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Public Hearing for S.R. 5 Bridge Project

Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m. at South Whitley Community Public Library

WHITLEY COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing for the proposed State Road 5 (S.R. 5) Bridge project over the Eel River. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the doors will open at 5 p.m. on February 5, at the South Whitley Community Public Library, 201 E. Front St., South Whitley, Indiana 46526.

The purpose of the hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for the S.R. 5 Bridge over the Eel River, located in Whitley County. The proposed rehabilitation of the bridge involves widening and replacing the existing deck with 12' lane widths. The existing bridge rail and sidewalk will be replaced and ornamental street lights will be reset on top of the new bridge rail. The bridge is proposed to be closed during construction to vehicular traffic. The detour route will use S.R. 14 to S.R. 13 to S.R. 114. Further details, such as the tentative timetables for the construction, will be discussed during the formal presentation.

The concrete arch bridge, built in 1935, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligible "South Whitley Historic District," and is eligible for listing in the National Register. As part of the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory project, the bridge was determined to be "Select." Select bridges are those that are most suitable for preservation and are excellent examples of a given type of historic bridge.

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 collected before, during and for a period of two weeks after the hearing date, will be evaluated and addressed in the final environmental document. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: Public Hearings, Indiana Government Center North, Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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If inclement weather prevails, please call (317) 232-6601 to find out whether the public hearing will be held or rescheduled. Should the meeting be postponed, it will be rescheduled on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the same time and location listed above.

With advance notice INDOT can make special accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or limited English speaking ability and persons needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. If special accommodations are needed please call the Public Hearings office at (317) 232-6601, or email relark@indot.in.dot, preferably by Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

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