

The Detroit River International Crossing Study Workshop No. 1 - December 14, 2005

Statements of Prouds/Concerns/Visions



December 2005

Introduction

The Michigan Department of Transportation is conducting a series of five workshops to engage the public in providing input to defining the Practical Alternatives on the Detroit River International Crossing Study (DRIC). They are:

- December 14, 2005, Southwestern High School Cafeteria, 6921 W. Fort Street, Detroit
- December 21, 2005, Rademacher Recreation Center, 6501 South Street, Detroit
- January 4, 2006, Mark Twain Elementary School Auditorium, 12001 Gleason, Detroit
- January 18, 2006, Delray Senior Pavilion, 275 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit
- February 8, 2006, Southwestern High School Cafeteria, 6921 W. Fort Street, Detroit

This report covers the first of these meetings.

Workshop No. 1 – December 14, 2005

The first workshop was designed to allow participants to articulate those items that make them proud of all aspects of their community, with a focus on Delray/Southwest Detroit (Figure 1). They also discussed those community features/characteristics that concern them. These issues were summarized and prioritized before moving into a visioning activity.

During the visioning portion of the meeting, participants were asked to describe what they see their community being in 2035 without and with a new border crossing that would have a plaza in the Continued Analysis Area (Figure 2).

Groups of four to six people worked in each of ten groups to conduct the workshop. The complete results are included in Appendix A. A summary of the “Prouds” and “Concerns” with the most support is discussed next.

Figure 1

Detroit River International Crossing Study Development of Practical Alternatives Workshop No. 1	
December 14, 2005	
AGENDA	
Overview	
Welcome (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop Procedures
Breakout Group Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at the Past (10 minutes) • “Prouds” and “Concerns” (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Each participant identifies what makes them “proud” about the DRIC Focus Area and what makes them “concerned” ✓ Select three proudest “prouds” and three greatest “concerns” • Visioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Imagine a successful and vibrant Focus Area WITHOUT a new river crossing (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What would it look like? – What would it take to get it there? ✓ Imagine a successful and vibrant Focus Area WITH a new river crossing (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What would it look like? – What would it take to get it there?
Individual Group Reports – All Participants (30 minutes)	
Next Steps (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select top visions • First step towards plaza location

Figure 2

Detroit River International Crossing Study
Continued Analysis Area on U.S. Side of Detroit River



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What Workshop Participants Are Proud Of

Tables 1 through 10 in Appendix A describe the “Prouds” articulated by the people who attended Workshop No. 1.

Most significant among these Prouds are:

- Community Spirit/Culture/Pride/Network
- Family Roots
- Neighbors/Family
- Diversity
- Heritage/Legacy/Neighborhood Loyalty
- Working Class People
- Growing Population
- Paid-off Homes
- Few Rentals
- Older Homes/Historic Buildings/Renovations
- Churches
- Holy Cross Church
- Delray Neighborhood House
- Fort Wayne
- Southwestern High School
- Social and Economic Rebirth
- Riverside Park/Fort Wayne
- Public Boat Launch

Of these most-frequently mentioned “Prouds,” the pride associated with the community’s spirit and diversity, its heritage and network were most often repeated by each working group. Also, the pride in Fort Wayne was frequently expressed by the participants.

What Workshop Participants Are Concerned About

The participants of Workshop No. 1 were also asked to reflect on the community’s features/characteristics that concern them. These are presented in their entirety in Appendix A.

Overall, items that most concern the participants are:

- Acquisition of Property
- Relocation of Residents/Starting Over
- City Refusing to Issue Building Permits
- Vacant Lots/Businesses
- Housing Values
- Blight
- Safety/Human Well-being
- Homelessness
- Drug Trafficking
- Lack of Essential City Services
- Lack of Youth Activities
- Deliberate Benign Neglect
- Further Neglect
- Communication/Security
- Police Action/Crime
- No Overall City Vision
- Zoning Problems
- Protection of Churches
- Displacing a Worshipping Community
- Further Destruction of Riverfront
- Loss of Historic Buildings/Churches
- Cloud on Investment Caused by DRIC Study/Communication Regarding DRIC Study
- A New Bridge
- New Border Crossing Could Be Operated Poorly
- Ambassador Bridge is Poorly Operated
- Ambassador Bridge Company’s Unknown and/or Changing Plans and Continued Property Acquisition
- Poor Access to Ambassador Bridge
- Trucks on Local Streets
- No Designated Truck Routes
- Environmental Issues: Air Pollution, HAZMAT, Heavy Truck Traffic
- Bulk Trash Pick-up
- Access to Riverfront
- Lack of Local Businesses

