

Appendix G

Public Involvement

RE: Des. No. 1800067
State Road (SR) 912 Interchange Improvement
SR 912, 1.34 Miles West of US 12
Lake County, Indiana

Sent to adjoining property
owners on July 5, 2021.

Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigations

July 5, 2021

Dear Property Owner,

Our information indicates that you own property near the above proposed transportation project. Representatives of the Indiana Department of Transportation will be conducting engineering and/or environmental surveys of the project area in the near future. It may be necessary for the INDOT Representatives to enter onto your property to complete this work. This is permitted by Indiana Code § 8-23-7-26. Anyone performing this type of work has been instructed to identify him or herself to you, if you are available, before they enter your property. If you no longer own this property or it is currently occupied by someone else (i.e. rental, sharecrop), please let us know the name of the new owner or occupant so that we can contact them about the survey.

Please read the attached notice to inform you of what the “Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation” means. The design and environmental surveys are needed for the proper planning and design of this part of the SR 912 Interchange Improvement project. Engineering survey work would include mapping the location of features such as trees, buildings, fences, drives, ground elevations, etc. Environmental survey work may include the identification and mapping of wetlands, architectural surveys, archaeological investigations (which may involve the survey, testing, or excavation of identified archaeological sites), and various other environmental studies. It is our sincere desire to cause you as little inconvenience as possible during this survey.

At this stage we generally do not know what effect, if any, our project may eventually have on your property. If we determine later that your property is involved, we will contact you with additional information.

If any problems occur, please contact the field crew or one of the following:

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Please be aware that IC 8-23-7-27 and 28 provides that you may seek compensation from INDOT for damages occurring to your property (land or water) that result from INDOT’s entry for the purposes mentioned above in IC 8-23-7-26. In this case, a basic procedure that may be followed is for you and/or an INDOT employee or representative to present an account of the damages to one of the above named INDOT staff. They will check the information and forward it to the appropriate person at INDOT who will contact you to discuss the situation and compensation.

In the event that property damage occurs as a result of work performed during survey, the INDOT Project Manager or Parson's Project Manager can provide you with a form to request compensation for damages. You may contact:

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After filling out the form, you can return it to the INDOT Project Manager or Parsons Project Manager for consideration. Please contact either of the representatives above if you have questions regarding the matter, rights, and procedures.

If you are not satisfied with the compensation that INDOT determines is owed to you, Indiana Code 8-23-7-8 provides the following:

The amount of damages shall be assessed by the county agricultural extension educator of the county in which the land or water is located and two (2) disinterested residents of the county, one (1) appointed by the aggrieved party and one (1) appointed by the department. A written report of the assessment of damages shall be mailed to the aggrieved party and the department by first class United States mail. If either the department or the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the assessment of damages, either or both may file a petition, not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the report, in the circuit or superior court of the county in which the land or water is located.

It is our desire to cause as little inconvenience as possible during our work, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

Public Involvement Plan

SR 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridges Project

Des. 1800067 (Lead)

Des. 1800067 is no longer associated with this project.
The new lead Des. is 1703011.

October 12, 2021



Introduction

This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) has been developed for the proposed State Route (SR) 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridges project in Lake County, Indiana Des. 1800067 (Lead) by the consulting firm Parsons Transportation Group (“Parsons”), on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The purpose of this plan is to establish the goals and strategies for engaging with the public and key stakeholders in accordance with the current *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* (July 7, 2021). Successful public involvement establishes communication between the public and INDOT in order to integrate the views, community concerns, transportation needs, and environmental considerations of the public into the transportation decision-making process.

Project Description

The project is located at the SR 912 and Michigan Avenue interchange, 1.34 miles west of US 12, in the City of East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. The project contains five roadway bridges and one pedestrian bridge that are part of an interchange. The interchange is the main entrance into the Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor steel plant and provides alternate access to the Ameristar Casino, Jeorse Park, and other lakefront facilities. The project is located in a highly developed urban area of East Chicago surrounded by industrial, commercial, and residential properties.

The current recommended alternative includes reconstruction of the seven-span Michigan Avenue bridge over SR 912, ramps, and three railroads: Norfolk Southern, Indiana Harbor Belt and Wisconsin Central, and Amtrak. A new roundabout on the southern portion of the interchange is proposed. The southern ramps, Ramp H and Ramp B, will be realigned, and the Ramp H and Ramp B over Ramp B bridges will be removed. Existing retaining walls will be removed and replaced with embankments and/or walls. The northern ramps, Ramp NEC and Ramp I, and their bridges will be rehabilitated. Existing pavement, curb and gutter will be repaired or replaced as needed. A closed pedestrian bridge over the railroads will be removed. Additionally, drainage issues south of SR 912 will be addressed with new inlet structures and curb cuts. Replacement of overhead sign structures and installation of a new roundabout lighting system is also anticipated.

The recommended alternative would require approximately 0.79 acre of temporary right-of-way and approximately 0.11 acre of right-of-way reacquisition.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) includes closure of the Michigan Avenue bridge and a detour will be provided. The goal will be to expedite construction sequencing and identify ways to reduce closure time to traffic. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2023.

An analysis of environmental impacts is underway as part of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process. The *Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement*¹ (HBPA) and Section 4(f) applies to this project. The Ramp B over B Bridge (Structure No. 912-45-06596 B; NBI No. 33035), is included in the *Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory*, which recommended the bridge eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and designated it as Non-Select. The bridge was determined eligible under Criterion C as it represents “an early or distinctive phase in bridge construction, design, or engineering, and it retains the historic integrity necessary to convey its engineering significance”. This draft PIP was prepared with the assumption that the historic bridge would be replaced (because both rehabilitation and relocation are not likely feasible and prudent, based on the current draft Alternatives Analysis). This PIP will be updated if the scope of work changes.

¹ https://www.in.gov/indot/files/Historic_Bridge_ProgrammaticAgreement.pdf

Natural resource impacts are minimal due to the urban setting. Based on anticipated environmental impacts, the project would be a Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 (CE-4) environmental document due to the historic bridge and proposed “permanent traffic pattern alteration”.

Goals for the Public Involvement Plan

INDOT recognizes that public involvement is a key component in the success of any transportation project and understands the importance of information exchange when providing transportation facilities and services to the East Chicago community. Area residents, businesses, and visitors rely on a safe and dependable transportation network to travel throughout the community, the region, and the state. INDOT’s mission is to collaboratively plan, build, and maintain safe and innovative transportation infrastructure that enhances the quality of life, drives economic growth, and accommodates new modes of transport that benefit residents. The public involvement processes outlined in this plan have been selected to provide opportunities for early and continual community engagement in the transportation decision-making process. With this in mind, the goals established for this Public Involvement Plan are to:

- Identify and seek input from project stakeholders - the public, area businesses, elected officials, local governments, federal and state resource agencies, neighborhood and community groups, social service organizations, and other interested parties including area transit providers and freight carriers.
- Establish a collaborative relationship with stakeholders and the community.
- Effectively communicate project information, including the project’s benefits and schedule.
- Respond quickly and clearly to stakeholder/community concerns.
- Encourage project support
- Provide a variety of opportunities and methods for the public to provide comments.

