

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Members of  
Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority**

**November 1, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Schroeder called to order the meeting of the members of Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority ("**Mid-States**") at 4:05 p.m., EST, on November 1, 2019, in the Conference Room at the Offices of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP, 212 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Roll Call**

Chairman Mark Schroeder conducted a Roll Call.

Mark A. Schroeder	Present
Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Present
Sue Ellspermann	Via Teleconference
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Present

Others present: William J. Kaiser, Jr., Legal Counsel  
Jason DuPont, Lochmueller Group  
David Goffinet, Lochmueller Group

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mark Schroeder, Chairman.

An Agenda was distributed to all members, and had previously been forwarded via electronic email to those attending by teleconference.

**Tier 1 EIS Review – Lochmueller Group**

Jason DuPont then distributed a PowerPoint presentation to those in attendance and provided an electronic copy to those participating via teleconference.

Jason DuPont and David Goffinet then reviewed the PowerPoint presentation for the Board, providing an update on the status of the Tier I EIS and a look-forward as to the additional actions to be taken in 2020 and 2021.

Lochmueller reviewed the process under way to determine the routes and alternatives that are a part of the current study review [see Preliminary Alternatives and Purpose & Need].

Lochmueller also reviewed the Public Coordination and Input provided to date. Lochmueller commented that the next round of shareholder meetings shall be held in early to mid-February.

Lochmueller reviewed the kinds and types of public input that were received, both favorable and unfavorable, with respect to the Tier I EIS and the proposed corridors.

Lochmueller then reviewed Phase II of the Tier I EIS, which includes screening of alternatives and reducing the number of potential alternative routes.

The Board members then asked questions of the Lochmueller Group regarding the study and future activity.

Sue Ellspermann left the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation reviewed by the Lochmueller Group is attached hereto.

Jason DuPont and David Goffinet of Lochmueller left the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The next order of business was the approval of the September 20, 2019 minutes. Upon motion made by David Drake, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the following resolution was introduced:

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the September 20, 2019 minutes of Mid-States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the September 20, 2019 minutes are hereby approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Upon motion by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and seconded by David Drake, the resolution was unanimously approved by all members present.

### **Financial Report**

Chairman Schroeder then reported to the Board as to the financial matters for Mid-States.

Chairman Schroeder reported that nearly all private contributions had been received into the Mid-States account from private contributors for 2019, with a few exceptions that he was following up with.

Chairman Schroeder further reported that the Bingham Greenebaum Doll invoice was paid, and that there still is pending an additional invoice from Bingham Greenebaum Doll.

After discussion and upon motion made by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and seconded by David Drake, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that the financial report presented by Chairman Schroeder be accepted and approved.

Upon motion by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and seconded by David Drake, the resolution was unanimously approved by all members present.

### **Payment of INDOT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Invoice**

Chairman Schroeder then distributed for review and discussion the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Invoice from INDOT. Following discussion by the Board members regarding the invoice and its peer review by INDOT for the work completed by the Lochmueller Group, upon motion made by David Drake made a motion to approve payment of the invoice, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Invoice from INDOT for the work completed by the Lochmueller Group, be accepted and approved for payment.

Upon motion by David Drake, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the resolution was unanimously approved by all members present.

### **2019 Audit**

Chairman Schroeder then requested that Mr. Kaiser comment regarding the changes to the allowance for required external audits of regional development authorities.

Mr. Kaiser then reported that there had been recent changes to state law which implements changes to the audit procedure and provides for additional, potential outside auditors.

Chairman Schroeder then asked Mr. Kaiser to inquire with LWG, who completed the audit for Mid-States Corridor for fiscal year 2018, as well as any other third-party auditors that might be approved by the State Board of Accounts.

