

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at the regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Dubon, Kissling, and Wehr were physically present. Member Bounds was present virtually. Member McPherron was absent. This meeting was made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via Facebook link at the City's Facebook page (City of Huntingburg). Also present were Mayor Schwinghamer, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor presented a Program & Event Report of recent and upcoming events at Old Town Hall and Market Street.

Transit Director Blessinger presented a Huntingburg City Transit Title VI Plan, dated January 2022, for approval. It was noted that this update is needed for Federal funding.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon to approve the Huntingburg City Transit Title VI Plan as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Bill Kaiser and Mark Schroeder, representing Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority, presented an update of the Mid-States Corridor project. A handout (Exhibit A) was presented and discussed.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly Gas Utility report. He presented a quote for annual, set up and integration fees for the Sensus meter system being installed for the gas and electric utilities. The quote is from Everett J. Prescott, Inc. (Team EJP) in the amount of \$27,577.00. He noted Team EJP is the only source of these services.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling to approve the quote from Team EJP in the amount of \$27,577.00, as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler presented his monthly Electric Utility report. He noted the transition of the electric service for the Street Department building to the City of Huntingburg Electric Utility from Dubois County REC is complete.

Reutepohler began a discussion with the Board concerning a customer building a new house toward St. Henry, the City's electric territory. The house is to be built about a half mile south of the Huntingburg Conservation Club on CR 100 W. He noted the location of City lines running (along CR 950 S). He indicated that the City would have to run approximately 3,200 feet of electric line to service this customer with an estimated cost of \$29,000.00 (if no installation complications occur). He noted that area served by the City had experienced overhead line problems and was converted to underground recently. While converting the area to underground, solid rock was encountered and an

expensive, large track-hoe was contracted to jack hammer the line in. He noted that Vectren territory is on the west side of CR 100 W and Dubois REC territory is on the east side of CR 100 W; Huntingburg territory begins approximately 400 feet west of CR 100 W. The large expense was noted as non-recoverable and giving up territory was also discussed. Various alternatives were discussed. There was discussion about allowing the property owner (previously Lange's Timber Land, LLC transferred to Alexa M. Gasser Revocable Trust Alexa M. Gasser Trustee) to petition the IURC at their expense to allow only that one residence to be serviced by Dubois REC, retaining the remaining tract as Huntingburg Electric territory. It was discussed that Huntingburg Electric Utility would bear no expense in this matter.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling to allow the property owner (previously Lange's Timber Land, LLC transferred to Alexa M. Gasser Revocable Trust Alexa M. Gasser Trustee) to petition the IURC at their expense to allow only that one residence (Exhibit B, Item 1) to be serviced by Dubois REC, retaining the remaining tract as Huntingburg Electric territory. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that he was contacted by Travis Buckle, Wildlife Biologist with the US Department of Agriculture working the Indiana Department of Natural Resources trying to get a handle on the source of the bird flu (killing turkeys) in our area.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed resolution authorizing the sale of real estate that abuts Hwy 64 and property owned by Northside Storage and Rental. He noted the bid process was complete and the only bid received was from abutting land owner, Northside Storage and Rental in the amount of \$10,500.00. He noted this is less than the offering price, but the offering price was based on an appraisal containing more real estate. He noted the City has reserved a general utility easement for the entire strip.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon to adopt Resolution No. 2022-10 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS
REAL ESTATE PREVIOUSLY AQUIRED AS RIGHT OF WAY**
(Hwy 64 and West 3rd Street)

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

It was noted that in order to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 an implementation plan is needed. The plan was presented with a proposed resolution adopting it and related matters.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND POLICY FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,
INDIANA**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

An anonymous citizen approached the Huntingburg Police Department about donating funds (\$20,000.00) to go toward the purchase of vehicles and to equip and accessorize them for the School Resource Officer (SRO). A proposed Ordinance was presented accepting the donation and creating the Police Vehicle Donation Fund.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-12 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED DONATION AND
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS POLICE VEHICLE
DONATION FUND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

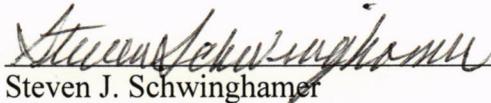
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-12 at the same meeting it was introduced. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-12.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-12 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-12 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:42 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the Annual TIF Report done for the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission and the Huntingburg Redevelopment Authority. He noted the requirements of the report and noted it will be uploaded into the Indiana Gateway reporting system to the DLGF as required.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.



Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

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Mid-States Corridor Interim Report

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EXHIBIT A
Council Meeting
2/22/2022
5:30 pm.

Project Overview

- Evaluate improved Logistics Corridor
- Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (“Mid-States RDA”) was organized for the primary purpose of pursuing the study, development and construction of a transportation corridor from the Ohio River at Rockport, through Dubois County, and connecting to I-69 (“Mid-States Corridor”).
- Mid-States RDA raised the funds necessary to finance the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study with a combination of public and private donations approximating \$7 Million.
- In a model arrangement, Mid-States RDA partnered with INDOT to contract with the Lochmueller Group in order to perform the Tier 1 EIS Study with respect to the Mid-States Corridor.

- Twelve County Study Area

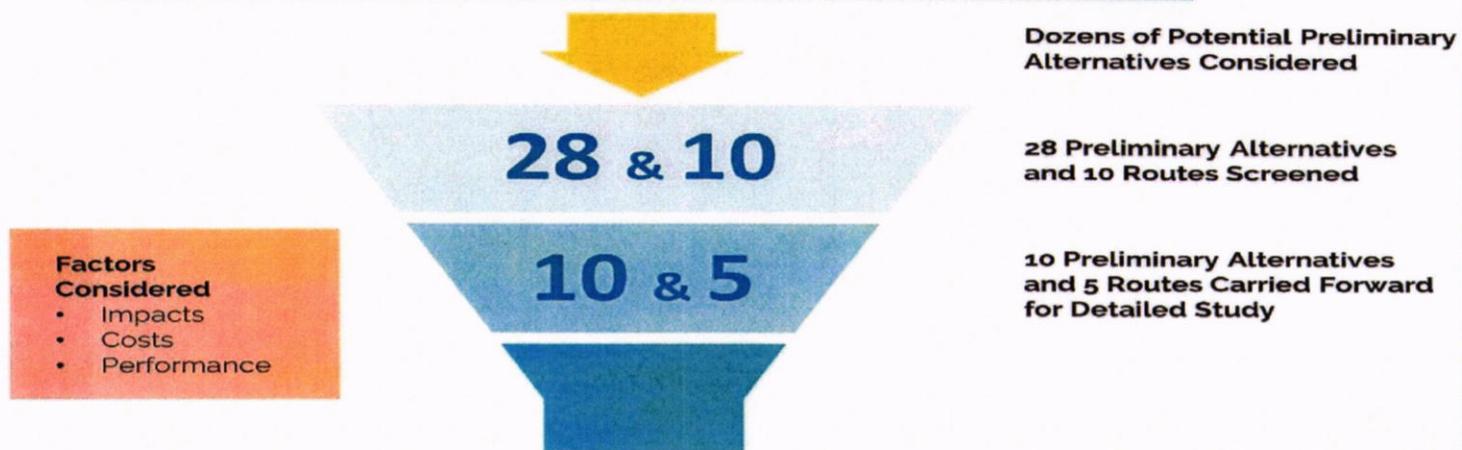
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- *Dubois*
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- *Lawrence*
- *Greene*
- *Monroe*

Lochmueller Group

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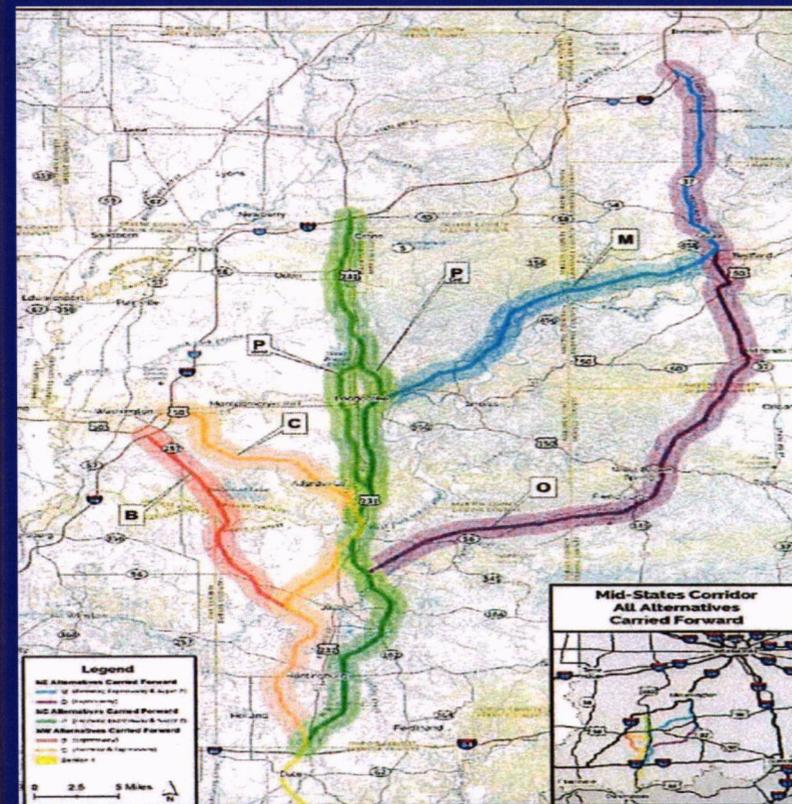
Screening of Alternatives Process

