Public Involvement Criteria

For CEs (not involving a historic bridge), INDOT offers the opportunity to request a prior to the completion of NEPA, when a project meets any of the conditions listed below.

a. The proposal requires significant amounts [interpreted by INDOT to be more than one-half acre] of permanent right-of-way (r/w). (Note: Any proposal resulting in the increase in right-of-way due to the factors listed below would be exempt from this requirement).

(1) The proposal does not involve NEW r/w impacts but rather reacquiring past prescriptions (i.e. existing or apparent existing r/w)

(2) The proposal involves the acquisition of donated r/w from property owner

(3) Acquiring r/w presently within INDOT apparent r/w to establish legal documented ownership

(4) Additional R/W needed for mitigation purposes, for projects where original R/W impacts as described in the environmental document were less than 0.5 acre

b. The proposal substantially changes the layout or functions of connecting roadways or the facility being improved.

c. The proposal may have a substantial adverse impact on abutting property.

d. The proposal may have a significant social, economic, environmental or other effect.

e. The proposal is determined by the Federal Highway Administration to warrant a public hearing in the public's interest.

f. The proposal is for a plan for the location of a Federal-aid highway project involving the bypassing of, or going through, any city, town, or village either incorporated or unincorporated or the proposal is for an Interstate System project.

*A change in project scope may require additional formal public involvement.

*A public hearing must be held for all EA and EIS projects.