Vision Statement

As a follow-up to the discussion of “Prouds” and “Concerns,” the workshop participants were asked to articulate visions of their community in 2035 without and with a new river crossing. A complete listing of responses is included in Appendix A. The most significant vision statements, as prioritized by the workshop participants, are listed on Table 1 for the future without a new river crossing. Table 2 presents the vision statements of the future with a new crossing. The five categories into which these statements were grouped were developed by the MDOT Technical Team. Interestingly, the vision statements for both future scenarios are very much alike.

These statements will be further prioritized by all participants at Workshop No. 2 (Figure 3) and by mail for those who attended Workshop No. 1 but could not make the second meeting.

Figure 3

Detroit River International Crossing Study Development of Practical Alternatives Workshop No. 2 December 21, 2005 AGENDA	
Welcome (10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop Procedures 	
Breakout Group Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizing Visions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Without Bridge (15 minutes) ✓ With Bridge (15 minutes) • First Step Towards Plaza Location (45 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Technical Support Data 	
Individual Group Reports – All Participants (30 minutes)	
Vision Priorities (15 minutes)	
Next Steps (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Vision Statements • Preliminary Proposed Plaza Locations • Return of Cameras 	

Table 1
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Vision Statement of Future (2035)
Without a New River Crossing

Job-related	Facilities/Development		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clean Job Centers ■ More Local Jobs with Good Wages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neighborhood-serving Businesses ■ New, Strong Schools/Playgrounds 		
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New Residential Development/Returning Families 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No Trucks in Neighborhood/Designated Truck Routes ■ Public Ownership of Ambassador Bridge ■ Good Public Transit ■ Better/Wider Streets Built to Last 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ First-Class Facilities for Seniors ■ Magnets to Attract/Retain Young People ■ Entertainment Park ■ Shopping Center/Retail Development 		
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restored Fort Wayne 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Involved in Community/Police Protection/Fire Protection ■ Community Activities for Kids ■ Year-round Community Events ■ Non-sectionalized Fire Houses ■ More Cultural Activities 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="841 848 1497 884" style="text-align: center;">Environment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="841 884 1497 1119"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Linked Parks on Riverfront/Greenspace ■ Bikeways/Walkways ■ Functioning Infrastructure ■ Clean/Safe Neighborhoods ■ Clean Air ■ Trees/Landscaping/Street Lights ■ Historic Preservation ■ Non-Air Polluting Wastewater Facility ■ Technological "Hot Spots" ■ Zug Island Converted to State Park </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Linked Parks on Riverfront/Greenspace ■ Bikeways/Walkways ■ Functioning Infrastructure ■ Clean/Safe Neighborhoods ■ Clean Air ■ Trees/Landscaping/Street Lights ■ Historic Preservation ■ Non-Air Polluting Wastewater Facility ■ Technological "Hot Spots" ■ Zug Island Converted to State Park
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Table 2
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Vision Statement of Future (2035)
With a New River Crossing

Job-related	Facilities/Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ More Local Jobs with Good Wages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No Relocations/Dislocations/Delray Kept Intact ■ Free Housing for Displaced Residents ■ Neighborhood-serving Businesses ■ Restaurants ■ Major Marina Near New Border Crossing ■ Entertainment Park ■ Restored Fort Wayne with Positive View from Crossing ■ Linked Parks on Riverfront/Greenspace ■ Riverfront Access to North ■ Port Huron/Sarnia Example
<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New Bridge Publicly Owned/Operated with Minimal Footprint ■ Neighborhood Involvement in Management of New Bridge ■ Public Ownership of Ambassador Bridge ■ Signature Bridge/Landscaped and Buffered ■ No Trucks in Neighborhood/Designated Truck Routes ■ Better Traffic Flow at Bridge ■ Better Traffic Flow in Community 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fund for Community Improvements/Housing/Small Businesses ■ City Involved in Community/Police Protection/Fire Protection ■ Improved Communications/Security 	<p style="text-align: center;">Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preserved Churches as Historic Sites ■ Improved Health/Air Quality