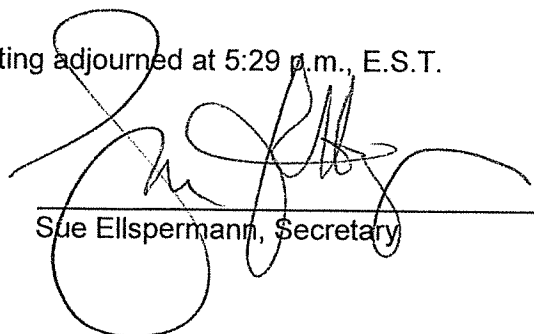
### **Future Meeting Dates**

Chairman Schroeder then proposed the following additional meeting dates for 2020:

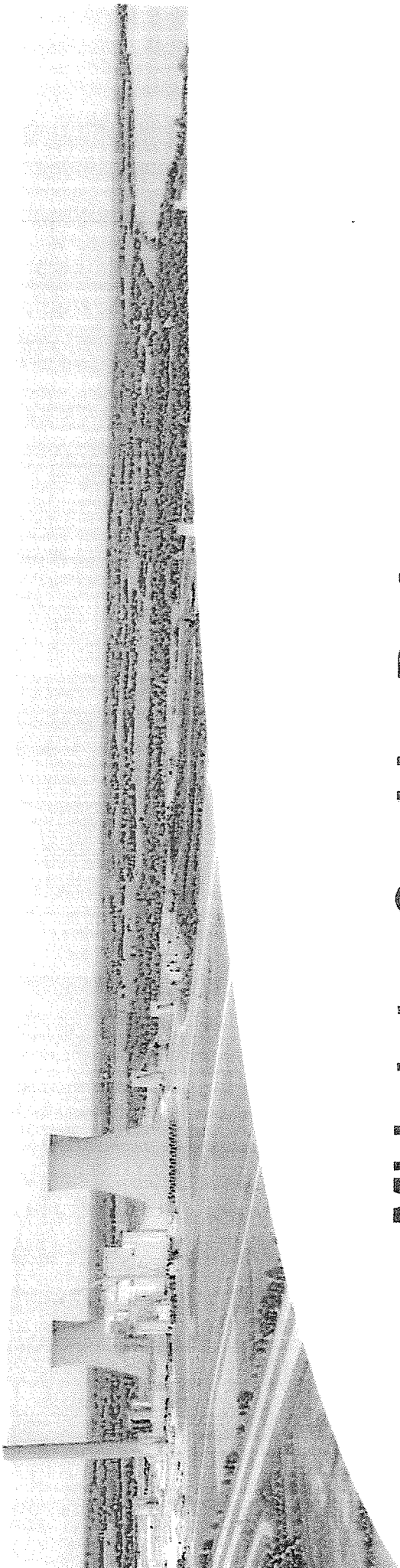
Friday, February 7, 2020	4:00 E.S.T.
Friday, May, 1, 2020	4:00 E.D.T.
Friday, August 7, 2020	4:00 E.D.T.
Friday, November 6, 2020	4:00 E.S.T.

Upon motion by David Drake, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., all members present voted to approve the above meeting dates for 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m., E.S.T.



Sue Ellspermann, Secretary



# Mid-states Corridor Project Regional Development Authority Update

NOVEMBER 2019



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# Project Schedule

May 2019 – Oct 2019

Preliminary  
Alternatives and  
Purpose & Need

Oct 2019 – Feb 2020

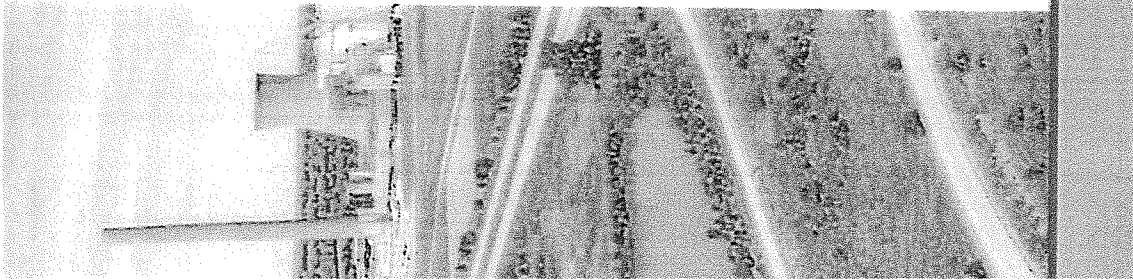
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Feb 2020 – Oct 2020

