

# I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 Studies Section 5 Public Hearing

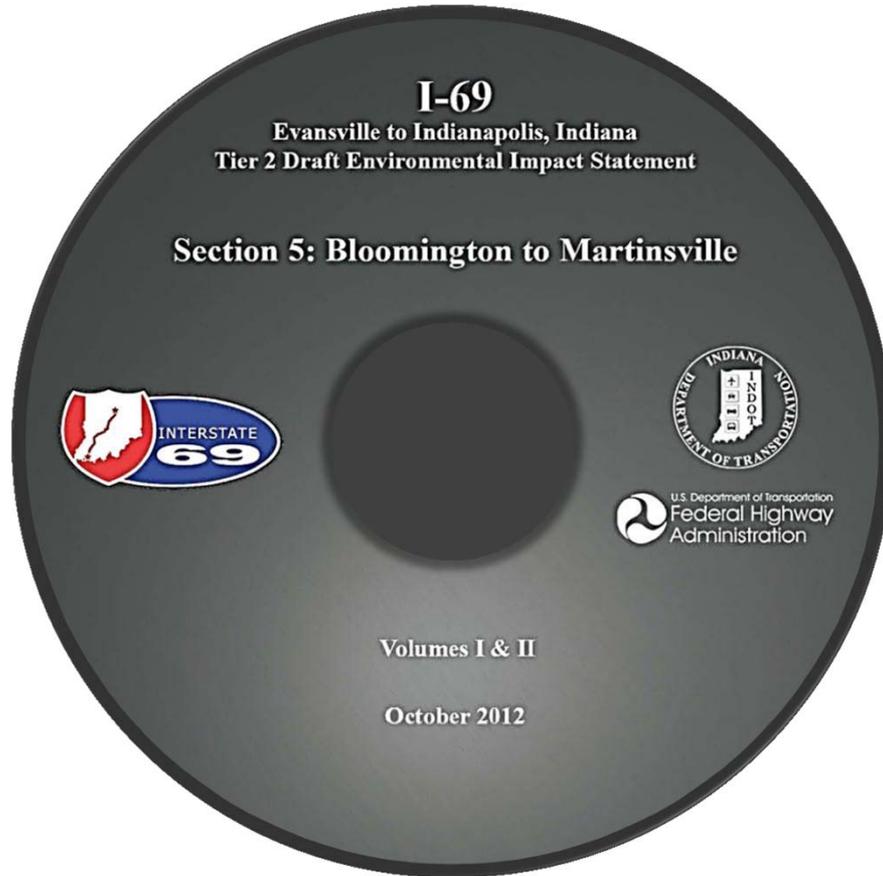
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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## Meeting Purpose

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Preferred Alternative
- Solicit Public Feedback

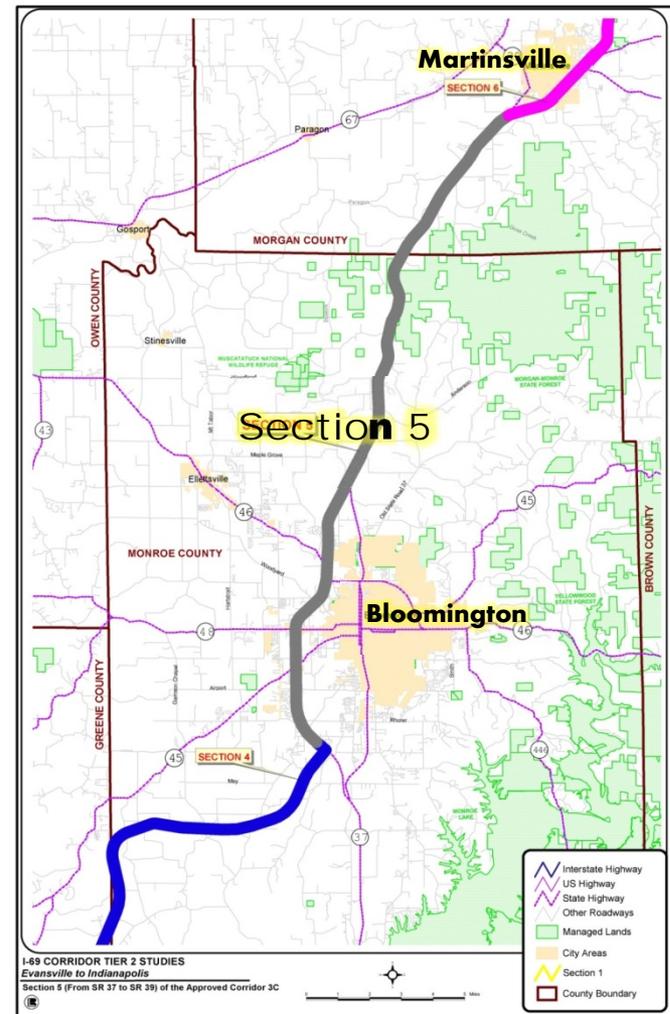


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## Section 5

- Upgrade existing SR 37 to I-69
- North of Victor Pike to SR 39
- Approximately 21 miles



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## National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)



- Balanced decision-making
- Human and natural environment
- Safe and efficient transportation
- Umbrella for other regulations



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## Purpose and Need

- Complete I-69 between Bloomington and Martinsville
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve traffic safety
- Support local economic development initiatives