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Appendix A

Statements of "Prouds," "Concerns," and
Visions by Workshop Group

Table 1
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Workshop No. 1
Statements of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 1
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community spirit/community pride ■ Perseverance ■ Neighborhood gains, interaction ■ The river ■ Multi-generational family life – families stay and are dedicated ■ Diversity ■ Riverside Park ■ Public boat launch ■ Fort Wayne ■ Fort Street improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acquisition of property – county (?) ■ Tax revisions ■ Private industry land banking in anticipation of any crossing ■ City refusing to issue building permits ■ Break-ins/crime – city won't do anything ■ Lack of essential city services ■ Need more community activities for children/lack of youth activities ■ Poor air quality ■ Next border crossing could be operated poorly ■ Ambassador Bridge operated poorly ■ Poor access to Ambassador Bridge crossing ■ Public infrastructure in Southwest Detroit is not adequate to accommodate trade (trucks on streets) ■ No truck routes designated ■ Communication re: project confusing

Visions of Community WITHOUT a Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Linked parks on riverfront ■ Strong residential areas, clean job centers, neighborhood-serving businesses on Fort and Jefferson, no trucks on neighborhood streets, and clean air ■ Strong schools ■ Plenty of community activities for kids ■ Supermarkets ■ Infill housing ■ Grants for family businesses ■ City involved in the community/police presence ■ Good jobs and wages for residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recreation center ■ More people, returning families and a renewed pride in neighborhood ■ Good public transit ■ Senior facilities ■ Better, wider new streets that last ■ Help for neighbors ■ Trees, streetlights, landscaping ■ Public ownership of the Ambassador Bridge ■ Redevelopment of riverfront

Visions of Community WITH a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anything possible or envisioned without a crossing MUST also be here with a crossing (everything from other list!) ■ 24-hour efficient operation with a minimum footprint ■ Crossing publicly owned and operated ■ Ambassador Bridge is publicly owned ■ Portion of bridge revenue is dedicated to community development in neighborhood ■ Access should blend in – bridge should not be isolated – flow dissipates throughout area – flow does not cut neighborhood in half ■ Ambassador Bridge for cars only – new crossing for trucks ■ Separate trucks for local-international trade from local traffic flow ■ Public meetings are not held before Christmas

Table 2
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Workshop No. 1
Statement of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 2
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fishing ■ Churches ■ Neighbors/family ■ Community Center/Rademacher Center ■ Heritage/Legacy ■ Southwestern High School ■ Neighborhood loyalty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lack of shopping ■ Lack of schools ■ Lack of restaurants ■ Future truck routes through neighborhood ■ Safety ■ Human wellbeing ■ Bulk trash pick-up ■ Air quality ■ Noise levels ■ Lighting in neighborhoods ■ Vacant lots ■ Traffic congestion ■ Slow safety response ■ Fires

Visions WITHOUT New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Children being able to walk through neighborhoods without worry or concern ■ Restaurants ■ Shopping ■ Rebuild neighborhoods ■ New employment opportunities ■ Improved public transportation ■ New housing developments ■ New schools/playgrounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ More/safer community centers ■ Community events – all year round ■ Cultural centers ■ Ample lights ■ No empty lots ■ Traffic congestion] ■ Fewer vacant building fires ■ More police protection ■ No people – no votes or taxes

Visions WITH New Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rest stops ■ Safe areas ■ Restaurants ■ New businesses ■ Hotels ■ Make area inviting ■ Shopping mall ■ Improved transportation – buses, etc. ■ Housing developments ■ Better neighborhood security – police/fire ■ Better traffic flow

Table 3
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Workshop No. 1
Statement of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 3
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New police station ■ Growing in population/diversity/integrated community ■ Historic Fort Wayne ■ Repave Jefferson ■ Working class people ■ History ■ Close to river ■ Repave streets ■ Close to Southwestern High School ■ Maintenance of homes is good – people take care ■ Historic Mexicantown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nobody left ■ No houses ■ Neighbors (elderly, people with medical problems) “want out” ■ Waste of taxpayers’ dollars ■ Need to rebuild River Rouge bridge ■ Heavy truck traffic (location, amount (numbers), speed of traffic) ■ One in five homes burned out ■ Infrastructure – poor pavement ■ Trash (Calgary-Campbell – dumping ground (Guardian Glass) ■ New jobs are low wage (<\$10/hour) ■ Lack of jobs ■ Crime ■ Stray animals ■ Does not relieve congestion on I-75 (new bridge will not) ■ DIFT ■ Lack of truck routes ■ Point source pollution

