

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
DES. NUMBER 1700155

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a bridge replacement project in Martin County, Indiana (Des. Number 1700155). The project is along SR 450 and extends approximately 1,160 feet northeast of the center of the bridge and approximately 1,110 feet southeast of the center of the bridge, for a total length of approximately 2,270 feet (0.43 mile).

The project proposes to replace the existing bridge with a 126-foot long 3-span continuous composite prestressed concrete I-beam bridge. The proposed structure and roadway profile will be raised to an elevation just above the 25-year storm event. Shoulders and embankments will require minimal widening to transition into the new, wider bridge. Road work will include reducing the existing vertical curves immediately north and south of the bridge. The improved roadway alignment will tie into the existing SR 450 near CR 108. The project will not involve any work on CR 108. The project will also replace the existing substandard guardrail. Riprap drainage turnouts will be constructed on the northeast and northwest sides of the bridge. Riprap will be placed on the spill slopes.

The maintenance of traffic will utilize a full closure of SR 450 to through traffic and use US 50 for an official state detour. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Project stakeholders, including local school corporations and emergency services, will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

Construction of the project will require approximately 5.50 acres of permanent right-of-way and 0.02 acre of temporary right-of-way. The estimated project cost is \$1,923,871 with federal and state funds to be used.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed the project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document.

Preliminary design plans and the environment document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Loogootee Public Library, 504 Park Street, Loogootee, IN 47553.
2. INDOT Vincennes District, 3650 South US 41, Vincennes, IN 47591. Please contact Kyanna Wheeler, INDOT Project Manager, at 812-203-2009, or at kwheeler@indot.in.gov.
3. RQAW website: <https://www.rqaw.com/public-documents/>.
4. INDOT website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm>.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Anthony Schuler, INDOT Bridge Design Engineer, at 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N755, Indianapolis, IN 46204, at 317-232-5386, or at aschuler@indot.in.gov on or before November 13, 2020. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Anthony Schuler, INDOT Bridge Design Engineer, at 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N755, Indianapolis, IN 46204, at 317-232-5386, or at aschuler@indot.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Anthony Schuler, INDOT

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This notice is published in compliance with the (1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program;" (2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate;" and (3) The INDOT *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.