Public Involvement Process

Open communication between INDOT, local officials, key stakeholders, and the public is essential for delivering a project that aligns with the needs of the community. The Team leading public involvement efforts for this project consists of INDOT Central Office, INDOT LaPorte District Customer Service, and Parsons staff who will manage the public involvement and agency coordination activities outlined in this document.

The public involvement process begins with coordination between the Team, local officials, and other stakeholders that will be involved with the project. Initial coordination meetings with local officials will include information on the scope and schedule of the project, as well as an opportunity to discuss potential project impacts as they relate to their jurisdiction. The process continues by providing information to these same stakeholders and keeping them informed of the project’s direction.

The use of virtual public involvement methods will broaden public participation and promote safe and prudent practices, particularly during emergencies, in a manner that meets all federal and state public involvement requirements. The most current public involvement guidance during emergency situations can be found in the INDOT *Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual*, effective July 7, 2021, which is available at: <https://www.in.gov/indot/4103.htm>

Stakeholder Groups

The first step in implementing the Public Involvement Plan is to identify key stakeholders and to assemble contact information. Stakeholders are people, businesses, and organizations that may be affected by or have interest in the project as well as agencies with jurisdiction related to project activities. Team members will communicate and coordinate with stakeholders at key milestones and will address questions and comments throughout the duration of the project. The stakeholder groups for the SR 912 Interchange Improvement project include:

- Federal, state, and local resource agencies
- Federal, state, and local governments and elected officials
- Major businesses and employers
- Community and neighborhood groups
- Social service organizations
- Local churches and schools
- Public safety and emergency responders
- Historical/Cultural organizations
- Native American Tribes
- General public
- Adjoining landowners

Agency Stakeholders

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies will be engaged to identify important issues and ensure project compliance with state and federal regulations. Agency meetings are not currently scoped for this project; however, agencies will receive project information through early coordination letters and coordination calls may be conducted as needed. Resource agencies invited to comment on this project include:

Federal Agencies

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- US Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS)
- US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

State Agencies

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)
- IDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)
- Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS)
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)

Government Stakeholders

Federal, state, and local governments will be engaged to identify community needs and collaborate on strategic solutions. Government stakeholders will receive project information through early coordination letters and coordination calls may be conducted as needed. Those invited to comment on this project include:

Federal, State, Regional

- US Senate Representative
- US Congressional Representative
- Indiana State Senate Representative
- Indiana House Representative
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Lake County

- Lake County Council
- Lake County Board of Commissioners
- Lake County Highway Department
- Lake County Department of Public Works
- Lake County Sheriff
- Lake County Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- Lake County 911 Department
- Lake County Department of Community Economic Development
- Lake County Division of Family Services, East Chicago Office

City of East Chicago

- City of East Chicago Mayor's Office
- City of East Chicago Common Council
- City of East Chicago Department of Public Works
- City of East Chicago Planning Department
- City of East Chicago Police Department
- City of East Chicago Fire Department
- City of East Chicago Marina
- City of East Chicago Parks and Recreation
- School City of East Chicago
- East Chicago Transit (ECT)
- Housing Authority of the City of East Chicago

Community Stakeholders

The community of City of East Chicago will be engaged throughout the duration of the project. Community stakeholders will receive project information, including the project schedule and contact information, that may be shared with family, friends, co-workers, employees, members, and parishioners. Like the community, this list is dynamic. As new stakeholders are identified, they will be included in outreach efforts. Our current list includes:

Major Employers

- Indiana Harbor Works / Cleveland-Cliffs
- East Chicago Tin (US Steel)
- Amoco Oil Company
- Union Tank Car
- American Steel Foundries
- USG Corp.
- Northlake Energy
- Ameristar Casino
- Indiana Harbor Yacht Club
- St. Catherine Hospital

Neighborhood/Community/Social Service Organizations

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana - East Chicago Club
- Fresenius Kidney Care East Chicago
- Holistic Community Coalition
- East Chicago Shrine Center
- Lexis Hall (Social Hall)

- Serbian Hall (Social Hall)
- Harbor Meadows (Low Income, Elderly, and Special Needs)
- Harborside Apartments (Low Income, Elderly, and Special Needs)
- Northtown Village Square Apartments (Low Income, Elderly, and Special Needs)
- Northtown Village Townhomes (Low Income)
- Northtown Village Townhomes II (Low Income)
- North Harbor (Low Income)
- Lakeside Gardens (Low Income, Elderly, and Special Needs)

Churches and Schools

- Clemente - Penin Unity Center
- Congregation B'nai Israel Temple
- Faith Temple Church-God-Christ
- God's Word In Action Ministries
- Grace Missionary Baptist Church
- Greater Destiny Bible Church
- Harbor Assembly of God
- House of Glory Word Outreach
- Iglesia de Dios Séptimo Día (Church of God Seventh Day)
- Lighthouse Christian Fellowship of East Chicago
- Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church
- New Starlight Baptist Church
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- Saint Dumitru Romanian Orthodox Church
- St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
- St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church
- St. Patrick's Church
- Tabernacle Baptist Church
- Templo Bethel del Cladic
- The Cross Church
- Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary
- East Chicago Lighthouse Charter Academy

Section 106 Consulting Parties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (1966) requires each federal agency to identify and assess the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to coordinate with appropriate consulting parties including state and local governments, Tribal governments, historic preservation societies, historic neighborhood representatives, property owners, and those with an interest in the project or concern about the project's effect on historic properties. Consulting parties invited to participate in project include:

Federal, State and Local Consulting Parties

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Div. of Historic Preservation (SHPO)
- Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- Lake County Commission
- Lake County Highway Department
- Lake County Historical Society & Museum
- City of East Chicago Mayor's Office

- City of East Chicago Common Council
- City of East Chicago City Engineer
- City of East Chicago City Planning & Economic Development
- East Chicago Historical Society
- Indiana Historic Spans Task Force
- DePauw University, History Department
- Historic Hoosier Bridges
- Historic Bridges.org
- Historic Bridge Foundation
- Indiana Landmarks

Tribal Consulting Parties¹

- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Shawnee Tribe
- Forest County Potawatomi Community

Environmental Justice (EJ) Outreach

Federal law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Federal Highway Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, and age and Executive Order 12898 obligates Federal actions (those receiving federal funding) to avoid or minimize and mitigate adverse impacts to low-income and minority populations and to assure that disproportionately high and adverse impacts on these populations are identified and addressed.

