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8.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

8.1 INTRODUCTION

This section presents the public outreach efforts that have taken place during the development of the *I-71 Corridor Light Rail Transit Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS). At the onset of the project, a public and agency participation program was developed that identified public outreach techniques and activities to support the decision-making process. The program followed guidelines set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The goal of the public outreach effort has been to encourage public and agency participation throughout the transportation decision-making process, including development of alternatives, assessment of potential impacts and identification of areas and issues that will require mitigation.

The public and agency participation program followed by the OKI was one of the most extensive outreach programs to date. Over 1,800 public comments were registered with OKI going into the scoping process for the DEIS. This number of public comments can be credited to all of the phases of participation and communication tools used throughout the public involvement process. This public outreach effort included thousands of mailings, over 100 presentations, nearly 200 newspaper articles, and more than 100 television and radio news features, interviews, open houses/ workshops, and other tools. Overall, the outreach was proactive and gathered a great deal of useful input.

The stated goal of the public and agency participation program for the DEIS phase of the project is to continue with the goals established and employed in the Major Investment Study phase:

To continue to achieve community-wide education and awareness of light rail and its potential impact on the community, and work toward gaining consensus on alignment and station locations.

The objectives of the public and agency participation program were:

- Meet with all communities identified in the station and alignment issue areas to resolve any outstanding issues in those areas.
- Meet with all groups on the priority community groups list to increase awareness and understanding of light rail and its benefits among residents in the corridor.
- Meet with all community councils and government officials in all affected communities to build political awareness and understanding of light rail and how it benefits constituents.
- Meet with key business leaders and business groups on the key business list to build awareness and understanding of light rail and economic benefits.
- Hold public meetings in communities along the corridor to share results and obtain feedback regarding project progress.
- Proactively seek media opportunities to keep public awareness of the project at a consistent level.

| The major outreach activities conducted during DEIS preparation are described below.

8.2 OUTREACH TECHNIQUES

Techniques used throughout the DEIS preparation included the following:

- Speakers bureau presentations
- Briefings (group and “one-on-one”)
- Public meetings
- Workshops, including design charettes
- Displays and information tables at local events
- Newsletters
- Surveys
- Website/e-mail comment
- Toll-free hotline
- Agency coordination meetings
- Committee/task-force meetings
- Media coordination

These outreach techniques were applied during the following major activities:

- Scoping process
- Committee meetings
- Station area planning open houses
- Station area planning workshops
- Other outreach activities

8.3 OUTREACH DURING SCOPING PROCESS

The initiation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) began with a formal scoping process. The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on April 6, 1999; the scoping comment period closed on June 15, 1999. The Notice of Availability of the scoping booklet and announcements of the scoping meetings were placed on the project web page, in the newspapers, on radio and television news programs, and in several local publications.

Announcements for the agency scoping meeting were sent to the following agencies and to specific individuals within those agencies.

- Federal- 45
- State- 27
- Local- 10

8.3.1 Distribution of Scoping Meetings Notice

In addition to the required federal and state agencies, the scoping information booklet, announcing the public scoping meetings, was distributed to the I-71 Corridor mailing list, which includes interested parties, citizens, community councils, government agencies and businesses. The mailing was conducted during the week of April 26, 1999. In addition, extra copies of the scoping information booklets were delivered on April 29 and 30, 1999 to the following locations:

Covington City Hall
Cincinnati City Hall
Hamilton County Administration Building
Norwood City Hall
Norwood Community Center
Sycamore Township Administrative Building
City of Blue Ash Administrative Offices
City of Deer Park City Hall
City of Silverton City Hall
City of Montgomery City Hall
Pleasant Ridge Community Center
Oakley Community Center
Mount Auburn Community Center
Kruek Community Center (Clifton Heights)
Bush Community Center (Walnut Hills)
Hyde Park Center for Older Adults
Clifton Community Center
Evanston Community Center
Kennedy-Woodford Community Center (Kennedy Heights)
North Avondale Community Center
Over-the-Rhine Community Center
Covington Public Library
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Booklets were placed in the main library and all suburban branches within the corridor)

8.3.2 Newspapers

Notices of the public and regulatory agency scoping meetings were published in the following local newspapers:

Northeast Suburban Life - May 15, 1999

The Community Recorder - May 6, 1999

Cincinnati Herald - May 8-14, 1999

The Cincinnati Enquirer - May 9, 1999

8.3.3 Agency Scoping Meeting

One agency scoping meeting was held as indicated below.

