

Public Notice of Planned Improvement regarding proposed bridge work on SR 356, over Mud Creek, 4.69 miles east of SR 57.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is planning to proceed with project DES 1700150, a bridge replacement project on SR 356, over Mud Creek, 4.69 miles east of SR 57 in Pike County. The project limits are 250 feet east and 250 feet west of the bridge center. The need for this project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing bridge with an overall fair (5 out of 10) structure condition rating. The purpose of this project is to improve the existing structurally insufficient bridge and replace it with a new bridge which will meet a structure condition rating of very good (8 or above) and meet INDOT's current hydraulic performance criteria for bridges (allowable backwater, outlet velocity, and roadway serviceability). The project involves the replacement of the existing bridge with a single span bridge. Incidental construction will include installation of guardrail and the relocation of a field entrance to outside the limits of the new guardrail. Construction of the project may require approximately 1.9 acre of new permanent right-of-way and 0.10 acre of temporary right-of-way. No residential or commercial relocations are anticipated. This project involves federal and state funding sources.

The Maintenance of Traffic for the project will require the closing of SR 356 during construction. The official detour route will be signed to maintain traffic. The detour is expected to be in place no more than 12 weeks. The detour route will use SR 257, SR 56, and SR 61 which is 14.9 miles and will add approximately 5.0 miles for traveling motorists. This detour route will include both eastbound and westbound SR 356.

FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 2 Environmental Document. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this document. For stream impacts to Mud Creek a Section 404 Regional General Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will be required.

All interested parties are hereby notified of the availability of the environmental document for inspection and the preliminary design plans for viewing at the following website:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm>

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. Please contact Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which INDOT needs to provide accessibility to the above documents such as interpreters or readers, please contact Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com.

All interested persons may request a public hearing, or express their concerns, by submitting comments to the attention of Kirk Roth, 200 S. Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225; or kroth@corradino.com on or before May 23, 2020. If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest

of the public, additional notification will be prepared and the public notified. Otherwise, any comments or materials received will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) 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." 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 provide 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 FHWA on August 16, 2012.

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