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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00pm (local time), at the Beyond 4 Walls Christian Center, 875 South Lake Street, Gary, Indiana 46403.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans for proposed realignment and reconstruction of U.S. 12 between U.S. 20 and Clay Street; U.S. 12 from 0.1 mile east of Lake Street, continuing 0.3 mile east; U.S. 20 between Fayette Street and 0.5 mile east of Lake Street; 0.1 mile of Lake Street between U.S. 12 and 0.04 mile south of U.S. 20 in the City of Gary, Lake County.

The need of the project is to create space for the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) double track improvement project including the expansion of the Miller Train Station. The purpose of the project is to facilitate the NICTD expansion of the Miller Train Station and double track improvement project, while maintain surrounding vehicular and pedestrian routes able to accommodate increased ridership.

Proposed improvements (the preferred alternative) for this 1.3 mile project will be conducted in two phases and consist of removing and realigning sections of U.S. 12. U.S. 12 will connect with U.S. 20 at a new stop controlled intersection located east of the existing U.S. 20 and Lake Street intersection. The current intersection of U.S. 12 and U.S. 20, west of Clay Street, will be removed and U.S. 12 pavement will be removed east of Clay Street. The current U.S. 12 and Lake Street intersection will be removed. Improvements along U.S. 20 include restriping, installation of sidewalks, addition of decorative lighting, new signage, enhanced pedestrian crossings and landscaping. Improvements along Lake Street include the construction of raised median islands, addition of bike lanes, addition of sidewalks and addition of parallel parking. All work will remain south of the CSS railroad.

Proposed project phasing:

PHASE I

- U.S. 12 Realignment east of Lake Street
- U.S. 20 from just east of Lake Street to 0.3 mile east of Lake Street
- U.S. 12 from the current U.S. 20 and U.S. 12 intersection to Clay Street
- U.S. 12 from just east of Lake Street to the realignment east of Lake Street

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PHASE II

- U.S. 20 from 0.4 mile west of Lake Street to just east of Lake Street and 0.3 mile east of Lake Street to 0.4 mile east of Lake Street
- Lake Street from just north of U.S. 20 to just south of U.S. 20

As part of the public hearing presentation, the INDOT project team will discuss the preferred alternative in detail as well as presenting other alternatives studied as part of the environmental analysis and project development phases. The proposed Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for the project will require the closure of U.S. 12 and lane restrictions along U.S. 20. In addition, the proposed project will require approximately 6 acres of permanent right-of-way to accommodate the U.S. 12 realignment along Lake Street and U.S. 20. The right-of-way acquisition proposed the removal of a vacant structure, a former business located approximately 0.2 mile east of Lake Street between U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 to accommodate construction of the U.S. 12 realignment.

Additional details regarding MOT will be presented during the public hearing. INDOT will coordinate with local emergency services, school corporation transportation officials and other project stakeholders as part of maintenance of traffic coordination.

Environmental documentation and project information is available for public viewing at the following locations:

1. Gary Public Library, Carter G. Woodson Branch, 501 South Lake Street, Gary, IN 46403
Phone (219) 886-2484
 2. INDOT LaPorte District at 315 E. Boyd Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350, Phone # (855) 463-6848
 3. Hearings Examiner, Room N642-COM of the IGCN, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216, Phone # (317) 232-6601
- On-line via the INDOT LaPorte District webpage at: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2705.htm>

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Verbal comments may be restricted to time limitations based on the number of speakers. Written comments in regard to the project may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204; rclark@indot.in.gov.

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interpretation services are encouraged to contact the INDOT Office of Public Involvement at 317-232-6601 rclark@indot.in.gov for coordination of support services.

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