

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC COMMENT LETTERS

Columbus Viaducts Plan Phase 1 - Public Meeting Feedback Form

October 30 and November 1

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Design

1. Do you have suggestions for the design and/or aesthetics (visual enhancements) of Phase 1 viaducts?

looks fine as proposed

Placement/Alignment

2. Do you understand the engineering considerations leading to the viaducts' placement and alignment?

Yes

No Why? _____

Columbus Viaducts Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

I'm wondering why we are still talking about this & it hasn't been started already

(OVER)

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting?

KLIR news letter

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: *Richard Hill* Last Name: *Hill*

Organization: *N/A*

Address: *1960 - 25th Ave* ZIP Code: *68601*

Telephone: *564-2046* E-mail: _____

General Information
 Follow-up

*I thinkd have everything I need
at this point.*

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Columbus City Administrator

PO Box 1677

2424 14 St

Columbus NE 68602-1677

December 5, 2007

Mr. Richard Gill
1960 25th Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaducts plan and for attending the public meeting on October 30 at Emerson Elementary School.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on the viaducts' footprints and their aesthetic designs. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the city of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant HDR Inc.

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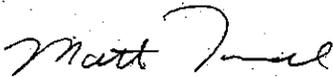
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Sincerely,

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Matthew B. Tondl, PE
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cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
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It's fine

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Yes

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Very good understanding ○ Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

That it is taking too long to get this project moving.

(OVER)

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news paper

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- Excellent Good Fair Poor

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12th Ave – to use Landings^{Ave} and take more Houses and Make them Parks.

(OVER)

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Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: Mike Last Name: Siedlb

Organization: _____

Address: 1171 13th Ave ZIP Code: 68601

Telephone: 402-564-8141 E-mail: Signs@megavision.com

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 Follow-up

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December 5, 2007

Mr. Mike Siedlik
1171 13th Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Siedlik:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaducts plan and for attending the public meeting on October 30 at Emerson Elementary School.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form suggesting we use more land around the 12th Avenue viaduct landing areas to make city parks. It is a great idea anytime a city can increase its recreational park areas, however, in the case of the 12th Avenue viaduct, taking more homes would require more expense to the project as well as displacement issues for the families involved. The proposed Columbus viaducts plan was developed to provide a minimum of expense and inconvenience to the community while maintaining all safety standards.

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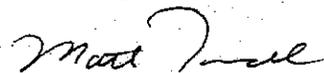
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I like all three designs

Placement/Alignment

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Yes

No Why? _____

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

*I would like 12-13th Ave to be Phase 1.
But as long as this gets a Yes vote, I'll
live with it!*

(OVER)

General Information

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6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

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GOOD JOB!
NEED TO GET COLUMBUS TELEGRAM
PRINTING MORE POSITIVE ARTICLES
IN FAVOR OF VIADUCTS!

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Yes



No Why?

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Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

My main concerns are the limited number of RR crossings that will remain. I am also concerned about the funding. I do not understand why the state is paying so much while the RR is paying so little. This plan helps out the RR just as much or more than the Citizens.

(OVER)

General Information

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Newspaper

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There was plenty of Engineer Reps but no City Reps to talk to.

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Continue the paving South to Quail Run Golf Course! Your plan still does not address 3rd avenue South of 8th street.

Placement/Alignment

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Yes

No Why? _____

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4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

I do not agree with the public vote. City council should have stepped up and made the decision to erect these viaducts. A very real possibility that this will be voted down as it has been in the past. If this is defeated by popular vote,

(OVER)

does the city have a secondary plan for a single viaduct or will the viaduct issue be closed.

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting? *Newspaper (Columbus Telegram)*

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Let's see with it now!

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Yes



No Why?

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Minimal understanding

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None.

(OVER)

General Information

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Newspaper

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- Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: Les Last Name: Krings
Organization: Retired
Address: 3408 Breakwater Place ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: 563-0119 E-mail: lkrings@megavis.com

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Mr. Les Krings
3408 Breakwater Place
Columbus, NE 68601

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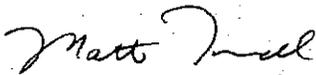
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Yes

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Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

Doing 3rd Ave. First may cause the vote to fail

(OVER)

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting?

Telegram

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Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: Tom Mahoney Last Name: Mohoney

Organization: _____

Address: 4924 36th St ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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no

Placement/Alignment

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Yes

No Why? _____

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

Promote it enough to get favorable vote

(OVER)

General Information

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Columbus Telegram

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Yes

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Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

Safety of children going to school while construction is happening.

(OVER)

General Information

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Husband

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make them as attractive as possible

Placement/Alignment

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Yes

No Why? _____

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

making it palatable to voters

(OVER)

General Information

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- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

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put pedestrian route (steps, ramp) to shorten the walk on pedestrian viaduct along with add viaduct

Placement/Alignment

2. Do you understand the engineering considerations leading to the viaducts' placement and alignment?

Yes

No

Why?

a bridge across the Platte from Bellevue to Col. would alleviate Hwy 30 traffic will be very short to go David City and Lincoln

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Yes

No Why? _____

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Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

MY INITIAL CONCERN WAS --
"WOULD THE CEMETERIES REMAIN AS IS".
IT LOOKS OK,

(OVER)

General Information

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NEWS PAPER

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

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Placement/Alignment

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Yes

No Why? _____

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3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

Closing of so many existing crossings.

(OVER)

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting? *Newspaper*

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- General Information
- Follow-up

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Columbus City Administrator
PO Box 1677
2424 14 St
Columbus NE 68602-1677

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting?

Newspaper & Radio

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: Jeff Last Name: Hall

Organization: _____

Address: 133 S Calle Colombo ZIP Code: 68601

Telephone: 402 563 2363 E-mail: jwhall@megavision.com

- General Information
 Follow-up

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December 5, 2007

Mr. Jeff Hall
133 So. Calle Columbo Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaducts plan and for attending the public meeting on November 1 at Scotus High School.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form concerning the curve on the 3rd Avenue viaduct and the berm north of the railroad tracks being raised. In developing the plan, numerous factors were considered in laying out the viaduct's footprint. Unfortunately, a straight viaduct would not provide enough space to provide access to the businesses along the west side of 3rd Avenue and those businesses would have to be acquired as part of the project if a straight viaduct were constructed. Modification to the berm between the railroad tracks and Christopher's Cove are outside the scope of the viaduct project; however, your comments are being forwarded to the City of Columbus for consideration.

The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the city of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant HDR Engineering. We hope you will continue to stay involved and provide additional feedback as the process evolves.

Your community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through the local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

HDR Engineering Inc.

Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl - City of Columbus
Steve Wolf - IMS

Columbus Viaducts Plan Phase 1 - Public Meeting Feedback Form

October 30 and November 1

Please take a few minutes to fill out this feedback form on the Columbus Viaducts Plan Phase 1. We welcome your feedback. If you would like answers to your questions, please include your name, address and e-mail address. Thank you for your participation.

Design

1. Do you have suggestions for the design and/or aesthetics (visual enhancements) of Phase 1 viaducts?

None

Placement/Alignment

2. Do you understand the engineering considerations leading to the viaducts' placement and alignment?

Yes

No Why? _____

Columbus Viaducts Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left - very good understanding - to far right - minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

4. What are your concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaducts Plan?

feel the completion of Phase I will allow Phase II (23rd Ave) to never materialize

(OVER)

General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting?

Letter

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

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Organization: _____

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- General Information
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General Information

5. How did you hear about this meeting?

Newspaper + Radio

6. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you would like a response to any of your questions, please provide your contact information so that we may follow-up with you. Please fill out the following:

First Name: Chris Last Name: Nelson
Organization: CS Nelson Real Estate
Address: 3221-20th Street Columbus NE ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: 562-8244 E-mail: csnlsn@megavisions.com

- General Information
 Follow-up

Nice Presentation!
Keep up the good work!