May 10, 1999, 10:00 AM, OKI Offices

8.3.4 Public Scoping Meetings

Four public scoping meetings were held as indicated below.

- May 10, 1999, 5:00-8:00 PM - Evanston Recreation Center
- May 11, 1999, 11:00-1:30 PM - Christ Church Cathedral Undercroft
- May 12, 1999, 5:00-8:00 PM - Blue Ash City Council Chambers
- May 12, 1999, 5:00-8:00 PM - Covington City Commission Chambers

8.3.5 Distribution of Scoping Booklets

Prior to the scoping meetings, scoping booklets that outlined the scoping process and the alternatives under consideration were mailed to approximately 2,000 groups and individuals, including neighborhood associations, civic groups, agency staff, business organizations and other interested parties/individuals.

8.4 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Two advisory committees were established to assist the project team in decision-making and technical analyses during preparation of the DEIS: The OKI Board of Trustees, and the I-71 Corridor Oversight Committee. The roles, responsibilities and activities undertaken by these groups are described below.

8.4.1 OKI Board of Trustees

The OKI Board of Trustees, the policy making board for the region named the members to the I-71 Corridor Oversight Committee. Endorsement of the findings of the Oversight Committee was the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

8.4.2 I-71 Corridor Oversight Committee

To give direction to the technical analysis and public input process, the I-71 Oversight Committee consisted of 80 members representing local, county, and state governments; the regional transit authorities; FTA and FHWA; and business, citizen, and environmental groups. The Oversight Committee guided the decision-making process and made recommendations to the OKI Board of Trustees, the policy making body. The Oversight Committee met on a monthly basis to review the technical analysis on the range of modal and alignment options. In March 1998, the Oversight Committee formally recommended light rail transit (LRT) to the OKI Board of Trustees. In April 1998, the OKI Board of Trustees adopted the recommendation of the Oversight Committee as the “Locally Preferred Strategy” and adopted it into the OKI Long Range Plan.

8.5 STATION AREA PLANNING OPEN HOUSES (CITY OF CINCINNATI)

In addition to the public and agency scoping meetings, two station area planning open houses were conducted by the City of Cincinnati during the scoping period. These open houses were held in response to early outreach activities, which indicated that communities had a strong level of interest in station area issues. The purpose of these open house events was to encourage suggestions and comments from the public regarding the location of stations along the corridor, as well as the design options and project in general. These forums were held during scoping to provide an opportunity for the public to help formulate how stations associated with the alternatives would be addressed in the DEIS. The open houses, listed in Table 8.5.1, were also advertised in the local newspapers.

Table 8.5.1: Station Area Planning Open Houses

Station Area	Date/Time/Location	Number of Attendees
Uptown Alignment	February 13, 2001, 6:00 p.m. Corryville Community Center, 2823 Eden Ave.	26
Avondale	February 14, 2001, 6:00 p.m. Urban League Office, 3458 Reading Road	6

8.6 STATION AREA PLANNING WORKSHOPS

In addition to the station area planning open houses, a series of 13 station area planning workshops, listed in Table 8.6.1, were held between August 2000 and July 2001. The workshops were designed to specifically discuss how light rail will affect neighborhoods. In order to make it more convenient to attend the workshop, SORTA and TANK provided free return trip vouchers for people using public transportation. Attendees had the opportunity to visit a series of displays that gave them detailed and graphical information about light rail stations. To encourage participation, flyers and posters were distributed at OKI, on buses and at public libraries, businesses, schools and churches. Telephone calls to all local elected officials, neighborhood organization leaders, civic associations, business organizations, chambers of commerce and other interested parties were made. Also, prior to each workshop there was an aggressive media relations campaign to attract participants. This included a public service announcement distributed to local radio stations three weeks before the workshop period; a media release distributed to calendar editors, newspapers, television and radio stations two weeks prior, a media alert distributed to the same media outlets one day prior to the workshop; and follow-up calls to the media the day of each workshop. A list of media contacts is in Table 8.9.2.

