



DES. # 1700161 & 1700162

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed intersection improvement project located on United States (US) 50 at County Road (CR) 1225 E and CR 1250 E, east of Seymour in Jackson County, Indiana. The proposed project includes approximately 2,250 feet of US 50, from approximately 150 feet west of CR 1225 E. to approximately 370 feet east of CR 1250 E.

The purpose of this project is to improve mobility on US 50 at the intersection with CR 1225 E, and to improve the safety of the intersection of US 50 and CR 1250 E.

The project proposes to widen the existing roadway of US 50 to the north to accommodate new left turn lanes from US 50 to CR 1225 E and CR 1250 E. A two-way left turn lane will be constructed at CR 1225 E and US 50. A dedicated left turn lane will be constructed at the intersection of CR 1250 E and US 50. The two existing drives for the commercial business and the apartment complex near CR 1225 E will be consolidated to restrict access and reduce conflict points on US 50. New guardrail will be installed to protect a 4-foot by 3-foot box culvert, which will not be impacted as a result of this project. The preferred alternative was adjusted to only include construction on the north side of the roadway in order to avoid impacts to the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge on the south side of US 50.

The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 0.76 acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW), of which 0.52 acre will come from residential properties and 0.24 acre will come from a commercial property. The project will also require approximately 0.24 acre of temporary ROW, of which 0.12 acre will come from residential properties and 0.12 acre will come from a commercial property. No relocations of residents or businesses will be required for this project. However, various utilities on the north side of US 50, including electric and communications lines, will require relocation due to roadway widening and ditch grading. Although no permanent disruptions to these utilities will occur, temporary interruptions are expected.

Maintenance of Traffic is anticipated to require lane restrictions and shifted traffic to avoid the construction area. As one side of the widened roadway is constructed, traffic will be shifted to the existing roadway. Traffic will then be shifted to the new constructed side of the roadway while the other side of the roadway is constructed. Two 11-foot-wide travel lanes will be open at all times throughout construction while the widened roadway is constructed. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures and restrictions prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is Fall 2022.

The total cost of the proposed project is estimated at \$1,071,321, with 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 2 environmental document. No impacts to streams, ditches, wetlands, open water features, or any other water features will occur. The project will require the clearing of approximately 0.05 acre of trees, and



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the disturbance of approximately 3.11 acres of terrestrial habitat. Tree clearing and terrestrial habitat disturbance will be required to allow for the roadway widening, ditch grading, and incidental construction access associated with the project.

Preliminary design plans, as well as the CE document, are available for review at the following locations:

- INDOT Seymour District Website, www.seymour.indot.in.gov
- INDOT Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 47274
- Jackson County Public Library- Seymour Branch, 303 W 2nd Street, Seymour, IN 47274 (by appointment only; call 812-522-3412)

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed; please contact Erin Mulryan, 317-566-0629, or emulryan@sjcainc.com. A hard copy of the CE document can be mailed to interested parties upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Erin Mulryan, Director of Environmental Services, SJCA Inc., 9102 N Meridian St, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260, (317) 566-0629, or emulryan@sjcainc.com on or before November 12, 2021.

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 the INDOT Project Manager, Matthew Walker, at matwalker@indot.in.gov or (812) 528-1868. 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 INDOT Project Manager Matthew Walker, at matwalker@indot.in.gov or (812) 528-1868.

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.