Based on initial research, the project area contains minority and low-income EJ populations. The USHUD Resource Locator mapping tool (<https://resources.hud.gov/>) lists 19 multifamily public housing units are within 0.5 mile of the project area.

Community contacts, activity centers, churches, and social service organizations serving these populations will be included on the project mailing list and provided with project information including public involvement activities and key project milestones. If disproportionate impacts to the EJ populations are identified; INDOT may conduct focused outreach events, such as kitchen table meetings or community presentations.

Outreach Schedule

The current anticipated schedule is summarized in the following table:

Project Phase	Timeline	Description
Project Planning (Current Phase)	Winter 2020 to Summer 2021	Early Coordination Section 106 early coordination - 12/10/2020 NEPA early coordination - 12/17/2020 and 12/18/2020 Notice of Entry/Survey - 07/05/2021
	December 18, 2020 to present (ongoing)	Bridge Marketing The bridge will be marketed for re-use in accordance with the HBPA. This includes public notices, posted signs, and listing on INDOT's website.
	Spring 2021	Section 106 Effect Finding and Public Notice <i>A finding of Adverse Effect is anticipated</i>
	TBD	Public Hearing Following release of the draft CE-4 environmental document for public review, INDOT will hold a Public Hearing

Communication Methods

Notifications

Early Coordination

Early coordination, including Notice of Entry Letters, Section 106 consulting party coordination, and coordination with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders, will be conducted in accordance with current INDOT policies.

Bridge Marketing and Availability Notification

The HBPA requires the owners of historic bridges to place a legal notice in both a local newspaper and a statewide newspaper a minimum of six (6) months in advance of the public hearing to notify interested parties that a historic bridge is available for re-use. The advertisement will describe the length, width, height, condition, and availability of the bridge.

Along with the published notification, signs will be placed at both bridge approaches a minimum of six (6) months in advance of the public hearing to notify users that the historic bridge will be replaced and the signs will remain in place until completion of the NEPA process. Information will also be provided to the CRO for posting to INDOT's Historic Bridges Marketing Program website a minimum six (6) months prior to the public hearing. INDOT will forward the information to the Indiana Landmarks to post on their website if they choose to do so.

Press Releases

Press releases will be developed and distributed to local media outlets and posted on INDOT social media platforms and website at key project milestones. This will be the primary method for informing and involving a wide public audience.

Project Website

Project-related information will be posted on INDOT's project website to provide the public with the most current project information. The website will contain the latest updates, project schedule, maps, documents,

and any upcoming meeting dates as well as Project Team contact information, resource agency links, and options for providing comments.

Meetings

Section 106 Process and Consulting Party Meeting(s)

Section 106 meetings with consulting parties may be conducted to discuss the project's historic and archaeological reports, Alternatives Analysis, Effect Findings, and/or memorandum of agreement (MOA). Based on initial project feedback from early coordination, no controversy is expected and there is little interest in the potential removal of the historic Ramp B over B bridge (see photograph on cover page). Currently up to two consulting party meetings may be held if they are requested by IDNR DHPA or other stakeholders. Additionally, the public will be informed of the proposed findings and will have opportunities to comment via the required public notices for Section 106 and Section 4(f), as well as the proposed Public Hearing.

Other Meetings

At this time, other stakeholder meetings such as community advisory committees, noise meetings, EJ-focus groups, etc., are not proposed. This does not preclude INDOT from hosting such meetings should they be needed.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to make formal statements of their views on the project immediately before project decision-making. The Public Hearing will be held once preliminary plans have been developed and a draft environmental document has been approved by INDOT. The Public Hearing will be advertised twice in the legal notice section of at least one local newspaper: the *Times of Northwest Indiana*. The first notice will be published at least 15 days before the hearing. The second notice will be published 7 days before the hearing. The hearing will also be noticed on the project website and a press release will be distributed to local media. The notices will specify the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. It will include a brief project description and announce the locations where the environmental document is available for viewing (website and local repositories). The notice will include contact information for requesting assistance for persons with disabilities or communication barriers. Local repositories are anticipated to be the LaPorte District office and the Main Library of the East Chicago Public Library.

The Public Hearing will be held at a place and time generally convenient for people affected by or interested in the project and at a location accessible to people with disabilities. At the hearing, the Team will have an Open House session prior to the formal presentation. This Open House session will allow the public and stakeholders to speak with the Team and ask project related questions. Various large display boards will be on view, as well as handouts with project information, copies of the draft environmental document, and design plans. Following the Open House session, there will be a formal presentation by the Team, which will include the following information:

- The project's purpose and need
- The project schedule, including major milestones, phasing, and anticipated construction start and end dates
- Estimated construction cost
- The Maintenance of Traffic plan
- The project's alternatives and major design features
- The social, economic, environmental, and other impacts of the project
- The availability of the environmental document
- Procedures for the public to make verbal and written statements about the project

INDOT is committed to providing a Public Hearing format that allows full public participation. After the formal presentation, there will be a Question & Answer session, so the Team can answer any project-related questions. The public and other stakeholders will then have an opportunity to make a formal comment about the project in the following ways:

- Public statements at the hearing
- Verbal comments made privately during the meeting to a recording device
- Written comments will be accepted in person at the Public Hearing
- 30-day public comment period following the hearing - the public and other stakeholders, including stakeholders who did not attend the Public Hearing, may submit comments to the Team via mail or email

A transcript will be made of all verbal statements and comments made at the Public Hearing. The transcript will include copies of all written statements from the public, both those submitted at the public hearing and during the 30-day public comment period following the hearing. A summary of the Public Hearing proceedings and responses to all substantive comments will be included in the final environmental document for the project.



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Eric Holcomb, Governor
Michael Smith, Commissioner

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DES. # 1703011 (Lead) SR 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridges Project in East Chicago, Lake County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Ivy Tech East Chicago Campus – 410 E Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312, the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans, the environmental document, and Section 106 document for the SR 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridges Project in Lake County. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and project team members will be available before and following the formal hearing procedure.

The primary needs for the project stem from the deteriorated condition of the six existing bridges and roadway pavement within the interchange. The primary purpose of the project is to extend the life of the interchange by: restoring the vehicular bridges to at least good condition; improving the condition and extending the service life of roadway and bridge approach pavement by at least 20 years; correcting cracked/settled retaining walls and providing a median barrier along SR 912 that meets current standards; and eliminating the concerns associated with the closed pedestrian bridge.

The project is located at the SR 912 and Michigan Avenue interchange, 1.34 miles west of US 12. The project contains five roadway bridges and one closed pedestrian bridge that are part of an interchange. The interchange is the main entrance into the Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor steel plant and provides alternate access to the Ameristar Casino, Jeorse Beach Park, and other lakefront facilities.

