**DES. # 1800226**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for enhanced safety measures at the intersection of US 41 and SR 58 in Sullivan County.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety at this location on US 41 by reducing the number of traffic conflict points, which will lessen the likelihood of crash incidents at this intersection.

The preferred alternative will meet the purpose and need of the project because it will reduce the number of right-angle crashes by eliminating left turning movements and through traffic from SR 58 across US 41, thus improving safety at the intersection. In its current configuration, there are 24 crossing conflict points at the intersection. Constructing a reduced conflict intersection (RCI) would reduce this to only 4 crossing conflict points.

The project proposes to reconfigure the intersection of US 41 with SR 58 by constructing an RCI. The reconfigured intersection will direct all traffic on SR 58 to make a right turn onto US 41, then make a U-Turn across the median of US 41 before making a right turn onto SR 58. Construction activities will include the following:

* Construction of raised medians in the US 41/SR 58 intersection and on eastbound and westbound SR 58 approaches.
* Construction of median U-Turns approximately 800 feet north and south of the existing US 41/SR 58 intersection.
* Reconstruction of approximately 100 feet of shoulder at each median U-Turn to accommodate truck turning traffic.
* Reduction of the US 41 southbound left-turn lane approaching the US 41 and Ledgerwood Street intersection from 720 feet to 580 feet with 100 feet of taper in order to accommodate the south median U-Turn.
* Installation of new permanent lighting and signage related to the new median U-Turns.

The only alterations near the Ledgerwood intersection with US 41 will be the reduction in the southbound left-turn lane. Ultimately, impacts to the US 41/Ledgerwood intersection will be minimal.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for this project will be accomplished in three phases utilizing lane closures. There are no public facilities within or adjacent to the project area. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction; therefore, no impacts are expected. Early coordination letters were sent to the Sullivan County Surveyor, Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, Sullivan County Sheriff, Sullivan County Engineer, Southwest School Corporation, Carlisle-Haddon Township Volunteer Fire Department, and Carlisle Town Marshall and Streets Superintendent. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction.  The proposed start of construction is Spring of 2023.

The construction cost associated with this project is approximately $1,881,000. It is anticipated that federal funds will be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed that 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 on-line at <https://www.in.gov/indot/4303.htm>

**All interested persons may request that a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Rich Connolly at HNTB, 111 Monument Cir, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204; or via email at** [**rconnolly@hntb.com**](mailto:rconnolly@hntb.com)**. Verbal comments can also be made by calling 317-917-5333. All comments must be received on or before June 11, 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 Rich Connolly at 111 Monument Cir, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or by calling 317-917-5333.

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.