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Summary of Preliminary Alternatives Carried Forward

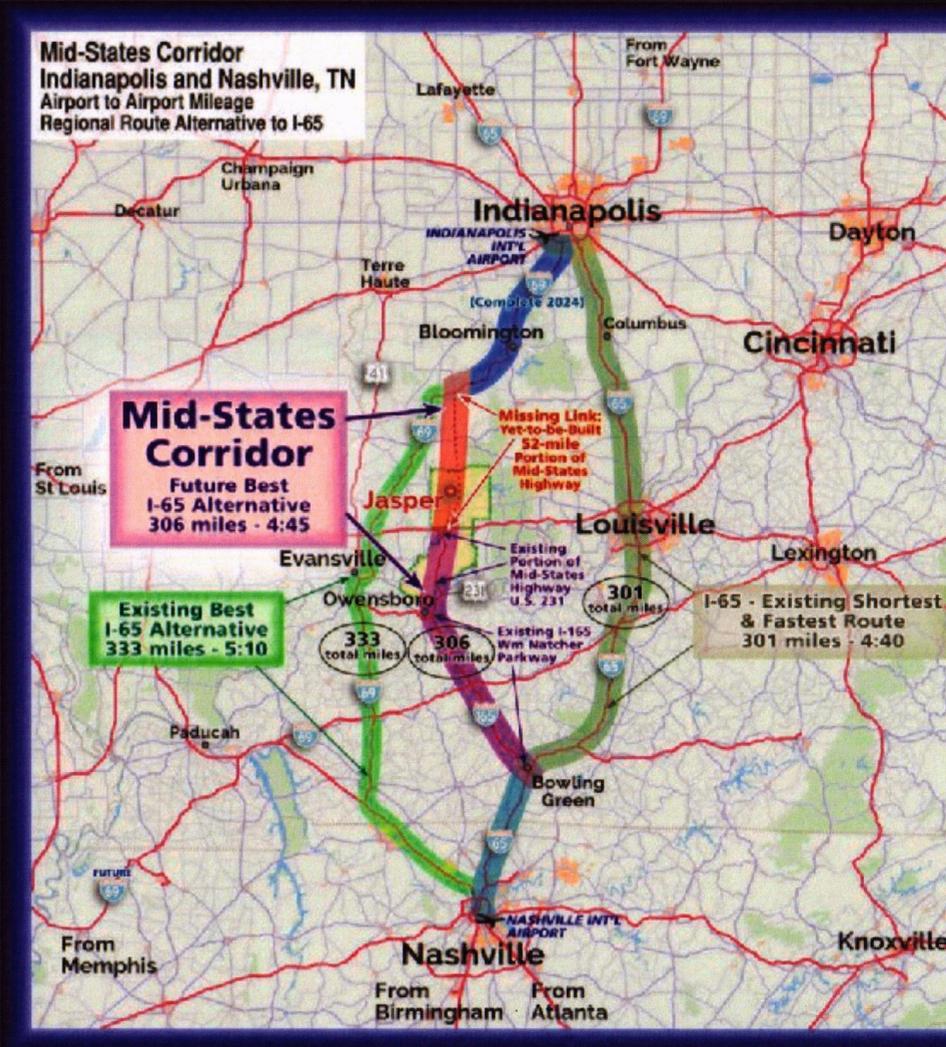
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- Alt. C (Yellow)
- Alt. M (Blue)
- Alt. O (Purple)
- Alt. P (Green)



