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LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a proposed State Road (SR) 65 pavement replacement project, 0.26 mile south of SR 168 (south limits of Owensville), located in Gibson County, Indiana (DES 2001922). Additionally, the project includes sidewalk and ADA sidewalk ramp construction efforts along SR 65 (DES 2400688). The limits of the project extend from approximately 400 feet west of Mill Street, then north to the intersection of SR 165. The project will include a full depth pavement replacement on SR 65 from approximately 400 feet west of Mill Street to the intersection of SR 165, then mill and pave 1.5 inches of pavement until the ending project limits at the intersection of SR 165 (West Brummitt Street). Additionally, the project will also include new curb and gutters, new sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps (covered under DES 2400688), and an enclosed drainage system. A 10-foot-wide parking lane will also be added to both sides of SR 65 from Warrick Street to SR 168 with a curb and gutter separating the parking lane from the sidewalk. A new, fully enclosed, storm water sewer system will be built on SR 65, including replacing the trunkline and adding more inlets, to adequately contain and transport storm water. Finally, a detention pond will be constructed near the project's southern terminus on the west side of SR 65 to collect outflow of storm water from the sewer system before the water is conveyed to Black Creek, via roadside ditch, which may improve the water storage capacity of the overall system.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan for this project involves closing the road to traffic and using a detour consisting of SR 68, United States Route (US) 41, and SR 64. Pedestrian MOT is planned for the project and will occur in three phases, which will include sidewalk closures along SR 65 with associated detours. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders including local school corporation(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

Construction of the project will require approximately 1.26 acres of new permanent right-of-way (ROW) and approximately 0.23 acre of temporary ROW, with an estimated total project cost of \$3,800,000. This cost, however, is likely to change as amended funding has yet to be approved. Every effort to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate project impacts will be made. The permanent ROW consists of residential, agricultural, municipal, and forested land along the project corridor and temporary ROW consists of residential, municipal, and agricultural areas. Federal and states funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project.

The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with no impacts to water resources such as streams or wetlands. It is anticipated that 0.9 acre of trees will be removed during this project. The US Fish and Wildlife Service made a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" the

Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) effect determination. There is an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Black River, near the west portion of the proposed detention area, flowing north to south. No direct or indirect impacts to the UNT to Black River are anticipated since the construction limits for this project end approximately 60 feet east of the toe slope.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE are available for review at the following locations: 1) Owensville Public Library, 103 South Main Street, Owensville, IN 47665, 2) The INDOT Vincennes District Office, 3650 South US 41, Vincennes, IN 47591, 3) WSP Indianapolis Office, 115 W Washington St, Suite 1270S, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 4) INDOT Vincennes District webpage: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-vincennes-district/vincennes-district-projects/>, 5) Owensville Town Council webpage: <https://owensville.org/>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Chad Kelly, ckelly@kaskaskiaeng.com, 618-233-5877, 477 S. 3rd Street, Suite 280, Geneva, IL 60134, no later than March 25, 2026. 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), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Vincennes District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Rachel Lyle, rlyle@indot.in.gov, 3650 South US 41, Vincennes, IN 47591. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Rachel Lyle, rlyle@indot.in.gov, 3650 South US 41, Vincennes, IN 47591.

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.