INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DES. # 1703010

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Improvement S.R. 75 Bridge over Middle Fork Wildcat Creek in Carroll County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on March 31, 2026 at the Flora Public Library (109 N. Center Street, Flora, IN). An open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the project and ask questions to the project team, with a formal presentation at 6 p.m. and the verbal public comment session to follow.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to rehabilitate the Historic Bridge on State Road 75 over Middle Fork Wildcat Creek south of Cutler in Carroll County. The purpose of the project is to provide a structurally adequate structure and ensure continued traffic on S.R. 75 at this location by improving the condition rating of the structure to at least a 7 (good condition) or greater and to provide scour protection. An additional purpose is to provide a roadway width and bridge railing that meet current standards.

As proposed, the project involves rehabilitation of the existing structure for continued vehicular use. The project will remove and replace the existing asphalt roadway and arch fill down to the existing unreinforced concrete arch. Patching and waterproofing the arch, spandrel walls, and wing walls will be included and will preserve all architectural details of the bridge. The existing bridge railing will be removed and replaced to be visually identical to the existing railing with architectural treatments replicated. The replacement railing will be designed using Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) bars so it will not alter the nature of the historic bridge while meeting current standards. GFRP bars will also be used to repair the existing cracking along the interface of the spandrel wall and arch ring. Concrete cracks will be epoxy injected. A drainage system will be added to the arch fill. The clear roadway width will be widened by 1 ft, but the total bridge width will not increase. Riprap will be added for scour protection.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves a closure of S.R. 75 with a detour using S.R. 26, U.S. 421/S.R. 39, and S.R. 18. MOT details will be presented during the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 0.034 acre of permanent new right-of-way, with no temporary right-of-way needed during construction.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior to the hearing at the following locations:

1. Flora Public Library: 109 N. Center Street, Flora, IN 46929
2. INDOT Northwest District project webpage: bit.ly/SR75Des1703010

Hard copy of project documents may be mailed upon request submitted to the contact below.

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to Cameron Berry, at ASC Group, 9376 Castlegate Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256. E-Mail: CBerry@ascgroup.net. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by April 14, 2026.**

Notice of Livestreamed Public Meeting/Hearing: In accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-2.9, INDOT is offering livestreams of all public meetings and hearings. You must register at the following link in order to participate in the livestream: bit.ly/SR75March31Hearing. During the hearing, comments from livestream attendees will only be accepted in written electronic format, not verbally. A recording of the livestream will be posted to the INDOT YouTube page after the hearing and will also be linked to the project webpage listed above where project materials are also available. The recording will be available online for at least 90 days.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Cameron Berry, at ASC Group, 9376 Castlegate Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256. E-Mail: CBerry@ascgroup.net.

This notice is published in compliance with 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.” 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: “Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.” approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.