



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DES. # 2000152

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Improvement, Roundabout at US 36 and Raider Road in Henry County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at Shenandoah High School (7354 US 36, Middletown, IN 47356). Materials will be available for review from 5:30 p.m. until 7 :00 p.m. A presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m. and formal comments will be taken immediately following the presentation. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to the proposed roundabout intersection of US 36 and Raider Road in Middletown in Henry County (Des. #2000152). The purpose of the project is to reduce crash frequency and severity at the intersection.

As proposed, the project involves the construction of a single lane roundabout at the intersection of US 36 and Raider Road. The existing signal infrastructure will be removed, and new signing and lighting will be added. Each approach leg will have a splitter island to separate and manage traffic approaching the center island. Each quadrant of the intersection will have an exterior truck apron, and the central island will have a truck apron.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves closures of Raider Road and US 36 at the intersection, with detours provided on State Routes. Access to Shenandoah High School and local drives will be maintained. MOT details will be presented during the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 1.8 acres of permanent new right-of-way, in addition to 0.13 acres of temporary right-of-way needed during construction. No impacts to wetlands or residential relocations are required for the project. Construction is expected to begin in June 2025. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$2.23 million.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information are available to view at the following locations:

1. New Castle-Henry County Public Library, 376 S 15th St, New Castle, IN 47362
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 S Broadway Street, Greenfield, IN 46140, 855-463-6848
3. Greenfield District website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/>

During emergency situations, public viewing locations may be limited or prohibited as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. INDOT will mail project documents upon request.

A project webpage has been created to ensure project information is available on-line via the INDOT Greenfield District website <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/>.

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. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 812.759.4179, e-mail: nicole.minton@lochgroup.com, or by mail at 3502 Woodview Trace #150, Indianapolis IN 46268. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by February 2, 2024.**

The proposed action does not impact properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a “No Historic Properties Affected” finding for the project due to the fact that no historic properties are present within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for inclusion in the NRHP located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(d) is available for inspection at the locations listed above. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT’s Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents>. This documentation serves as the basis for the “No Historic Properties Affected” finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 812.759.4179, e-mail: nicole.minton@lochgroup.com, or by mail at 3502 Woodview Trace #150, Indianapolis IN 46268 no later than February 2, 2024.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 812.759.4179, e-mail: nicole.minton@lochgroup.com.

WINTER WEATHER NOTICE

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please call Lochmueller Group’s Nicole Minton, 812.759.4179, email: nicole.minton@lochgroup.com to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for January 25, 2024 at Shenandoah High School, at 5:30 p.m. and the public comment period would be extended.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.” 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: “Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.” approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.