The project proposes to replace the Michigan Avenue Bridge which spans SR 912, ramps, and three railroads, and install a new roundabout on the southern portion of the interchange. The southern ramps (Ramp H and Ramp B) will be realigned, and their bridges will be removed. The northern ramps (Ramp NEC and Ramp I) and their bridges will be rehabilitated. Existing retaining walls will be removed and replaced with embankments and/or walls. Existing pavement will be repaired or replaced as needed. A closed pedestrian bridge over the railroads will be removed. Drainage improvements, replacement of overhead sign structures, and installation of a new roundabout lighting system are also proposed.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2024. During the reconstruction, the Michigan Avenue Bridge will be closed for approximately two years. Maintenance of traffic details will be presented during the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, public transit, local school corporation officials, and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

The proposed project will occur almost entirely within existing, previously disturbed right-of-way. This project will require approximately 4.83 acres of temporary right-of-way from industrial properties. No permanent right-of-way is proposed. This project will not impact natural resources except for approximately 7.5 acres of terrestrial habitat and 0.072 acre of wetlands.

The Ramp B over B Bridge, INDOT Structure No. 912-45-06596 B, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). As part of the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory project, the bridge was determined to be "Non-Select". The bridge has been marketed for re-use for the past six months and information about the bridge can be found on the following INDOT Historic Bridge Marketing website: <http://www.in.gov/indot/2532.htm>.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. In addition to involving the Ramp B over B Bridge, the project's area of potential effects (APE) also includes the following property that is eligible for the National Register: the Inland Steel Office Building/ArcelorMittal Human Resources building. INDOT, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has signed a determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the project.

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In accordance with the NHPA, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a) (4), the documentation of no adverse effect specified in 36 CFR 800.11 (e) is available for inspection in the repository locations listed below. The documentation can also be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents>. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Adverse Effect" finding.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and FHWA have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The public hearing serves as the opportunity for the public to comment on both the environmental document and the 800.11(e) documentation for Section 106. All comments collected before, during, and after the hearing through Tuesday, October 11, 2022 will be taken into consideration. **The public hearing will be the last opportunity for a responsible party to step forward and provide the necessary sureties to obtain ownership of the bridge.**

The environmental documentation, Section 106, and preliminary design information is available to view at the following locations:

1. City of East Chicago Public Library – Main Branch: 2401 E Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312
2. INDOT LaPorte District Office: 315 Boyd Blvd, La Porte, IN 46350
3. INDOT Website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/>
4. Project documents can be mailed upon request. Contact INDOT at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848) or Alex Lee at (317) 616-1011.

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: Michelle Greene, Parsons, 101 W Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or email: michelle.greene@parsons.com. **INDOT requests comments be postmarked by October 11, 2022, to be included as part of the public hearing record.**

With 7 (seven) days advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearing's process including services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) including language interpretation services and document conversion. To request accommodation, please contact Alex Lee, Parsons at (317) 616-1011 or email: alexander.lee@parsons.com.

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 2021 INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual approved by the FHWA.

*** Proof of Publication ***

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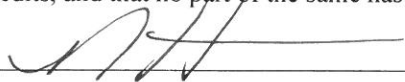
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DES. # 1703011 (Lead)
SR 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridges Project in East Chicago, Lake County

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The Cross Church		
Ameristar Casino		
City of East Chicago Common Council	Council Member	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service		
City of East Chicago Common Council	Council Member	
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Federal Highway Administration	Environmental Specialist	
Historic Bridge Foundation	Executive Director	
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INDOT CRO notified Tribal contacts on 9/13/2022



September 27, 2022

SR 912 at Michigan Avenue Bridges Project Public Hearing

Lake County | Des No. 1703011

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Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

- INDOT
 - Mike Grylewicz, Project Manager
 - Adam Parkhouse, Communications Director
- Parsons
 - John LaBlonde, Project Manager
 - Juliet Port, Environmental Lead

Housekeeping Items

- Please sign-in
- Pick up copies of handouts
- Formal Public Hearing
 - Presentations
 - Public Statements for the Record
 - Adjourn Formal Hearing
- Multiple ways to comment
 - Verbal statement tonight
 - Written comments tonight
 - By mail or email after hearing
 - Call INDOT customer service

**Public Comment Period Ends
October 11, 2022**

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Public Hearing Format Overview

Public Hearing Format

- **Open House begins at 5:00 p.m.**
 - Review project graphics
 - Speak with project team members
 - Sign up to speak during formal portion
- **Formal Hearing begins at 6:00 p.m.**
 - Team will present project information
 - Verbal comment period will follow the presentation
 - Those wishing to speak will be called in the order their requests were received

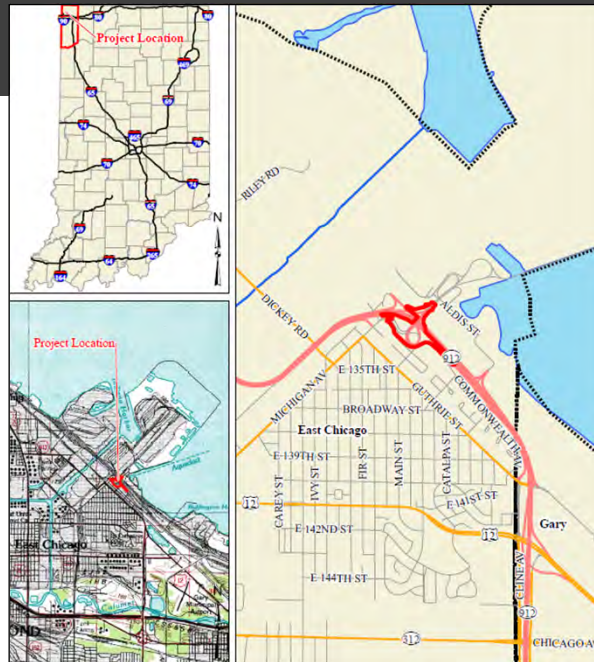
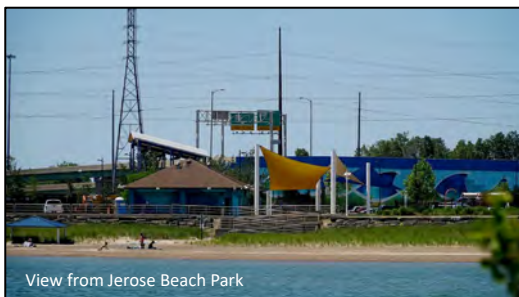


Team members available to answer questions throughout the event

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Project Location

**City of East Chicago, Lake County
SR 912 Interchange
Des. 1703011**



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Stakeholders

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Lake County
- City of East Chicago
- Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
- Tribal Governments
- Railroads
- Transit Providers
- Emergency Services
- Area Businesses
- Local Schools
- Religious Institutions
- Community Organizations
- Area Residents
- Historic Consulting Parties



