U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

Des. No. 1600515

Intersection Improvement at US 30 and CR 500 E

July 30, 2019

Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

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41°8'2.67"N

85°24'3.84"W

85°23'26.39"W

41°7'35.57"N

Feet

0 250 500 1,000 1,500 2,000

1:6,000

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) *Zone A, V, A99*
- With BFE or Depth *Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR*
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile *Zone X*
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. *Zone X*
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee *Zone D*

OTHER AREAS

- NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard *Zone D*

GENERAL STRUCTURES

- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

- B 20.2 17.5 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
- 8 Coastal Transect
- 513 Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

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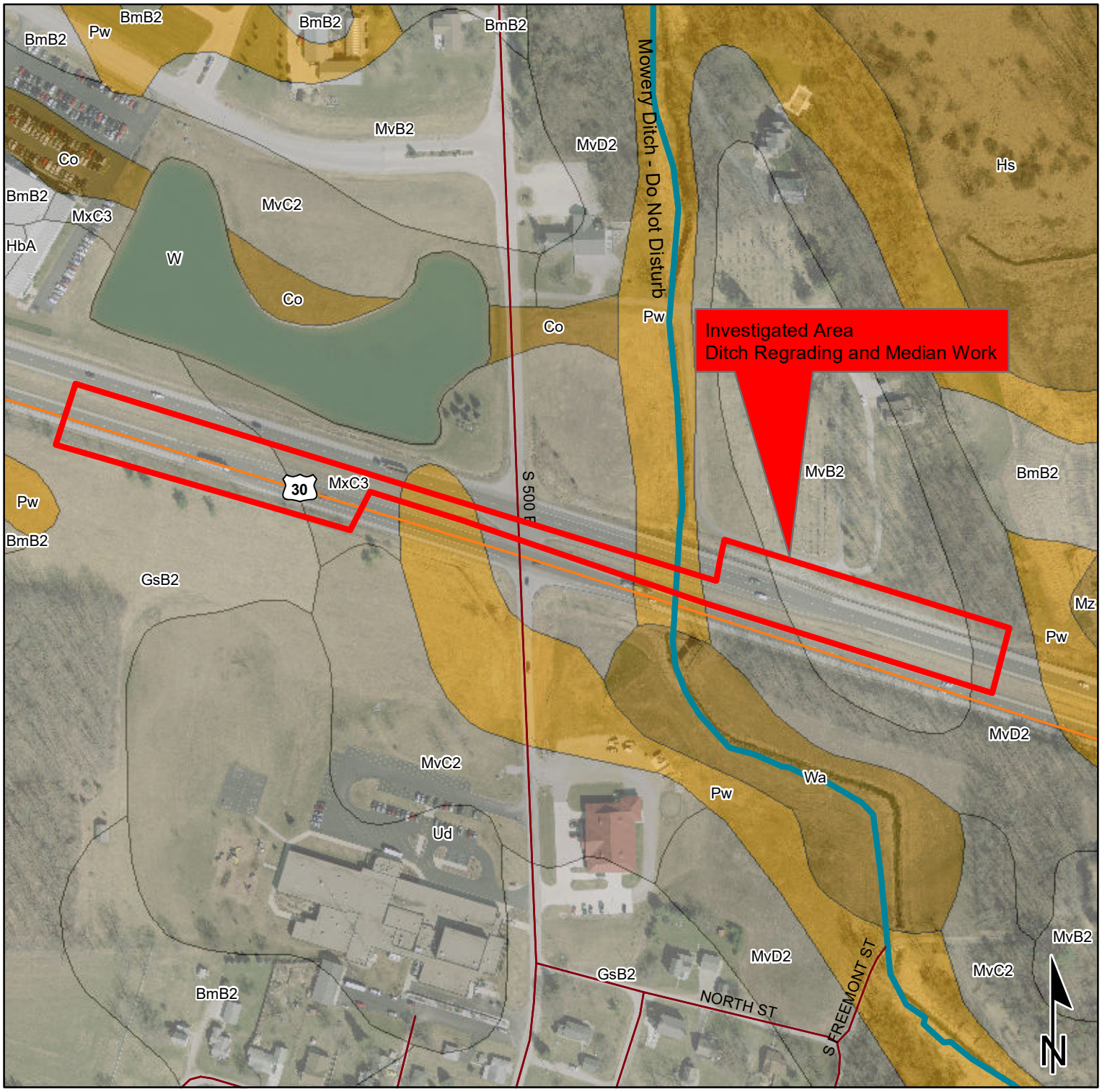
Waters of the United States Determination - Soils Map
Des No. 1600515, Intersection Improvement
US 30, 5.01 miles east of SR 205 (CR 500 E)
Whitley County, Indiana



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Scale 1:3,000

Sources: **Non Orthophotography**
Data - Obtained from the State of Indiana Geographical Information Office Library
Orthophotography - Obtained from Indiana Map Framework Data (www.indianamap.org)
Map Projection: UTM Zone 16 N **Map Datum:** NAD83

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Legend

- Interstates
- State Routes
- US Routes
- River
- Site Visit ID
- Not Hydric
- Predominantly Not Hydric
- Somewhat Hydric
- Predominantly Hydric
- All Hydric

Soil Map—Whitley County, Indiana

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Map Scale: 1:2,980 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.

