

Public Notice of Planned Improvement regarding proposed bridge work on SR 135, 1.05 mile north of SR 58.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is planning to proceed with project DES 1801032, a culvert replacement project on SR 135, 1.05 mile north of SR 58 in Jackson County. The project limits are 300 feet north and 300 feet southeast of the culvert center. The need for this project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing small structure with an overall 4 (poor) structure condition rating on a scale from 0 (failed condition) to 9 (excellent condition). The purpose of this project is to have a structure with a condition rating of good (7 or above). The project involves the replacement of the existing culvert with a 50-foot long, 10-foot span, and 4-foot rise precast concrete box culvert. The proposed structure will be placed perpendicular to SR 135 moving the inlet of the structure to the southeast. Ditch lines will be relocated into the proposed inlet. Construction will include the installation of full depth pavement on top of the new structure and structural backfill. Milling and resurfacing the existing pavement approaching the new full depth pavement will be performed to tie in the existing pavement to the project. A 2-foot paved shoulder will be added on each side of the roadway within the full depth pavement and resurfacing limits. The residential drive to the northeast of the structure will be removed, eliminating access to the property. The residential drive and culvert to the northwest of the structure will be replaced. Construction of the project may require approximately 1.35 acre of permanent right-of-way, which consists of agricultural, residential, stream, and grassy roadside areas on the north and southeast sides of the small structure. The project does not require temporary right-of-way. The remainder of construction is restricted to the existing small structure and roadway within the existing right-of-way. The residential parcel to the northeast of the existing structure will be acquired due to the removal of access. This comprises 0.34 acre of residential area which is not part of the project construction area. This project involves federal and state funding sources.

The Maintenance of Traffic for the project will require the closing of SR 135 during construction. The detour is expected to be in place no more than 4 weeks. The detour route will use SR 45, I65, and SR 58 which is 34.8 miles and will add approximately 16.3 miles for traveling motorists.

FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 2 Environmental Document. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this document.

All interested parties are hereby notified of the availability of the environmental document for inspection and the preliminary design plans for viewing at the following website:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/2706.htm>

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. Please contact Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which INDOT needs to provide accessibility to the above documents such as interpreters or readers, please contact Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com.

All interested persons may request a public hearing, or express their concerns, by submitting comments to the attention of Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com on or before May 23, 2020. If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest of the public, additional notification will be prepared and the public notified. Otherwise, any comments or materials received will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) 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." 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 provide 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 FHWA on August 16, 2012.

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