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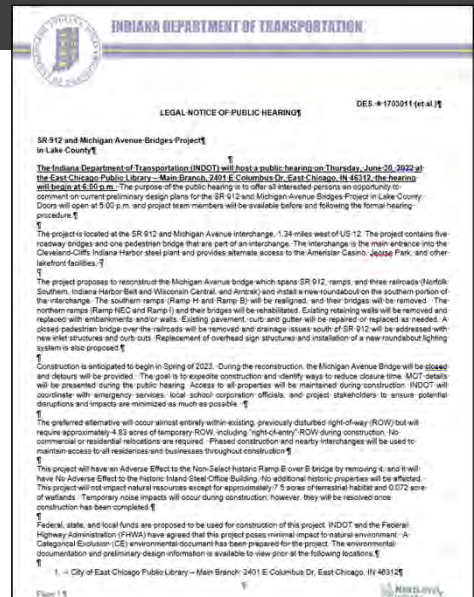
Public Notices

Section 106 Findings

- FHWA finding of “No Adverse Effect” was published in the *NWI Times* on February 10, 2022, offering the public an opportunity to comment. The public comment period ended on March 12, 2022.

Public Hearing

- *NWI Times* - September 13, 2022, and September 20, 2022
- *IndyStar* - September 13, 2022, and September 20, 2022
- Mailed or Emailed to project stakeholders



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Project Development Process

How are projects selected?

Step 1 Long Range Planning: INDOT and local agencies conduct ongoing long-range transportation planning to identify and prioritize projects.

Step 2 Project Development: Includes environmental analysis, alternatives evaluation, conceptual engineering, and public involvement.

Step 3 Design: Detailed construction plans are prepared.

Step 4 Right-of-Way Acquisition: Entails the acquisition of right-of-way, if needed.

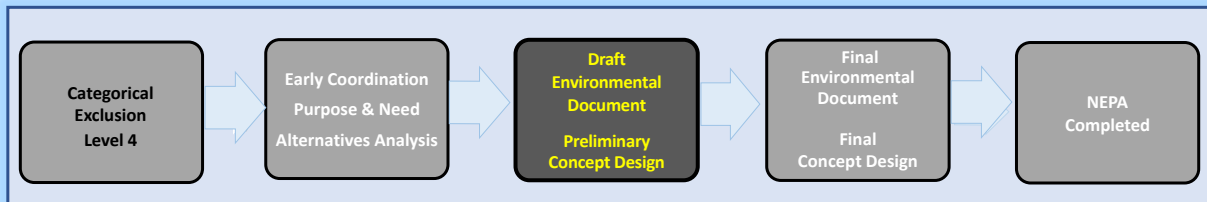
Step 5 Construction: The project is built.



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Project Development Process - Step 2

Environmental Analysis



Schedule	Fall 2021 – Analysis Begins Fall 2021 – Public Involvement	Summer 2022 - Draft Document Fall 2022 - Public Hearing	Winter 2022 - Final Document Spring 2023 - Final Design	Award Contract - 2023
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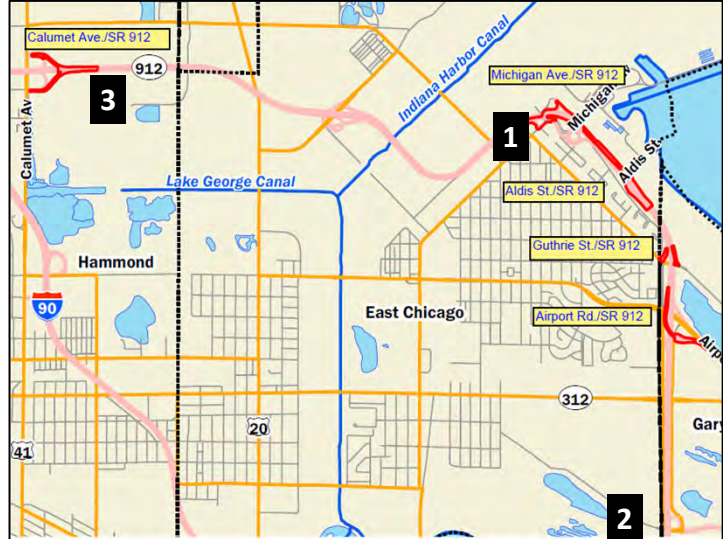
Public Involvement occurs throughout the process

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Other Projects

Related projects include:

- SR 912 Roadway and Ramp
- SR 912 Bridge over IHB and NS RR
- SR 912 Bridge over CSX RR & Amoco Service Road



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Other Bridge Projects

- SR 912 Roadway and Ramp 4A**
 - Remove Ramp 4A
 - Replace approximately 5.3 miles of pavement
 - Construction in Spring 2023
 - Des. 1800067
(Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago, and Gary)



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Other Bridge Projects

- 2 SR 912 Bridge over IHB and NS RR**
- Preventative Maintenance - bridge painting
 - Construction in Spring 2024
 - Des. 1800533 (East Chicago and Gary)



- 3 SR 912 Bridge over CSX RR & Amoco Service Road**
- Preventative Maintenance – deck overlay, patching, various repairs
 - Construction in Spring 2024
 - Des. 2000039 (Hammond)



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Project Area

SR 912/Michigan Avenue Interchange

- Located approximately 1.3 miles east of the Cline Avenue Bridge

Project Limits

- From southwest of the Ramp B over B Bridge to just north of the Michigan Avenue Bridge



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Project Purpose & Need

Project Purpose:

- Improve interchange safety
- Improve bridge conditions
- Extend pavement service life
- Repair cracked/settled retaining walls
- Provide a median barrier along SR 912
- Remove the non-functional pedestrian bridge



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Project Purpose & Need

Project Need:

- Deteriorated condition of bridges and roadway pavement
 - Michigan Avenue Bridge
 - Ramp B over B
 - Ramp H over B
 - Ramp I
 - Ramp NEC
 - Closed pedestrian bridge
- Current configuration does not meet current design standards
 - Narrow inside and outside shoulders
 - Low vertical clearances
 - Limited stopping sight distance



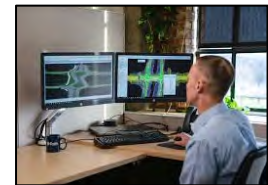
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Interchange Alternatives Evaluated

