

SR 256 Road Rehabilitation

Town of Austin

January 18, 2012

6:00pm

Austin Elementary School



Hearing Agenda

- Welcome
- How to comment
- Project History
- Presentation
- Public Statement for the Record
- Adjourn



Make comments for the record

- Verbally as a Public Statement
- Comment Form
- Mail or Fax
- Email

Please feel free to use any and all methods
Comment Period Ending February 1, 2012



Project History

Environmental document Categorical
Exclusion Level 2 was released for
Public Involvement on November 29, 2011

- The environmental document evaluates impacts to natural and human environments
 - Several categories studied



Environmental Study - Cont

- Historic Properties
 - I.C. and Fern Morgan House – eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
 - Project has no effect on property
- Waterway Impacts to Austin Ditch
- In summation – overall no significant impacts

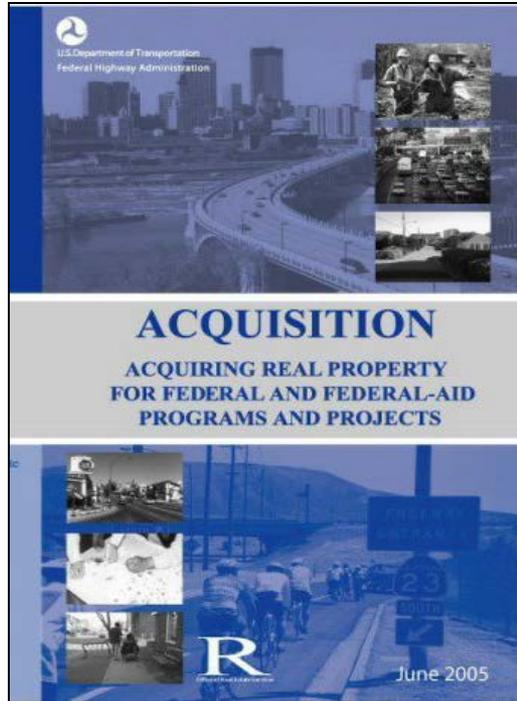


Real Estate Acquisition Process

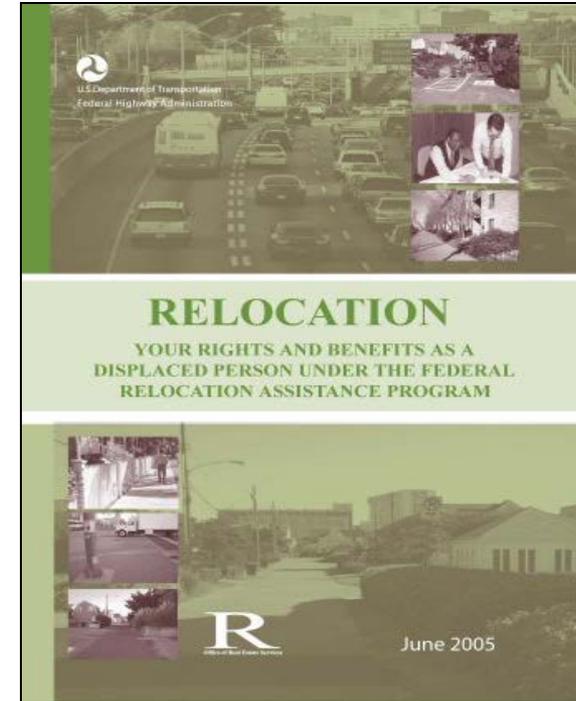
- “Uniform Act” of 1970
 - All federal, state, and local governments must comply
 - Requires just compensation
- Acquisition Process
 - Appraisals
 - Review Appraisals



Real Estate Acquisition Process



<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/realprop/index.html>



<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/rights/index.html>



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value
- When agreement is reached, owner will be asked to sign an option to buy, purchase agreement or deed
- No Agreement
 - Mediation
 - Condemnation



Project Purpose

- Increase traffic flow/mobility
- Improve pavement condition
- Upgrade existing drainage
- Provide safety to Pedestrians
- Meet current INDOT geometric design standards for 35 mph design speed



Project Need

- Narrow travel lanes & shoulder widths
- Non-traversable ditch sideslopes
- Lack of sidewalk
- Improve safety



Project Description

- Total project length 0.45 mile
- Two 12 ft wide travel lanes
- Combined concrete curb & gutter
- Concrete sidewalk with ADA accessible curb ramps
- Enclosed storm sewer including yard drains
- Culvert replacement at Austin Ditch