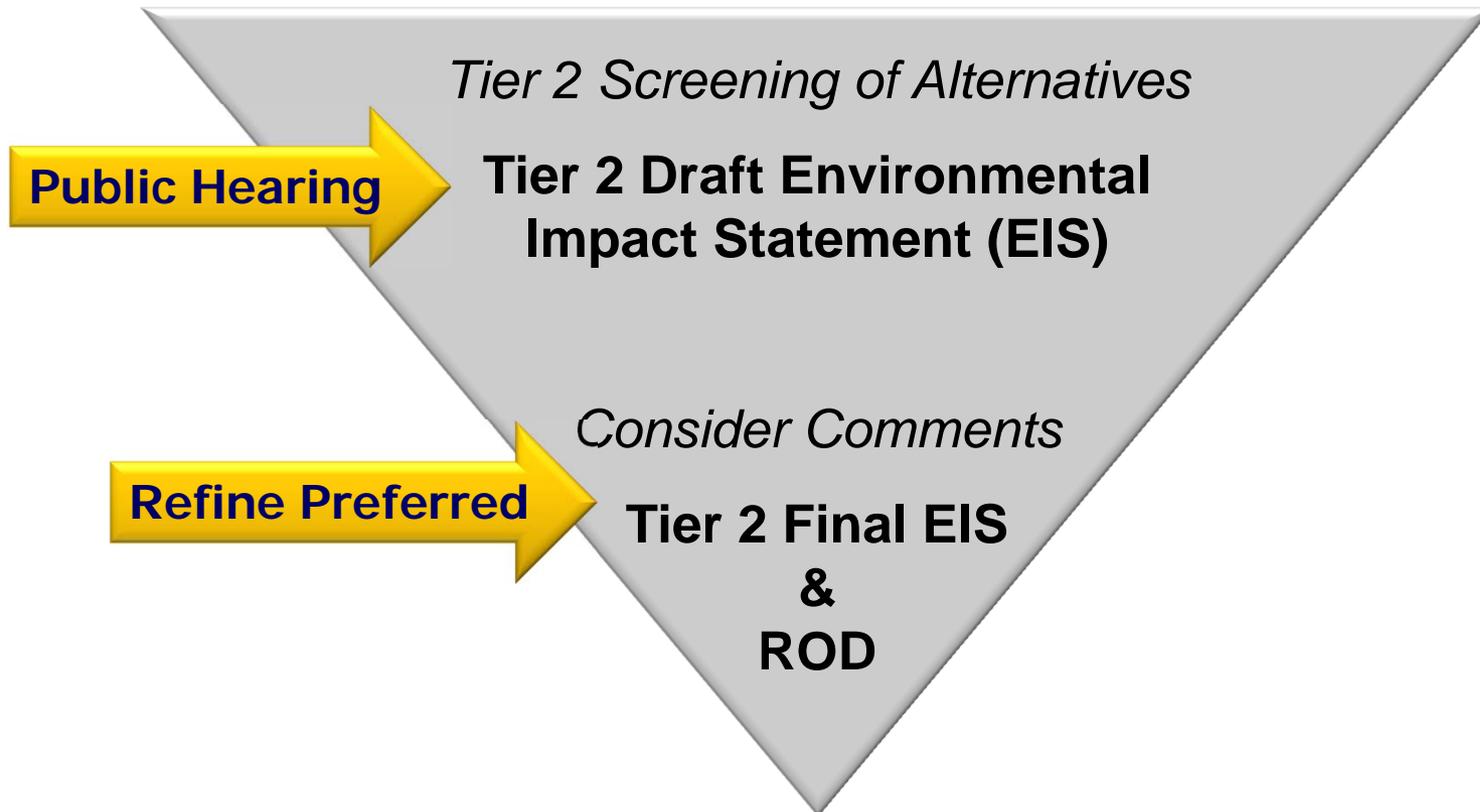
*Alternatives developed for Section 5 meet Tier 1 goals and local needs identified in Tier 2*



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## Tier 1 Record of Decision (ROD) - Approved Corridor

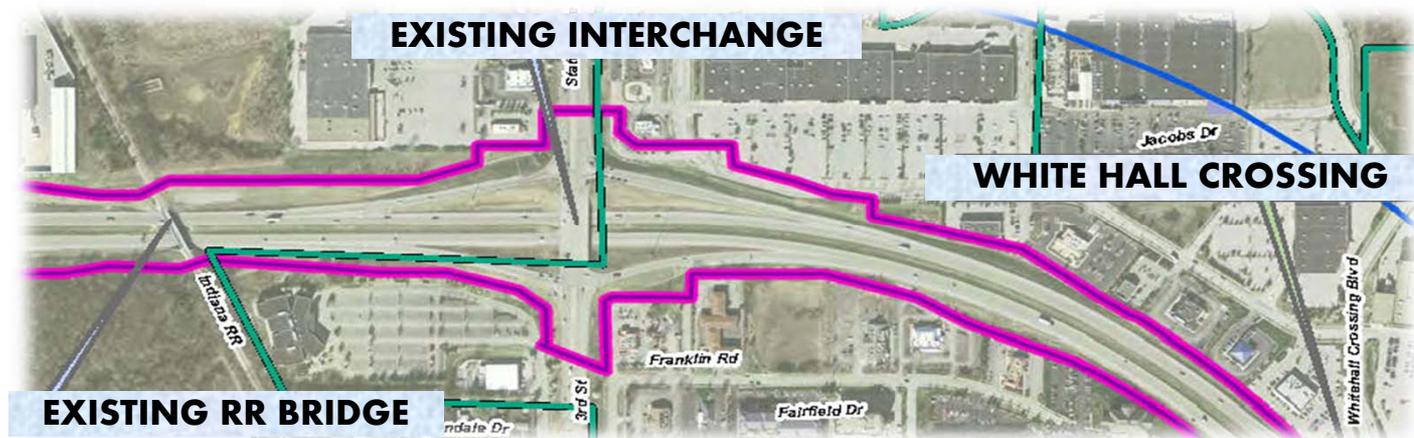


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## Considerations

- Use of existing infrastructure (pavement, bridges, right-of-way)
- Maintain or provide local access continuity
- Bike and pedestrian use
- Lessen impacts



