



## LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed SR 1 Roadway Improvement Project located on SR 1 from 4.30 miles south of SR 8 to 3.12 miles south of SR 8 within the town of St. Joe in DeKalb County.

The purpose of this project is to improve the roadway and provide a smooth riding surface by addressing the deterioration of the existing pavement, curb, and sidewalks along with inadequate roadway drainage along the SR 1 project area. The need for the project is evidenced by the age-related deterioration of the existing pavement which includes moderate longitudinal and transverse cracking, and deteriorated curbs, sidewalks, and storm sewer. The town of St. Joe is also experiencing flooding and poor drainage along SR 1. Some curb ramps along the project area also do not appear to meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards.

The project proposes to mill and resurface (replace the top 4 inches of the roadway with new asphalt) from the southern project limits to CR 60. From CR 60 to Washington Street, SR 1 will be reconstructed and consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with curb and gutter. The four-way stop controlled intersection of Spencer and Washington Street will better handle truck turning movements by increasing the overall pavement area for trucks to maneuver. The northeast quadrant of the intersection will be widened by 6-feet, the northwest quadrant will not be widened, and the southeast and southwest quadrants of the intersection will both be widened by 5-feet. No other intersection improvements are proposed. From Spencer Street to the CSX Railway crossing, SR 1 will be reconstructed and consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with 8-foot wide on street parallel parking, and curb and gutter along each side of the roadway. From the CSX Railway Crossing to the St. Joe Mobile Home Park the roadway will be reconstructed and consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with curb and gutter added along each side of the roadway. The travel lanes on SR 1 just north and south of the CSX Railroad Crossing will be widened to 12 feet wide (instead of the existing 11 feet) to help improve truck movements at the tracks. From the St. Joe Mobile Home Park to the Bear Creek Bridge, the pavement will be replaced. The proposed roadway will still consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with no curb and gutter.

An ADA compliant 5 to 6-foot wide sidewalk with a grass buffer varying between 5-feet and 9-feet wide will be constructed. Sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of SR 1 beginning at County Road 60 and ending at the curve south of the CSX railroad crossing. From the curve south of the CSX railroad crossing to the proposed drive approach east of the St. Joe Mobile Home Park, sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of SR 1 only. Pedestrians from the St. Joe Mobile Home Park will be able to walk using the crosswalks at all intersection along SR 1 to get to the Riverdale Elementary School.

A new storm sewer with inlets will be installed in the curbed segments of the roadway. The storm sewer will outlet into Bear Creek at the bridge on SR 1. The storm sewer will be buried underneath the roadway from the end of the curb and gutter section (St. Joe Mobile Home Park) to the Bear Creek bridge. The

storm sewer outlet will require the placement of riprap for erosion control. Two culverts that cross SR1 just south of the railroad crossing will be replaced.

The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 4.321 acres of permanent right-of-way (which includes 3.883 acres of reacquisition of apparent existing right-of-way) and 0.883 acre of temporary right-of-way. No relocations are anticipated.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes the use of a detour during construction. Construction would be phased to minimize disruption of traffic with a one-way travel lane during construction for local traffic to allow circulation within the town along SR 1. An official state route detour utilizing I-69 and SR 8 will be used during construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Pedestrian detour routes will be provided during construction to maintain pedestrian connectivity within the Town of St. Joe. The MOT will remain in place for approximately 18 months. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is 2022.

The cost associated with this project is approximately 14.8 million which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Please note, after the release of the environmental document for public involvement, the southern limits of the roadway milling and resurfacing as described in the environmental document have been extended by 422.4 feet. The final environmental document will be updated to reflect this change after completion of public involvement. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Online at the project website – <https://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr1stjoe>
2. Online at the INDOT Fort Wayne District website – <https://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>
3. In person at the Eckhart Public Library, 603 South Jackson Street, Auburn, IN 46706

Persons may also request the project information and/or CE be mailed, please contact Mrs. Leah Perry at (317) 547-5580 or [lperry@structurepoint.com](mailto:lperry@structurepoint.com).

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Mrs. Leah Perry at (317) 547-5580 or [lperry@structurepoint.com](mailto:lperry@structurepoint.com) on or before February 24, 2021.**

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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Mrs. Leah Perry at (317) 547-5580 or [lperry@structurepoint.com](mailto:lperry@structurepoint.com). 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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement.

This notice is published in compliance with: 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.