



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Thursday, October 19th, at McKenney-Harrison Elementary, located at 400 S Indiana Avenue, Auburn, IN 46706. The doors will be open at 5:30 pm to give participants time to view displays and talk to representatives prior to the meeting. The formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on preliminary plans for the SR 8 Median Construction and Intersection Improvement Project in Dekalb County, Indiana. The proposed project is located on SR 8 (locally known as 7th Street) from 0.10 miles East of the I-69 Interchange to 0.60 miles East of the I-69 Interchange in the City of Auburn, Indiana. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2026.

The need and purpose of the SR 8 roadway project (Des. No. 2100012) stems from the higher-than-average crash frequency and severity rates. Many commercial drives along the corridor affect traffic flow and contribute to the high crash rate. Significant traffic congestion occurs at the traffic signals during the peak periods. There is also a lack of sidewalks in many areas along SR 8.

The recommended alternative addresses these needs by removing some commercial drives and creating a center raised concrete median to replace the Two-Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL). To allow access to businesses along the corridor, Left Turn/U-turn openings will be installed in three locations between the Touring Drive and Grandstaff Drive intersections. Additional turn lanes will be added at the SR 8/Touring Drive and SR 8/Grandstaff Drive intersections to increase capacity and reduce congestion. An eastbound right turn lane will be constructed from approximately 300 feet east of Touring Drive to 1,000 feet east of Touring Drive. The right turn lane will replace the existing frontage road along the south side of SR 8. New sidewalks will be installed along both sides of SR 8 and new curb ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will be installed at intersections.

Right-of-Way acquisition will be required. Approximately 1.4 acres of permanent right-of-way and 1.0 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition is anticipated.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. Therefore, an environmental document is required. The document is currently being prepared for this project.

Project Information, including a copy of the presentation and graphics, will be available on INDOT website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-fort-wayne-district/> after the October 19th public information meeting.

With advance notice, the Project Team can provide special accommodation for persons with disabilities and/or limited English-speaking ability and persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodation be needed, please contact Jason Mathias, Burgess & Niple, 251 N. Illinois Street, Suite 920, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 237-2760 or email jason.mathias@burgessniple.com.