Alternatives Considered

NEED INTERCHANGE ALTERNATIVES

- Alternative A No Build
- **Alternative A2*** **Roundabout with One Bridge Replacement, Three Bridge Removals, and Two Bridge Rehabilitations**
- Alternative B1 Rehabilitation (Two-Lane or One-Lane Options (Meeting Standard))
- Alternative B2 Rehabilitation (Two-Lane or One-Lane Options (NOT Meeting Standard))
- Alternative C1 Rehabilitation (One-Way Pair Option) (Meeting Standard)
- Alternative C2 Rehabilitation (One-Way Pair Option) (NOT Meeting Standard)
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- Alternative E Relocation of Historic Bridge and New Bridge Construction
- Alternative F Demolition of Historic Bridge and New Bridge Construction



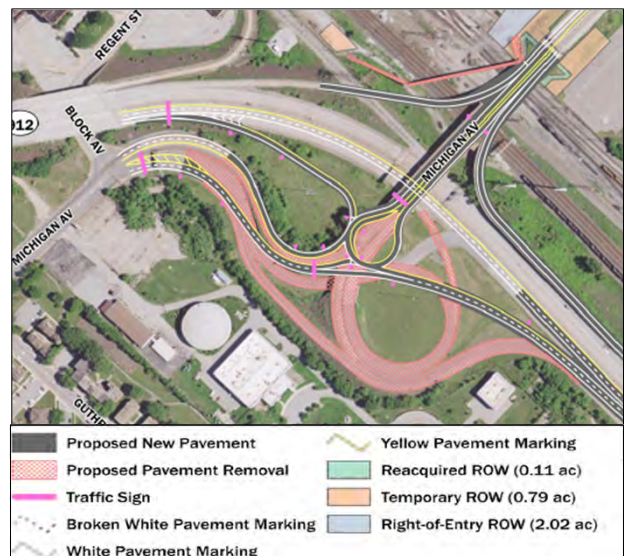
* Preferred Alternative

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Preferred Alternative – Alternative 2A

Key Features:

- Install roundabout at SR 912/Michigan Avenue
- Replace Michigan Avenue Bridge over SR 912
- Remove Bridges
 - Ramp H over B bridge
 - Ramp B over Ramp B bridge
 - Non-functional pedestrian bridge
- Rehabilitate Bridges
 - Ramp NEC and bridge
 - Ramp I and bridge
- Realign Ramps
 - Ramp G, Ramp H, and Ramp B
- Design considerations for freight, transit, first responders, and school buses
- Total new ROW 2.92 acres impacted



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Proposed Maintenance of Traffic

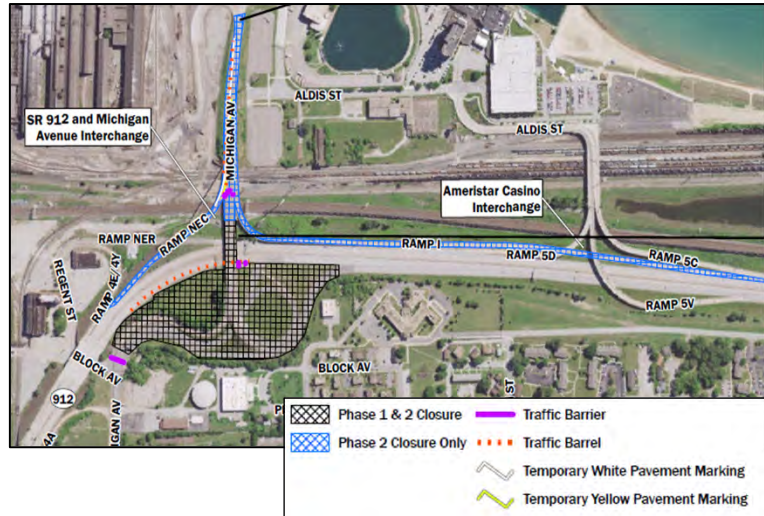
Two Year-Long Phases

Phase 1

- Ramps I and NEC to remain open
- South side of the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange closed
- Michigan Avenue bridge will be closed
- One EB lane and both WB lanes along SR 912 will be maintained

Phase 2

- Michigan Avenue bridge and all ramps will be closed
- No official detour provided



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National Environmental Policy Act (1969)

Federal Process

- Requires that federal agencies consider the effects of their actions on surrounding natural, cultural, and social environments:
 - Right-of-Way
 - Floodplains
 - Wetlands & Waterways
 - Noise
 - Air Quality
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Threatened & Endangered Species
 - Historic & Archaeological
- Requires public be provided the opportunity to be involved and comment
- Requires impacts be described in an environmental document



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Project Impacts Overview

Type	Impact	Summary
Relocations	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Impacts
Right-of-Way	4.83 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.81 acres of temporary plus 2.02 acres right-of-entry ROW from industrial properties 0.11 acres of reacquired ROW
Traffic Pattern	Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes in access; improved safety and efficiency
Water/Wetlands	0.072 acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland 1 = 0.042 acre Wetland 2 = 0.030 acre
Terrestrial Habitat	7.5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat will be disturbed; possible benefit by removing ramps/replace with vegetation
Parks/Recreation (Section 4f)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No impacts / No changes in access
Cultural Resources (Section 106)	2 locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp B over B Bridge - Removal Inland Steel Office Building / ArcelorMittal- No Adverse Effect
Threatened & Endangered Species	Bats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect – with Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs)"
Noise	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis not required; no abatement is proposed
Environmental Justice	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Populations are present but no disproportionate impacts
Community impacts, public services, air quality, hazardous materials	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No impacts to communities, public services, air quality, or hazardous materials

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National Historic Preservation Act (1966)

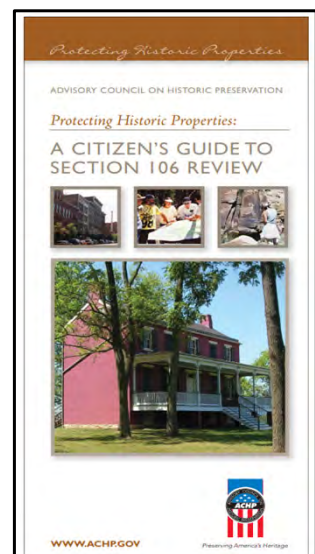
NHPA Overview

Acknowledged the importance of protecting our nation's heritage and established policy for historic preservation.

