INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT – SR 9 over Mud Creek in Madison County – Des. 2100572

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are planning to proceed with a bridge replacement project at State Road (SR) 9 over Mud Creek in Madison County, Indiana. This project is located 2.83 miles north of SR 28, north of the town of Alexandria, Indiana.

The construction activities involve removing the existing bridge (INDOT bridge #009-48-00157 C) and replacing it with a single-span prestressed concrete girder bridge (Structure #009-48-10798). The foundations will consist of spill-through reinforced concrete end bents with riprap on the spill slopes to protect the foundation from erosion and scour. Because the profile of the new bridge will be higher than the old, approach slab and full depth pavement replacement is planned for both the north and south approaches along SR 9 with transition milling and overlaying at both ends of the project limits. Existing guardrail is planned to be replaced, the side slopes re-graded, and portions are to include lining ditches with riprap. To construct the ditches and to convey flow under drives, drives adjacent to the road work are planned to be removed, have new drainage pipes installed, and then reconstructed. The new bridge structure will raise the grade across the bridge and on the approaches but will maintain the existing roadway alignment on SR 9.

The proposed project will require an anticipated 0.65 acre of permanent right-of-way and 0.01 acre of temporary right-of way. No displacements are associated with this project. No wetlands will be impacted by the project. New permanent right-of-way consists of agricultural land and Mud Creek.

The maintenance of traffic for the project will require closure of SR 9. An official state route detour will utilize SR 26, SR 28, and SR 37. Northbound traffic on SR 9 will be detoured westbound on SR 28 towards northbound SR 37. Southbound traffic on SR 9 will be detoured westbound on SR 26 towards southbound SR 37. INDOT is coordinating all projects within the area to prevent multiple closures at the same time. Project stakeholders including local school corporation(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

This project involves federal and state funding sources with an estimated cost for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction is approximately \$2 million. The FHWA and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) level 2 document. Preliminary design plans along with the draft CE are available for review at the following locations:

- 1. Alexandria-Monroe Public Library, 117 East Church St., Alexandria, IN, 46001. Phone #765-724-2196.
- 2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 S Broadway, Greenfield, IN, 46140. Phone #855-463-6848.
- 3. INDOT Greenfield District website, https://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm., click on "SR 9 Bridge Replacement in Madison County".

All interested persons may request a public hearing, or express their concerns, by submitting comments to the attention of Cade Deckard, Environmental Analyst, Kimley-Horn & Associates, 500 East 96th Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 317-280-3814 or Cade.Deckard@kimley-horn.com on or before February 25, 2025. In

addition, project information, including the environmental document may be mailed to interested persons 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 Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Kim Szewczak at 317-289-3193 or kszewczak@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, Kim Szewczak 317-289-3193 or kszewczak@indot.in.gov.

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 Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.