Please drop this form into the box provided at this public meeting or mail it to:

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Columbus NE 68602-1677

December 5, 2007

Mr. Chris Nelson
CS Nelson Real Estate
3221 20th Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaducts plan and for attending the public meeting on November 1 at Scotus High School.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on the viaducts' footprints and their aesthetic designs. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the city of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant HDR Inc.

This letter acknowledges the general input you provided because your feedback did not contain any specific questions. We hope you will continue to stay involved and provide additional feedback as the process evolves.

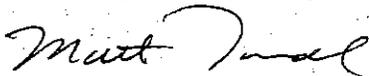
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Sincerely,

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Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolf - IMS

11-4-07

Dear Mayor Moser and Columbus City Council Members,

By the front page article in the Columbus Telegram today, this letter may be an "effort in futility". But each of you need to know about it.

First, thank you to the City for holding the public meetings about the proposed Viaduct projects. It did give us a chance to learn some things about the plans.

The information about the 18th Avenue Pedestrian overpass is that the walking distance via it is at least 1,000 ft. more than the horizontal distance between the ends, because of the loops in the ramps. Who is going to walk about 1,350' to get 350' across the tracks? Very Few if anyone! But it will likely be used a lot by the skate boarders or roller skaters etc, who will likely injure themselves and then expect the City to pay for their injuries. So we taxpayers can pay for the overpass and again for injuries. NO THANKS! PLEASE DO NOT BUILD IT. It is a terrible waste of resources.

If something must be built there, please consider a simple elevator and elevator house with stairs at each end of the bridge, from ground level to the bridge deck level and I'll bet the cost could be much less than the proposed overpass.

Sincerely,



Keith W. Brown

3158 25th Ave

564-5064

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Environmental Issues

1. Of the following environmental issues, which are the most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting? *The telegram*

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
- General Information
- Follow-up

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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

- ① The 36" chain link fence in my back yard would become a 20' wall.
- ② I will lose fence, garden, trees and a good deal of grass to mow = loss of aesthetic view.
- ③ Worried about maintenance of dirt mounds holding up road. City does a poor job managing that property now.
- ④ Christopher's Cove will not have easy access in and out if traffic increases
- ⑤ Increased truck traffic on residential 3rd Ave street.

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

With a 20' wall in my backyard I hope something can be done to minimize the damage to my property value.
I will be petitioning for assessment relief!

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

public notice

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

My property will be affected the most of anyone since the design curves into my yard and a 20' wall replaces my 36" chain link fence.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- ① The design (curve) of the viaduct is done to save money. I understand but wish I wasn't the guy it curves into.
- ② Something still can be done by the designers to keep the current power lines on the East side of 3rd Ave from being moved further East into my yard.

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: John Last Name: Schueth
Organization: _____
Address: 1660 W Calle Colombo ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: 564 1265 # E-mail: j.schueth@esu7.org
564 7165 W

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
 General Information
 Follow-up _____ especially on power line relocation

Please drop this form into the box provided at this public meeting or mail it to:

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September 11, 2007

Mr. John Schueth
1660 W Calle Colombo
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Schueth:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on environmental concerns, maintenance, power lines and the possible effect of a potential viaduct on your property. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR, Inc.

We appreciate your volunteering to participate on the Aesthetics Design Working Group. The group will be working with city and HDR to identify aesthetic opportunities, themes and enhancements to help ensure the proposed viaducts fit their surroundings.

The community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Environmental Issues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

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7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

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Handwritten: Rodriguez @ 1677 St
and 17th Ave
www.columbusvproducts.net

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting? *Radio, word of mouth.*

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

Still can't answer many basic design & traffic safety questions.

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

To see how much the sales pitch has changed from the last round of "information" meetings. It hasn't, we were lied to at the front door by the greeters who said they represent HDR but are Issues Management Staff. So I guess my expectations were satisfied - I expected lies & hard sell, & that's what I got.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- 1. That the engineers are still ignoring the safety & traffic concerns beyond the footprint of the viaducts themselves.*
- 2. That they still believe they can sell this to us as a SAFETY issue when the numbers show otherwise.*
- 3. That the city has a lot of work they still need to do to make this ^{make sense}*

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: TAKE A WILD GUESS! Last Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Litter along the fencing, traffic concentration

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Aesthetics Design

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(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

To learn more details of the viaduct plan, NO!

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

The only new information was the pedestrian crossing.

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

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General Information

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Note Hanging on Door

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

To be more informed so I can get this passed.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

How many people are misinformed.

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

Organization: *ON COMMITTEE*
First Name: *M. Kc* Last Name: *Siedl.k*
Address: *2321 117 ST* ZIP Code: *68601*
Telephone: *Day 402-564-8141* E-mail: *Signs@megavision.com*

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

That we would have access to our property + others would have an easy access to our property

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

Make sure that the access road goes more to the south ~~to~~ so that people will be able to get into Viking Storage.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

People

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

to find out about the viaducts

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

How the viaducts were on the map
The time line

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild and Scenic Rivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials/Solid Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

*Without a Viaduct - Safety, Traffic, Noise
Some farmland on 3rd Avenue will be used,
but for Columbus to "Progress" this needs to
be done. 12th Avenue is a must! Traffic proves it!*

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left - very good understanding - to far right - minimal understanding.)



Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

will be on committee

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

Attending meeting at city hall. Notice on door.

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

To support Viaduct Proposals for Columbus.
Expectations were very pleased with presentation and staff.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

Time frame
location of viaducts
people's concerns

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: BARBARA Last Name: STEDLIK
Organization: _____
Address: 1171-13th Ave - Columbus ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: 564-8141 E-mail: signs@megadivision.com

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
 General Information
 Follow-up

Please drop this form into the box provided at this public meeting or mail it to:

Columbus City Administrator
PO Box 1677
2424 14 St
Columbus NE 68602-1677

September 11, 2007

Mrs. Barbara Siedlik
1171 13th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mrs. Siedlik:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on safety issues and the need for viaducts. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

As you are aware, your family will be represented on the Aesthetics Design Working Group. The group will be working with the city and HDR to identify aesthetic opportunities, themes and enhancements to help ensure the proposed viaducts fit their surroundings.

The community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Environmental Issues

1. Of the following environmental issues, which are the most important to you?

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

suggest move 3rd Ave to E 6th Ave. This would allow a direct route to major HIs while min. affect to property.

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General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

brochure

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

- 1) Find out if 6th Ave was discussed & why it was not selected.
- 2) How the CAP would be ~~best~~ handled, *i.e., the cost, not just a %.*

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

My questions could not be answered by the four people I had asked.

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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General Information

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Paper

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Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

to voice opinion against viaduct, probably not but did learn some information.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Trash from pedestrian walk ways

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

need fences along the lengths of walk + overpasses themselves not just over railroad.
traffic signals on entry ^{exit} ways of viaducts a big concern.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting? *radio*

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

*to get a visual idea of construction & get questions answered.
concerns on entrances & state of overpasses. & pedestrian overpass.*

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

*time span of projects,
see visual on how traffic may be directed, entry & exit ramps.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

WATER DRAINAGE IS A CONCERN IN THE AREA OF 12TH AVE & 16TH ST.
NO DRAINS ARE PRESENT ON 16TH ST

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

SEPARATE THE 3RD & 12TH AVE. PROJECTS. PUT THE VIADUCT ON 10TH AVE. INSTEAD OF 12 AVE. THIS WOULD HAVE LESS IMPACT ON RESIDENCES AND WOULD PROVIDE A STRAIGHT ROUTE FROM 8TH ST. TO 23RD STREET.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

I HAVE A PROPERTY AT 1208 16TH ST. AND I WANTED TO FIND OUT ANY IMPACT THE 12TH AVE. VIADUCT WOULD HAVE.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- 1) THE 3RD AVE. & 12 AVE. PROJECTS SHOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY.
- 2) THE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS NEED TO EXTEND FURTHER FROM THE VIADUCTS.
- 3) WATER DRAINAGE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PLANS.