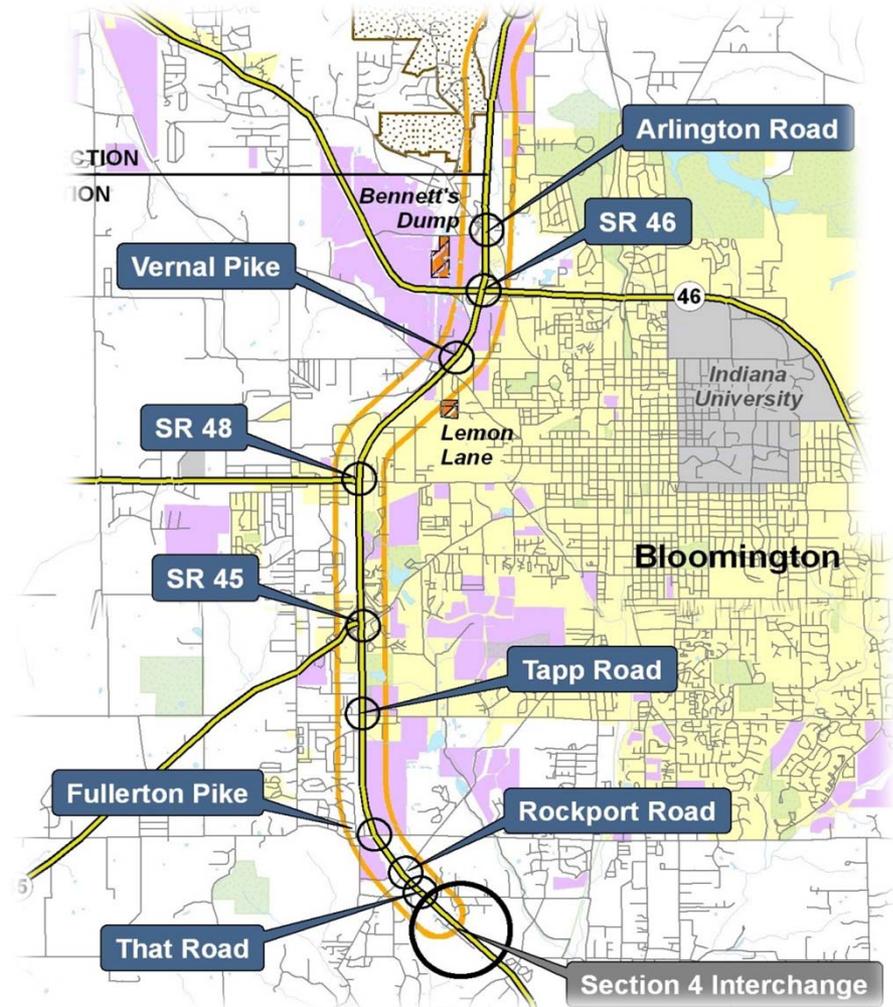
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## Preferred Alternative 8

- Overpass at Rockport Road
- Interchange at Fullerton Pike
- Interchange serving Tapp Road and SR 45 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- *Interchange at SR 48/3<sup>rd</sup> Street \**
- Overpass at Vernal Pike
- *Interchange at SR 46 \**
- *Overpass at Arlington Road \**