Table 8.6.1: Station Area Planning Workshops

Station Area Planning Districts	Date/Time/Location	Number of Attendees
Deer Park	August 28, 2000/ 6-8 PM/ Deer Park Community Center	150
Norwood	October 9, 2000/6-8 PM/ Norwood High School	150
Avondale/ North Avondale/ Walnut Hills	December 7, 2000/ 6-8 PM/ Grassroots Leadership Academy	25
Corryville/Mount Auburn/ Clifton/Clifton Heights/ University Heights	February 1, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Mount Auburn Community Center	47
Over-the-Rhine	February 15, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Peaslee Neighborhood Center	35
Northern Kentucky	February 27, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Northern Kentucky Community Center	50
Silverton/ Deer Park	March 15, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Silverton Municipal Building	125
Pleasant Ridge/ Kennedy Heights/ Columbia Township	March 29, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Pleasant Ridge Community Center	65
Blue Ash/ Sycamore Township/ Kenwood/ Madeira/ Montgomery	April 30, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Blue Ash Municipal and Safety Center	83
Evanston/ Norwood/ Xavier University	May 15, 2001/ 6-8 PM/ Evanston Recreation Center	19
Mason	May 31, 2001/ 5:30-7:30 PM/ Mason Middle School	21
Florence/ Erlanger/ Hebron	June 14, 2001/ 5:30-7:30 PM/ Florence Government Building	10
Downtown Cincinnati	July 18, 2001/ 11:30 AM-1:30 PM/ Westin Hotel Atrium	53

The workshop format included a series of displays that addressed issues such as why light rail was chosen as an alternative; what light rail is and how it would work with the existing bus system; how light rail would be funded; and a description of specific alignment and stations in the area where the workshop was focused. The workshops provided OKI the opportunity to listen to and understand community concerns regarding project design and implementation. Written surveys were designed to capture the opinions of workshop attendees and identify the light rail issues and questions that still needed to be answered. Of the 300 surveys submitted, over 75% of the respondents favored light rail in their communities, and over 85% said they would ride light rail. A brief description of comments received at the workshops is provided below.

Deer Park

- Residents had concerns about the safety of light rail in their neighborhood. Several people expressed concerns about pedestrian safety and the cost of a light rail system.
- Participants said they would like an alternative alignment along Montgomery Road to be studied.

Norwood

- Participants were generally concerned about safety issues and expressed dissatisfaction with an alternative alignment along Montgomery Road that had been proposed by some residents.
- Some residents said they already have easy access to the highway so they would not need to use light rail.

Avondale/ North Avondale/ Walnut Hills

- Although there was some reservation about the alignment along Hickman Avenue, generally, there was a positive feeling about the alignment and station locations.
- Some attendees felt it would bring economic benefits to the community.

Corryville/Mount Auburn/Clifton/Clifton Heights/University Heights

- Some participants expressed that light rail was a good choice for their community.
- Some people were excited about the convenience and reduced congestion that light rail would bring.
- There were a few concerns about tunnel construction and how it would affect the homes above the tunnel.

Over-the-Rhine

- There were several concerns about how light rail would be funded.
- Some participants said they thought this was a good alternative and provided another option for public transportation.
- Several participants were concerned about how businesses would be affected during construction of light rail and discussed options with project leaders.
- Some residents were concerned about the impact of light rail on low income housing.

Covington

- Participants were very positive about light rail in their neighborhood.
- Many said they liked the convenience and dependability of light rail.
- Residents said they thought light rail would help reduce congestion on highways and improve the air quality.

Silverton/ Deer Park

- Residents were very concerned about the alignment near the local park. Many were concerned about night time safety at the stations and safety of pedestrian crossings.
- Many of the participants from Silverton were supportive of light rail and said they hoped for some of the economic benefits.

Pleasant Ridge/ Kennedy Heights/ Columbia Township

- Many of the participants were positive about light rail in their community. They felt it would help the environment and provide better transportation alternatives for residents.
- Some participants were from Deer Park and showed support for a system in their community.

