



LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed I-65 Added Travel Lanes project, located from approximately 1.33 miles north of SR 25 to approximately 2.43 miles north of SR 43 in Tippecanoe County.

The purpose of the project is to improve I-65 pavement quality to a 20-year expected pavement life, reduce projected congestion to achieve a minimum of level of service (LOS) C in 2044 on I-65, reduce congestion on the I-65/SR 43 interchange ramps, and provide consistency with INDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan. The need for the project is due to the deteriorated condition of the pavement, future traffic capacity deficiencies, and to provide consistency with INDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan.

The project proposes to replace the existing I-65 pavement, add a travel lane in each direction in the interstate median, reconstruct the I-65/SR 43 interchange entrance and exit ramps, replace and widen the bridge decks on the I-65 bridges over 9th Street/CSX railroad/Burnett Creek/Wabash Heritage Trail, replace and widen the bridge decks on the I-65 bridges over Prophets Rock Road, lower the elevation of Prophets Rock Road by three inches, overlay the CR 725 N. bridge deck over I-65, replace culverts, install detention basins, install guardrail, replace signs, and install additional lighting along I-65 near the SR 43 interchange.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes to complete the work in four phases and will require nighttime lane closures on I-65. The MOT plan will maintain two travel lanes in each direction during the day. This will be accommodated by generally building the project 'in halves', utilizing three lanes on one side of a median-crossover and one lane on the other separated by temporary concrete median barrier to provide working space to build the new pavement and bridges.

The reconstruction of the I-65/SR 43 interchange ramps will require phased ramp closures and official state detours. The SR 43 ramps are anticipated to be closed for approximately four to six months. The following are likely detours:

- The detour route for the closure of the I-65 northbound exit ramp to SR 43 will utilize I-65 and SR 18. It is approximately 15.4 miles in length.
- The detour route for the closure of the I-65 southbound entrance from SR 43 will utilize SR 43 and SR 18 to enter the southbound interstate. It is approximately 23 miles in length.
- The detour route for the closure of the I-65 southbound exit ramp to SR 43 will utilize SR 18 and SR 43. It is approximately 13.3 miles in length.
- The detour route for the closure of the I-65 northbound entrance ramp from SR 43 will utilize SR 43 and SR 18 to enter the northbound interstate. It is approximately 13.3 miles in length.

The bridge deck replacements for bridges over 9th Street/CSX railroad/Burnett Creek/Wabash Heritage Trail and Prophets Rock Road, and bridge deck overlay of the CR 725 N. bridge over I-65, will require local road

closures with the use of official detours. These local roads are anticipated to be closed at I-65 for approximately six to eight months. The following are likely detours:

- The detour routes for the closure of 9th Street will utilize Prophets Rock Road and Burnetts Road. It is approximately 2.2 miles in length.
- The detour route for the closure of Prophets Rock Road will utilize CR 600 N., SR 43, and Burnetts Road. It is approximately 1.8 miles in length.
- The detour route for the closure of CR 725 N. will utilize SR 43, CR 600 N, and CR 50 W. It is approximately 5 miles in length.

Additional local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed construction timeframe is 2022 through 2023.

The proposed construction of this project will not require new permanent right-of-way or temporary right-of-way. It will not include any displacements. The cost associated with this project is approximately \$90,641,828 million which includes preliminary engineering and 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 4 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

- Online INDOT Crawfordsville District Website - <https://www.in.gov/indot/4279.htm>
- Tippecanoe County Public Library Downtown, 627 South Street, Lafayette, IN 47901
- Tippecanoe County Public Library Wyandote Branch, 5542 E. 50 S., Lafayette, IN 47905

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Kia Gillette, HNTB Environmental Lead, at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, at 317-917-5240, or kgillette@hntb.com on or before May 24, 2021. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

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 Kia Gillette, HNTB Environmental Lead, at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, at 317-917-5240, or kgillette@hntb.com for the arrangement and coordination of services. 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 Kia Gillette, HNTB Environmental Lead, at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, at 317-917-5240, or kgillette@hntb.com.

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.