- Charges federal agencies with responsible stewardship (Section 106)

Section 106

- Requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on listed or eligible historic properties
- Affords the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) the opportunity to consult



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Section 106 Review Process

4 Step Process:

Step 1: **Initiate** consultation

- INDOT prepared and distributed early coordination notices to applicable federal, state, and local government stakeholders at the beginning of the environmental analysis

Step 2: **Identify** historic properties

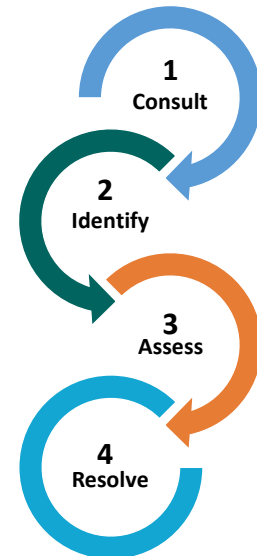
- One building will not be impacted by the project
- One bridge will be impacted (Ramp B over Ramp B Bridge) – State Historic Bridge Preservation process initiated

Step 3: **Assess** effects on historic properties

- The potential effect of each alternative on identified historic properties was carefully evaluated and documented

Step 4: **Resolve** any adverse effects

- Potentially adverse effects were resolved through coordination with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Tribal officials, and applicable federal, state, and local government stakeholders



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Indiana's Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement (HBPA)

- **Executed in 2006**
- **Streamlines the federal Section 106 process for historic bridges**
 - Determines if bridge rehabilitation for vehicular use is feasible and prudent
- **Created an inventory of bridges built before 1965**
 - Bridges listed in (or eligible for) NRHP are categorized as Select or Non-Select
 - Select: Most suitable for preservation; excellent examples of a given type of historic bridge
 - Non-Select: Not considered excellent example or not suitable for preservation

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Section 106 Evaluation

Step 1 - Initiate Consultation

- Early coordination letters sent June 18, 2021
- Consulting parties:
 - FHWA
 - USACE
 - USFWS
 - USHUD
 - SHPO
 - Lake County
 - City of East Chicago
 - Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
 - Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
 - Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
 - Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
 - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 - Shawnee Tribe
 - Forest County Potawatomi Community

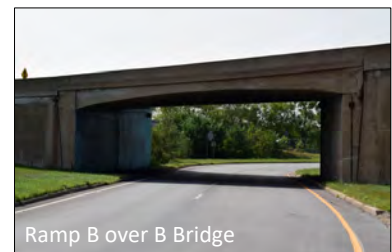


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Section 106 Process Timeline

Step 2 - Identify Historic Properties

- *Historic Property Report* submitted May 18, 2021
- Two historic properties identified
 - Ramp B over B Bridge - “Non-Select” Bridge
 - Inland Steel Office Building



Step 3 - Assess Project Effects

- *Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis* submitted November 8, 2021

Step 4 - Resolve Impacts

- Analysis documents options and outcomes
- Effect Finding approved February 7, 2022

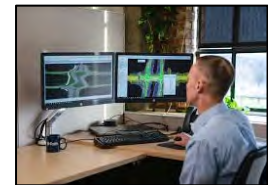


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Historic Bridge Alternatives Evaluated

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* Preferred Alternative

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Historic Bridge Marketing

Numerous steps were taken to market the Ramp B over B Bridge:

- A public notice published in *Indianapolis Star* on December 17, 2020
- A public notice published in *NWI Times* on December 18, 2020
- Bridge availability was posted on INDOT website on December 17, 2020
- A bridge marketing sign was installed at the bridge on January 19, 2021



INDOT Historic Bridge Program Website:
www.in.gov/indot/current-programs/green-initiatives/indiana-historic-bridges-inventory

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Impacts: Historic Properties (Section 106)

2 Resources

- **Historic Building - Inland Steel Building**
 - Built in 1930 – Art Deco Style
 - State Historic Site
 - Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory #089-679-35181
 - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Review
 - “No Adverse Effect”
- **Historic Bridge - Ramp B over B Bridge**
 - Built in 1959, funded in part by the Inland Steel Company
 - Eligible for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing
 - Historic Bridge Inventory Review - Bridge is “Non-Select”
 - Not suitable candidate for preservation
 - Not considered an excellent example



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Next Steps

Receive Comments

- Comments from stakeholders and the public will be collected through October 11, 2022

Review and Respond to Comments

- Comments will be given full consideration during decision-making process
- Comment responses will be addressed in the environmental document

Final Environmental Document submitted to approval

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Project Questions?

Contact INDOT Customer Service



[855-INDOT4U \(463-6848\)](tel:855-INDOT4U)



www.INDOT4U.com



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Public Comment Period

• 4 ways to submit your comments

- Make a verbal statement at the hearing tonight
- Submit a written comment at the hearing tonight
- Submit a written comment after the hearing via mail or email to:

Mail: INDOT SR 912/Michigan Ave. Bridge Project
Attn: Juliet Port
Parsons
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 2121
Indianapolis, IN 46204

E-mail: Juliet.port@parsons.com

- Contact INDOT Customer Service: 855-INDOT4U (855-463-6848)

Please mention "SR 912 Bridge Project" in your comments



**Public comment period ends
Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

Comments received during the public comment period will be included in the public hearing transcript and become part of the public record

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Thank you for Participating



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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

September 27, 2022

Dear local residents, interested citizens, and elected officials:

Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) public hearing for the SR 912 and Michigan Avenue Bridge Project in Lake County.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and environmental document for this project. There are several ways to provide comments:

1. **Complete** a comment form and place it in the comment box or return it to a project team member at tonight's hearing. Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and were included in your information packet
2. **Provide a verbal statement** during the comment session following the presentation. We ask that speakers limit their comments to three (3) minutes to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak
3. **E-mail** comments to Juliet Port at juliet.port@parsons.com
4. **Mail** comments to Juliet Port at Parsons 101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Comments will be reviewed and considered by INDOT as part of the decision-making process. Comments received and postmarked by **October 11, 2022** will be included in the public hearing record.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located at the SR 912 and Michigan Avenue interchange, 1.34 miles west of US 12, in the City of East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. The project contains five roadway bridges and one pedestrian bridge that are part of an interchange. The interchange is the main entrance into the Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor steel plant and provides alternate access to the Ameristar Casino, Jeorse Park, and other lakefront facilities.

The project proposes to reconstruct the seven-span Michigan Avenue bridge which spans SR 912, several ramps, and three railroads (Norfolk Southern, Indiana Harbor Belt and Wisconsin Central, and Amtrak) and install a new roundabout on the southern portion of the interchange. The southern ramps (Ramp H and Ramp B) will be realigned, and their bridges will be removed. The northern ramps (Ramp NEC and Ramp I) and their bridges will be rehabilitated. Existing retaining walls will be removed and replaced with embankments and/or walls. The existing pavement, curb and gutter will be repaired or replaced as needed. A closed pedestrian bridge over the railroads will be removed. Additionally, drainage issues south of SR 912 will be addressed with new inlet structures and curb cuts. Replacement of overhead sign structures and installation of a new roundabout lighting system is also proposed.

During the reconstruction, the Michigan Avenue Bridge will be closed and a detour will be provided. The goal is to expedite construction and identify ways to reduce closure time. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2023.

