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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (local time) at Rossville High School, 1 Robert Egly Drive, Rossville, Indiana 46065. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans for proposed road rehabilitation on S.R. 26 from approximately Rossville to Russiaville (0.5 mile east of U.S. 421 to 2 miles west of Russiaville). In addition, the project proposes intersection improvement at S.R. 26 and S.R. 75.

The purpose of the project is to enhance safety within the corridor and extend the usable service life of the existing roadway. Several improvements are proposed within various segments of the project area including increasing lane widths, providing roadside shoulder with portions to be paved, improving drainage, modifying and/or replacing culverts, installing rumble striping, improving sidewalk (in areas with existing sidewalk), adding a turning lane (S.R. 26 at S.R. 75) and other safety enhancements. The length of the project is approximately 15 miles.

As proposed, maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project includes a combination of phased construction and closures. During phased construction for pavement replacement and widening efforts, INDOT anticipates keeping one lane of traffic open. An official detour route using several state and U.S. routes (S.R. 75, S.R. 18, U.S. 421, S.R. 29 and S.R. 18) will be used. A local detour route will be proposed for local residents as INDOT continues to develop a maintenance of traffic plan to ensure access for local residents and enhance safety for the community prior to, during and following construction. Additional information regarding maintenance of traffic will be presented during the public hearing. INDOT will continue to coordinate with local emergency services, school corporation transportation officials, local officials and other project stakeholders as part of maintenance of traffic coordination.

The proposed improvement will require approximately 153 acres of right-of-way along SR 26 with a number of parcels in various stages of the real estate acquisition process. Project funding is comprised of both federal and state funding sources.

Environmental documentation and project information is available for public viewing at the following locations:

1. Rossville Community Library, 400 West Main Street, Rossville, IN 46065 (765) 379-2246
2. INDOT Crawfordsville District Office, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

3. Hearings Examiner, Room N642-COM of the IGCN, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216, Phone # (317) 232-6601

- On-line via the INDOT Crawfordsville District webpage at: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>
- INDOT Customer Service Center for questions (855) 463-6848

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 submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Verbal comments may be restricted to time limitations based on the number of speakers. Written comments in regard to the project may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204; rclark@indot.in.gov.

With advance notice and in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), INDOT will provide accommodation for persons attending the public hearing with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and/or services including sign language interpretation, large print materials and related support services. Please contact Rickie Clark (317) 232-6601 rclark@indot.in.gov for coordination and arrangement of services. In addition, persons (or groups representing impacted persons) of limited English speaking ability requiring auxiliary aids/services including language interpretation services are encouraged to contact the INDOT Office of Public Involvement at 317-232-6601 rclark@indot.in.gov for coordination of support services.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.", approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012. INDOT, Rickie Clark, Public Hearings Examiner, Phone # (317) 232-6601, E-Mail: rclark@indot.in.gov.