, said he applied for the funds as part of the federal transportation bill for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, but it is too early to tell if the funding will be approved.

Bridge funding concerns commissioner

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The four months Vrooman Road and the bridge over the Grand River were closed due to the July floods prompted Lake County Commissioner Raymond E. Sines to revisit his concerns about a proposal to build a high-level Vrooman Road bridge.

The commissioner is worried that funding needed for the estimated \$22.47 million project in Perry and Leroy townships might not be available when it's scheduled to begin in 2009.

Sines is reluctant to continue further support until he is confident that funding for a high-level bridge will be there, and he doesn't want the county to borrow money in the future to complete the project.

"I want to see where we're at on this project and see where (Gills) is on his budget," Sines said. "I want to question the engineer on spending and what he's going to do over the next five years, and give us an idea of what to expect."

So far, nearly \$8 million in federal funding has been secured for the project through the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency, plus \$2.36 million from the County Engineers Association of Ohio, Lake County Engineer James R. Gills said.

The engineer said starting this

state dollars are secured, the money needed for the county's 20 percent local share — currently estimated at about \$4.5 million — makes the high-level bridge the best option, rather than building a replacement low-level bridge, Gills said.

The estimated cost of the bridge is up about 30 percent from the previous estimate a few years ago because the Ohio Department of Transportation requested that county engineers increase all project estimates by that percentage for state fiscal year 2006, Gills said.

Although the project is expensive, the engineer feels it is a high priority for the county.

In addition to improving traffic flow in eastern Lake County, Gills said a high-level bridge would eliminate frequent weather-related closures of Vrooman Road and would improve the area as a mass-evacuation route in case of an accident at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in North Perry Village.

Gills estimates a replacement low-level bridge would also cost about \$4.5 million, but it would not eliminate road closures or improve mass evacuations like a high-level bridge would.

Building a high-level bridge does have support from NOACA, the five-county metropolitan planning organization that serves Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Med-

ina and Lorain counties, NOACA spokeswoman Cheryl Onesky said.

The project also is on the agency's long-range transportation plan, she said.

Onesky said the project is eligible for up to 80 percent federal funding, but it's not a certainty the agency would be able to provide that much.

"NOACA is committed to having the project being done," Onesky said. "But we did suggest to the engineer some different funding be investigated because we're only allocated so much every year. We're going to try to make this project happen, and over time, the sources may come up."

U.S. Rep. Steven C. LaTourette, R-Concord Township, supports a high-level bridge and intends to work to secure as much federal funding as possible.

LaTourette awaits a request amount from Gills for the funding after all preliminary studies and analysis are completed.

As of now, Gills anticipates asking the congressman for at least \$5.1 million, possibly more.

LaTourette, who sits on the House Transportation Committee and is a ranking minority committee member, then plans to include what is necessary in the next federal highway and transit bill.

"I've committed to him that I

would get the federal funds necessary," he said. "I believe this bridge is important, it's an important evacuation route for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. You could have a real crisis in case of an emergency."

LaTourette is optimistic he can obtain money for the bridge in the next highway and transit bill because he secured about \$150 million for the congressional district in the last bill.

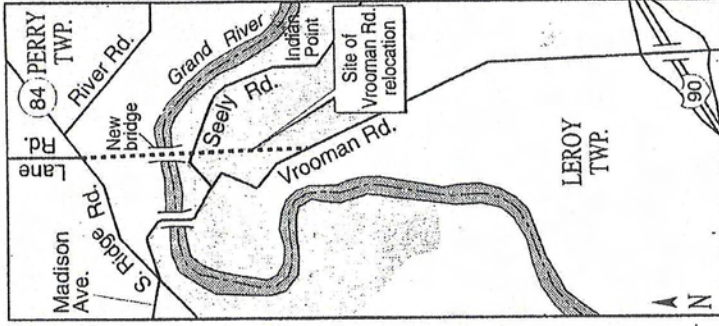
If federal funding options don't come through for a high-level bridge, a low-interest, 10-year loan program through the State Infrastructure Bank is also a viable option, several officials said.

Sines believes it would be more feasible to simply replace the current bridge with a low-level bridge.

"We need to do something about the bridge," the commissioner said. "The new overhead bridge is going to fall to the wayside; we'll never see it in my lifetime. We don't need another Ross Road."

Gills said that won't be the case.

"We have a verbal commitment from Congressman LaTourette and from NOACA about the financing," the engineer said, adding if for whatever reason those options don't pan out, the low-interest loan program is available.



year, he also will set aside \$1 million per year in his capital improvement fund toward the local share of the project.

There are promises and requests for the additional money needed for the project, but a significant amount still actually needs to be secured, Sines said.

Gills is confident that the funding will be procured in the near future.

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LaTourette to help lead Coast Guard committee

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For the 110th session of Congress, U.S. Rep. Steve LaTourette will serve as the top-ranking Republican on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee.

U.S. Rep. John L. Mica, R-Fla., the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's ranking Republican, announced the selection in a news release.

The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the activities of the Coast Guard, including its duties, organization, functions and personnel.

The subcommittee also has jurisdiction over the regulation of ocean shipping and the Federal Maritime Commission, the Jones Act, and the merchant marine, except in matters relative to national security, according to the release.

LaTourette served the previous two years as chairman of the Railroads Subcommittee, and was chairman of the Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee in the 107th and 108th Congresses.

"This is the third subcommittee where I have been chosen to be the lead Republican," LaTourette said. "It stands to further increase my transportation experience to better enhance transportation efficiency in Northeast Ohio, be it with highways, rails, the preservation of parklands or on the Great Lakes."

With this new assignment, LaTourette said he will be directly involved in strengthening the nation's borders and increasing port security.

Security is especially critical along Ohio's Lake Erie coastline because there are two nuclear power plants, including the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in North Perry Village, he said.

"This is a vital time for Coast Guard activities on the Great Lakes, and I'll have a direct say in important matters like making sure we have state-of-the-art ice cutters for the harsh winters, and adequate search and rescue for our large recreational boating community and the vital Great Lakes shipping industry," LaTourette said.

Mica said LaTourette is an excellent choice to serve as ranking Republican on the subcommittee.

"Congressman LaTourette brings a significant amount of transportation experience to the table, and I am confident that he will apply this knowledge to finding effective solutions to the issues before the subcommittee," Mica said.

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Bridge must be built

If county officials needed a bridge to cross the Grand River in eastern Lake County, there are several ideal spots. But county, state and federal officials believe any bridge must double as an efficient transportation route to move traffic in case of a problem at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

One thing is crystal clear: The current Vrooman Road bridge doesn't suffice.

County Commissioner Ray Sines has triggered a dispute with County Engineer Jim Gills about the bridge's hefty \$22.47 million price tag.

The county would be responsible for \$4.5 million, or 20 percent of the project's cost, slated to start in 2009.

The county has some financial commitments for the proposed high-level bridge at Vrooman Road, but much more will be needed.

Of equal importance: This safety issue for thousands of Lake County residents cannot descend into verbal sparring between two county officials.

Work together and get the money for the bridge.

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