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LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed pavement replacement of SR 16 through the Town of Denver in Miami County. The roadway improvements are proposed to begin 2.90 miles east of US 31 and end 3.71 miles east of US 31 for a project length of approximately 0.81 miles.

The purpose of this project is to provide a long-term solution for the deteriorated condition of the SR 16 pavement, drainage, and sidewalks.

The project proposes to perform full depth pavement reconstruction with underdrains, as well as removal and replacement of curb and gutter, storm drainage, sidewalks and curb ramps. All sidewalks and curb ramps shall be ADA compliant. New storm sewer and culverts will be installed. The Nickel Plate Trail approaches at the SR 16 intersection will be realigned to approximately 90° for better trail user sight distance along SR 16. Increased signage and road markings will be added to warn traffic on SR 16 of the trail crossing.

The project will require approximately 1.7 acres of permanent right-of-way and 0.6 acres of temporary right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan for the pavement replacement will require a closure of SR 16 during construction. An official state detour route utilizing US 31, US 24 and SR 19, for a total length of 16.8 miles, will be required. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. The Nickel Plate Trail will require closure at the crossing of SR 16. To allow for continued trail use throughout construction, a temporary connection will be made between the trail and Washington Street and the trail detour will use Washington Street and 1st Street. Either the 1st Street intersection with SR 16 or the existing trail crossing at SR 16 will remain open during construction. School corporations, local officials and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction.

The cost of construction is estimated at \$3,300,000.00 with federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with minimal environmental impact anticipated. Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations, as well as online in the link below:

- Peru Public Library, 102 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970
- INDOT Fort Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808
- <https://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Kimberly Saunders, INDOT Fort Wayne District, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 or KSaunders@indot.IN.gov on or before August 14, 2020. Copies of project information may be mailed 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 Fort Wayne District office for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Kimberly Saunders at 260-969-8319 or KSaunders@indot.IN.gov. 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 the INDOT Fort Wayne District Office.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CRF 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 August 16, 2012.