



DES. #: 1400311 and 1400365

LEGAL NOTICE
OF
PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed relocation of Bridge No. 046-11-01316C to the Salt Creek Trail near Nashville, Brown County, Indiana. The bridge is a two-span steel truss structure that is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). The bridge presently serves as the crossing of SR 46 over the Eel River in Clay County, immediately west of Bowling Green. Due to its deteriorated condition, the bridge is to be taken out of service for vehicular traffic. A new bridge is planned for the crossing of Eel River under Des. No. 0800910, and pending approval of the environmental document, the historic truss bridge would be available for re-use.

This project Des. Nos. 1400311 and 1400365, proposes to separate the two spans of the bridge and incorporate them into the Salt Creek Trail system, where the spans would serve as two independent pedestrian bridges over Salt Creek. One of the proposed crossings is located 500 feet south of the SR 46/SR 135 bridge over Salt Creek (west crossing). This crossing would acquire approximately 0.25 acre from the privately owned land on the west side of the creek. The other pedestrian bridge would be located immediately north of the Brown County State Park swimming pool parking lot, near the north park entrance off of SR 46/SR 135. No land acquisition would be required at this location.

Work to install the bridges would involve constructing the abutments for each crossing, reassembling the bridge spans, and rehabilitation of the bridges in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The approaches to the bridges would be filled and graded in preparation for the trail. No work would take place within the channel of Salt Creek, but wetlands would be impacted. USACE Section 404 and IDEM Section 401 waterway permits are anticipated, but no wetland mitigation is expected. Approximately one acre of floodplain forest would be impacted; therefore, an Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Construction in a Floodway permit is anticipated, and tree mitigation may be required. This project would not cause any residential or commercial relocations. The project would be funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT.

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, has issued a "No Adverse Effect" finding for the project, as it has been determined that the project would not negatively impact the historic resources identified near the proposed crossings. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e), and 800.6(a)(4). Notice of the availability of the finding and 800.11(e) document was published in the Brown County Democrat on July 8, 2015 and was transmitted to consulting parties, including the SHPO, for their review the same day. Comments are requested no later than August 6, 2015. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(4), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(e) is being made available for inspection at the

locations below, This documentation serves as the basis for INDOT's "No Adverse Effect" finding.

Environmental concerns with regard to the National Register listed Eel River bridge are being addressed by a separate environmental document. In order to meet the public involvement requirements established by Indiana's Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement for the Eel River project, a public hearing will be held on August 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Center Point United Methodist Church, located at 200 S Cherry St, Center Point, IN 47840. Legal notices for the hearing will be issued concurrently with notice for this project.

Due to this project's involvement with the National Register listed bridge, FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project warrants review as a Categorical Exclusion Level 4. The environmental document, preliminary design plans, and other documentation are being made available for public review at the following locations:

1. Indiana Department of Transportation, Hearings Office, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2216, Phone: (317) 232-6601
2. Indiana Department of Transportation, Crawfordsville District office, Planning Department, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Phone: (888) 924-6368
3. Indiana Department of Transportation, Seymour District office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 47274, Phone: (877) 305-7611
4. Brazil Public Library, 204 North Walnut Street, Brazil, Indiana 47834, Phone: (812) 448-1981
5. Brown County Public Library, 205 Locust Lane, Nashville, IN 47448, Phone: (812) 988-2850

All interested persons may request a public hearing or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Dan Prevost, Parsons, 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Comments may also be submitted by email to Daniel.Prevost@Parsons.com, or by calling 317-616-1017. Comments must be received no later than Friday, August 21, 2015.

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 Office, Phone: 317-232-6601, email: rclark@indot.in.gov.