Visions WITHOUT New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Environmentally friendly factories with great-paying jobs ■ Abundance of ethnic restaurants/ethnic festivals/build on diversity ■ More schools – top quality ■ More hospitals ■ More public access on river ■ Riverside parks – clean, multi-use facilities ■ Private/public boating facilities ■ Lower crime ■ Concentrated industry – new to locate here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clean up neighborhoods ■ Improved economics ■ Walk/bike trails for transportation to jobs ■ Honest government all levels ■ Build high-density residential units ■ No government housing complex ■ Increased neighborhood retail development ■ Entertainment park (for children, for elderly, safe environment)

Visions WITH New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Blighted area removed ■ Bridge not privately owned ■ Traffic flows – no back-up/congestion ■ Feature bridge (cable stayed bridge) tourist attraction ■ Improved vehicle processing ■ Lower tolls/no tolls ■ Spur economy (Michigan, Detroit, Ontario) – regional trade ■ Entertainment park (lit-up) adjacent to bridge (fairground, shopping mall) ■ Parkland/open space/green area adjacent bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major marina near border station ■ Nice restaurants – casinos, marina ■ “Cedar Point” facility ■ Create entertainment destination ■ Build on attractions (Mexicantown) ■ “People” mover to link area to downtown ■ Keep small footprint of bridge (so neighborhood can rebuild) ■ Mix “mega complex” with recreation facility (half & half)

Table 4
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Workshop No. 1
Statements of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 4
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Holy Cross Church ■ Cultural diversity ■ Neighborhood determination ■ Family roots ■ Area schools ■ Holy Cross Church area – safe area ■ New growth in Delray area ■ Paid-off homes ■ Few renters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Air quality ■ Displacing a worship community ■ Uprooting a neighborhood ■ Added environmental impacts ■ Added traffic ■ Relocation of the residents – residents starting over ■ Protection of churches

Visions of Community WITHOUT a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rebirth of the community ■ Enticing entrepreneurs ■ Senior housing communities/first class ■ Developing the riverfront ■ New boat dock ■ Amusement park ■ Refurbished Fort Wayne ■ Preserved historic homes ■ Minimized new industry

Visions of Community WITH a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New growth around surrounding area of the bridge ■ View shed of refurbished Fort Wayne ■ Preserved historical churches for use as historical sites ■ Greenspace and park areas around the bridge ■ New boat dock

Table 5
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Statements of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 5
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ethnicity ■ Community ■ Diversity ■ Old churches ■ Older homes ■ Old businesses ■ Fort Wayne ■ Parks ■ Riverfront access ■ Historic buildings ■ Historic institutions ■ Growing population ■ Salt mine ■ Delray – is the tree that grows in Detroit ■ Fort Street business district ■ Woodmere Cemetery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Loss of historic structures ■ Benign neglect (deliberate?) ■ Salt mine ■ Marathon ■ Air pollution ■ Asphalt terminal ■ U.S. Steel ■ Trucking company ■ Wastewater treatment plant ■ Heavy trucking ■ Rail operations ■ Lighting ■ Slag operations ■ Abandoned buildings ■ Street conditions ■ City services ■ New bridge ■ Ambassador Bridge Co. ■ New industrial development

Visions of Community WITHOUT a Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restored homes ■ Historic preservation ■ Harmony ■ People enjoying the riverfront ■ Clean and safe neighborhoods ■ Trees and grass ■ Thriving businesses – local mom & pop ■ Community restoration ■ Community pride ■ Good streets and sidewalks ■ Functioning infrastructure ■ Walkability ■ Parks – new – more ■ Old churches still here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Upgraded school ■ Fort Wayne refurbished ■ West riverfront plan completed – built ■ No bridge – period! ■ Less Canadian truck traffic ■ No Canadian trash ■ Lower pollution ■ Community center – rehabbed or new ■ No trucks on neighborhood streets ■ No trash dumping in neighborhoods ■ More parking – on and off street ■ Code enforcement ■ Businesses regulated ■ Bridge in Riverview