*\* Reuse Existing Bridge*

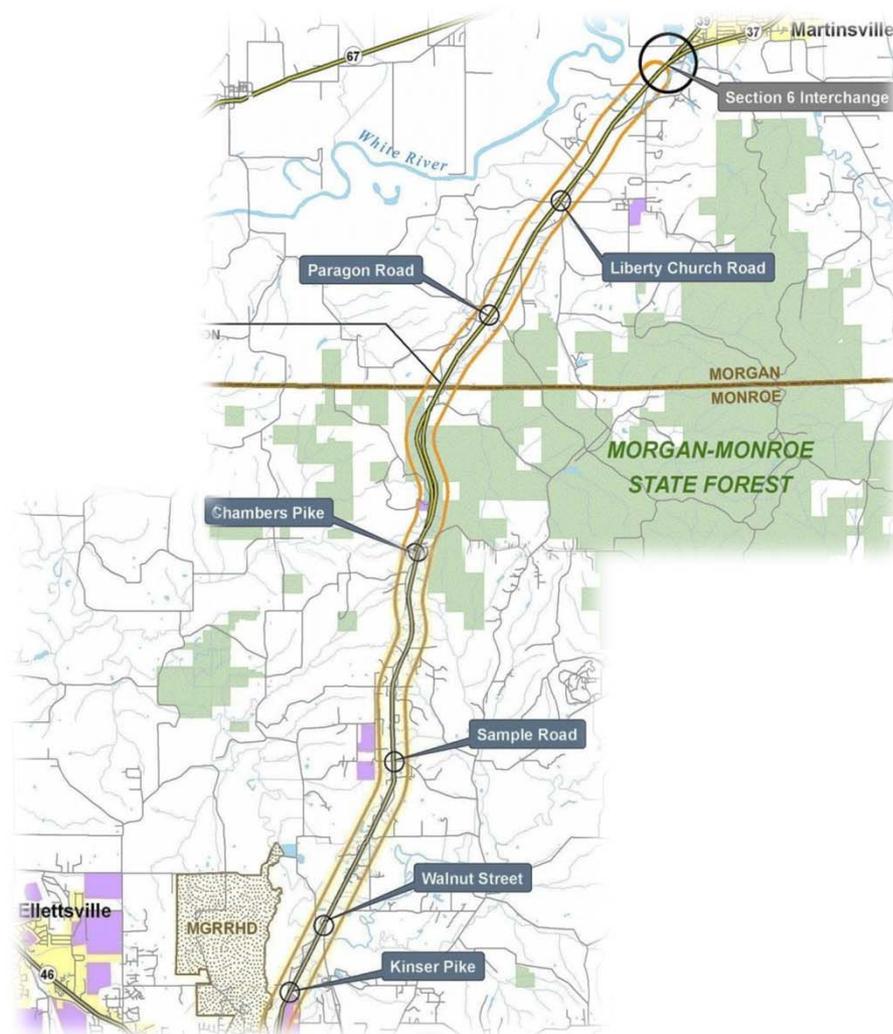


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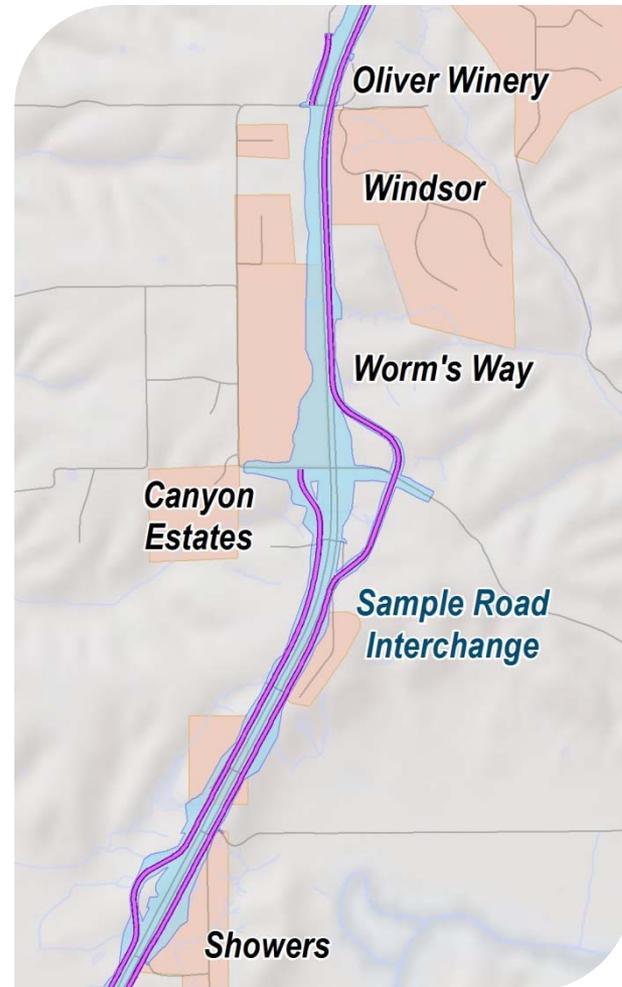
- Overpass at Kinser Pike
- Two Interchange Options at *Walnut Street*
- Interchange at Sample Road
- Overpass at Chambers Pike
- Interchange at Liberty Church Road



