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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the Ivy Tech Community College Community Room, Room 130, 4475 Central Avenue, Columbus, Indiana 47203. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the information meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to hear and obtain information about the proposed project, and talk with project staff.

The existing I-65 Taylorsville Rest Area was built in 1975. The existing truck parking lots are undersized for current and predicted future capacity demands. The northbound (NB) rest area currently has 37 truck parking spaces with an average 81-percent capacity during peak hours between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. and the southbound (SB) rest area has 44 truck parking spaces with an average 100-percent capacity between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., based on traffic data obtained from <https://www.in.gov/indot/resources/traffic-data/>. Lack of adequate parking availability has resulted in unauthorized truck parking along the entire lengths of the entrance and exit ramps at the NB and SB rest areas.

The purpose of this project is to reduce truck parking congestion at the rest areas to reflect INDOT's Rest Area and Truck Parking Plan (<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/Rest-Area-and-Truck-Parking-Plan-FINAL-11-21-23.pdf>). The project will provide sufficient parking capacity and improved buildings / modernized facilities to support the current and projected traffic volume.

The preferred alternative is to reconstruct both rest areas and reconfigure the parking lots to accommodate additional truck parking spaces. Both rest area sites will be reconfigured to eliminate car parking areas, and add additional truck parking to accommodate a total of 75 trucks. Additionally, there are available private sector travel break opportunities for the general public in the area, including private facilities located four miles north of the NB facility at mile marker 73 and six miles south of the SB facility at mile marker 68, meeting the FHWA and INDOT standards for spacing between facilities that offer travel break opportunities.

In order to provide additional truck parking as well as appropriate drainage the construction of the new parking lot will gradually elevate to the east by 4 ft. from the existing depressed ground elevation. All existing rest area buildings at both locations will be demolished and replaced with new restroom and vending facilities, as well as new maintenance buildings with modernized equipment. At the SB facilities, an existing electric service point for a lift station will be eliminated and combined with a generator that will provide backup power to the on-site lift station. Ancillary work will include the addition of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, changes to existing sewer and water utilities, landscaping, and inlets and storm sewer construction to drain the proposed facilities. Existing drainage patterns will be maintained; however, a conventional detention pond is proposed at the NB rest area, and inline detention will be constructed at the SB rest area, due to lack of sufficient existing right-of-way (ROW).

Demolition of seven buildings (NB Main Building, NB Shed, NB Vending, SB Main Building, SB Picnic, SB Shed 1, and SB Vending,) will occur, removing the exiting on-site infrastructure to facilitate construction of the new proposed facilities. All existing signs and light poles within the limits of the rest areas will be removed and replaced per latest INDOT Standards and Specifications requirements. Existing high masts will be removed and replaced with conventional light poles and environmentally friendly lights that will reduce light pollution. The existing right-of-way fence will be removed and replaced with a new 48-inch chain link fence. A noise barrier is proposed to be constructed along the ROW line on the northside of the NB Rest Area.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for the project will require a full closure of the existing Taylorsville Rest Area ramps, utilizing lighted and unlighted advanced warning signage to warn motorists of the site closure and barricades to prevent access to the site by traveling motorists. The closure of both rest areas, during construction, is anticipated to be a total of approximately 23 months. Traffic on I-65 NB and I-65 SB will be maintained for the duration of the project, and MOT measures will be removed upon completion of the project. Access to all adjacent properties will be maintained throughout construction. No detour will be required.

The construction cost associated with this project is approximately \$16,400,000 with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. This project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 4 environmental document, due to the noise analysis required.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Bartholomew County Public Library 536 5th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201
2. Online at : <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-seymour-district/taylorsville-rest-area/>

Copies of project information may be mailed upon request. Additionally, any questions about the project can be directed to Imtiyaz Dalal, Project Manager, Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc., 9120 Harrison Park Court, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216 or idalal@jsengr.com.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Central Office for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Steve McAvoy, Statewide Facilities Director at 317-489-1955 or smcavoy@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 Central Office.

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 INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.
