



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DES. # 2100058

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Intersection Improvement at US 41 & SR 352 in Benton County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on June 25, 2025, at Boswell Town Hall located at 108 E. Main St. in Boswell, Indiana 47921. The hearing will begin at 6:00 PM EST. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the proposed intersection improvements at United State Route (U.S.) 41 and State Route (S.R.) 352 in Benton County, Indiana.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) with partial funding and oversight from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposed improving the U.S. 41 & S.R. 352 Intersection in Benton County. The proposed improvement is a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI). The purpose of the project is to reduce crash frequency and severity at the intersection. RCIs have proven to be a safer alternative to a traditional roadway intersection on a four-lane highway because they eliminate or substantially reduce right-angle crashes, the crash the most responsible for fatalities and serious injuries at intersections. In fact, the installation of RCIs at similar intersections throughout Indiana and the nation have shown a substantial decrease in fatal and serious injury crashes.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves maintaining at least one lane open in all directions during construction for both U.S. 41 and S.R. 352. Access to adjacent properties and local drives will always be maintained. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

The project will require no additional right-of-way. No residential relocations are required for the project. There are no impacts to threatened or endangered species. There will be approximately 0.03 acres of wetland impacts for the project improvements. Construction is expected to begin in June 2026. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$3.8 million. Right-of-way costs are \$0 and preliminary engineering costs are approximately \$272k.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE-1) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information are available to view at the following locations:

1. Boswell-Grant Township Public Library, 101 N. Clinton St., Boswell, IN 47921
2. INDOT Crawfordsville (West Central) District Office, 41 W 300 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
3. Project website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-crawfordsville-district/us-41-and-sr-352-intersection-improvement/>

During emergency situations, public viewing locations may be limited or prohibited as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. INDOT will mail project documents upon request.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Kaitlyn Taylor, INDOT (765-376-4754 and kattaylor@indot.in.gov).

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 ASC Group, 9376 Castlegate Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256. E-Mail: cberry@ascgroup.net. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by July 9, 2025.**

This notice is published in compliance with 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." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.