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: LAWRENCE Last Name: WEIER
Organization: _____
Address: 1808 27TH ST. ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: _____ E-mail: lweier@trawler.net.net

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
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- Follow-up

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September 11, 2007

Mr. Lawrence Weier
1808 27th St.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Weier:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on potential viaduct locations, not combining potential viaducts into phases, water drainage and property acquisitions. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

In regard to your suggestion of not grouping viaducts into phases, after months of discussions and negotiations, Columbus, the State of Nebraska and Union Pacific Railroad signed an agreement in June, 2007 for the proposed viaduct plan. That agreement includes grouping the proposed viaducts into Phase 1 and Phase 2. It is not feasible to renegotiate the agreement at this point in time.

In regard to your comments and suggestions on drainage, property acquisition and locations for the proposed viaducts, an engineering study is currently underway to determine potential impacts and how to minimize them. The study will include water drainage, property acquisition and the footprints and locations of each proposed viaduct. Your specific comments will be considered as the engineering study continues.

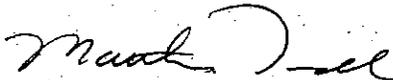
The community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Environmental Issues

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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

That there be a fence line that extends the entire length of each viaduct - not only over the Rail Road area.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

radio (KLIR)

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

Living on 11th Str, between 18th + 12th Avenue, means these changes will affect our daily lives. I want to have as much information as possible before I vote on the issue.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- 1) Curve + start / end point of 12th Ave Viaduct
- 2) Idea of what pedestrian viaduct may look like

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Organization: _____
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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

Straighten 12th Ave Viaduct

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

delivered announcement

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

because we live at 1318 11th St

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

*Locations
What block it starts & finishes*

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Aesthetics Design

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Straight out 12th Ave Viaduct

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General Information

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Newspaper

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- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

information

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

*Location's -
Impact*

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- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

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9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: Mike Last Name: Kang
Organization: RE/MAX
Address: 2317-13 St. ZIP Code: 68604
Telephone: 270-1234 E-mail: FULPJ@megavisions.com

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Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

RADIO

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

OWN PROPERTY ON 3RD AVE

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
- General Information
- Follow-up

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Columbus City Administrator
PO Box 1677
2424 14 St
Columbus NE 68602-1677

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Environmental Issues

1. Of the following environmental issues, which are the most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

Traffic will be closer to the residential area at Christopher's Lane with ~~more~~ the possibility of increased noise, traffic and air quality. In addition, there could be more reason for a safety hazard to occur as a result.

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

Try to keep the curve to a minimum and maintain as straight a roadway as possible on Third Ave.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

pamphlet dropped at the door and Columbus Telegram

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

To see and hear about the plan and what the long range goals are.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- Nothing in concrete yet on the exact layout of each overpass.*
- may be able to provide some input on the design & aesthetics.*
- 9*

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: Miki Last Name: Mazankowich
Organization: _____
Address: 1682 W. Calle Colombo ZIP Code: 68601-2734
Telephone: 563-3274 E-mail: maz@neb.rr.com

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
- General Information
- Follow-up

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PO Box 1677
2424 14 St
Columbus NE 68602-1677

September 11, 2007

Mr. Mike Mazanhoush
1682 W Calle Colombo St.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Mazanhoush:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on traffic near Christopher's Cove and on minimizing curves. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

An engineering study is currently underway to determine potential impacts and how to minimize them and your input will be considered as the engineering study continues.

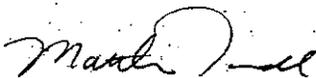
The community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Environmental Issues

1. Of the following environmental issues, which are the most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | | |
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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

NONE

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

WALLS ,NO GRASSY KNOLS. MODERN DESIGN ~~SIMILAR~~
#0 SIMILAR TO - OMAHA'S WEST DODGE STREET
EXPRESS WAT.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

DOOR ~~PAMPHLET~~ FLYER.

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

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Excellent Good Fair Poor

ALL BUT TWO DISPLAYS WERE DATED INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

TO LEARN ABOUT 12TH AVE & IF TRAFFIC PATTERNS WERE CONSIDERED.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- ① THIS WAS VERY PRELIMINARY.
- ② NOBODY IS STILL READY TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE.
- ③ FUTURE GROWTH OF CITY & INDUSTRY TO THE EAST WERE NOT CONSIDERED.

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: GLENN Last Name: KLAASSON
 Organization: HOME OWNERS
 Address: 1214 10TH ST ZIP Code: 68601
 Telephone: _____ E-mail: glennklaasson@gmail.com

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening? BOTH
- General Information
- Follow-up

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2424 14 St
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September 11, 2007

Mr. Glenn Klaassen
1214 10th St.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Klaassen:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form suggesting walls instead of grassy knolls for the potential viaducts and the concern that city growth to the east should be considered. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

Our public involvement consultants, Issues Management Solutions, LLC, have attempted three times, twice through e-mail at glennklaassen@gmail.com and once through postal mail, to follow up with you on your expressed interest to participate on the Aesthetics Design Working Group. However, we were not able to reach you or obtain your telephone number and the Aesthetics Design Working Group has since been filled.

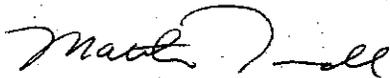
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For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Environmental Issues

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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

No go go, soon as possible

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

none, well planned

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

Columbus paper

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

to keep up on what is going on.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

good plans

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Organization: _____

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Environmental Issues

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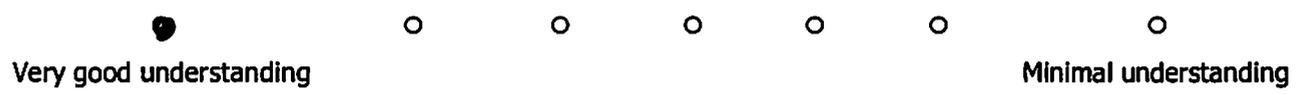
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2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

*dimensions; Time frames
Cost;*

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)



Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

Hope that the mass stays sustained and during progression isn't eroded during natural; mother nature mud + rain etc...

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

on our front door knob
solicitation from \nearrow - small literature
around town

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

I wanted to know the details of the
phase I action and the implements
of designs and plans

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

Size; time frames; location & routes
action taken; development phases

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

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Environmental Issues

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Health | | |

2. What are your environmental concerns related to the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan?

None at this time,

Columbus Viaduct Plan Phase 1

3. Do you believe you have a good understanding of the Phase 1 Viaduct Plan and how the City of Columbus developed this plan? (Mark a circle below closest to your level of understanding, from far left – very good understanding – to far right – minimal understanding.)

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Very good understanding Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

The current designs are very good the way they are.

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

(OVER)

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

Telegram newspaper

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

I came to help support any viaduct plans and I feel it is very well presented and explained by experts here. I also think it could be advertised more and held several times.

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: Duane Last Name: Chohon
Organization: Columbus citizen for 40 years, (homeowner - 10 yrs.)
Address: 676 7th Ave. ZIP Code: 68601
Telephone: 563-0368 E-mail: _____
evenings

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
 General Information
 Follow-up

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2424 14 St
Columbus NE 68602-1677

September 11, 2007

Mr. Duane Chohon
676 7th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Mr. Chohon:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on the most important environmental issues to study, your support of the preliminary designs and advertising frequency. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

This letter acknowledges the general input you provided because your feedback did not contain any specific questions. We hope you will continue to stay involved and provide additional feedback as the process evolves.

The community will have more opportunities to participate in the process at additional public meetings which will be announced through local news media.

For more information on the proposed Phase 1 viaducts, please visit the website www.columbusviaducts.net.

Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

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Very good understanding

Minimal understanding

Aesthetics Design

4. Do you have any suggestions for the design and / or aesthetics of Phase 1 viaducts?

Save the city the money and have the railroad stop switching their cars in town

5. As part of Phase 1, the City wants to ensure the viaducts complement the general character of their locations. If you are interested in volunteering for the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the information on the back of this form and you will be contacted.

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www.columbusviaducts.net

General Information

6. How did you hear about this meeting?

Received a flyer on my door

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

my house would be affected by the 12th Ave proposal

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

- There is no real plan

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization: _____

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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General Information

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Newspaper

7. In general, what is your impression of today's public meeting?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
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8. Why did you come to this meeting, and were your expectations satisfied?

9. What are the three most important things you learned from this meeting?

If you would like your question(s) answered, receive a follow-up or be part of the Aesthetics Design Working Group, please fill out the following:

First Name: *Honorita* Last Name: *Mirock*
 Organization: _____
 Address: *1203-9th Columbia* ZIP Code: *68601*
 Telephone: *562-7086* E-mail: _____

- Participate in the Aesthetics Design Working Group – Are you available to meet during a weekday and / or evening?
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Honorita A. Mirock
1203 9th St
Columbus, NE 68601

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Columbus City Administrator
 PO Box 1677
 2424 14 St
 Columbus NE 68602-1677

September 11, 2007

Ms. Honorita Micek
1203 9th St.
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear Ms. Micek:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Phase 1 of the Columbus viaduct plan and for attending the public meeting on August 8, 2007 at Ag Park.

We appreciate the input you provided at the meeting on the public feedback form on the most important environmental issues to study and your interest in the Aesthetics Design Working Group. The community's involvement and feedback throughout the planning process is important to the City of Columbus and its design-engineering consultant, HDR Inc.

The Aesthetics Design Working Group has been filled with a wide stratum of members from the community to help ensure the proposed viaducts fit their surroundings. We hope you will continue to stay involved and provide additional feedback as the process evolves.

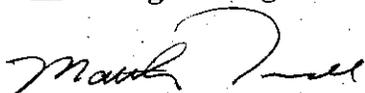
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Thank you again for your input and for attending the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering Inc.



Matthew B. Tondl, PE
Senior Vice President

cc: Merlin Lindahl – City of Columbus
Steve Wolff – IMS

MBT:ml

Lisa Richardson
file

Mr. Pete Buttaro
2122 15th Street
Columbus NE 68601

November 7, 2007

Dear, Mr. Buttaro,
As per your request at the Public Meeting. If you have any other questions please let me know.

Traffic Counts

12th Avenue today = 4,400 Average Daily Traffic(ADT) based on the September 2007 count
During construction of 3rd Avenue, traffic will increase as a result of traffic diverting to 12th Avenue from the 18th Avenue closure and the 3rd Avenue traffic detouring to 12th Avenue during the construction of 3rd Avenue.
Upon completion of the 3rd Avenue Viaduct the 12th Avenue traffic is estimated to be 5,500 ADT.

3rd Avenue today = 2400 ADT based on the September 2007 count
During construction of 12th Avenue, traffic will increase as a result of traffic diverting to 3rd Avenue.
But once 12th Avenue is reopened it will drop back down to its pre viaduct level of 2400 ADT.
We predict that 3rd Avenue volume will grow faster over time as there is more growth opportunity in the 3rd Avenue area than in town.

Fence Criteria

The project will construct fencing that is typically constructed on viaduct projects in the state of Nebraska.

A fence is required at the pedestrian structure on 18th Avenue. The fence will extend a minimum of 500 feet to a maximum of 1000 feet each side of a pedestrian viaduct (both sides of ROW).

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APPENDIX B

AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

Project: Columbus Viaducts EA	Project No: 80759
Date: October 27, 2010	Subject: Deyke Oil site concerns
Call to: Neal Heil (NDEQ Petroleum Remediation)	Phone No: 402-471-2186
Call from: Randy McCart	Phone No: 402-726-7193

Discussion, Agreement and/or Action:

I spoke again with Neal Heil, NDEQ project manager for the Deyke Oil Site. Neil said that NDEQ would reimburse the cost of moving any monitoring wells. He would like Greg Lang at Kennedy/Jenks (the contractor for the cleanup, 402-937-3388 or greglang@ kennedyjenks.com) to be notified of wells that would be affected by construction. Mr. Lang would submit a work plan for replacing the wells (plug and abandon the existing wells and drill new wells) and NDEQ would approve it.

Mr. Heil did not have any concerns with regard to construction impacts. He said NDEQ wanted to expedite the construction process for the project. Cost for disposal of contaminated soil or groundwater, if encountered, would typically go to the responsible party for the property (for 18th Avenue ROW, this would be the City).

The Deyke/Pollard oil site is complicated. Krumland Oil had a leak at their building (approximately 320 feet west of 18th Avenue and 100 feet north of the UPRR mainline). The Pollard Oil and Propane Company operated at this site at a later date and there was a release of fuel to the northwest of the building (the Pollard site). Deyke Oil operated to the east (just west of 18th Avenue) and there was a release of fuel approximately 60 feet west of 18th Avenue. BNSF Railway Company, current owner of the Deyke and Pollard site, is voluntarily remediating the Deyke/Pollard site, so NDEQ is managing the remediation as one site. All of the leaks in storage tanks involved fuel. It is believed to be gasoline, but there are indications from free product recovery and groundwater samples that other fuels (tractor gas or kerosene) and waste oil were also released.

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Project: Columbus Viaducts EA	Project No: 80759
Date: October 26, 2010	Subject: Regulated Materials - Deyke Oil Site
Call to: Greg Lang	Phone No: 402-937-3388 (cell)
Call from: Randy McCart	Phone No: 402-926-7193

Discussion, Agreement and/or Action:

I discussed potential well impacts with Greg Lang of Kennedy/Jenks. Monitoring wells 4 and 5 would not need replaced, as these have not detected anything for a while. Monitoring wells 6 and 8 would need to be replaced (they can't currently find monitoring well 6, but they need something in this area). Monitoring well 20, if affected, would need to be replaced. They need a well on the west side of 18th Avenue and something in the vicinity of monitoring wells 8 and 20 to delineate the eastern extent of the non-detect line. It is preferable to keep the wells on public property for easier access to the wells to conduct sampling and to maintain the wells.

Drilling a well costs between \$1,500 and \$2,000 each for multiple wells (3 or 4 at a time). To plug an abandon wells, it typically costs approximately \$500 each. Plugging and abandoning multiple wells is cheaper, on the order of \$2,000 to plug and abandon 5 wells at one time. It is most cost effective to drill new wells and plug and abandon old wells at the same time.

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October 24, 2008

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OCT 29 2008

Re: Project No. RRZ-TMT-6061(8), Control No. 31925
12th Avenue at Union Pacific RR tracks – Viaduct Study
City of Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska.
Columbus Viaducts – HP#0707-032-01
Determination of Effect

CONCUR
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Bob Puschendorf
DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
DATE: 10/3/08

Dear Mr. Puschendorf:

Thank you for the review of the July 2008 Draft Historic Property Survey, Columbus Viaducts, Columbus, Nebraska, and the assistance by Ms Stupka-Burda in determining the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Viaducts Project. Based on the determination documented by letter dated August 18, 2008, two properties within the APE were found to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP): the Loup Power building at 2416 14th Street (corner of 12th Avenue and 14th Street) and the City of Columbus Cemetery located east of 12th Avenue, south of the Union Pacific corridor.

The report indicated that the historic property boundary of the Loup Power building is limited to the original 1943 structure, and does not extend to additions, other structures on the lot, or to any aspects of landscaping. The historic property boundary for the City of Columbus Cemetery was defined along 12th Avenue as the metal fencing, and does not include the right-of-way or the modern curbing along 12th Avenue. It was indicated that the cemetery could also qualify as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). The TCP activities relate to visitation of particular locations within the cemetery, so it was recommended that the TCP boundary conform to the parcel boundary of the cemetery.

