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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at The American Legion, 922 W. Ferry Street (also known as SR 234 and County Road 480 N.) Cayuga, IN 47928. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to construct a new reduced conflict intersection (median opening) on SR 63 approximately 390 ft. north of the north gas station drive to the truck plaza; eliminating the existing median opening on SR 63 located across from the north gas station drive; and extending and raising splitter islands at CR 1650 N. in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. The purpose of this project is to reduce the crash rate on this segment of SR 63 by an alternative traffic operation for SR 63 that is efficient for trucks and that will result in high driver compliance.

As proposed, the preferred alternative is to construct a new reduced conflict intersection (median opening) on SR 63 approximately 390 ft. north of the north gas station drive to the truck plaza; eliminating the existing median opening on SR 63 located across from the north gas station drive; and extending and raising splitter islands at CR 1650 N. New pavement markings, advanced street directional signs, and high lumen roadway luminaire lights will be installed. One stormwater pipe will be installed in the grass median at the north end of the project limits. The pipe will be 15 inches in diameter and 135 ft. long. Approximately 6 tons of revetment riprap on 12 square yards of geotextile will be placed at the outlet of the pipe.

The project length is approximately 0.08 mile, not including incidental construction. This project will occur within existing right-of-way. No permanent or temporary right-of-way will be required for this project.

The maintenance of traffic for the project will require Phased construction. A detour will not be necessary to complete the project.

Phase 1 will include outside construction. Temporary traffic control devices and temporary pavement markings will be placed to close the southbound outside lane of traffic. Erosion and sediment control measures will be installed. Ingress and egress to all properties will be maintained at all times during construction. The pavement bump-out for the reduced conflict intersection will be constructed. Upon completion of Phase 1, all temporary pavement markings and traffic control devices will be removed from the southbound outside lane closure.

Phase 2 will include inside construction. Temporary traffic control devices and temporary pavement markings will be placed to close the northbound and southbound inside lanes of traffic. Ingress and egress to all properties will be maintained at all times during construction. The median pavement for the reduced conflict intersection will be constructed and the median pavement between CR 1650 N and the reduced conflict intersection will be removed. Permanent signage and pavement markings will be installed. Seed will be placed at all disturbed areas and temporary erosion control measures will be removed. Upon completion of Phase 2, all temporary pavement markings and traffic control devices will be removed from the northbound and southbound inside lane closures.

Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations, local officials and emergency services will be notified of temporary closures prior to construction. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2024 and continue through Summer 2024.

The construction cost associated with this project is approximately \$813,286.00 with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. This project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review online at <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-crawfordsville-district/sr-63-and-cr-1650-reduced-conflict-intersection/>

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Metric Environmental, LLC, ATTN: Susan Castle, 6958 Hillsdale Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250, (317) 608-2730, or SusanC@Metricenv.com. Requests must be received prior to January 26, 2023.

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: Metric Environmental, LLC, ATTN: Susan Castle, 6958 Hillsdale Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250 or SusanC@Metricenv.com or to Arshad Ahmed, INDOT Project Manager at INDOT Crawfordsville District, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or arahmed@indot.in.gov. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Thursday, February 9, 2023.**

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 Crawfordsville District Office for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Arshad Ahmed at 765-361-5258 or arahmed@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 Crawfordsville District 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.