As part of the project, an analysis of environmental and socioeconomic impacts was conducted as part of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process. During the analysis, it was determined that the Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement 1 (HBPA) and Section 4(f) applies to this project. The Ramp B over B Bridge (Structure No. 912-45-06596 B; NBI No. 33035), is included in the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory, which determined that the bridge was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and designated it as Non-Select. The bridge was determined eligible under Criterion C as it represents “an early or distinctive phase in bridge construction, design, or engineering, and it retains the historic integrity necessary to convey its engineering significance”.

Questions? To learn more about this project, visit www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/sr-912-roadway-and-ramp-project or contact INDOT Customer Service at 1-855-INDOT-4-U (1-855-463-6848)

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

- 5:00 p.m. – Open House - doors open and project team is available for questions
- 6:00 p.m. – Formal presentation, followed immediately by the public comment session. Team members will be available afterward to answer questions
- 7:00 p.m. – Hearing adjourns

The project team will be available to answer questions prior to and following the formal portion of the public hearing. All comments received prior to, during, and following the public hearing will be evaluated and addressed within project documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public hearing and describe project decisions reached following the careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available for review at:

- City of East Chicago Public Library – Main Branch: 2401 E Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312
- INDOT LaPorte District Office: 315 Boyd Blvd, La Porte, IN 46350
- INDOT Project Website: www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/sr-912-roadway-and-ramp-project

Project documents can be mailed upon request. Please contact INDOT Customer Service at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848) with your request.

Thank you for attending tonight’s public hearing.

¹ https://www.in.gov/indot/files/Historic_Bridge_ProgrammaticAgreement.pdf



SR 912 at Michigan Avenue Bridges Project

Lake County | Des. No. 1703011

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

To provide comments or ask questions about the project, please contact:



INDOT Customer Service

www.INDOT4U.com | (855) 463-6848

OR

Juliet Port

Parsons Environmental Lead

101 W. Ohio St., Ste. 2121

Indianapolis, IN 46204

juliet.port@parsons.com

Please reference "SR 912/Michigan Avenue Bridge Project" when leaving a comment

Project Overview

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed proposed improvements for the State Road (SR) 912/Michigan Avenue interchange. The project is located approximately 1.3 miles east of the Cline Avenue Bridge, beginning southwest of the Ramp B over B Bridge and ending approximately 215 feet north of the Michigan Avenue Bridge.

The proposed improvements would increase the function and safety of the interchange, extend pavement service life, and address existing design deficiencies such as narrow shoulders, low bridges, and limited sight distances.

The proposed improvements include constructing a new roundabout at the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange; replacing the Michigan Avenue bridge over SR 912; removing three bridges (the Ramp H over B bridge, Ramp B over Ramp B bridge, and a non-functional pedestrian bridge); rehabilitating two bridges (Ramp NEC and bridge and Ramp I and bridge); and realigning three ramps (Ramps G, H, and B) (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Recommended Alternative



Document Locations

The environmental document will be available for review through **October 11, 2022** at the following locations:

East Chicago Public Library
2401 E Columbus Dr.
East Chicago, IN 46312

OR

INDOT LaPorte District Office
315 Boyd Blvd.
LaPorte, IN 46350

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.



Figure 2: Maintenance of Traffic

Maintenance of Traffic

During construction, the maintenance of traffic activities will occur in two phases, each spanning approximately one year (Figure 2). During Phase 1, the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange and the bridge over SR 912 will be closed. Access to the East Chicago Marina, Ameristar Casino, Jeorse Park, and industrial areas will be maintained via Ramp I and Ramp NEC (see inset image). During Phase 2, the SR 912/Michigan Avenue interchange and the bridge over SR 912 will remain closed and Ramps I and NEC will also be closed. During Phase 2, access to the Marina, Hotel, Park, and industrial areas will be limited to the Ameristar Casino Interchange via Ramps 5C, 5D, and 5V (Figure 2). SR 912 will remain open to traffic during all construction phases.

Historic Resources

Two historic resources were identified during the study. The Inland Steel Building (Figure 3), built in 1930, is an excellent example of art deco architecture and has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Following a review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), it was determined that the project would have no adverse effects on this resource.

The Ramp B over B bridge (Figure 4), a historic bridge listing candidate, will be removed as part of the proposed improvements. INDOT and SHPO conducted an in-depth review using criteria established in the State’s Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement and determined the bridge to be “Non-Select”, and unsuitable for preservation. When an Indiana historic bridge is planned for bypassing or replacement, the bridge is offered to any group or individual that may want to take ownership of the bridge and manage it in place or relocate it to another site. The Ramp B over B bridge has been advertised for reuse in local newspapers, through on-site signage, and is currently being marketed on the INDOT Historic Bridge Program website.

Figure 3: Inland Steel Building



Figure 4: Ramp B over B bridge



Public Comment Period

All comments must be postmarked by **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** to become part of the public record

Para Preguntas En Español

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o le gustaría más información sobre este proyecto en Español, contacta al señor Robert Walker, al teléfono (801) 553-3347 o correo electrónico robert.walker@parsons.com.





SR 912 Michigan Avenue Bridges Project Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet

September 27, 2022

Name	Organization (If applicable)	Email	Street Address	Zip Code
Amy Stanley	INDOT			
Adam Parkhouse	INDOT			
Mike Grylewicz	INDOT			
FRANCISCO ROSADO JR.	EC TRANSIT			
Steve Michels	INDOT			
Damon Carpenter	EC FD			



**EASTERN SHAWNEE
CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT**

70500 East 128 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

October 24, 2022

INDOT - Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Ave. IGCN642
Indianapolis, IN 46201

RE: Des No. 1703011, Lake County, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe has received your letter regarding the above referenced project(s) within Lake County, Indiana. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is committed to protecting sites important to Tribal Heritage, Culture and Religion. Furthermore, the Tribe is particularly concerned with historical sites that may contain but not limited to the burial(s) of human remains and associated funerary objects.

As described in your correspondence, and upon research of our database(s) and files, we find our people occupied these areas historically and/or prehistorically. However, the project proposes **NO Adverse Effect** or endangerment to known sites of interest to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Please continue project as planned. However, should this project inadvertently discover an archeological site or object(s) we request that you immediately contact the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, as well as the appropriate state agencies (within 24 hours). We also ask that all ground disturbing activity stop until the Tribe and State agencies are consulted. Please note that any future changes to this project will require additional consultation.

In accordance with the NHPA of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470-470w-6), federally funded, licensed, or permitted undertakings that are subject to the Section 106 review process must determine effects to significant historic properties. As clarified in Section 101(d)(6)(A-B), historic properties may have religious and/or cultural significance to Indian Tribes. Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on all significant historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. § 4321-4347 and 40 CFR § 1501.7(a)). This letter evidences NHPA and NEPA historic properties compliance pertaining to consultation with this Tribe regarding the referenced proposed projects.

Thank you, for contacting the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, we appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any further questions or comments please contact our Office.

Sincerely,

Paul Barton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
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