\[ \frac{I + C}{E} = Pi \at 80\% \]
Why is 80% acceptable?
How do we get to 80%?
Invest Time in a Public Involvement Plan
Public Involvement Components

• Consult with someone in public relations/communications
• What’s your objective/outcome?
• What are your key points?
• Who are your key audiences/stakeholders?
• What tactics work for this audience?
• Who is responsible for each?
• What’s your timeframe?
• Will it cost anything? If so, how much?
Above Images: William, circa 1967

William Hoag, Joel Hoag and Craig Dowell
Our strategy...

- Be transparent in our communications and findings and delay the project as little as possible, yet show compassion to the public for the missing boys.

Our objective/key message...

- We understand there is desire to at least look for any signs of these boys in this area, and we will do this as quickly and efficiently as possible.
April 21, 2006 @ 10 a.m.

Press Conference
Credibility
• Stay focused.
• Use open-ended questions.
• ALWAYS Respond. But don’t react.
• Be respectful.
• Be mindful of tone (verbal or written).
• Reference past successes.
• Keep your words simple.
Credibility Destroyers

- Bad information source
- Don’t take concerns seriously
- Be defensive
- Be unavailable/don’t respond
- Be dishonest . . . pretend . . . insincere
Empathy
Exercise

Customer: Closing the media crossover will create a safety hazard for me and other drivers, because I now have to drive my tractor on a four-lane, busy, high speed highway to get to the interchange, cross it, then go back the other way, only to get to the other part of my farmland. Why would you do that?
What Tools Can You Use?

• Traditional - Face-to-face, phone calls, hang out at the coffee shop
• Social media – Facebook, website, e-mail lists, personal e-mails
• Texting
• Speaker’s Bureau
• Area meetings
• Employer cafeterias; employee newsletters
Sample Communication Plan

Communication Plan w/ Hannibal Public School
Let’s Get Moving on McMaster’s construction project
Summer 2018

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Target audience: Parents, students, faculty, staff of Hannibal Middle and High Schools; secondary audience: parents, students, faculty, staff of Hannibal public school system, including Holy Family School.

Key points:
- Bross Construction is the contractor
- Project awarded for $5.2 million
- Resurfacing 4.2 miles all lanes of U.S. 61/McMaster’s Avenue from just north of MO 168 intersection to Warren Barrett Drive
- Intersection improvement at Stardust/Pirate Pride Drive – these streets will be closed at intersection to make improvements which include a fully functional crosswalk on all corners – Closure starts June 18 and could go up to August 6
- Replacing sidewalk and curb and gutter along east side of highway between Stardust Drive and I-72 interchange; reconstructing some driveway entrances
- There will be no left turns on McMaster’s Avenue between Stardust/Pirate Pride Drive and I-72 interchange to do curb and gutter work up to 80 days.
- New sidewalk between Stardust Drive and Long John Silvers
- There will be 2 northbound and 2 southbound open lanes for traffic; no center turn lane
- Work will begin in spring and project completed in fall 2018
- Details online at www.modot.org/northeast/LetsGetMovingonMcMastersAvenue.htm

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