



**DES. # 1701050**

## **LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration are developing plans for a proposed small structure project (DES. # 1701050) on State Road (SR) 58, approximately 9.23 miles east of Junction (Jct) SR 37 in Lawrence County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to provide a structure with a Bridge Inspection Application System (BIAS) BIAS rating of 7 (good condition) or better and increase the service life of the culvert up to and surpassing 50 years. The need for the project results from the condition and deterioration of the existing culvert in the project area. According to the March 9, 2021 INDOT Culvert Inspection Report, CV 058-047-86.77 is exhibiting moderate rusting and deep pitting in the invert and haunches, moderate corrosion and pitting at the top bolts, moderate section loss of the northwest masonry wall, minor erosion of fill behind the south masonry headwall, and slight deflection on the west side of the pipe where the bolts are rusted. The current culvert rating is 6 (satisfactory condition). INDOT BIAS ratings range from 0 to 9, with a rating of 0 applied to failed structures and a rating of 9 applied to structure in excellent condition.

The project proposes to replace the existing culvert with a 12-foot by 6-foot reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert with wingwalls and headwalls and a 1-foot sump. Excavation will be required to replace the existing structure and will extend approximately 3 feet below the existing flowline for the 90-foot length of the proposed culvert.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.40 acres of new permanent right-of-way. No temporary right-of-way is needed for this project. No relocations or displacements will occur as a result of this project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will require a road closure with an official INDOT detour. The detour will utilize SR 37, US 50, and SR 446 for a total length of 20 miles. The detour is anticipated to be in place for approximately two months. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is summer of 2023.

The project will impact a total of 129 linear feet of UNT1 to Leatherwood Creek. A total of 0.18 acre of tree removal is anticipated. This project has been bundled with two other projects under R-41469. The cost associated with all three bundled projects is approximately \$2,879,292, which includes right-of-way, engineering, and construction monies 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. Preliminary design plans along with the draft CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Bedford Public Library – 1323 K Street, Bedford, IN 47421
2. INDOT Vincennes District Office: 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591
3. INDOT Vincennes District website – <https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm>

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Payton Parke at Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715, or at (812) 759-4119 or at [pparke@lochgroup.com](mailto:pparke@lochgroup.com) on or before Wednesday, January 11, 2023.** Persons with limited internet access may request project information to be mailed, please contact Payton Parke at Lochmueller Group, Inc.

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 Lochmueller Group, Inc. for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Payton Parke at (812) 759-4119 or at [pparke@lochgroup.com](mailto:pparke@lochgroup.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 Payton Parke at Lochmueller Group, Inc.

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 Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.