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Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor - Segment A

The Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor is a set of projects that will connect the River Ridge Commerce Center with the Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville through the new SR 265/Old Salem Rd interchange being constructed as part of the Ohio River Bridges East End Crossing Project.

These projects, which total \$30.4 million, are being facilitated by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). They will be funded through a partnership of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), INDOT, River Ridge Development Authority (RRDA), Ports of Indiana (POI), Clark County and the City of Jeffersonville. United Consulting and American Structurepoint are acting on behalf of the parties to plan and design these three projects, each on an independent schedule and each with its own function.

Segment A - between SR 265 and Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville

This project will connect the POI to the SR 265 interchange at Old Salem Road. A timeline for this project has not been finalized. An Environmental Assessment (EA) for Segment A is in progress and is expected to be completed in early 2017. Right-of-way acquisition will follow during 2017 and 2018 and the construction contract should be let in spring of 2019. *Project Budget - \$18,600,000*

Other Segments of the Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor

Segment B - from SR 265 through River Ridge Commerce Center to SR 62

This project will be designed and constructed without any Federal funds. The project was advertised for bids on Aug. 18, 2015, by RRDA and is scheduled to open to traffic by end of 2016 to coincide with the scheduled opening of the new East End Bridge across the Ohio River, connecting Utica in Southern Indiana to Prospect, Kentucky. *Project Budget - \$10,500,000*

Segment C - New rail corridor between POI and RRDA

This project will acquire the separate right-of-way for a new rail connection between River Ridge and the Port that will be designed and constructed at a later date under a separate project. Ultimately, this project will enable the Port to handle more freight capacity and transfer bulk products more efficiently from trucks and rail to barges.

Project Budget - \$1,300,000

Other Regionally Significant Projects

Old Salem Road Improvement

Separate from the three Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor projects, the Old Salem Road improvement project will improve the existing roadway to two 11 foot lanes with shoulders and improved drainage from SR 265 to 6th Street in Utica. The northern end near SR 265 will intersect with Segment A of the Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor. The proposed letting date is August 2016. Right-of-way acquisition is currently underway. HNTB is acting as the consultant for INDOT for planning and design of the project. *Project Budget - \$3,700,000*

Ohio River Bridges East End Crossing

As part of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, the East End Crossing will construct a new connection between SR 265 in Indiana and I-71 in Kentucky, improving cross-river mobility, safety, and alleviating traffic congestion. The project started construction in 2013 and is scheduled to be open to traffic in late 2016.

Project Budget - \$1,050,000,000

