

SR 912 at Michigan Avenue Bridges Project

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Please reference "SR 912/Michigan Avenue Bridge Project when leaving a comment

Project Overview

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed proposed improvements for the State Road (SR) 912/Michigan Avenue interchange. The project is located approximately 1.3 miles east of the Cline Avenue Bridge, beginning southwest of the Ramp B over B Bridge and ending approximately 215 feet north of the Michigan Avenue Bridge.

The proposed improvements would increase the function and safety of the interchange, extend pavement service life, and address existing design deficiencies such as narrow shoulders, low bridges, and limited sight distances.

The proposed improvements include constructing a new roundabout at the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange; replacing the Michigan Avenue bridge over SR 912; removing three bridges (the Ramp H over B bridge, Ramp B over Ramp B bridge, and a non-functional pedestrian bridge); rehabilitating two bridges (Ramp NEC and bridge and Ramp I and bridge); and realigning three ramps (Ramps G, H, and B) (Figure 1).



Document Locations

The environmental document will be available for review through October 11, 2022 at the following locations:

East Chicago Public Library 2401 E Columbus Dr. East Chicago, IN 46312

OR

INDOT LaPorte District Office 315 Boyd Blvd. LaPorte, IN 46350



Figure 2: Maintenance of Traffic

Maintenance of Traffic

During construction, the maintenance of traffic activities will occur in two phases, each spanning approximately one year (**Figure 2**). During <u>Phase 1</u>, the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange and the bridge over SR 912 will be closed. Access to the East Chicago Marina, Ameristar Casino, Jeorse Park, and industrial areas will be maintained via Ramp I and Ramp NEC (see inset image). During <u>Phase 2</u>, the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange and the bridge over SR 912 will remain closed and Ramps I and NEC will also be closed. During Phase 2, access to the Marina, Hotel, Park, and industrial areas will be limited to the Ameristar Casino Interchange via Ramps 5C, 5D, and 5V (**Figure 2**). SR 912 will remain open to traffic during all construction phases.

Historic Resources

Two historic resources were identified during the study. The Inland Steel Building (Figure 3), built in 1930, is an excellent example of art deco architecture and has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Following a review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), it was determined that the project would have no adverse effects on this resource.

The Ramp B over B bridge (Figure 4), a historic bridge listing candidate, will be removed as part of the proposed improvements. INDOT and SHPO conducted an in-depth review using criteria established in the State's Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement and determined the bridge to be "Non-Select", and unsuitable for preservation. When an Indiana historic bridge is planned for bypassing or replacement, the bridge is offered to any group or individual that may want to take ownership of the bridge and manage it in place or relocate it to another site. The Ramp B over B bridge has been advertised for reuse in local newspapers, through on-site signage, and is currently being marketed on the INDOT Historic Bridge Program website.



Figure 4: Ramp B over B bridge

Public Comment Period

All comments must be postmarked by **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** to become part of the public record

Para Preguntas En Español

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