



DES. # 1800552

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for proposed Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlay and Preventive Maintenance project from the intersection of SR 124 and SR 19 (Broadway Street) to 6.99 miles east of SR 19, or approximately 425 feet west of CR S 675 E in Miami County.

The purpose of this project is to extend the pavement life of SR 124 a minimum of ten years. Additionally, the project will improve drainage within the area of concern along SR 124 from approximately 1.9 miles east of SR 19 to 2.16 miles east of SR 19 and maintain the existing culverts along SR 124. The need for the project is demonstrated by the existing pavement deterioration; roadway areas experiencing runoff, ponding, or flooding; and culvert deterioration.

The proposed project includes application of a HMA overlay and preventive maintenance of SR 124. The existing pavement structure on SR 124 will undergo a mill of 1.5 inches and overlay with 1.5 inches of HMA. Two to five feet of roadway shoulder widening will be completed at the inside radius of the curve approximately two miles east of SR 19 on SR 124 and the driveway at this location will be reconstructed including replacement of the driveway culvert.

Curb ramp replacements are anticipated at the northeast and northwest corners of SR 124 and SR 19. This project also includes culverts and drainage improvements to be constructed throughout the project limits. This includes the installation of a new 6 foot by 4 foot reinforced concrete box culvert crossing SR 124, 1.9 miles east of SR 19 and construction of approximately 1,350 linear feet of drainage channel on the north and east side of SR 124. The culvert will convey unnamed tributary 1 to the Mississinewa River from the existing roadside ditch to the newly constructed drainage channel.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project will require single lane closures utilizing a temporary signal or flagging operations for the HMA overlay and Phase III of the MOT. A closure and detour for Phase I and II of the MOT will be required to construct the culverts and drainage improvements. The detour for Phase I and II will utilize SR 13 through Wabash, and US 24 and SR 19 in Peru. The detour is approximately 29 miles long and adds approximately 22 miles to a trip through the area. Intermittent lane closures with flagging operations may still be necessary to finalize construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is 2023.

The proposed construction of this project will require 2.4 acre of new permanent right-of-way and no temporary right-of-way.

The cost associated with this project is approximately 2.4 million dollars which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the

guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the Peru Public Library located at 102 East Main Street, Peru, Indiana. The document is also available on-line at <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-fort-wayne-district/sr-124-preventative-maintenance-project/>.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Christine Meador, HNTB, 111 Monument Cir, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or 317-917-5338 or [cmeador@hntb.com](mailto:cmeador@hntb.com) on or before September 27, 2021. 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), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats or languages are encouraged to contact Christine Meador, 317-917-5338, [cmeador@hntb.com](mailto:cmeador@hntb.com).

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 August 16, 2012.

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