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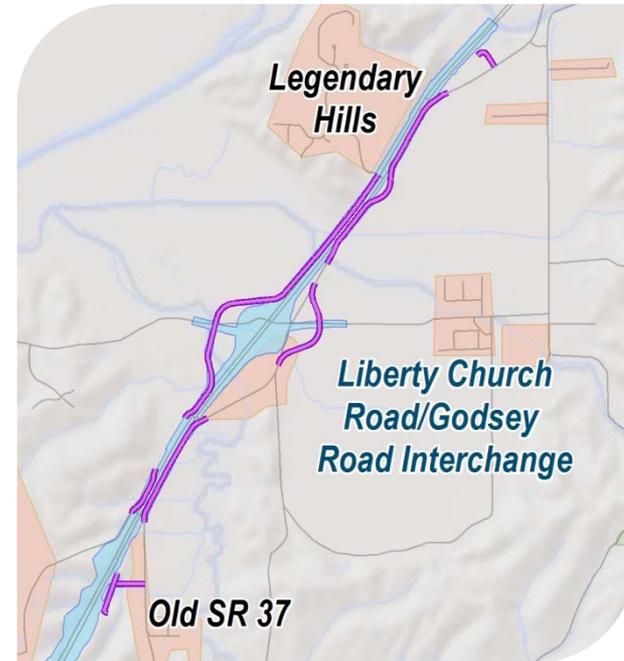
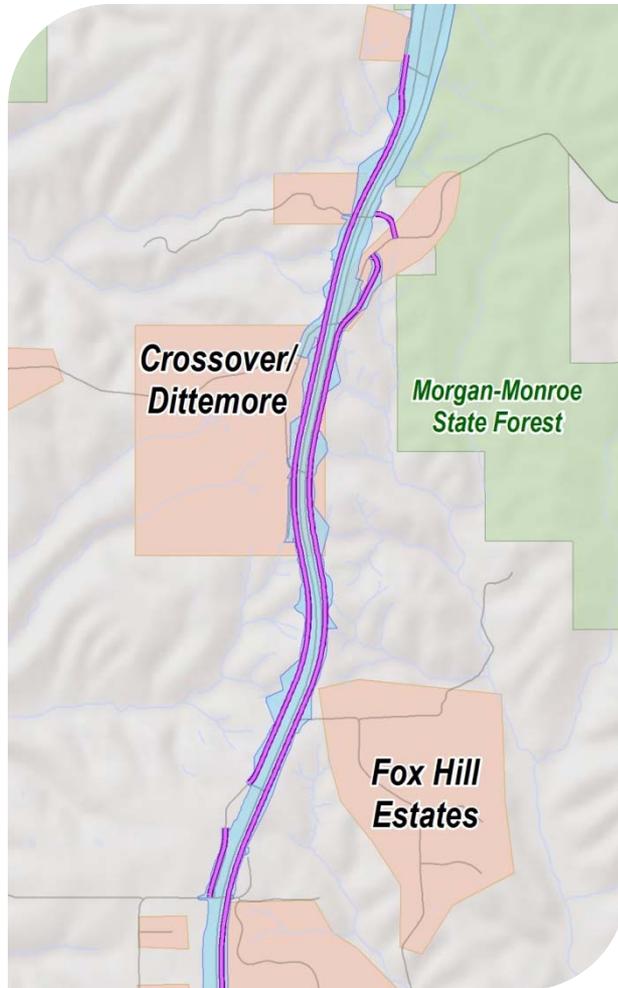
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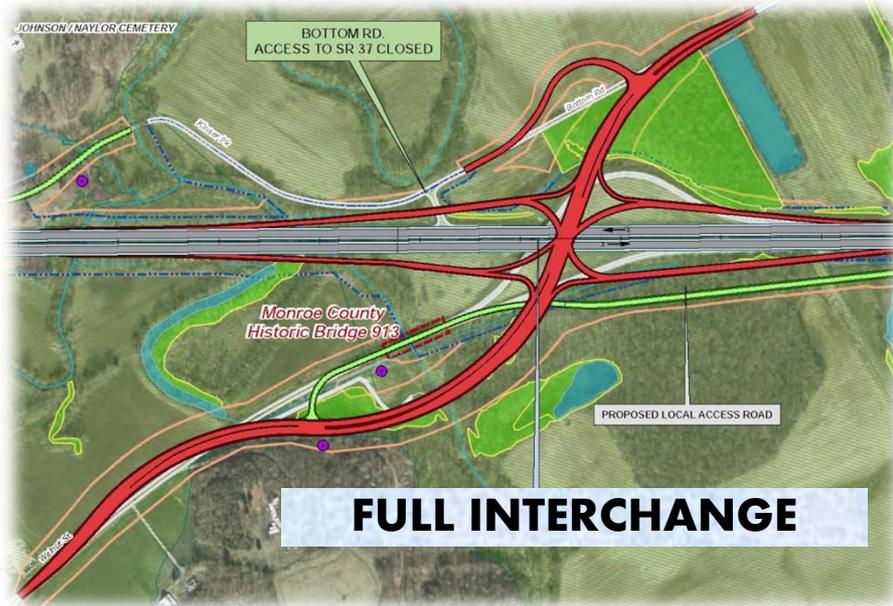
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## Preferred Alternative 8 Walnut Street Interchange Option A



### Full Interchange

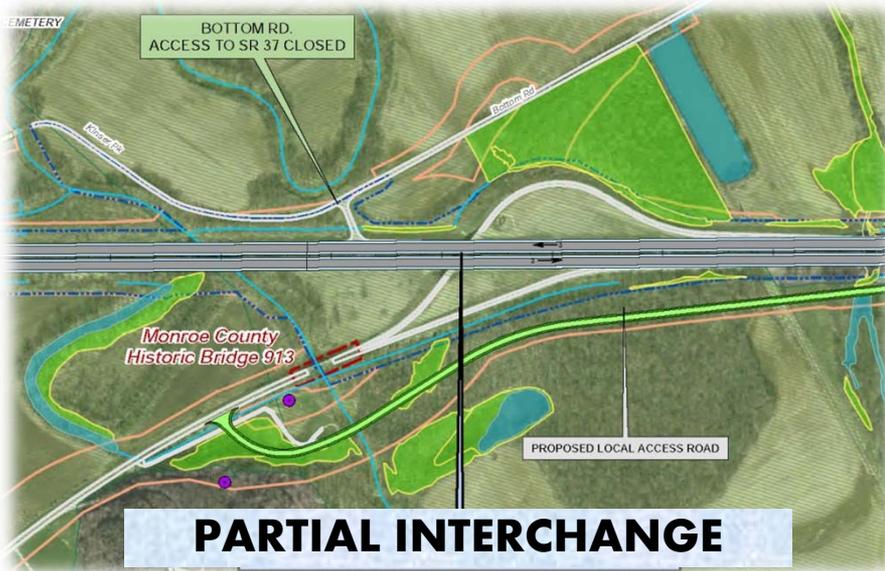
- Addresses FHWA guidelines for full interchanges on new facilities
- Provides I-69 access to/from all directions
- Increased impacts and cost



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## Preferred Alternative 8 Walnut Street Interchange Option B



### Maintain Existing Partial Interchange

- Fewer impacts than full interchange
- Saves \$45M over full interchange
- Use not yet approved by FHWA