Draft EIS  
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# Step 1

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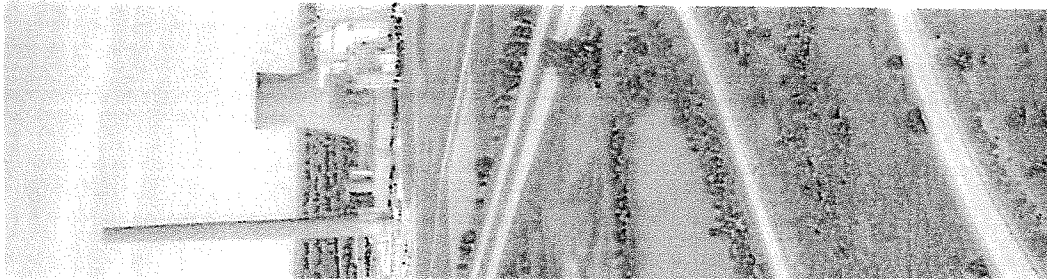
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# Preliminary Alternatives and Purpose & Need

- Scoping phase
  - Process and methodology
  - Potential preliminary alternatives
  - Draft Purpose & Need



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# Public Coordination and Input

- Regional Issues Involvement Teams (RIITs)
  - Four regional stakeholder groups
  - July 9 & 10 meetings
- Public Information Meetings (PIMs)
  - August 5, 6 and 8 meetings
  - Comment surveys
  - Website comment portal
  - Social media
  - Media



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# Agency Coordination and Input

- Agency input
  - Early meetings with key agencies
    - USF&WS – Section 7 Threatened and Endangered Species Consultation
    - SHPO – Section 106 Consulting Parties process
  - Early Coordination Letters – August 5 & 13
    - Federal, state, regional and local agencies/officials
    - Draft P&N feedback
  - Scoping Meeting - August 20



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# What did they say?

## PUBLIC

- NIMBY – stay away!
- Economic opportunity – Come our way!
- Want more details, especially map details – we don't have details yet
- When know more – universal interest
- Use existing corridors where possible
- Is there a need?



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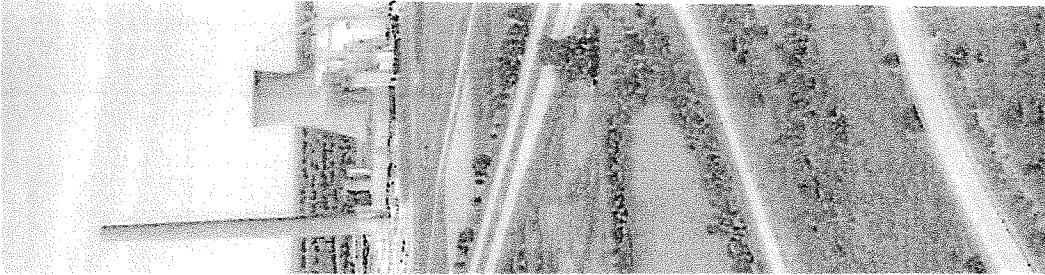


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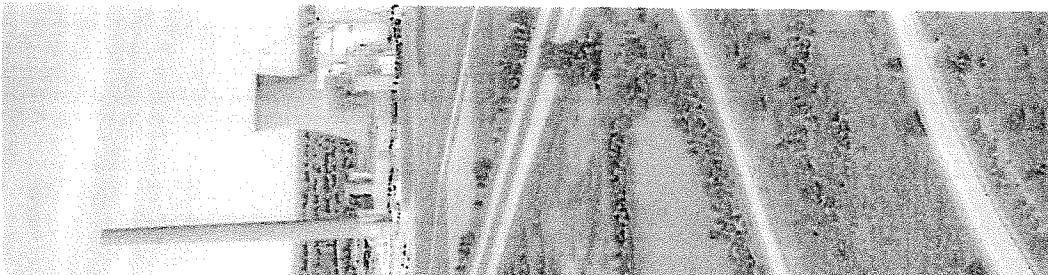
## Agencies

- Concerned about eastern alternatives
- Utilize existing facilities and corridors
  - Particularly existing US231
- Avoid and/or minimize resource impacts!
- Is there a need?



