**DES. # 1802059**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed intersection improvement of US 35 and CR 300 N, 0.54 mile south of SR 67 in the City of Muncie, in Delaware County.

The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of traffic collisions at this intersection by removing the left turn lanes on US 35 and closing the center median to provide right in, right out access control at the CR 300 N intersection. The need for the project is due to a high number of crashes at the intersection.

The proposed construction of this project will occur within existing Right-of-Way (ROW). No permanent or temporary ROW will be required for this project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes to keep the thru lanes of US 35 and CR 300 N open during construction and close the left turn lanes of US 35 via construction drums/signage. 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 Fall 2022.

The cost associated with this project is approximately $55,000 which includes preliminary engineering, 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 1 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Muncie Public Library Connection Corner, 1824 E. Centennial Avenue, Muncie, Indiana 47303
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140 or call INDOT4U Toll Free at 1-855-463-6848
3. <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/us-35-intersection-improvement/>

**Emergency Situation** **Guidance**: During emergency situations, public viewing locations may be limited or prohibited as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. The notice must offer the public the opportunity to request project documents be mailed. INDOT and/or the project sponsor will mail project documents upon request.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of the INDOT Greenfield District, Taylor Darrah at (317) 467-3915 or email TDarrah@indot.in.gov on or before April 14, 2022.**

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 Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Taylor Darrah at (317) 467-3915 or email TDarrah@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 Greenfield District.

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 Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.