Blue Ash/ Sycamore Township/ Kenwood/ Madeira/ Montgomery

- Many people at the workshop were excited about light rail and the economic benefits businesses would receive because of the presence of light rail in their community.
- Some participants were concerned about houses being too close to the alignment or having to be torn down.
- Participants were concerned that light rail might bring more congestion to their area than less congestion because of the various business parks served by the alignment.

Evanston/ Norwood/ Xavier University

- Participants said they would use light rail to go shopping and to get to entertainment events downtown.

Mason

- Participants liked the reliability, convenience and cost of a light rail system in their community. Generally they were very supportive of the system.
- Participants said that light rail would help them save time and money in their commute to jobs.

Florence/ Erlanger/ Hebron

- Participants liked the fuel cost savings light rail offered.

Downtown Cincinnati

- Participants expressed support for light rail because of its convenience, cost effectiveness and reliability.
- Some people at the workshop liked that light rail helped protect the environment.

8.7 OTHER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

This section describes additional outreach activities, including presentations, events, displays, video, Web site and hotline that were used to educate people about light rail.

8.7.1 Speakers Bureau Presentations and Business Briefings

Both speakers bureau presentations and business briefings occurred throughout the project. The speakers bureau is a means of sharing information with the public and special interest groups and for receiving feedback. The format for presentations to provide an informal report of the project status and establish an environment for soliciting information and ideas.

Economic development opportunities along the rail corridors appealed to the interests of business groups, property owners and developers. These interest groups were reached through organized business associations, as well as briefings to key business leaders and representatives.

The frequency of presentations and business briefings was increased during the Scoping period and the initial preparation of the DEIS. More than 2,600 people learned about the project during these speaking engagements. Participants were encouraged to submit comments related to the EIS scoping issues, alternatives development and other technical analyses. Table 8.7.1 provides a list of neighborhood organizations, civic associations and business groups that were presented information between April 2000 and July 2001.

Table 8.7.1: Speakers Bureau Presentations and Business Briefings

Organization	Date
African-American Leadership Development Class	April 14, 2000
Transportation Coalition of Warren County	April 28, 2000
Lebanon Rotary Club	May 25, 2000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	May 30, 2000
St. Margaret of York - OKI Long-Range Planning Open House	May 31, 2000
Kings Mills Elementary	June 1, 2000
Crestview Hills City Council	June 6, 2000
Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau	June 13, 2000
Elk Hall, Boone County	June 29, 2000
City of Deer Park	July 6, 2000
City of Norwood	July 6, 2000
Southeastern Butler County Chamber of Commerce	July 10, 2000
Procter & Gamble Co. (Warren County)	July 13, 2000
The City of Silverton City Council	July 13, 2000
Deer Park Community	August 28, 2000
Human Nature, Inc.	August 30, 2000
Fairfield Chamber of Commerce	September 6, 2000
Montgomery Citizens Group	September 7, 2000
Morrow Chamber of Commerce	September 7, 2000
Area Progress Council of Warren County	September 13, 2000
Xavier University Students and Faculty	September 18, 2000
Kennedy Heights	September 19, 2000

Organization	Date
Avondale Community Council	September 19, 2000
Over-the-Rhine Community Council	September 25, 2000
Pleasant Ridge Community Council Working Meeting	September 27, 2000
Norwood Open House	October 9, 2000
Corryville Community Council	October 10, 2000
North Avondale Neighborhood Association	October 10, 2000
Retired Engineers Association of Cincinnati	October 17, 2000
Taft High School	October 18, 2000
Cincinnati School for the Creative and Performing Arts	October 19, 2000
Cincinnati School for the Creative and Performing Arts	October 24, 2000
Springdale Rotary Club	October 25, 2000
Indian Hill High School	November 14, 2000
Fairfield Chamber of Commerce (I-71/I-75 joint presentation)	November 15, 2000
Avondale, North Avondale and Walnut Hills Open House	December 7, 2000
The Cincinnati Association	December 8, 2000
Mount Auburn Community Council	January 16, 2001
Norwood Kiwanis Club	January 18, 2001
Springfield Civic Association	January 21, 2001
Cincinnati Lion's Club	February 7, 2001
Corryville Community Council	February 13, 2001
Montgomery Kiwanis Club	February 21, 2001
ESAVE (University of Cincinnati Student Group)	February 28, 2001
Mt. Healthy High School	March 2, 2001
Franklin Rotary Club	March 2, 2001
Oakley-Community Council	March 6, 2001
Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club	March 17, 2001
Ohio Rail Tourism Council	April 7, 2001
Cincinnati Preservation Society	April 11, 2001
Paddock Hills Assembly	July 9, 2001
Kentucky Area Planning Commission	July 11, 2001

