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Vrooman Road Study Public
Involvement Meeting Press Release

In July 2004, the Lake County Engineer's Office hosted a public meeting to share with the general public conceptual alternatives developed in Stakeholder Committee Meetings held earlier in the year for the replacement of the existing Vrooman Road Bridge. Public input was also solicited at this meeting. Some conceptual alternatives were eliminated from consideration as a result of public input from this meeting, and from the Stakeholder Committee made up of local business owners, government agencies, and local public officials. In 2008, the Lake County Engineer's Office contracted Michael Baker Jr., Inc. to conduct further engineering analysis and environmental investigations for this project in order to identify the Preferred Alternative for replacement of the Vrooman Road Bridge.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday January 27, 2009, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Leroy Community Center located at 13028 Leroy Center Road in Leroy, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the status of the project; describe the current engineering analysis and environmental investigation efforts; present to the public 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 Michael Baker Jr., Inc. 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. The meeting will follow an open house format. The public may visit at any time to review the exhibits and ask questions. No formal presentation will be given.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting and for a two-week time period after the meeting, until February 10, 2009. These comments can be sent to:

Vrooman Road Study Team c/o Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
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Cleveland, Ohio 44105

Faxed comments will also be accepted at (216) 664-6532.

E-mailed comments can be sent to lciborek@mbakercom.com.

If you have questions please contact Lawrence P. Ciborek,
Project Manager, at (216) 776-6601.