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Sent: Fri, 23 May 2025 15:19:56 +0000
To: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST); Wetherington, Austin; Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST)
Cc: Gonzalez, Josh; Matt Lahr; Lauren O'Brien; Leah Selk; LaRotonda, Nick (OST)
Subject: Re: Comms thread: ORX Visit with Secretary Duffy
Attachments: DRAFT Media Advisory - DOT Visit .docx

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Hi all,

We received word that the landing location we planned for has been approved! Attached here is an initial media advisory press release that our team intends to send to KY press today. Please make any edits or changes you wish too.

For your awareness, our team chose the address here because it is conveniently located near the location of the press conference. We will have staff on the ground to escort media to the exact spot of the media availability.

Austin Wetherington on our team here can go into further details if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Austin

From: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 4:45 PM
To: Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>, Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>, Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>, Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>, LaRotonda, Nick (OST) <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>
Subject: RE: Comms thread: ORX Visit with Secretary Duffy

Adding Nick from our team

From: Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>
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To: Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>; Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>

Cc: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>; Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>; Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>; Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>
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Received. Thank you.

Austin Wetherington
Field Representative

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From: Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>
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He has been added and should have received the calendar invite.

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To: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>

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Thank you all so much. Would it be possible to add Austin Wetherington (added to this chain) to this scheduled phone call today?

Austin

On May 22, 2025, at 1:45 PM, Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov> wrote:

Great – adding Stacy to send around a calendar invite.

From: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:57 PM

To: Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>

Cc: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>; Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>

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5:30 is good for us!

On May 22, 2025, at 1:52 PM, Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov> wrote:

That works for us

Matt Lahr

Communications Director
Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.)

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From: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
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To: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>; O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>
Cc: austin.hacker@mail.house.gov; josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov; Selk, Leah (Young) <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>
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Thanks all! We'll be doing a press interview with the Sec the. Could we do 5:30pm?

From: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM
To: O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
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Hi all – can you hop on a call around 4 PM today?

Thanks!

Matt Lahr
Communications Director
Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.)

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From: O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:51 AM
To: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
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josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov; Selk, Leah (Young) <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>
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Nate,

I'm looping you in with congressional comms contacts for Secretary Duffy's visit to Indiana and Kentucky on Tuesday, May 27 – Matt and Leah (Young), Austin (Comer), Josh (Messmer).

I know we're still trying to pin down exact timing and location for a press availability and photo opps, but it probably would be good to touch base at some point today to discuss media invites, format, any approval processes, etc. Matt and Leah will follow up to coordinate that amongst the group. Thanks!

Lauren O'Brien
Legislative Director
Office of Senator Todd Young

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ADVISORY: Congressman Comer, Senator Young, Congressman Messmer, and Local Officials to Hold Press Conference with DOT Secretary Sean Duffy Following Tour of I-69 Bridge Project

WASHINGTON—On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 12:00 PM CST, Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.), U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), Congressman Mark Messmer (R-Ind.), Kentucky Secretary of Transportation Jim Gray, Indiana Secretary of Transportation Matthew Ubelhor, Kentucky State Senator Jimmy Higdon, Kentucky State Senator Robby Mills, Kentucky State Representative JT Payne, and Indiana State Representative Tim O'Brien will join U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Sean Duffy for a press conference to provide an update on the progress of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing bridge project.

WHO: U.S. DOT Secretary Sean Duffy, Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.), U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), Congressman Mark Messmer (R-Ind.), Kentucky Secretary of Transportation James Gray, Indiana Secretary of Transportation Matthew Ubelhor, Kentucky State Senator Jimmy Higdon, Kentucky State Senator Robby Mills, Kentucky State Representative JT Payne, and Indiana State Representative Tim O'Brien

WHEN: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 12:00PM CST

WHAT: Press conference will be held following a tour of active construction and progress on the I-69 Ohio River Crossing bridge project

WHERE: I-69 ORX Project Office 1970 Barrett Court Suite 100 Henderson, KY 42420

RSVP: Austin Hacker