8.7.2 Other Meetings/ Events

In addition to the previously described events, Table 8.7.2 and Table 8.7.3 provide a list of communities and organizations reached through alternative means.

A retrofitted bus, the Rail Blazer, was donated to the project by Metro. This mobile display traveled to communities throughout the entire region between May 2000 and August 2001, reaching more than 2,000 visitors. Inside the Rail Blazer were wall panels and informational brochures that provided basic information to anyone interested in the proposed light rail alternative. Visitors were able to “tour” the inside of the bus and view an informative video. The video and the information in the bus addressed several important issues including the region’s growth, traffic gridlock and options for addressing the Cincinnati area’s increasing transportation challenges. The Rail Blazer was present at county fairs, church festivals and other community events as outlined in Table 8.7.2.

Table 8.7.2: Rail Blazer Appearances

Organization	Date
Coney Island/ Boy Scout Jamboree	May 20, 2000
Covington/ Maifest	May 21, 2000
Kings Mills Elementary	June 1, 2000
Butler County RTA Ground Breaking	June 2, 2000
Blue Ash/ Summerbration	June 3, 2000
Metro - Bond Hill Division	June 6, 2000
Swifton Commons/ Universoul Circus	June 11, 2000
Tank Division	June 15, 2000
Avondale/ Urban League Block Party	June 24, 2000
Metro – Queensgate Division	June 29, 2000
Blue Ash Family Picnic and Fireworks	July 4, 2000
Pleasant Ridge Day	July 8, 2000
Montgomery Bastille Day	July 15, 2000
Fields Ertel Kroger	July 16, 2000
Newport Aquarium	July 22, 2000
Pleasant Ridge/ Wal-Mart	August 5, 2000
Mason/ (Bigg's on Mason-Montgomery Road)	August 6, 2000
Silverton/ Concert in the Park	August 18, 2000
Mason/ Heritage Festival	August 26, 2000
Covington/ African-American Heritage Festival	August 26, 2000
Blue Ash/ Taste of Blue Ash	August 27, 2000
Northern Kentucky University	September 6, 2000
Hispanic Festival	September 9, 2000
Metro Moves	September 12, 2000
Xavier University	September 18, 2000
Norwood Surrey Square	September 26, 2000
Cincinnati State Community College and Technical School	November 1, 2000
Xavier University	November 6, 2000
College of Mount St. Joseph	November 7, 2000
Raymond Walters College	November 8, 2000
University of Cincinnati	November 9, 2000
Festival of Lights (Cincinnati Zoo)	December 1, 2000
Grass Roots Leadership Academy - Open House	December 7, 2000
Ohio Rail Tourism	April 7, 2001
Public Service and Transportation Day	May 9, 2001
B-Bop on the Square	May 14, 2001
Urban League Block Party	June 23, 2001
Edgewood Parade	July 4, 2001
Sierra Club Picnic	August 6, 2001
Lockland Days	August 10-11, 2001

The roving display traveled to communities throughout the entire region. The roving display consisted of two horizontal units, each comprised of six 23-inch wide panels that stack securely on top of one another. The display featured illustration boards that provided basic information about light rail and contact information to anyone interested in the proposed light rail alternative. The versatile stand-alone exhibit logged more than 170 miles traveling to public libraries, community and civic centers, and office building lobbies between November 2000 and August 2001 as outlined in Table 8.7.3.

