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## LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), with federal funding, has developed preliminary plans for a proposed State Road (SR) 912 pavement reconstruction and ramp removal project located in Lake County, from US 41/Calumet Avenue on the west to US 12/Columbus Drive on the east.

The preferred alternative will reconstruct approximately 5.3 miles of concrete pavement of various ramps and sections of SR 912 (Ramps 1B, 1C, 1G, 4A, 4C, 4D, 4E/4Y, 4N, 4C, 5C, 5D, 5V, 5A, 5B, 6N). The existing pavement is in poor condition which includes joint distress, mid-panel cracking, and surface spalling. The typical sections and grades of SR 912 and ramps will remain the same.

The preferred alternative will close and remove the eastbound SR 912 ramp to Michigan Avenue (Ramp 4A). The existing pavement of the eastbound SR 912 ramp to Michigan Avenue (Ramp 4A) is in poor condition due to numerous cracks and deteriorating shoulders, and it is located 160 feet from the adjacent signalized intersection. The preferred alternative will close the ramp to traffic with the installation of a temporary traffic barrier wall. The existing concrete pavement will be removed and replaced with 12 inches of fill followed by soil that will be planted with a standard seed mix. There is a redundant ramp (Ramp 4F) located approximately 1,800 feet east which will provide access from eastbound SR 912 to Michigan Avenue. Therefore, there will be no change in access as a result of this project.

All work will be done within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No permanent or temporary ROW will be required for this project. All work will occur within the limits of the existing pavement; therefore, there will be no impacts to wetlands, streams, or terrestrial habitat. No tree clearing will occur.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) will include phased construction for pavement reconstruction on SR 912. Work will be done on one lane at a time to allow travel in either direction. The ramps will be closed while their pavement is reconstructed. Ramp closures will not exceed 30 consecutive days. Detours will be provided where necessary. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring 2023. Project stakeholders including local school corporations and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

Construction of the project has an estimated cost of \$ 9,905,000. Federal and states funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project.

INDOT has determined that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document with no impacts to wetlands.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. City of East Chicago Public Library – Main Branch: 2401 E Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312
2. INDOT LaPorte District Office: 315 Boyd Blvd, La Porte, IN 46350
3. INDOT Website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/>
4. Project documents can be mailed upon request. Contact INDOT at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848) or Eric Jagger at (317) 616-1016 or [eric.jagger@parsons.com](mailto:eric.jagger@parsons.com).

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Eric Jagger, 101 W Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or email: [eric.jagger@parsons.com](mailto:eric.jagger@parsons.com), on or before September 27, 2022. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), INDOT will provide accommodations for persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats including services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) including language interpretation services and document conversion. To request accommodation, please contact Eric Jagger at (317) 616-1016 or [eric.jagger@parsons.com](mailto:eric.jagger@parsons.com).

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 Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.