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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a bridge replacement on United States (US) 50 over Six Mile Creek, approximately 5.6 miles east of US 31, in Jennings County, Indiana.

The project proposes the replacement of the existing structure with a new three span composite steel beam bridge on the existing roadway alignment. The bridge and roadway will be widened within the project limits in order to accommodate maintaining two lanes of traffic during construction. The posted speed limit will be 55 mph. US 50 will consist of two 12 foot wide paved travel lanes, one in each direction, and a 12 foot wide passing blister for traffic turning northbound onto Washington Street. The shoulders that vary from 8 feet to 23 feet along the project corridor outside the passing blister. There will be a 20 foot wide obstruction free zone maintained on both side of the roadway. Washington Street will consist of two 10 foot wide paved travel lanes, one in each direction, with 3 foot wide paved shoulder. The limits of road reconstruction will utilize full depth pavement for shoulders and any widening and use milling and resurfacing where existing pavement is in good condition on US 50. The pavement and shoulders on Washington Street will be fully reconstructed.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan includes maintaining traffic on US 50 throughout construction with a phased MOT plan. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained, one lane in each direction, open at all times during construction. There will be some lane restrictions for oversize load trucks on US 50. Access to Washington Street from US 50 during construction will not be maintained. The residential and commercial properties will require a detour route to access US 50. Those properties will use Washington Street to go north to County Road 20 South in Hayden, then go west to CR 700 West and then south on CR 700 West to access US 50 west of the project area. The total detour route is approximately 0.75 mile in length. Delays may occur during construction however no significant delays are anticipated and will cease with project completion. The proposed start of construction is the Spring of 2022.

The project is approximately 0.104 miles in length. Land use surrounding the project area is a mixed use with agricultural land use southeast and southwest quadrants of the project and residential land use in the northwest quadrant of US 50 and Washington Street. A commercial property is located in the northeast quadrant of US 50 and Washington Street. The northeast quadrant, east of the Six Mike Creek channel is a combination of woods and residential property. Construction of the project will require approximately 0.63 acre of permanent right-of-way. Both Federal and state 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 significant impacts to wetlands.

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

1. INDOT Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 47274
2. Online at <https://www.in.gov/indot/4259.htm>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com, by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 on or before March 12, 2021. In addition, a hard copy of the project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com, by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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 Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250. 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 Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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