Table 8.7.3: Roving Display

Location	Date
Symmes Township Library	November 8-22, 2000
Sycamore Township Library	November 22-December 6, 2000
Madeira Library	December 6-20, 2000
Deer Park Library	December 20, 2000-January 3, 2001
Pleasant Ridge Library	January 3-17, 2001
Norwood Debate	January 19, 2001
Norwood Library	January 17-31, 2001
Avondale Community Council	January 20, 2001
Oakley Library	January 31-February 14, 2001
Hyde Park Library	February 14-28, 2001
Metro Moves Meeting	February 20, 2001
Avondale Library	February 28-March 14, 2001
Corryville Library	March 14-28, 2001
Avondale Library	February 28-March 14, 2001
Walnut Hills Library	March 28-April 11, 2001
Scheben (Boone County) Library	May 10-18, 2001
Walton (Boone County) Library	May 21-31, 2001
Northern Kentucky Convention Center	June 1-15, 2001
Kenton County Library	July 2-18, 2001
Westin Hotel Lobby	July 10-18, 2001
One Lytle Place Lobby	July 19-31, 2001
Scripps Center	August 8-20, 2001

A video was created to help give the public a glimpse of light rail. Entitled *Linking Our Communities*, the video addressed several important issues including the region's growth, traffic gridlock and options for addressing the Cincinnati area's increasing transportation challenges. It was distributed to all Greater Cincinnati Area libraries and community councils along the corridor. It was also used as an introduction for participants at the workshops.

The web site, www.cincylightrail.org provided the most current project information available. Basic information about light rail, the community involvement meeting schedule, and the Rail Blazer and roving display schedules also were included. This interactive communications tool served the public with updated information, alignment maps and contact opportunities. The web site received 11,084 hits and 141 e-mail submissions between May 2000 and August 2001.

The public outreach hotline--(513) 929-2828--gave individuals the opportunity to voice their concerns or ask specific questions about the light rail project. Project staff monitored and responded to these questions.

8.8 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COORDINATION

A significant number of oral and written comments were received during the scoping period. All comments from agencies, business groups, organizations and members of the public are documented in the Scoping Summary Report, under separate cover, as well as detailed information about activities, meetings and workshops held during the scoping timeframe. When this document is released for public comment, all comments received during the public comment period will be included in an appendix of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The complete formal transcript taken by the court reporter during the required public hearing will be available upon request to OKI.

In accordance with federal regulations, a public hearing will be held as part of the NEPA process to disclose the potential effects of the alternatives under consideration to the public and to provide the public the opportunity to comment on the DEIS, should a Record of Decision be pursued. The formal public hearings will be scheduled following the distribution of the DEIS, approximately two weeks after circulation of the document to the public. At the hearings, information to be presented will include the purpose and need for the project, description of the alternatives under evaluation assessment of social, economic, environmental and transportation impacts and potential mitigation measures. The public will be invited to comment on the information presented and the contents of the DEIS verbally or in writing. Responses to comments will be prepared and included in the FEIS. The FEIS will identify how comments received influenced the project outcome.

8.9 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The mailing list originally established for the *I-71 Corridor Transportation Study*, the MIS which led to the development of the I-71 Corridor LRT Project, was the starting point for developing the mailing list for the *I-71 Corridor Light Rail Transit DEIS*. Additional agencies, organizations, business groups, and individuals that attended project events and meetings, or those who specifically requested to be included, were added to the mailing list. The list was used to notify participants of committee meetings, workshops, events and other activities, as well as to distribute flyers and various other forms of project information. Press releases of all technical meetings, activities and workshops were also sent to local newspapers. Table 8.9.1 provides a list of dates of notices, press releases and alerts that have been distributed to the media. Table 8.9.2 identifies the media who received these materials.