Mid-States Corridor will have Regional Impact

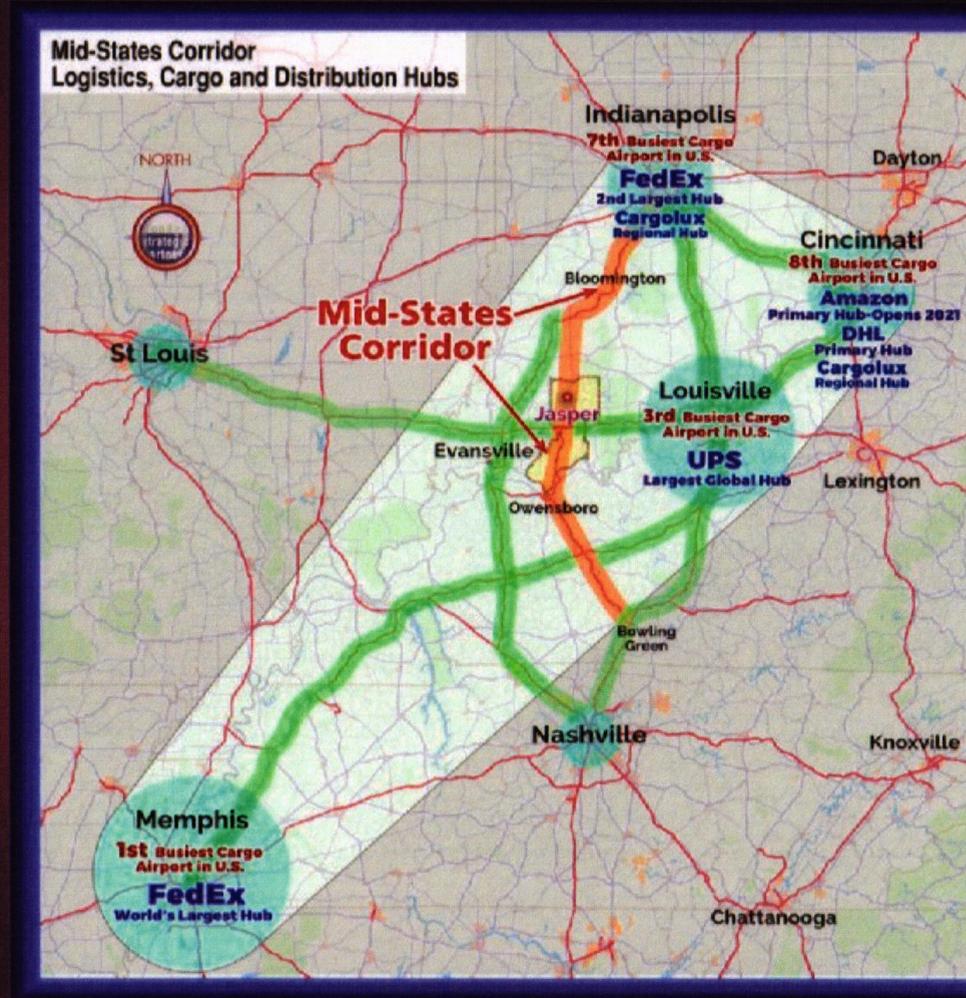
- Mid-States Corridor will provide an expressway linking Indianapolis, IN (and points north) to Nashville, TN (and points south).
- Only requires approximately 50 miles of new construction to complete (depending on future route selection).
- Mid-States Corridor will also provide a necessary I-65 alternative.
- Comparison of routes:

Route	Distance	Time
I-65	301 miles	4:40
Mid-States Corridor	306 miles	4:45
I-24 to I-69	330 miles	5:10



Regional Cargo and Distribution Hubs

- Mid-States Corridor would be an important link between largest cargo airports in the United States.
- Mid-States Corridor would be an essential traffic route for regional freight distribution.
- Mid-States Corridor would provide economic benefit both regionally and to the entire state of Indiana.
- Congestion and unpredictable traffic flow currently negatively impact freight operations, forcing large companies to consider relocation out of Indiana or to not move to Indiana.