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## Phase 2

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# Screening of Alternatives

- Identify preliminary alternatives
- Screen to range of reasonable alternatives
- Assess Impacts, Costs, and Benefits
- Best of family approach



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# Impacts

- Buffer approach
  - Facility type, rural/urban, flat/hilly
- Human environment
  - Residential – Commercial - Industrial
  - Historic sites
  - Agricultural
- Natural environment
  - Floodplain – Wetlands - Streams
  - Forests
  - Managed lands
  - Sinkholes & sinking streams



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# Costs

- Three facility types
  - Freeway (i.e. I-69)
  - Expressway (i.e. US 231 south of I-64)
  - Super 2 (i.e. SR 37 in Perry County)
- Cost approach
  - Recent comparable projects
  - Per mile
  - Per intersection type – interchange, at-grade intersection, overpass



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# Benefits

- Performance against Purpose & Need
  - Improved accessibility to major business markets
  - Provide more efficient truck/freight travel in region
  - Improved highway connections to existing multi-modal facilities
  - Reduce crashes in southern Indiana
- Phased model approach
  - Trip generation from regression equations
  - No choice modeling for trip generation (Fratar-based approach)
  - Two-class (autos/trucks) daily assignments



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## What's next?

- Approved Screening of Alternatives Report – Jan/Feb 2020
- Round #2 RIITs – regional stakeholders (Feb 2020)
- Round #2 PIMs – three locations TBD (Feb 2020)
- Agency Meeting – (Feb 2020)
- Media – social media - website



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# Then what?

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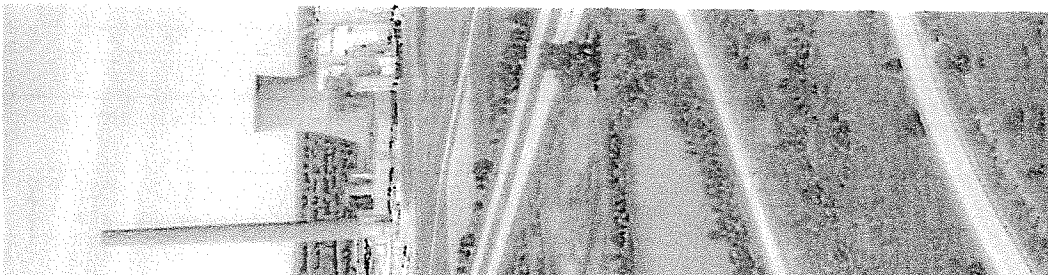
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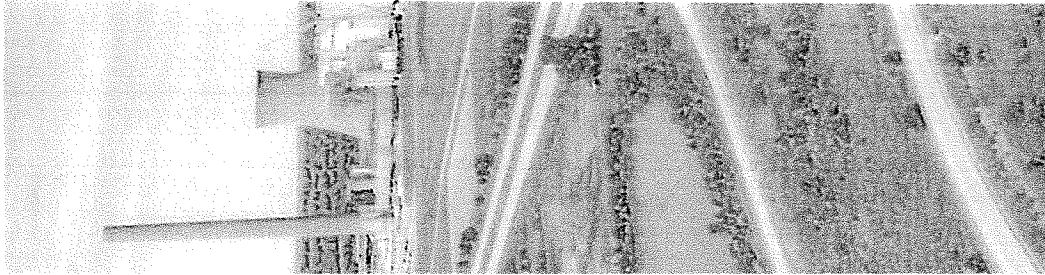
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# Draft Environmental Impact Statement

February 2020 to October 2020

- More detailed assessment of impacts, costs, and benefits
- Identify preferred alternative corridor
- Sections of Independent Utility – logical breakpoints
- Round #3 RIITs
- Formal public hearings
- Additional agency input