Table 8.9.1: Media Releases and Alerts

Release/Alert Title	Distribution Date
Greater Cincinnati Survey	October 18, 1999
Hotline Unveiled	November 10, 1999
Federal Transit Rating	February 4, 2000
OKI Names New Project Manager	February 8, 2000
Alternative Fuel Conference	March 27, 2000
Video, Web site, Rail Blazer, Presentation Unveiling	April 26, 2000
Public Service Day Involvement	May 2, 2000

Release/Alert Title	Distribution Date
Community Press Bylined Column	August 31, 2000
Benefit Cost Analysis	September 19, 2000
Greater Cincinnati Survey	September 28, 2000
Norwood Open House	October 4, 2000
Rail Blazer College Tour	October 31, 2000
Avondale/ North Avondale/ Walnut Hills Open House	November 30, 2000
Rail Blazer Visits Zoo	December 1, 2000
Silverton/ Deer Park Open House	March 5, 2001
Oversight Committee Extends Timeline for Decision to Listen to Community	March 12, 2001
Pleasant Ridge/ Kennedy Heights/ Columbia Township Open House	March 19, 2001
Rail Blazer Anniversary	April 20, 2001
Open House Attendance Increases	April 24, 2001
Greater Cincinnati Survey	April 25, 2001
Ridership Increase on Light Rail Transit	May 4, 2001
Evanston/ Norwood/ Xavier University Open House	May 7, 2001
Cincinnati Representatives Take Trip on Portland Light Rail	May 15, 2001
Mason Open House	May 18, 2001
Federal Transit Rating	May 31, 2001
Florence Open House	June 6, 2001
Downtown Business District Open House	July 11, 2001

Table 8.9.2: Media and Other Recipients of Media Materials

First Name	Last Name	Title	Media Name
Ken	Alltucker	Reporter	Cincinnati Enquirer
Paul	Barton		Gannett News Service
Jymi	Bolden	StreetBeat	City Beat
Brandon	Brady		City Beat
Anita	Bray	AM Producer	WLWT-TV (NBC)
Andria	Carter	Managing Editor	Cincinnati Herald
Jeanelle	Collette	Editorial Assistant	Business Courier
Jason	Crisler	Managing Editor	Northerner
Nancy	Daly	Managing Editor	Community Press-West
Shirley	Dees	Business Calendar	Cincinnati Enquirer
Mark	DeWitt		WRRS (Radio Reading Services)
Monica	Dias	Reporter	Kentucky Post
Randi	Douglas	AM Drive Time/News Director	WRRM-FM 98.5
John	Drees	News Assignment Editor	WLWT-TV (NBC)
Bob	Driehaus	Business Reporter	Cincinnati Post
Mike	Ehler	Assignment Editor	WXIX-TV (FOX)

First Name	Last Name	Title	Media Name
Bruce	Ellis	Operations Director	WGUC-FM
Marc	Emral	Metro Editor	Community Press, Inc, East
Greg	Flannery	News Editor	City Beat
Gloria	Foster	City Editor	Call & Post
Jeannine	Gallenstein	AM Producer	WCPO-TV (ABC)
Bob	Gaynor	AM Producer	WKRC-TV (CBS)
Richard	Green	Assistant Managing Editor	Cincinnati Enquirer
Cathy	Habes	Editor	Cincinnati Woman Magazine
Jeff	Henderson	News Director	WLW-AM
Steve	Hirschberg	News Director	WVXU-FM 91.7
Barry	Horstman	Chief of Bureau	Cincinnati Post
Allen	Howard	Metro Reporter	Cincinnati Enquirer
Melissa	Huelsman	Editor-In-Chief	The News Record - UC
Benjamin	John		Courier-Journal
Dan	Klepal	County Reporter	Cincinnati Enquirer
Michael	Koewler	Editor	Valley Courier
Aaron	London	Assistant City Editor	Butler-Warren Business Journal
Randy	Ludlow		Cincinnati Post
Susan	McHugh	Editor	Eastside Weekend
Tom	McKee	Assignment Editor	WCPO-TV (ABC)
Dan	Monk	Reporter	Business Courier
Kitty	Morgan	Editor	Cincinnati Magazine
Jim	Morris	News Director	WCIN-AM
Jonathan	Mosko	Editor-In-Chief	Xavier Newswire
Jason	Nebel	News Aide - Features	Cincinnati Enquirer
Patti	Newberry		Pleasant Ridge Informant
Dave	Niinemets	Managing Editor	Recorder Newspapers/Community Press of N. Kentucky
John	Nolan	Correspondent	Associated Press
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A monthly calendar was prepared that highlighted project meetings, workshops, displays, presentations and other project activities. The calendar was updated weekly and faxed to key agency representatives and organizations.

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