Visions of Community WITH a Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Less traffic ■ More trucking companies in area ■ Fewer interchanges on freeway ■ Health – air pollution/improvements ■ More noise pollution ■ Non-polluting trucks ■ Terrorist threats ■ Tax dollars diverted from local investment ■ Increased investment of public money in local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New housing for displaced residents ■ Bridge government owned and operated ■ Old churches retained ■ Enhanced riverfront access ■ Fund for community improvements from bridge revenues ■ Signature bridge ■ Landscaping and buffers

Table 6
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Workshop No. 1
Statement of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 6
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Holy Cross Church ■ Delray Neighborhood House ■ Ethnic diversity ■ On the river ■ Potential riverfront/riverside park ■ Southwestern High School ■ Historic Fort Wayne ■ Screen House _____ ? ■ Heritage (families) ■ The Port of Detroit ■ Neighborhood improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Communication/security ■ Are we going to be neglected? ■ Neglected further ■ Job opportunities ■ Zoning enforcement ■ Further destruction of riverfront ■ Lack of local businesses ■ Segment the community ■ Air pollution ■ Environmental issues ■ Traffic ■ HAZMAT ■ Trash ■ Police response ■ Drug houses ■ Fire ■ Community image ■ No community schools

Visions WITHOUT New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Zero unemployment ■ Residential redevelopment ■ Non-air-polluting wastewater facility ■ Business revitalization ■ Restaurants ■ High quality/technical elementary school ■ More jobs ■ City has taken responsibility for area ■ Fort has been restored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hot spots – technical ■ Waterfront park ■ Marina for all people “public marina” ■ Delray shopping mall ■ Beautiful streetscapes ■ Added street lighting “bright at night” ■ Non-sectionalized fire houses ■ Police presence/walking beats ■ Zug Island converted to a clean state park

Visions WITH New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Delray stays intact ■ MDOT/state take the lead in redeveloping Delray ■ Portion of toll revenue goes directly into redeveloping Delray ■ Publicly-owned bridge ■ Areas around bridge are nice open space/parks/recreational areas ■ Aesthetically pleasing bridge ■ Minimum-sized plaza with direct access to interstate ■ Screen/block views of plaza (berms/walls/trees, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cannot hear the plaza activity (cannot hear trucks) ■ Plaza of new bridge is shared with Ambassador Bridge ■ Tax base lost due to plaza/bridge is replaced ■ Emergency and HAZMAT response for the area (three-minute window) ■ Designated road/scale for only trucks to and from plaza ■ Communication/security ■ Homeland security – port of entry

Table 7
Detroit River International Crossing Study
Workshop No. 1
Statements of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 7
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Diversity ■ Individualism ■ West Vernor Highway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commercial diversity ✓ Pedestrian oriented ■ Host to immigrants ■ Sense of community ■ Walkable ■ Fishing/tourism ■ Location on the water ■ History ■ Family-oriented ■ Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rebuilding houses ✓ Population growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Crime ■ Lack of police action ■ Poor roads ■ Low employment ■ Derelict houses/buildings ■ No overall city vision ■ Zoning problems ■ Proximity to heavy industry (safety) ■ Uncontrolled dogs/cats ■ Ambassador Bridge Co. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Unknown and changing plans ✓ Property acquisition ■ Illegal dumping ■ Declining industry ■ Air pollution

Visions of Community WITHOUT a Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Small business growth ■ Increase in housing ■ Better representation from City ■ New police station (local Delray) ■ Greenspace/recreation ■ Restore Fort Wayne with public access to water ■ Riverfront development with river access to the north 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enforced designated truck routes ■ Urban gardening ■ Light rail down Fort Street ■ All streets/viaducts/infrastructure repaired and lit ■ More walkable ■ Clean air ■ Improvements to wastewater treatment plant

Visions of Community WITH a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New employment ■ Publicly owned and accountable to public ■ Funding of housing, small business, expansion of community ■ City vision for area – including control of Ambassador Bridge expansion ■ Improved Canadian trade ■ Traffic management plan ■ Riverfront development with access to north

