



# TERRE HAUTE URBANIZED AREA RAILROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

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## MEDIA RELEASE – PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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The City of Terre Haute, Vigo County Board of Commissioners, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (West Central Indiana Economic Development District) will hold a Public Information Meeting for the Terre Haute Urbanized Area Railroad Corridor Study on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 6:00 pm at the Girl Scout Council Office, 1100 Girl Scout Lane, in Fairbanks Park. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Terre Haute Urbanized Area Railroad Corridor Study is a collaborative planning project that is underway to study major rail corridors that crisscross the Terre Haute Urbanized Area. The study will result in the development and adoption of a long-range action plan to reduce the potentially adverse affects that train operations have on the Terre Haute community.

“This year long study will include a comprehensive planning-level analysis of the impacts of the two main routes that pass through the urbanized area,” says Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett, who chairs the project’s steering committee. The study will also identify and begin to screen a series of practicable projects that local officials and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) can target for funding and advancement over the next 5 to 20 years. Bennett went on to say, “Development and formal adoption, of this type of long-range plan, is the critical first step in the process that potentially leads to federal funding for rail related improvement projects.”

The local intra agency steering committee selected URS Corporation as the lead consultant for the study. Other members of the consultant team include: The Corradino Group; Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering; Myers Engineering, and ASC Group. Also, a diverse group of stakeholders and individuals, representing various interests and segments of the community, have been serving on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that was formed for this project. A website has been activated to provide the public with more information about the project: [www.terrehauterailstudy.com](http://www.terrehauterailstudy.com).

This is the first of two Public Information Meetings that will be held. The second Public Information Meeting will be held in November. The general purpose of this first meeting is to introduce the project, explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and discuss preliminary alternatives and discoveries. The general purpose of the November meeting will be to discuss the more complete analysis of alternatives and identify recommended projects. These projects will need to be independently useful, fiscally responsible, and have a good chance of being eligible for a combination of federal and local funding.

For more information about this project please contact Mayor Duke Bennett.