



DES. # 2000865

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed HMA Overlay and Preventive Maintenance project on SR 68, from SR 69 to south junction of SR 165 in Posey County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to improve the ride on SR 68, extend the life of the roadway, and improve the IRI to less than 95 in/mile (good condition), as well as improve the drainage components at specific locations within the project area. The need for the roadway improvements throughout the project area is due to the deteriorated condition of the roadway, which has cracking throughout the project area, an international roughness index (IRI) of 98 in/mile (fair condition) and rutting of 0.08 inches. Also, the need for drainage improvements at the culvert (CLV 068-065-1.99) is due to the condition which has deteriorated beyond the point of rehabilitation efforts. In addition, the need for ditch grading improvements is to improve drainage along the project corridor.

The project proposes milling 2 inches off the existing pavement and overlay with 2 inches of HMA surface material, and includes shoulders, auxiliary lanes, public roads, and driveway approaches. In addition to HMA overlay activities, bridge approaches will be evaluated for smoothness and ride; full and partial depth patching, where necessary, which will be determined during the design phase of the project; replacement of a 30-inch existing clay pipe culvert (CLV 068-065-1.99) with a 36-inch, circular pipe with Class I riprap installed at the outfall located 0.20 mile west of Pace Morton Lane; and grading the ditch line on SR 68 at three locations – Blaylock Road (South and North) and 1.45 miles west of SR 165. Approximately 0.666 acres of permanent ROW is anticipated. No temporary right-of-way is anticipated for this project. All work will take place within 100 feet of the existing pavement. Every effort to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate project impacts will be made.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) includes a lane closure for the pavement work and ditch grading, and a full closure with detour for the culvert installation. The detour will utilize an official state route via SR 66 and SR 165, for a total detour length of approximately 11.3 miles. The detour will add approximately 13 minutes of commute time for motorists. The closures/lane restrictions will pose a temporary inconvenience to traveling motorists (including school buses and emergency services); however, no significant delays are anticipated, and all inconveniences and delays will cease upon project completion. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations, local officials and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to the construction. The proposed start of construction is Spring 2023. The construction cost associated with this project is approximately \$1,810,000 with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls under the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Poseyville Carnegie Public Library, 55 South Cale Street, Poseyville, IN 47633
2. INDOT Vincennes District, 3650 Old US Hwy 14, Vincennes, IN 47591
3. Hanson Professional Services Inc, 6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46278

4. Online at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm>

All interested parties may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Matthew Bullock, INDOT Vincennes District, 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591 or MBullock1@indot.IN.gov on or before November 9, 2022. Copies of the project information may be mailed upon request. Additionally, any questions about the project can be directed to Jason Rowley, Senior Project Manager, Hanson Professional Services Inc, 6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210, Indianapolis IN, 46278 or jrowley@hanson-inc.com.

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 Offices for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Matthew Bullock at (812) 830-9683 or MBullock1@indot.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, person and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the INDOT Vincennes District Offices.

This notice is published in compliance with; 1) Code of Federal Regulation, 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 Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.