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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Public Hearing to present the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the I-65 at SR 267 Interchange Modification, I-65 at Boone CR 550 S New Interchange, I-65 Northbound Exit Ramp Modification at Whitestown Parkway, and I-65 Southbound Exit Ramp Modification at I-865.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing **beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Whitestown Public Hall, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, IN 46075.** The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the EA environmental document and related materials for the I-65 enhancements. The doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. in order to view displays and talk to the representatives prior to the start of the hearing.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations along the I-65 corridor, from I-865 to SR 267 near Whitestown, and to provide improved connectivity between I-65 and the rapidly developing area along the CR 550 S corridor. The improvements will address the need to reduce existing traffic congestion along the I-65 corridor, enhance safety, provide pedestrian movements, direct access between I-65 and the rapidly developing area near CR 550 S to serve existing and planned land uses and growth patterns along the I-65 corridor.

An estimated 65.3 acres of right of way will be required for the total of all proposed improvements and will require the relocation of one agricultural facility which also contains a residence. In general the maintenance of traffic will maintain traffic on I-65 during construction with the exception of temporary closures (20 minutes at a time) for the setting of beams and other bridge work at the SR 267 and CR 550 S interchange areas. The new I-65 interchange at the CR 550 S location will be constructed prior to closing portions of the existing I-65 at SR 267 interchange and the realigning of the local frontage roads. CR 550 S will result in a full closure immediately east of the proposed intersection of the northbound I-65 exit ramp to CR 550 S and the realigned Perry Wroth Road until a locally initiated CR 550 S extension project is constructed to connect to the new interchange.

The EA includes information regarding community and environmental impacts related to the proposed project. The environmental document and the preliminary designs are available to view prior to the public hearing at the project website <https://www.in.gov/indot/3729.htm> and hard copies of the documentation at the following locations:

1. Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, 250 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Zionsville, IN 46077
2. INDOT Crawfordsville District at 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 46140
3. Hearings Examiner, Room N642 of the IGCN, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216, Phone # (317) 234-0796

INDOT is soliciting comments on the EA document for the I-65 projects and encourages the community to attend and participate. **The official public comment period for the EA begins on Monday, April 8, 2019 and will end on May 9, 2019.** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted during this time.

Verbal statements will be accepted during a public comment session for the official public record immediately following the formal presentation. Verbal comments may be restricted to time limitations based on the number of speakers. In addition, written comments in regard to the projects may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. E-Mail: [mwright@indot.in.gov](mailto:mwright@indot.in.gov)

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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 August 16, 2012. INDOT, Mary Wright, Public Hearings Examiner, Phone # (317) 234-0796,