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# Final Step

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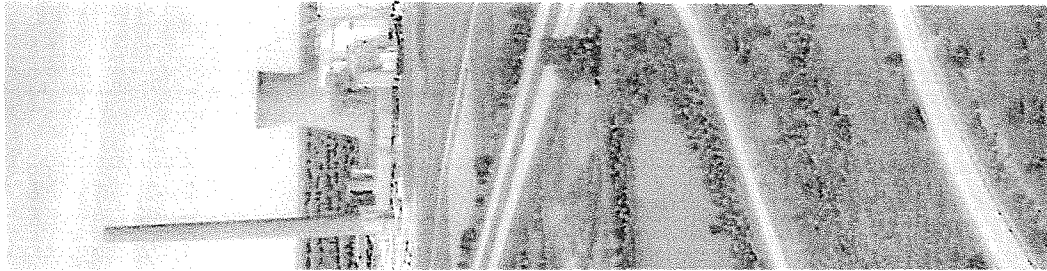
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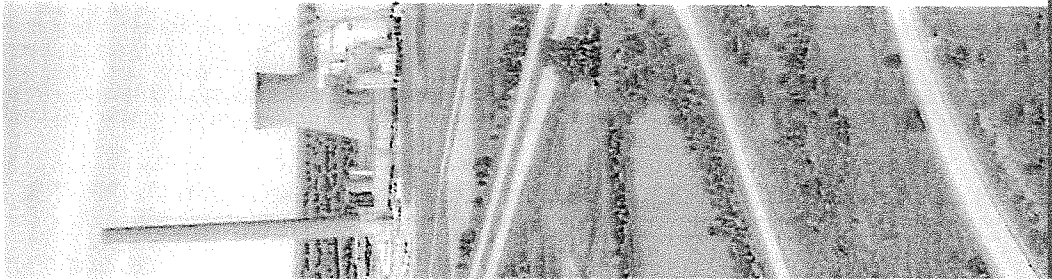
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# **Final Environmental Impact Statement / Record of Decision**

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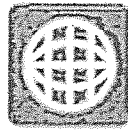
- Review and consider all public and agency input
- Refine Preferred Alternative Corridor
- Coordinate moving forward to Tier 2 Environmental Studies



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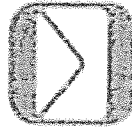
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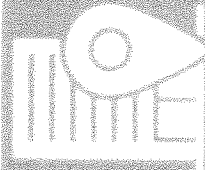
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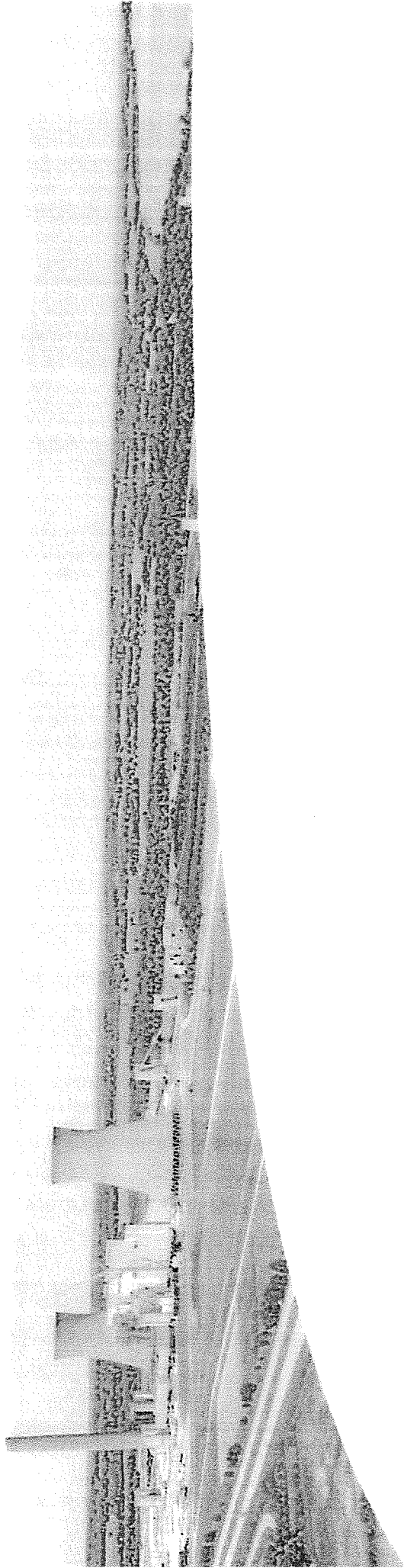
The project office is open Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday from  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET,  
and by appointment.



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