



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

## Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) public hearing regarding proposed State Road 163 (SR 163) over Brouilletts Creek Bridge Project, Des. No. 1701589, in Vermillion County.

The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for this project.

There are several ways your comments may be presented this evening and following tonight's public hearing. You may submit comments in the following manner:

1. **Complete** a comment form and return it to the comment box, or an INDOT or project team representative attending the public hearing. Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and are also included in your information packet.
2. **Participate** as a speaker during the comment session following tonight's presentation. Each speaker gets three (3) minutes to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak.
3. **E-mail** comments to [RGilyeat@indot.IN.gov](mailto:RGilyeat@indot.IN.gov).
4. **Mail** comments to Richard Gilyeat, INDOT Project Manager, Crawfordsville District Office, 41 W. 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.
5. **Visit** <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-crawfordsville-district/> to learn more about this project.
6. **Submit** comments (or have comments postmarked by) **February 1, 2023**. Comments will be reviewed and considered as part of INDOT's decision-making process.
7. **Questions?** Contact INDOT Customer Service at 1-855-INDOT-4-U (1-855-463-6848)

The need for the project is due to the deteriorating condition and non-standard lane and shoulder widths of the existing structure, the SR 163 over Brouilletts Creek bridge in Vermillion County, Indiana, INDOT Bridge No. 163-83-01393A (National Bridge Inventory [NBI] No. 28420). The purpose of the project is to maintain a crossing of SR 163 over Brouilletts Creek with an overall condition of at least 7 out of 9 (good condition), provide a minimum HS-15 (27 tons) load rating, and improve the shoulder widths to improve safety and protect the bridge. Achieving these goals should extend the remaining life of the structure by a minimum of 30 years.

The project is located along SR 163 approximately 1.2 miles north of SR 71. The existing bridge is a 175-foot single-span Parker steel through truss bridge on vertical abutments with no skew. This bridge has two 11-foot travel lanes, one in each direction, with 1-foot outside shoulders, for a total clear roadway width of 24 feet. It has aluminum barrier rail mounted on steel posts connected to outside stringers and to truss vertical posts. There are no sidewalks on the bridge or approaches.

This bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C as a good example of a Parker through truss designed by the Indiana State Highway Commission (ISHC) and built by the Vincennes Bridge Company in 1932. The bridge was also determined to be "Select" per the parameters of the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory. Impacts to the historic bridge are being processed under the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Management and Preservation of Indiana's Historic Bridges (Historic Bridges PA).

Rehabilitation for Continued Vehicular Use - One-Way Operation is the selected preferred alternative. Under this alternative, the project will rehabilitate the existing structure to address the structural condition and reduce the

roadway to a single lane. The bridge will have one 11-foot wide travel lane with 4.2-foot wide shoulders and 1.4-foot wide concrete railings. The primary elements of the rehabilitation include increasing the load capacity to HS-15 (27-tons), replacing the bridge deck, replacing all bridge railing, and placing riprap at both abutments. A signal and stop bar will be installed approximately 100 feet from either end of the bridge to maintain bi-directional travel. The SR 163 bridge approaches will have two 11-foot wide travel lanes, 4.5-foot wide shoulders, and guardrails.

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### **Public Hearing Agenda**

5:30 p.m. – Doors open and project team is available for questions

6:00 p.m. – Formal presentation, followed immediately by the public comment session

7:30 p.m. – Hearing adjourns, team members will be available afterward to answer questions

All substantive comments received prior to, during and following the public hearing will be evaluated and responded to in writing within subsequent project documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public hearing process and describe project decisions reached following careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

### **The project team will be available in the display area to explain project details and address questions prior to and following the public hearing.**

The environmental documentation, Section 106, and preliminary design information is available to view at the following locations:

1. Clinton Public Library: 313 S. Fourth Street, Clinton, IN 47842
2. INDOT Crawfordsville District Office: 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
3. INDOT Website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-crawfordsville-district/>
4. Copies of project documents can be mailed upon request by contacting INDOT Customer Service at 855-INDOT4U (1-855-463-6848).

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**Thank you for attending tonight's public hearing.**