**DES. # 2001153**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT – Washington Street and Southeastern Avenue in Marion County**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are planning to proceed with an intersection improvement project at Washington Street and Southeastern Avenue. The project extends along Washington Street from Pine Street to approximately 200 feet east of Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. The need for this project is due to the inefficiencies and poor operations of the intersection induced by the queued vehicles that intend to turn onto the I-65/I-70 entrance ramp, west of the intersection of Washington Street and Southeastern Avenue. Those queued vehicles block the intersection during peak periods. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations along Washington Street from Southeastern Avenue to the intersection at I-65/I-70.

The project proposes to restrict turn movements at the intersection of Washington Street and Southeastern Avenue. Eastbound and westbound left turn lanes will be eliminated at the intersection. The eliminated turn lanes will be converted to through lanes. Construction activities include restriping, signing, removal of the raised median island, and traffic signal head modifications.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan for these projects will be accomplished using INDOT standard drawings for MOT procedures and standard intersection traffic control as shown in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). When work is occurring, traffic signals may switch over to four-way flashers or be temporarily shut down with appropriate signage and traffic control utilized in place of the signal. The addition of or restriping of turn lanes may require temporary lane closures. Specifications will be in place limiting the time of day that work can be completed. Localized temporary closures will be completed using flaggers, etc., as needed.

FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 1 Environmental Document. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this document.

All interested parties are hereby notified of the availability of the environmental document for inspection and the preliminary design plans for viewing at the following website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm>.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. Please contact Christine Meador, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5338 or [cmeador@HNTB.com](mailto:cmeador@HNTB.com).

In accordance with the “Americans with Disabilities Act”, if you have a disability for which INDOT needs to provide accessibility to the above documents such as interpreters or readers, please contact Christine Meador, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5338 or [cmeador@HNTB.com](mailto:cmeador@HNTB.com).

All interested persons may request a public hearing, or express their concerns, by submitting comments to the attention of Christine Meador, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5338 or cmeador@HNTB.com on or before April 23, 2020. If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest of the public, additional notification will be prepared and the public notified. Otherwise, any comments or materials received will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) 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.” 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 provide full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The INDOT *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the FHWA on August 16, 2012.