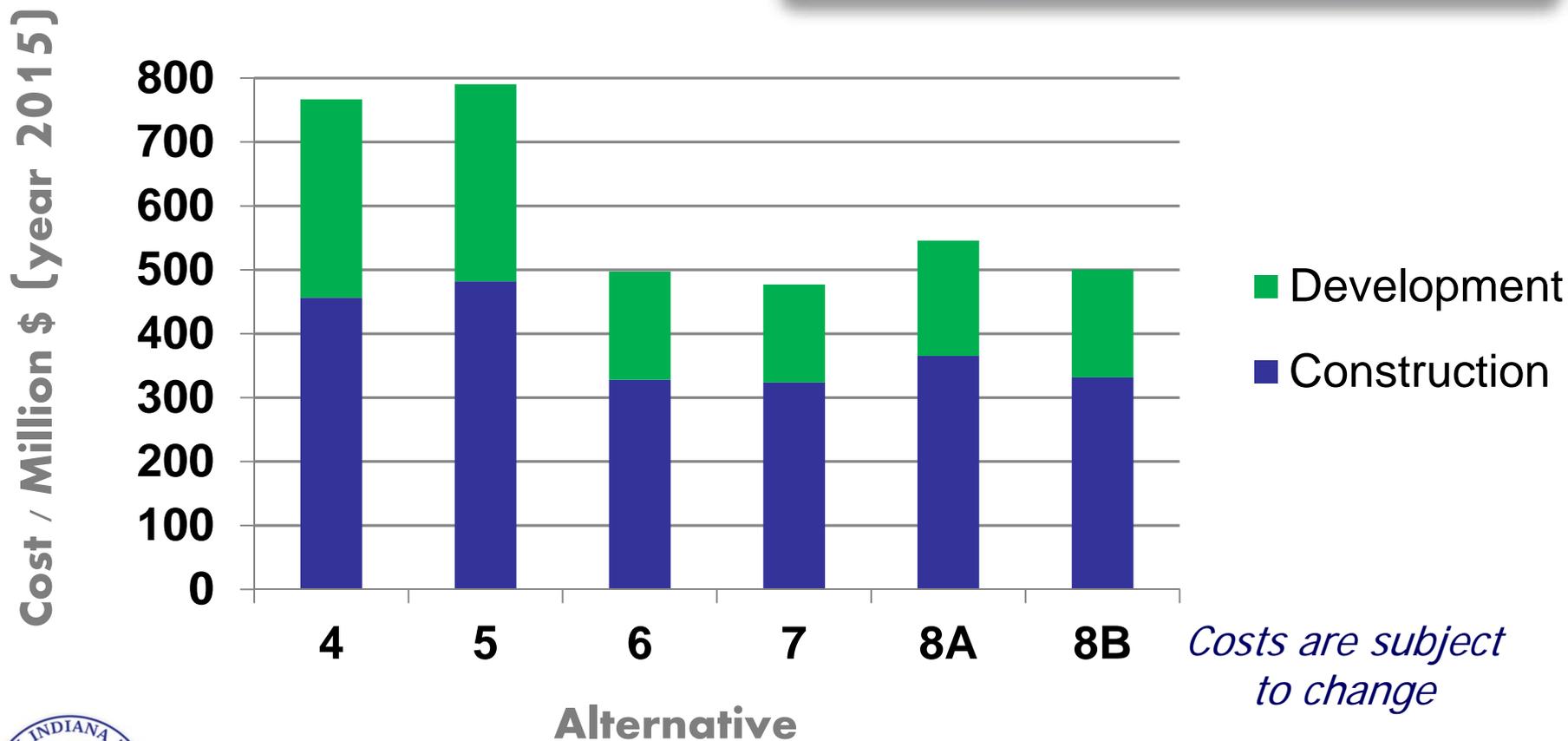


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## Estimated Costs

**Preferred Alternative**  
**\$500 M to \$546 M**

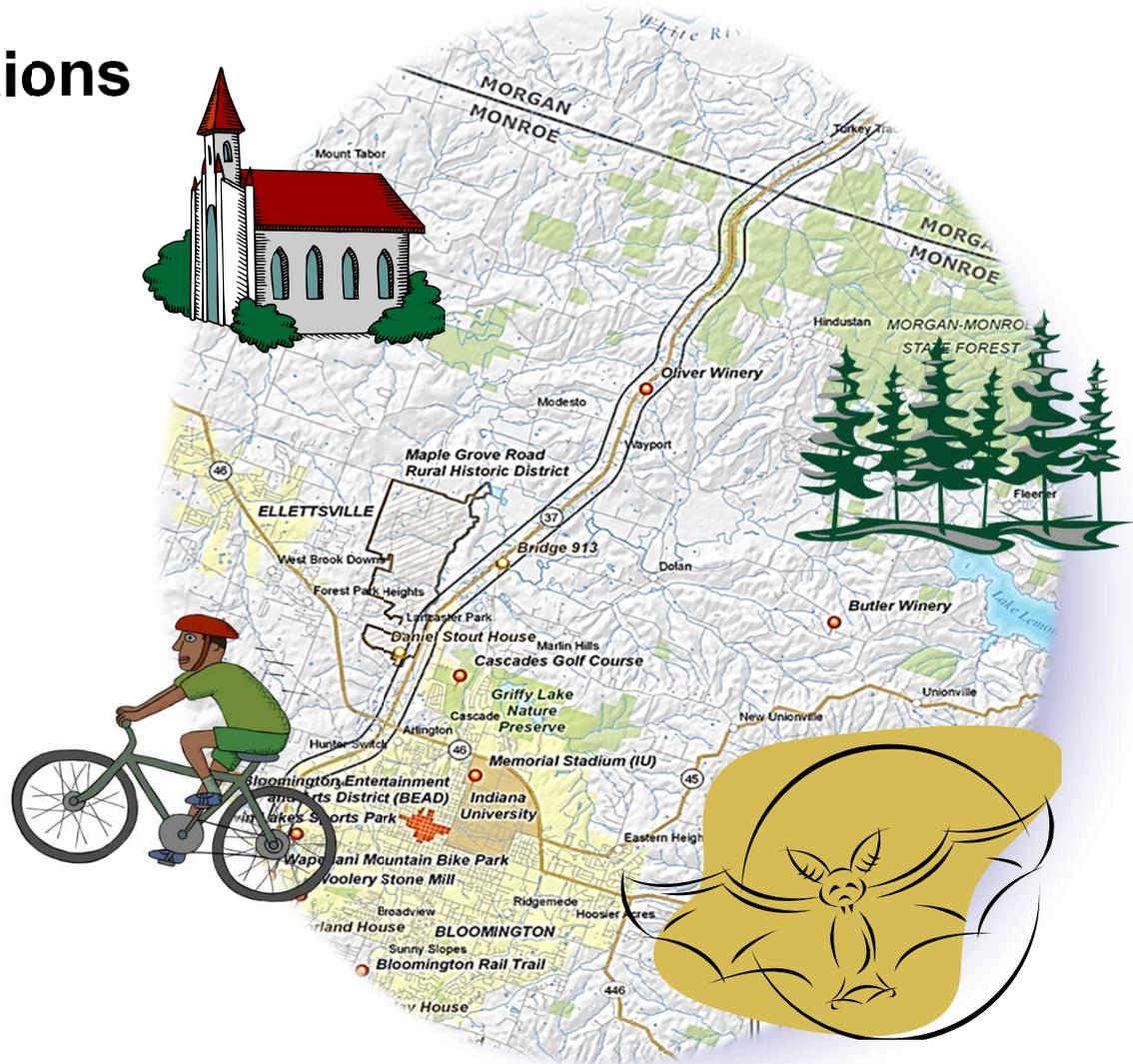


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## Environmental Evaluations

- Social and Economic
- Community Resources
- Land Use and Parks
- Cultural Resources
- Noise and Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Water Resources
- Endangered Species
- Biological
- Karst / Geological



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## Community Impacts



### Potential Displacements (# units)

	Alternatives 4 to 7	Preferred 8
<b>Residential</b>	123 to 249	150
<b>Businesses</b>	27 to 77	32
<b>Churches</b>	1 to 3	1
<b>Cemeteries</b>	0	0



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## Wapehani Mountain Bike Park

- Preferred Alternative 8 currently shifts west to avoid the park
- No shift (~50 ft strip of park):
  - Avoids 7 residential displacements
  - Reduces impacts to utilities
  - Avoids reconstruction of SR 45 bridge
  - Loss of park property would be mitigated

