



DES. # 1800155

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a proposed culvert replacement along State Route (SR) 234, 6.55 mi. west of SR 75 in Montgomery County. The existing structure consisting of three 2 ft. diameter corrugated metal pipes will be replaced with a 3 ft. tall x 6 ft. wide reinforced concrete box sumped 18 in. with Class I riprap placed at the outlet and revetment riprap placed at the inlet. The need for the project is to improve the safety, condition, and performance of this crossing to current standards and hydraulic requirements while extending the service life by at least 75 years.

The Maintenance of Traffic for the project will require a full closure of SR 234 with detour due to the type of work. The proposed official detour will utilize SR 75, SR 236, and US 231. The detour length is approximately 24 mi. It is anticipated that road closure will be required for approximately 2 months. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders including local school corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures and detours prior to any construction. The proposed start of construction is fall 2022.

Construction of the project will require approximately 0.81-acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW). No temporary ROW will be required. No streams, wetlands, or other waters will be impacted by this project. The estimated cost of the project is \$377,041. Federal and state funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project. The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans, along with the CE, are available for review on the following website:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Mathew Aldridge, 251 North Illinois Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or Mathew.Aldridge@burgessniple.com or (317) 237-2760 ext. 1022 on or before March 15, 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 the INDOT Crawfordsville District Office for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Mathew Aldridge at (317) 237-2760 ext. 1022 or Mathew.Aldridge@burgessniple.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 the INDOT Crawfordsville District Office.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CRF 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.