The historic property boundaries of both the Loup building and the City of Columbus Cemetery are outside the impact area of the proposed viaduct at 12th Avenue. Although viaduct piers would be placed in a parking lot at 2416 14th Street, the project would not require modifications of the 1943 Loup Power building, or its additions. A minor improvement of the pavement leading to the cemetery entrance is planned, but would not require any modification of the fence. Figure 1 shows the latest impact area on an aerial base, and the historic property boundaries of the Loup Power building and cemetery.

Early coordination information provided to your office indicated that seven at-grade crossings across Union Pacific Railroad property are proposed to be closed for the Columbus Viaducts Project. Two of the at-grade crossings (25th Avenue and 27th Avenue) are within the Columbus Commercial Historic District. Figure 2 shows the location of these two closures. The closure of the crossings will entail installation of barriers and signs which must meet the requirements of the Nebraska Department of Roads. Planned signage will be coordinated with your office.

Mr. L. Robert Puschendorf
October 24, 2008
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Based on the aforementioned information, this office has determined that there are No Historic Properties Affected [36 CFR 800.4(d) (1)] by the proposed construction of the 12th Avenue Viaduct and closure of the crossings at 25th Avenue and 27th Avenue. Your concurrence is requested.

If there are any questions please contact me at (402) 479-4411.

Sincerely,

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Leonard J. Sand
Highway Environmental Program Manager
Planning and Project Development Division

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Attachments (Figures 1 & 2)



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Re: RRZ-TMT-6065(5), C.N. 31924, 3rd Avenue at Union Pacific RR (UPRR) tracks &
RRZ-TMT-6059(7), C.N. 31927, 18th Avenue at UPRR tracks – Viaduct Study
City of Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska.
Columbus Viaducts – HP#0707-032-01
Determination of Effect

CONCUR

Bob Puschendorf
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DATE: 11/3/08

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The historic property boundaries of both the Loup building and the City of Columbus Cemetery are outside the impact area of the proposed viaduct structures at 3rd Avenue and 18th Avenue. The attached figures show the latest impact area on an aerial base, and the historic property boundaries of the Loup Power building and cemetery.

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October 24, 2008
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Sincerely,



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Attachments



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RE: Archeological properties – Columbus Viaducts HP#0707-032-01

Dear Mr. Sand:

Thank you for your recent submittal regarding the above referenced project. Our comment on this project and its potential to affect historic properties is required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

The draft report prepared by Joe Trnka is excellent and provided us all of the necessary information to thoroughly review this proposed project.

Please accept our sincere apologies for failing to speak directly to archeological resources in our letter dated August 18, 2008. The oversight was unintentional.

A review of our files indicates that the referenced project does not contain recorded historic resources. It is our opinion that no survey for unrecorded cultural resources will be required.

Your undertaking, in our opinion, will have no effect on archaeological properties.

There is, however, always the possibility that previously unsuspected archaeological remains may be uncovered during the process of project construction. We request that this office be notified immediately under such circumstances so that an evaluation of the remains may be made, along with recommendations for future action.

Sincerely,

L. Robert Puschendorf
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Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office

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RE: Archeological and architectural inventory – Columbus Viaducts HP#0707-032-01

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The draft report prepared by Joe Trnka is excellent and provided us all of the necessary information to thoroughly review this proposed project.

As Mr. Trnka indicated, this office was involved in determining the Area of Potential Effect and we agree with them as delineated in the report.

We have carefully reviewed Mr. Trnka's recommendations for NRHP eligibility contained within the report. We agree that the light industrial building owned by Loup Public Power at the intersection of 12th Avenue and 14th Street is a good candidate for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

It does appear that the Columbus Cemetery located along the east side of 12 Avenue south of the UPRR corridor is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and could qualify as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP).

However, we must respectfully disagree with Mr. Trnka's recommendations for the 22 eligible residential properties. In our opinion, while some of the residential properties retain some degree of physical integrity they lack significance in National Register terms.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Stacy Stupka-Burda at 402-471-4770.

Sincerely,

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Michael J. Smith, Director/CEO

September 12, 2007

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Re: Columbus Viaducts Study, HP 0707-032-01

Dear Mr. Goss:

Thank you for submitting information regarding the referenced proposed project for our review and comment. It is our understanding that this project does not qualify as a federal undertaking, though you are proceeding as if there is potential for it to become a federal undertaking.

We have examined the information you have provided, paying particular attention to the proposed Areas of Potential Effect regarding (APE) Phase I of this proposed project. As we discussed over the telephone, we recommend slight changes in the proposed APE's. These changes are outlined below.

13th Avenue Study Area: In our opinion, the boundaries of this APE can be 14th Street on the north; 11th Street on the south; 19th Avenue on the west; and 17th Avenue on the east.

12th Avenue Study Area: In our opinion, this APE can be 8th Street on the south; 17th Street on the north; and 15th Avenue on the west. The eastern boundary may remain as drawn.

3rd Avenue Study Area: From the enclosed map, this area seems to include primarily modern construction. Please have the architectural historian verify this through visual inspection. The APE as drawn is appropriate.

Please keep in mind that if potentially eligible National Register of Historic districts are identified in any of these APE's, then the boundary of these districts

may very well extend beyond the APE's as described. We would then need to expand the APE as the project moved toward assessing effects.

We would like confirmation that Phase II of this potential project, as described by you in the supporting documentation, is a completely separate project from that described as Phase I. As I stated during our telephone conversation, if these projects are one in the same, then we are required to provide comment upon them as if they are one project.

It is our current understanding, again based on our telephone conversation, that Phase I and Phase II are two separate potential projects, and that these potential projects each function separately.

If this is not correct, or if this should change, please notify this office immediately.

We look forward to working with you throughout this process. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Stacy Stupka-Burda at 402-471-4770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Puschendorf". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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RE: Early Project Notification and Coordination, City of Columbus Viaducts Project, Platte County, Nebr.

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has reviewed the above referenced project. The building demolition debris must be disposed at a licensed landfill. An open burning permit must be obtained for disposal of land-cleared vegetation. Call Melissa Ellis, (402) 471-6624, for information.

Building demolition will require an asbestos assessment prior to the demolition. If any is found, notify Doug Gillespie, (402) 471-0548. Disturbing over an acre of land requires a construction stormwater permit. Mary Schroer, NDEQ, (402) 471-2936, can assist you with this.

If you have questions about the permitting process, or any other questions, feel free to contact me at (402) 471-8697.

Sincerely,

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Hugh Stirts, PhD
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August 17, 2007

Ms. Lisa Richardson, Project Engineer
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RE: Technical Assistance for Proposed City of Columbus Viaducts Study Project, Platte County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Richardson:

This is in regards to your July 9, 2007, request for comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) about the proposed Columbus Viaducts Study Project in Platte County, Nebraska. The proposed project includes three alignment alternatives for the viaducts all located within the city limits of Columbus, Nebraska. These three study alignments are located at 3rd, 12th, and 18th Avenues. The project calls for two phases that will consist of the overall grade separation of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) rail corridor through the City, consisting of three vehicular viaducts and two pedestrian viaducts, along with the closure of seven at-grade vehicular crossings and one at-grade pedestrian crossing.