Table 8
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Statement of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 8
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Beautiful homes ■ Good neighbors ■ Good access ■ Economic development ■ Diversity ■ Growing business community ■ Community fabric ■ River access ■ Rebirth ■ Multi-cultural ■ Vibrant community ■ Active community groups ■ Unique culture ■ Artistic community ■ Fort Wayne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Access to shopping ■ Pollution ■ Potential for bridge ■ Crime ■ Truck traffic ■ Education ■ Mistrust ■ Homelessness ■ Unknown future development ■ Access to healthcare ■ City services ■ Poor roads ■ Poor planning ■ Recreation ■ Contamination ■ Abandoned industrial land ■ River ignored ■ Fort Wayne condition ■ Park maintenance /access ■ Blight ■ Poverty

Visions WITHOUT New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clean, safe community ■ Revitalize community ■ Increased residential character ■ Parks, walkways, bikeways, greenspace ■ Shops and neighborhood retail, regional retail ■ Good city services and roads ■ No truck traffic ■ Good land use planning – separate uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community involvement ■ Fort Street employment corridor – light industrial ■ Public regional transportation ■ Fort Wayne improvements – tourist destination ■ Safe neighborhoods ■ Walkable community – walk and bike to area destinations ■ Blight is gone

Visions WITH New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community is still cohesive ■ Access residential, commercial ■ Historic structures are maintained and better showcased ■ Increase access and visibility to Fort Wayne ■ Funding set aside to renovate neighborhood homes ■ Greenspace buffers between bridges and residential ■ Wastewater plant improvements ■ City services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increased government employment, HSD, CBC ■ No relocations or dislocations ■ Revenues from bridge earmarked to improve community ■ Truck traffic – no impact ■ Air quality monitoring and mitigation ■ Designated truck route ■ Access and use of river ■ Increased community involvement/oversight bridge/plaza with owner/decision-making role

Table 9
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Statements of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 9
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Churches ■ Fort Wayne ■ Diversity ■ Successful community network ■ Cooperation ■ Renovation ■ Homeless shelter ■ Senior services ■ Arvin Meritor ■ Southwestern High School ■ Lehigh Center, Rademacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City services ■ Cloud of border crossing (impacts on investment and renovation) ■ Truck traffic ■ Vacant lots, businesses ■ Medical services ■ Transportation (lack) (private and public) ■ Drug trafficking ■ Preservation of historic sites

Visions of Community WITHOUT a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Better homes, lawns (beautiful) ■ Businesses return (stores, medical, post office, utilities) ■ Tourism – Fort Wayne ■ Increased residential, decreased trucks ■ Jobs ■ Low crime rate ■ Senior transportation and other services ■ Balance between greenspace/industrial ■ Library/schools ■ Quieter, more peaceful ■ High occupancy rate (homes and businesses) ■ Magnets in place to attract and retain young (jobs, clean up past industrial “sins,” roads and other infrastructure)

Visions of Community WITH a Crossing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Port Huron/Sarnia example ■ Detroit/Windsor (one entity) ■ Additional jobs for MI/ON ■ Displacements ■ Aesthetic bridge opportunity ■ Combined with Fort Wayne (Mackinac example)

Table 10
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Statement of Prouds/Concerns and Visions
Group 10
December 14, 2005

Prouds	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community care ■ Religious heritage ■ Family caring ■ Strong community network ■ Proud heritage/history ■ Historic structures ■ Fort Wayne ■ Unique, strong identity ■ Residential friendly new industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Environment ■ Infill housing ■ Abandoned/vacant land ■ Lack of public greenspace ■ Access to riverfront ■ Industrial encroachment ■ House values ■ Sense of history

Visions WITHOUT New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Additional housing ■ Commercial/retail ■ Increased local jobs ■ Pedestrian walkways ■ Recreational space/buildings ■ Buffering between residential and industrial (greenspace) ■ Strong neighborhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Schools and influx of kids ■ No abandoned vacant properties ■ Fort Wayne tourism regional destination ■ Preserve historical structures ■ Cultural center/tourist destination ■ Environmental friendly industries (increase) ■ Connect Delray to Southwest Detroit (I-75)

Visions WITH New Crossing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Air quality controls ■ Improved traffic ■ Aesthetic pleasing bridge/plaza ■ Neighbor friendly ■ Greenspace/buffering around plaza ■ Bridge supports reviving community ■ Crossing not a barrier for community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Long-term community investment ■ Crossing provides jobs (local) ■ Bridge management with neighborhood involvement ■ Public ownership ■ Strong neighborhood ■ Security