**DES. # 1600492**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for proposed SR 252 over Branch to Big Cedar Creek Superstructure Replacement in Franklin County.

The purpose of this project is to provide a structurally and hydraulically sound structure that allows traffic to travel over Branch to Big Cedar Creek. The need for the project is due to existing deterioration including longitudinal cracking and spalling.

The project proposes to replace the existing box beam superstructure with an 18” thick reinforced concrete slab. The existing abutment vertical cracks and wingwall faces will be repaired with epoxy injection and wingwall spalls and exposed rebar will be repaired with concrete patching. New reinforced concrete bridge approach slabs will be constructed at each end of the structure. The approach roadway will be milled and resurfaced within the project limits. The existing profile grade will be maintained. Full depth Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) will be provided to widen the shoulders to the new guardrail. The existing 48” corrugated metal pipe southeast of the structure will be replaced with a new 48” Type 3 pipe in a reconstructed ditch with Class 1 riprap for scour protection. The private drive approach in the southeast quadrant will be replaced with a new modified Type 2 drive approach. The existing 15” corrugated metal pipe will be removed in the northwest quadrant and the ditch will be reconstructed to tie into the roadway side slopes. Replacing the superstructure will provide a structurally sound bridge and will allow the passage of traffic, meeting the purpose and need of the project.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.80 acre of new permanent right-of-way and 0.05 acre of temporary right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes a detour route. An official state route detour utilizing US 52, I-74, Ohio 128, Ohio 126, and SR 252 will be used during construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is Spring 2021.

The cost associated with this project is approximately $950,037 thousand which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both 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. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available online for review at <https://www.in.gov/indot/4071.htm>.

Persons with limited Internet access may request project information be mailed; please contact the INDOT Seymour District customer service at (855) 463-6848 with your request.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of INDOT Seymour District customer service, 855-463-6848,** [secommunications@indot.IN.gov](mailto:secommunications@indot.IN.gov) **on or before August 7, 2020.**

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 INDOT Seymour District customer service 855-463-6848 and [secommunications@indot.IN.gov](mailto:secommunications@indot.IN.gov). 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 Office of Public Involvement.

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