AUTHORITY

The following comments on the proposed project have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (48 Stat. 401; 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and are to ensure the protection of fish and wildlife resources through your assessments, investigations, and planning of the proposed project. These comments do not preclude the separate review and comments by the Service as afforded by FWCA if any permits are needed from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344 *et seq.*). Additionally, these comments do not absolve the project proponent from complying with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712; 40 Stat. 755, as amended) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) (16 U.S.C. 688-688d, as amended). Compliance with all of these statutes and regulations are required for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (83 Stat. 852; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

In Nebraska, the Service has special concerns for migratory birds, endangered and threatened species, and other important fish and wildlife resources. We also are concerned about any impacts on Federal and State wildlife refuges and management areas and other public lands, as well as to other areas that support sensitive habitats. Habitats frequented by important fish and wildlife resources include wetlands, streams, and riparian (streamside) woodlands. We give

special attention to proposed projects that propose modification of wetlands, or stream alteration, or could result in contamination of important habitats. The Service recommends ways to avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce, or compensate for damaging impacts to important fish and wildlife resources and their habitats that may be attributed to land and water resource development proposals.

FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES

Pursuant to section 7 of ESA, every federal agency, in consultation or conference with the Service, is required to ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any federally listed or proposed species and/or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated and/or proposed critical habitat. In accordance with section 7(a)(2) of ESA, the federal agency should determine if any federally listed threatened or endangered species and/or designated/proposed critical habitat would be directly and/or indirectly affected by the proposed project. The assessment of potential impacts (direct and indirect) must include an “affect” or “no effect” determination and be presented to the Service in writing. If the Service agrees with the determination made by the federal agency, this office would provide a letter of concurrence. If federally listed species and/or designated/proposed critical habitat would be adversely affected by this action, the federal agency will need to formally request further section 7 consultation with the Service prior to making any irretrievable or irreversible commitment of federal funds (section 7(d) of ESA), or issuing any federal permits or licenses.

In accordance with section 7(c) of ESA, we have determined that the following federally listed species are known to occur in Platte County:

<u>Listed Species</u>	<u>Expected Occurrence</u>
Interior least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum</i>)	Migration, nesting
Piping plover (<i>Charadrius melodus</i>)	Migration, nesting
Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)	Missouri and lower Platte rivers

Least Tern and Piping Plover

The least tern, federally listed as endangered, and the piping plover, federally listed as threatened, nest on unvegetated or sparsely vegetated sandbars in river channels. The nesting season for the least tern and piping plover is from April 15 through September 15. Least terns feed on small fish in the river and piping plovers forage for invertebrates on exposed beach substrates. Important habitat for terns and plovers is comprised of solely river channel and riverine sandbars within high banks. The least tern and piping plover could be impacted by water depletions to the Platte River system.

Pallid Sturgeon

The pallid sturgeon was officially listed as an endangered species on September 6, 1990. In Nebraska, the pallid sturgeon is found in the Missouri and lower Platte rivers. Floodplains,

backwaters, chutes, sloughs, islands, sandbars, and main channel waters formed the large-river ecosystem that provided macrohabitat requirements for the pallid sturgeon, a species that is associated with diverse aquatic habitats. These habitats historically were dynamic and in a constant state of change due to influences from the natural hydrograph, and sediment and runoff inputs from an enormous watershed spanning portions of ten states. Navigation, channelization and bank stabilization, and hydropower generation projects have caused the widespread loss of this diverse array of dynamic habitats once provided to pallid sturgeon on the Missouri River, resulting in a precipitous decline in populations of the species. The pallid sturgeon may be impacted by water depletions to the Platte River system.

Borrow Sites

The Service understands that construction contractors prefer to utilize borrow materials from within the limits of construction. Thus, the Service does not anticipate any effects to federally listed species or designated critical habitats listed above from the acquisition of on-site borrow material. However, in some circumstances, sufficient quantities of borrow materials are not available from within the limits of construction and thus, borrow must be acquired at an offsite location. Hence, these comments do not address the impacts of material acquired from offsite borrow sites.

Platte River Flow Depletions and borrow

Since 1978, the Service has concluded in all of its section 7 consultations on water projects in the Platte River basin that the Platte River ecosystem is in a state of jeopardy, and any federal action resulting in a water depletion to the Platte River system will further or continue the deterioration of the stressed habitat conditions. Due to the cumulative affect of many water depletion projects in the Platte River basin, the Service considers any depletion of flows (direct or indirect) from the Platte River system to be significant. Consequently, the Service has adopted a jeopardy standard for all section 7 consultations on federal actions which result in water depletions to the Platte River system. The Service considers the Platte River and its associated wetland habitats to be resources of national and international importance.

Habitats of the threatened and endangered species listed above may be impacted by water depletions in the Platte River system resulting from a borrow pit that impounds Platte River surface water. Borrow pits may also cause a depletion to the Platte River if excavation exposes groundwater that is hydrologically connected to the Platte River, and therefore, depleting the Platte River through increased evapotranspiration.

Because the proposed project is likely to need borrow material and create open water areas, these borrow pits would be located in the lower Platte River drainage. The Service is concerned that the proposed action could result in an instream flow depletion to the lower Platte River which would impact federally listed species. The Service requests that an engineering analysis be performed regarding the net effect in terms of acre-feet that may be depleted during each month on an average annual basis over the life of the project. It is further requested that the lead federal agency provide the results of that analysis in support of its determination of effect for consideration by the Service in partial fulfillment of the section 7 consultation process as outlined in this letter.

BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT (BGEPA)

The BGEPA provides for the protection of the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) by prohibition, except under certain specific conditions, the taking, possession, and commercial use of such birds. Based on the activities anticipated to be conducted and location of the proposed project site, it is unlikely that either the bald or golden eagle would be affected by the proposed project.

REVIEW, COMMENTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT ACTION ON OTHER FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Wetlands, Streams, and Riparian Habitats

If wetlands or streams will be impacted by the proposed project, a Department of the Army permit from the U.S. Corps of Engineers may be needed. The Service recommends that impacts to wetlands, streams, and riparian areas be avoided or minimized. If unavoidable impacts are to occur to aquatic habitats, the Service recommends that compensation (i.e., restoration of a degraded wetland or creation) occur for like wetland type at a ratio of 2:1 (acres of wetlands restored/created to acres of wetlands impacted). For unavoidable impacts to streams, the Service recommends that stream pattern, profile, and dimension be mitigated at a ratio of no less than 1:1 (stream length and number, pattern, and length of meanders created/restored versus stream length and number, pattern, and length of meanders impacted; sequence and number of pools and riffles created/restored versus sequence and number of pools and riffles impacted). Additionally, compensation for impacts to riparian habitats should occur at a minimum ratio of 3:1 (i.e., acres of riparian habitat replaces for acres of riparian habitat impacted). The 3:1 ratio is based on the loss of the habitat and the amount of time that will be required for planted trees to reach maturity.

Migratory Birds

Under MBTA, construction activities in grassland, wetland, stream, and woodland habitats, and those that occur on bridges (e.g., which may affect swallow nests on bridge girders) that would otherwise result in the taking of migratory birds, eggs, young, and/or active nests should be avoided. Although the provisions of MBTA are applicable year-round, most migratory bird nesting activity in Nebraska occurs during the period of April 1 to July 15. However, some migratory birds are known to nest outside of the aforementioned primary nesting season period. For example, raptors can be expected to nest in woodland habitats during February 1 through July 15, whereas sedge wrens which occur in some wetland habitats normally nest from July 15 to September 10. If the proposed construction project is planned to occur during the primary nesting season or at any other time which may result in the take of nesting migratory birds, the Service recommends that the project proponent (or construction contractor) arrange to have a qualified biologist conduct a field survey of the affected habitats and structures to determine the absence or presence of nesting migratory birds. Surveys must be conducted during the nesting season. The Service further recommends that field surveys for nesting birds, along with information regarding the qualifications of the biologist(s) performing the surveys, be thoroughly documented and that such documentation be maintained on file by the project proponent (and/or construction contractor) until such time as construction on the proposed project has been completed.