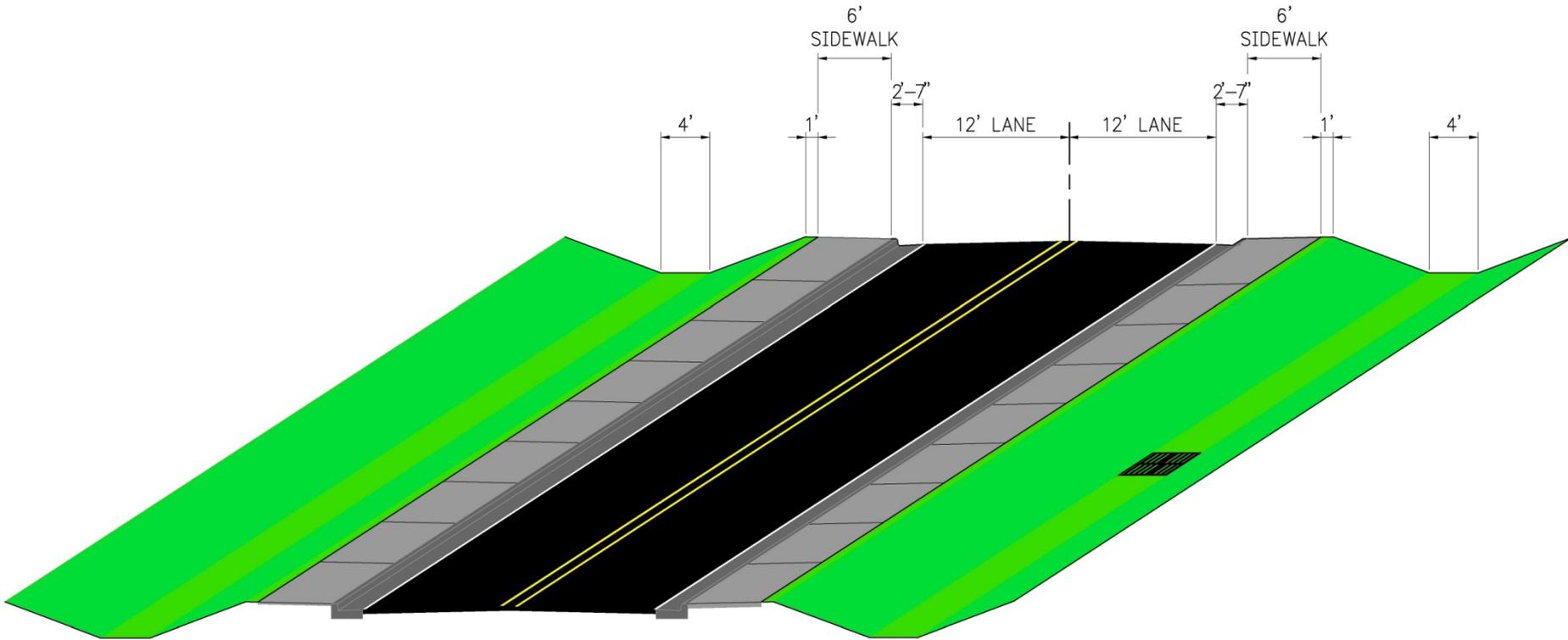


Project Description

- Street approach at intersections
- Driveway reconstruction
- Replace impacted mailboxes
- Pavement markings & signage



Typical Section

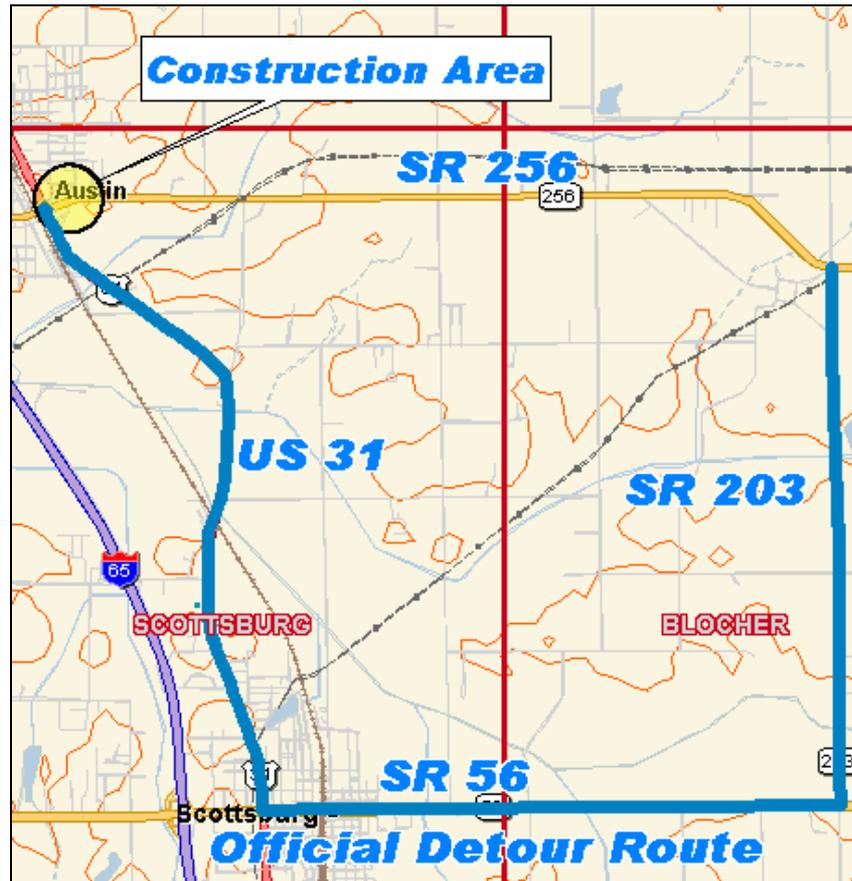


Maintenance of Traffic

- Maintain local access to all residences, schools and businesses during construction using side streets, temporary entrances or other appropriate means.
- Detour through traffic over State maintained routes using portion of US 31, SR 56, and SR 203
- Close SR 256 to through traffic for 90-days
- Close SR 256 to all traffic for approximately 14 days for culvert construction



Detour Route



Public Comments

- Indiana Department of Transportation
Public Hearings Office, Room N642
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- E-mail: mwright@indot.in.gov
- INDOT respectfully requests comments postmarked
by February 1, 2012

All comments will be reviewed and evaluated and given full consideration during the decision-making process