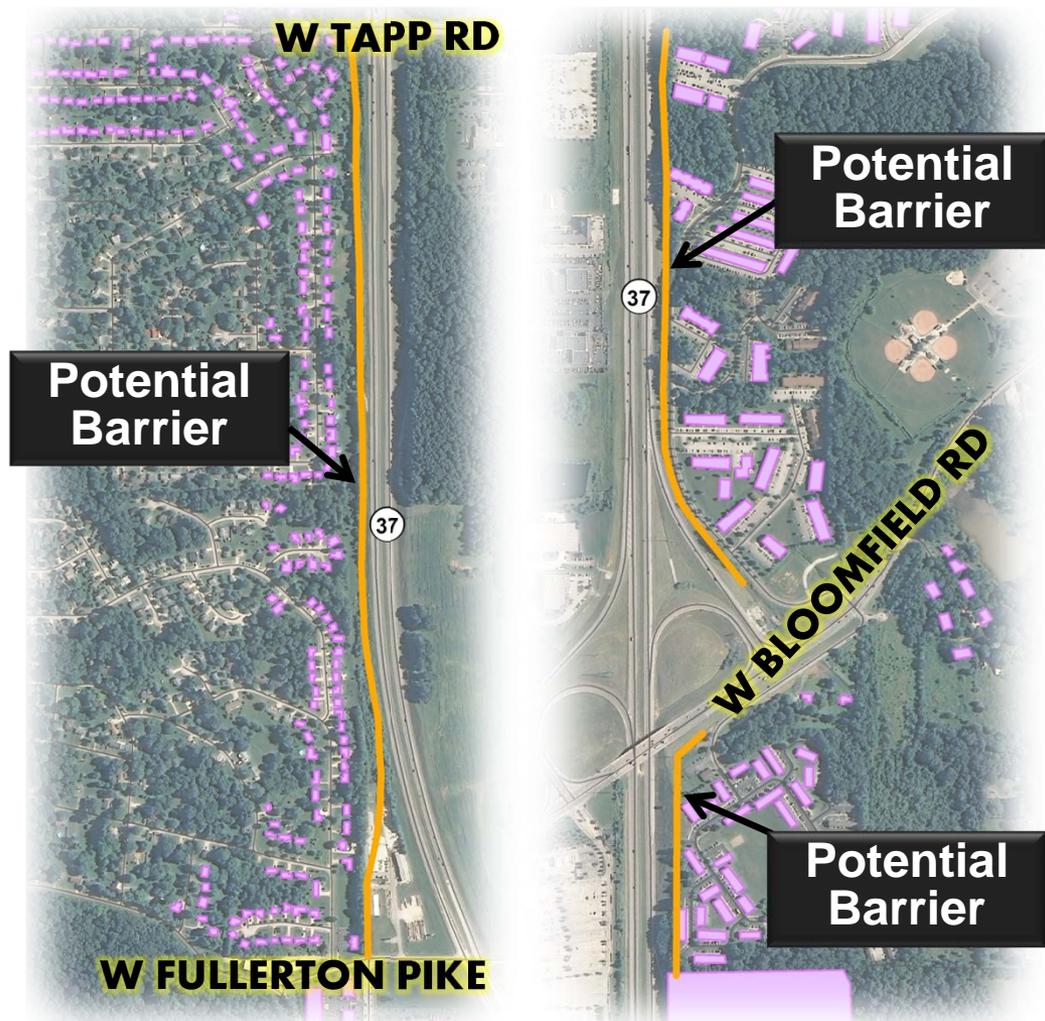


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## Noise Analysis

- Three locations met FHWA criteria
- Survey underway at potential barrier locations
- Barriers will be finalized in design



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**Cultural Resources**



**Endangered Species**



**Air Quality**



**Water Resources**



**Karst**



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## Public Involvement / Outreach

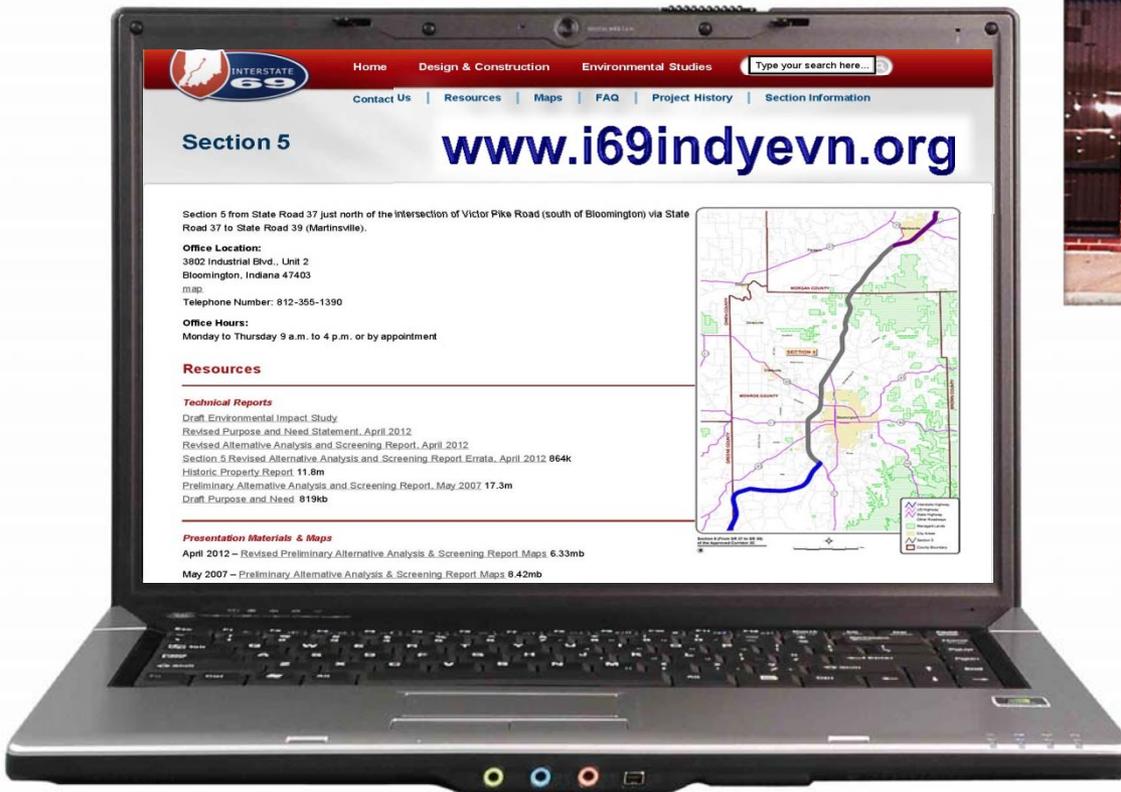
- Community Advisory Committee
- Participating Agencies
- Monroe and Morgan County Planning Staff
- Bloomington and Martinsville Planning Staff
- Bloomington and Martinsville Chambers of Commerce
- Monroe and Morgan Historical Societies
- Morgan-Monroe State Forest
- Elected Officials
- Emergency Service Providers
- Major Employers
- Neighborhood Associations
- Individuals and Citizens



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## Project Office & Website



**Monday – Friday  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
(or by Appointment)**

**3802 Industrial Blvd, Unit 2  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
(812) 355-1390**



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## What's Next?

- Comment and response is part of the FEIS development process
- Preferred Alternative may be refined based on agency and public comments
- FEIS and ROD anticipated Spring 2013
- Acquisitions will be prioritized



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## Thank You

- Public Comment Session will begin in a moment
- Display maps and project personnel are in the Community Building

### Ways to Submit Your Comments



**Tonight:**

Provide verbal comments or drop the comment sheet from your handout in one of the boxes here tonight.



**Website:**

Submit comments on the project website: [www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org)



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**Comments Due  
January 2, 2013**