The Service requests that the following be provided to this office prior to construction proceeding at the proposed project site. The purpose of the request is to assist the project proponent to avoid the unnecessary take of migratory birds and the possible need for law enforcement action:

- a) A copy of any survey(s) for migratory birds done in conjunction with this proposed project, if any. The survey should provide detail in regards to survey methods, date and time of survey, species observed/heard, and location of species observed relative to the proposed project site.
- b) Written description of any avoidance measures implemented at the proposed project site to avoid the take of migratory birds.
- c) Written description of any circumstances where it has been determined by the project proponent that one or more active bird nests cannot be avoided by the planned construction activities.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project. If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Ms. Brooke Stansberry within our office at Brooke_Stansberry@fws.gov or (308)382-6468, extension 16.

Sincerely,



John Cochran
Assistant Nebraska Field Supervisor

cc: FHWA; Lincoln, NE (Attn: Ed Kosola)
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HDR
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Omaha, NE 68114-4098

RE: Scoping comments for the City of Columbus Viaducts Project, Platte County

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) staff members have reviewed the information for the proposal identified above. The project would include development of the first phase of a comprehensive, multi-year viaduct (vehicular and pedestrian) plan for the City. The overall project calls for the grade separation of the Union Pacific rail corridor through the City, consisting of three vehicular viaducts and two pedestrian viaducts, along with the closure of seven at-grade vehicular crossings, and one at-grade pedestrian crossing.

The project will not impact any NGPC park areas or wildlife management areas, as none are located in the immediate project area.

Based on a review of the information you sent, the Nebraska Natural Heritage database, and aerial photographs, we found no documented occurrences of state-listed threatened or endangered species, or suitable habitat in the vicinity of the proposed project. Therefore, we have determined that the project as described is not likely to adversely affect state-listed threatened or endangered species.

In general, NGPC has concerns for impacts to wetlands, streams, and riparian habitats. We encourage that impacts to wetlands, streams, and riparian corridors be avoided and minimized, and that any unavoidable impacts to these habitats be mitigated. If any fill materials will be placed into any wetlands or streams as a result of the proposed project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine if a 404 permit is needed. Construction activities near waterways should also employ adequate erosion control measure to protect water quality and aquatic habitat.

Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712: Ch 128 *as amended*) construction activities in grassland, wetland, stream, and woodland habitats that would otherwise result in the taking of migratory birds, eggs, young, and/or active nests should be avoided. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be contacted for information on how to avoid the unnecessary take of migratory birds.

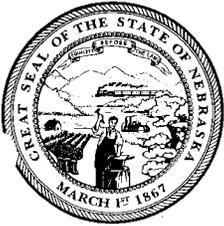
Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at (402) 471-5423.

Sincerely,

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Carey Grell
Environmental Analyst
Realty and Environmental Services Division

cc: Brooke Stansberry, USFWS
Kristal Stoner, NGPC



Dave Heineman
Governor

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July 31, 2007

Lisa Richardson
HDR Engineering, Inc.
8404 Indian Hills Drive
Omaha, NE 68114-4098

RE: Early Project Notification and Coordination, City of Columbus Viaducts Project, Platte County, Nebr.

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has reviewed the above referenced project. As with any facility, permits may be required prior to beginning construction or operation. At minimum, you should be aware of the following possible requirements:

--Asbestos Issues and Building Demolition or Renovation--

The project would be subject to the Asbestos regulation of both our office and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). You should be aware that HHS regulations are more stringent. At a minimum, because it is a demolition and/or renovation project that is not exempted, you are required to conduct an inspection for asbestos (using a certified inspector), legally remove the asbestos if it meets the regulatory criteria, and provide a demolition notification to NDEQ at least 10 days before commencing the demolition or renovation, per Nebraska Air Quality Regulations, Title 129, Chapter 23.

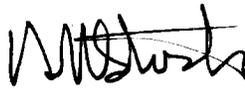
You must also deposit all the building debris and waste at a licensed solid waste or construction and demolition waste management facility, per Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations, Title 132.

	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Asbestos	Doug Gillespie, HHS	(402) 471-0548
Integrated Solid Waste Mgmt	Morgan Leibrandt	(402) 471-1744

We strongly urge the project sponsors to make contact with the Department should any permits be required. It has been our experience that early and open communication helps facilitate the permitting process.

If you have questions about the permitting process, or any other questions, feel free to contact me at (402) 471-8697.

Sincerely,



Hugh Stirts, PhD
NEPA Coordinator



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Michael J. Smith, Director/CEO

July 27, 2007

Lisa Richardson
HDR Engineering, Inc.
8404 Indian Hills Drive
Omaha, NE 68114-4098

RE: Early Project Notification and Coordination
City of Columbus Viaducts Project, Platte County, NE
H.P. #0707-032-01 (Please use this number to expedite the response)

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for submitting the referenced project for our review and comment. Our comment on this project and its potential to affect historic properties is required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. Before we are able to adequately review this project for its potential to affect historic properties, we require the following information:

- Detailed description of proposed undertaking;
- Name of all funding, assisting, permitting, and/or licensing agencies in the project (state and federal);
- A clearly legible map of project location, including project site plan, if applicable;
- Clear, current photos of all standing structures within the project area. No Xerox, faxes or digital images please. It is helpful if the photographs are keyed to the site plan;
- Project address(es); and
- Project plans and specifications, if applicable.
- Other:

Please submit this information to: Greg Miller, Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 82554, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68501-2554.

Enclosed, for your permanent records, please find a separate information sheet that delineates information required for every submittal to our office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 402/471-4775.

Sincerely,

Greg Miller
Preservation Historian
Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT
106 SOUTH 15TH STREET
OMAHA NE 68102-1618
July 25, 2007

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

Ms. Lisa Richardson
HDR Engineering, Inc.
8404 Indian Hills Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68114-4098

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (Corps), has reviewed your letter dated July 9, 2007, regarding the City of Columbus viaducts project in Platte County, Nebraska. The Corps offers the following comments:

According to the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map for the City of Columbus, Panels 315272 0005 D and 315272 0015 D, published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on September 21, 1998, most of the proposed project area is shaded Zone X, "Areas of 500-year flood, areas of 100-year flood with average depth of less than 1 foot and areas protected by levees from the 100-year flood." In the Third Avenue corridor, there are areas of shallow 100-year flood plain (Zone AO) with average depths of 2 feet along the old channel of Lost Creek.

While most of the study area is not in the designated 100-year flood plain, there remains a flood hazard from larger flood events that may exceed the capacity of the Loup River levee. In locating and designing the viaducts, consideration should be given to the effects that the bridges and approach embankments may have on future flood flows.

You should be aware that FEMA is initiating an update to the official flood plain mapping for Platte County and the City of Columbus. The results of the mapping update may change the flood zones previously mentioned and may potentially result in increased flood hazards in the study area.

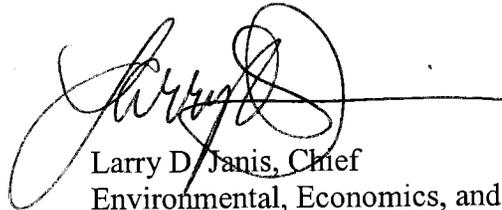
Your plans should be coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is currently involved in a program to protect groundwater resources. If you have not already done so, it is recommended you consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission regarding fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office should be contacted for information and recommendations on potential cultural resources in the project area.

If construction activities involve any work in waters of the United States, a Section 404 permit may be required. For a detailed review of permit requirements, preliminary and final project plans should be sent to:

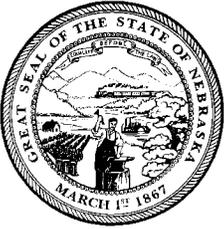
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Wehrspann Regulatory Office
Attention: CENWO-OD-R-NE/Moeschen
8901 South 154th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68138-3621

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kristine Nemecek at (402) 221-4628.