Key Findings

Employment Connectivity

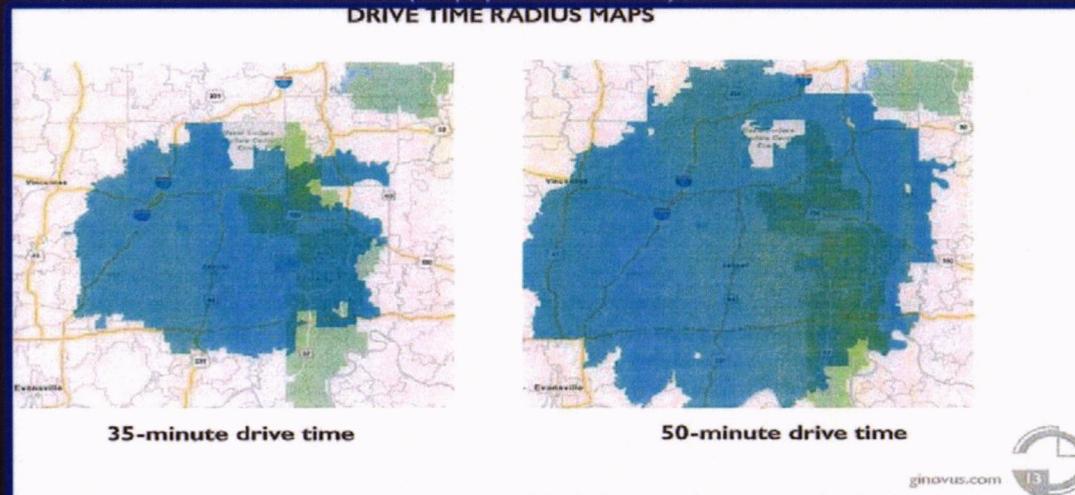
Currently 86.6% of those who work in Orange County also live there, resulting in one of the higher intra-county employment rates in Indiana. If the projected job growth were to occur based on current commuting patterns, 362 of the new employees would need to be drawn from Orange County. That would result in the full employment in the county and the demand for an additional 70 workers, theoretically resulting in a negative unemployment. This suggests that business expansion in French Lick is not only dependent on improved visitor access but improved connectivity to access a broader labor force.

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	New Jobs	Adjusted Unemployed	Adjusted Rate
Daviess	16,692	413	2.5%	-	413	2.5%
Dubois	22,766	528	2.3%	6	522	13%
Martin	5,297	130	2.5%	5	125	2.4%
Orange	8,487	292	3.4%	362	(70)	-0.8%
TOTAL	53,242	1,363	2.6%	373	990	1.9%

Key Findings (con't)

Commute Time Demographics/Labor Availability

With roughly 61,000 existing jobs in the Target Area, there is currently a net deficit of available workforce residing in the four counties. Within a 35-minute drive there is just slightly greater than one available employee per job. The population distribution, subject to current commuting patterns, does not support any significant employment growth in the Focus Area. Improving drive time by 15 minutes, effectively expanding the 35-minute drive time geography out to the current 50-minute radius, the available labor force would more than double from 68,210 to 148,230. (Appendix F)



Summary of Economic Impact

- Dubois and Spencer Counties have a combined GDP of \$4 billion annually.
- Mid-States Corridor is estimated to generate:
 - \$1 billion per year in new spending for Dubois and Spencer Counties.
 - \$32.5 billion over 30-year projection.
 - \$4.3 million per year in local taxes.
 - \$1 million per week in savings on vehicle maintenance and gas for Dubois and Spencer Counties
 - 50% reduction in accidents in Dubois County, leading to \$9.3 million in annual savings.
- Mid-States Corridor will provide access to larger markets for talent, goods, services, and tourism.
- 7,000 additional jobs supported by the Mid-States Corridor.

30-Yr. Summary of Impacts

Net New Spending	(millions)
Direct	\$19,304
Indirect	\$7,590
Induced	\$5,660
Total	\$32,554
Net New Earnings	(millions)
From Direct	\$5,968
From Indirect	\$2,850
From Induced	\$1,880
Total	\$10,697
Net New FTE Jobs (ongoing)	Actual
From Direct	4,374
From Indirect	1,484
From Induced	1,325
Total Ongoing Jobs	7,184
New Job-Years from Construction	7,321
Construction and Ongoing Jobs	14,505
New 30-Yr Taxes (incl. Construction)	(millions)
Dubois Income Tax - Resident (1.0%)	\$83.3
Dubois Income Tax - Non-Resident (0.55%)	\$10.6
Spencer Income Tax - Resident (0.8%)	\$24.8
Spencer Income Tax - Non-Resident (0.58%)	\$3.8
Hotel Tax (5.0%)	\$7.0
Total	\$129.6

Source: Hunden Strategic Partners

Next Steps

- Finalize and Release Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - April 2022
 - Identifies Recommended Preferred Alternative Corridor (*approx. 2,000' wide*)
- Public Hearings (*two locations*)
 - Dates and times yet to be determined
- Formal Comment Period
 - Solicit input on preferred alternative recommendation
- Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - 4th Quarter 2022



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Electric Underground Circuit:	Southeast-CentralSub
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EXHIBIT B
 COUNCIL MEETING
 2/22/2022
 5:30 pm

