



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DES. NO. 1700123 LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is planning to proceed with the replacement of a small structure (CV 014-037-18.10), which conveys agricultural and roadside drainage under State Road (SR) 14 in Jasper County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to provide a structure that has a condition rating of at least an 8, which is considered to be in “very good” condition. The need for the project stems from the deteriorated condition of CV 014-037-18.10.

The project will replace the existing structure with a new structure that is larger in size. The preferred alternative for the new structure is a 78-foot long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) with a 4-foot diameter and a 6-inch sump. New riprap will be placed at the structure outlet on the north side of SR 14 along the bank of Oliver Ditch. A new drainage ditch will also be constructed in the northeast quadrant of the project which will outlet into Oliver Ditch. The pavement above the structure will be replaced to full depth. The reconstructed cross-section of SR 14 will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) with a 7-foot aggregate shoulder along the westbound lane and a 3-foot and 3-inch aggregate shoulder along the eastbound lane. The existing guardrail will be replaced with 650 feet of guardrail along the westbound lanes on the north side of SR 14. The total length of the project along SR 14 is approximately 843 feet (0.16 mile).

A total of 7.39 acres of new permanent right-of-way will be required for the completion of this project. No temporary right-of-way will be required. No relocations will occur as a result of the project.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) requires the closure of SR 14 at the structure and an establishment of a detour. The detour will utilize US 231, SR 114, I-65, and SR 49. This detour is approximately 27.60 miles and will involve 33 miles in added travel distance. Access to all drives and businesses will be maintained during construction. The detour is expected to last approximately 8 months.

This project will impact a total of 49 linear feet (0.03 acre) of Oliver Ditch. The cost associated with this project is approximately \$249,967 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. This project is being processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 document due to the amount of right-of-way required.

The preliminary design plans and the CE-2 are available for review at the following location:

INDOT, LaPorte District website - <https://www.in.gov/indot/2705.htm>

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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Rickie Clark at (317) 232-6601 or at rclark@indot.in.gov. 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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Chris Kunkel at 317-334-6818 or at ckunkel@lochgroup.com on or before September 9, 2020. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed by contacting Chris Kunkel.

This notice is published in compliance with Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.11(h) entitled “Early Coordination, Public Involvement and Project Development” and the *INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures Manual*, approved by the Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation, on August 16, 2012.