Sincerely,

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Larry D. Janis, Chief
Environmental, Economics, and
Cultural Resources Section
Planning Branch



Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Ann Bleed
Director

July 10, 2007

IN REPLY TO:

Lisa Richardson
HDR
8404 Indian Hills Drive
Omaha, NE 68114-4098

RE: City of Columbus Viaduct Project

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources has reviewed this proposed project and has the following comments:

Surface Water/Ground Water

No comments.

Floodplain Management

As shown on the enclosed aerial photograph, the 3rd Avenue viaduct project has the potential to disturb a regulated floodplain area. If an alignment is possible which does not disturb the floodplain area, then NDNR has no additional comment. However, if construction will disturb this regulated area, then a floodplain development permit will be required from the City. According to our records, the local floodplain administrator for Columbus is:

Merlin Lindahl
City Engineer
P.O. Box 1677
Columbus, NE 68601
Telephone: (402) 562-4235

If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at (402) 471-3957.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve McMaster".

Steve McMaster
Natural Resources Planner Coordinator

Enc.

cc: Merlin Lindahl, Columbus



Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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May 18, 2007

Mr. Merlin Lindahl, P.E.
City Engineer
2424 14th Street
P.O. Box 1677
Columbus, NE 68602

Re: RRZ-TMT-6065(5), CN: 31924 – 3rd Avenue Viaduct
RRZ-TMT-6061(8), CN: 31925 – 12th Avenue Viaduct
RRZ-TMT-6057(2), CN: 31926 – 23rd Avenue Viaduct
RRZ-TMT-6059(7), CN: 31927 – 18th Avenue Pedestrian Viaduct
RRZ-TMT-71(3), CN: 31928 – 25th Avenue Pedestrian Viaduct
Environmental Classification

Dear Mr. Lindahl:

The Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the initial project data and have visited the proposed project site. The project has been issued an environmental classification of 2, Environmental Assessment (EA). If you need assistance with completing the EA or have detailed questions, please contact Leonard Sand in the NDOR Environmental Unit at 479-4411.

Sincerely,

Raitis Tigeris
Urban Off-System Coordinator
Nebraska Dept. of Roads
402-479-3843
raitistigeris@dor.state.ne.us

cc: Matthew Tondl - HDR ✓
Jim Miller -NDOR
Project File

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APPENDIX C

AIR QUALITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Mike Johanns
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Memorandum

To: William Brownell, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, Nebraska Division

From: Peggy Berlowitz, Administrative Secretary for Shelley Kaderly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PB", written over the name Peggy Berlowitz.

Date: October 27, 2004

Re: Memorandum of Understanding enclosed

Please sign the enclosed "Memorandum of Understanding" before returning to our office at P O Box 98922 in Lincoln our zip code is 68509-8922. Before mailing be sure to keep a copy for your records.

It would also be appreciated if you would call me at (402) 471-0001 or send me an email at peggy.berlowitz@ndea.state.ne.us when the Memorandum is being mailed to me. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Mike Johanns
Governor

To: William Brownell, Division Administrator

From: Arthur Yonkey, Division Head, Planning and Project Development
Nebraska Department of Roads

Date: November 1, 2004

Re: Memorandum of Understanding

Please sign the enclosed "Memorandum of Understanding" and forward it to Peggy Berlowitz of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922. We also request that you send us a copy of the signed memorandum to Arthur Yonkey, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE. 68509-4759.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has prepared detailed air quality analyses for inclusion in environmental documents on major Federal-aid highway projects with Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes of more than either 15,000 vehicles per day in the year of project construction or 30,000 vehicles per day in the 20th year following project construction.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the NDOR is to provide safe, efficient, and environmentally compatible surface transportation corridors for Nebraskans through the design of projects that mitigate congestion.

WHEREAS, the goal of the air quality program at the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is to achieve and maintain attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and to protect air quality in areas that have air cleaner than the standards from any significant deterioration.

WHEREAS, the NDOR annually publishes the Nebraska Surface Transportation Program Book that includes highway construction projects planned five or more years into the future.

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency imposes motor vehicle engine, fuel economy, and fuel standards designed to reduce the impact from mobile sources on air quality.

WHEREAS, the NDOR, FHWA and NDEQ expect the vehicle fleet in Nebraska to improve through the retirement of older vehicles in the fleet.

WHEREAS, the experience between the NDOR, the NDEQ, and the FHWA, using currently approved air quality analysis tools, indicates highway construction projects with projected ADT volumes of less than 100,000 vehicles per day should not have significant adverse impacts on air quality, while projects with projected ADT volumes of more than 100,000 vehicles per day may have significant adverse air quality impacts.

THE THREE PARTIES THEREFORE AGREE that the preparation of detailed air quality analyses, for inclusion in an environmental document, are necessary for major Federal-aid projects with a projected ADT volume exceeding 100,000 vehicles per day in the 20th year following the project construction.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that if NDEQ determines that a detailed air quality analysis is warranted for a project not meeting the above ADT threshold, it will be accomplished after a formal written request, with justification, is submitted to the NDOR. All such

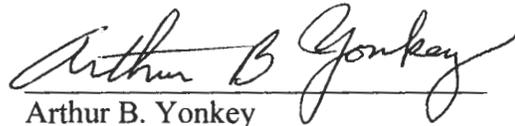
requests shall come from the NDEQ Deputy Director of Programs or his designee. The NDEQ will send a copy of the request to the FHWA.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the NDOR, NDEQ, and FHWA will meet at least annually to discuss future highway projects, potential environmental issues, and other issues of common interest. Such meeting will be initiated by the NDEQ and planned to be held in August or September of each year.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that this Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated or amended as necessary. If any party wishes to terminate or amend the agreement, they will provide advance notice and an explanation to the other parties.

Upon execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Air Quality Analysis for Environmental Documents agreement implemented May 25, 1994 is terminated.

Nebraska Department of Roads



Arthur B. Yonkey
Division Manager
NDOR Planning and Project Development

11-1-2004
Date

Nebraska Department of
Environmental Quality



Jay D. Ringenberg
Deputy Director
NDEQ Programs

10-1-2004
Date

Federal Highway Administration



William M. Brownell
Division Administrator
FHWA Nebraska Division

11/5/2004
Date

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APPENDIX D

FARMLAND IMPACTS FORM NRCS-CPA-106

Gust, Kimberly

From: Scheinost, Steve - Lincoln, NE [Steve.Scheinost@ne.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 11:39 AM
To: Talbitzer, Travis
Subject: RE: City of Columbus Farmland Conversion Impact Rating
Attachments: CPA106_Clumbus_Viaducts.pdf

September 30, 2008

Travis Talbitzer

Attached is the completed NRCS-CPA-106, with my portion of the form filled in.

Steve Scheinost
402-437-4117

From: Talbitzer, Travis [mailto:Travis.Talbitzer@hdrinc.com]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 2:46 PM
To: Scheinost, Steve - Lincoln, NE
Cc: Richardson, Lisa (Omaha); McCart, Randall
Subject: City of Columbus Farmland Conversion Impact Rating

Steve,

Please review the attached NRCS-CPA-106 form for the proposed Viaducts in Columbus, NE. Let me know if you concur with our findings or if any further action is needed.

Thanks,

Travis Talbitzer

Environmental Scientist

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8404 Indian Hills Drive | Omaha, NE | 68114-4098

Phone: 402.926.7165 | Fax: 402.399.1111 | Email: Travis.Talbitzer@hdrinc.com

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**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
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1. Name of Project	5. Federal Agency Involved
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2. Type of Project	6. County and State
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size
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5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %
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8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment
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	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor				

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	
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A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160			

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)	
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Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260			

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part:	DATE
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NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

(1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points
90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points
Site is not protected - 0 points

(5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County ?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)
As large or larger - 10 points
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

(6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

(7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points
Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)
No required services are available - 0 points

(8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points
Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)
No on-farm investment - 0 points

(9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points
Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)
No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

(10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points
Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)
Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points