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Meters: 0 40 80 160 240

Feet: 0 100 200 400 600

Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 16N WGS84

MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons

Soil Map Unit Lines

Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout

Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

Spoil Area

Stony Spot

Very Stony Spot

Wet Spot

Other

Special Line Features

Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation

Rails

Interstate Highways

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Background

Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,800.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Whitley County, Indiana
Survey Area Data: Version 21, Sep 7, 2018

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 14, 2012—Dec 27, 2016

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
GsB2	Glynwood loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	1.5	23.2%
MvB2	Morley loam, 3 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	1.1	17.5%
MvD2	Morley loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, eroded	0.9	14.1%
MxC3	Morley clay loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, severely eroded	2.0	31.0%
Pw	Pewamo silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0.9	14.1%
Totals for Area of Interest		**6.5**	**100.0%**

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Des. No. 1600515 City/County: Coesse/Whitley County Sampling Date: 6/21/2019

Applicant/Owner: Indiana Department of Transportation State: IN Sampling Point: A

Investigator(s): Ashley Taylor, Madeline Mettler Section, Township, Range: Sections 21 & 22, Township 31 N, Range 10 E

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Roadside Ditch Local relief (concave, convex, none): Convex

Slope (%): 2 to 6 Lat: 41.131591 Long: -85.398082 Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Glynwood loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No ____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No ____

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ____	No X	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes** ____ **No** X
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ____	No X	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes X	No ____	

Remarks:

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 5' x 10')	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. *N/A*			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
		=Total Cover	

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5' x 10')			
1. *N/A*			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
		=Total Cover	

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5' x 10')			
1. *Fesuca rubra*	65	Yes	FACU
2. *Typha sp.*	25	Yes	OBL
3. *Scripus georgianus*	2	No	OBL
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	92	=Total Cover	

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 5' x 10')			
1. *N/A*			
2.			
		=Total Cover	

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	27	x 1 =	27
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	65	x 4 =	260
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	92 (A)		287 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.12

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

____ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

____ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

____ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

____ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

____ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? **Yes** ____ **No** X

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)
The plot size for the vegetation sampling was reduced to approximately five feet wide to ten feet long adjacent to the roadway. This is because a slope clearly exists on the south side of the sampling area. Photos 18, 19, and 20 in the attached photo log.

SOIL

Sampling Point: A

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-12	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	Gravel was mixed in with it.

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5)
- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
- ___ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)
- ___ Red Parent Material (F21)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: Gravel

Depth (inches): 12

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** ___ **No** X

Remarks:

This data form is revised from Midwest Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx). Gravel was present at 12" deep; therefore a deeper sample could not be obtained.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- X High Water Table (A2)
- X Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- ___ True Aquatic Plants (B14)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Gauge or Well Data (D9)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- X FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ___	No X	Depth (inches): ___
Water Table Present?	Yes X	No ___	Depth (inches): 11.5
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes X	No ___	Depth (inches): 10

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** X **No** ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

The water table was present at 11.5 inches from the top of the hole and saturation extended to 10 inches from the top of the hole.

Appendix G:
Public Involvement

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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Eric Holcomb, Governor
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DES# 1600515

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No right of way will be required for the project. Maintenance of traffic will require single lane closures with the outside shoulder work to be completed first and then the median. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Disruption of emergency services and school bus routes may occur but will be notified prior to any construction that would block or limit access.

At present, both state and federal funds are available for construction of the project. The environmental document and preliminary design plans are available to view prior to the public hearing at the following locations:

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Subject:	U.S. 30 and C.R. 500 East intersection improvement in Whitley County - Early Coordination Notification of Public Hearing

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Eric Holcomb, Governor
Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Dear Local Resident, Interested Citizen, and Elected / Local Public Official:

Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) public hearing regarding proposed U.S. 30 intersection improvement at C.R. 500 East in Whitley County.

The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for this project.

There are several ways your comments may be presented this evening and following tonight's public hearing. You may submit comments in the following manner:

1. **Complete** a comment form and return it to an INDOT representative attending the public hearing. Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and also included in your information packet.

2. **Participate** as speaker during the comment session following tonight's presentation.

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There are four sub-districts (Bluffton, Elkhart, Fort Wayne and Wabash) and 17 counties (Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley and parts of Blackford, Fulton, and Jay) within the Northeast District.

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Public Hearing Agenda

Project Open House
Meeting called to order
Formal presentation
Public Comment Session
Project Open House

All substantive comments received will be evaluated and responded to in writing within subsequent project documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public hearing process and describe project decisions reached following careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

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TODAY'S DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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Intersection Improvement – Purpose & Need

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Totals	0	4*	14	18

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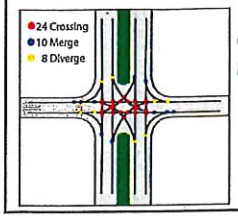

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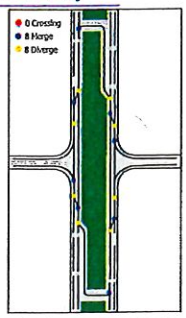

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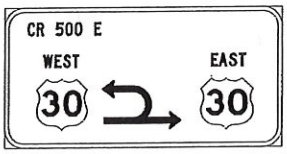

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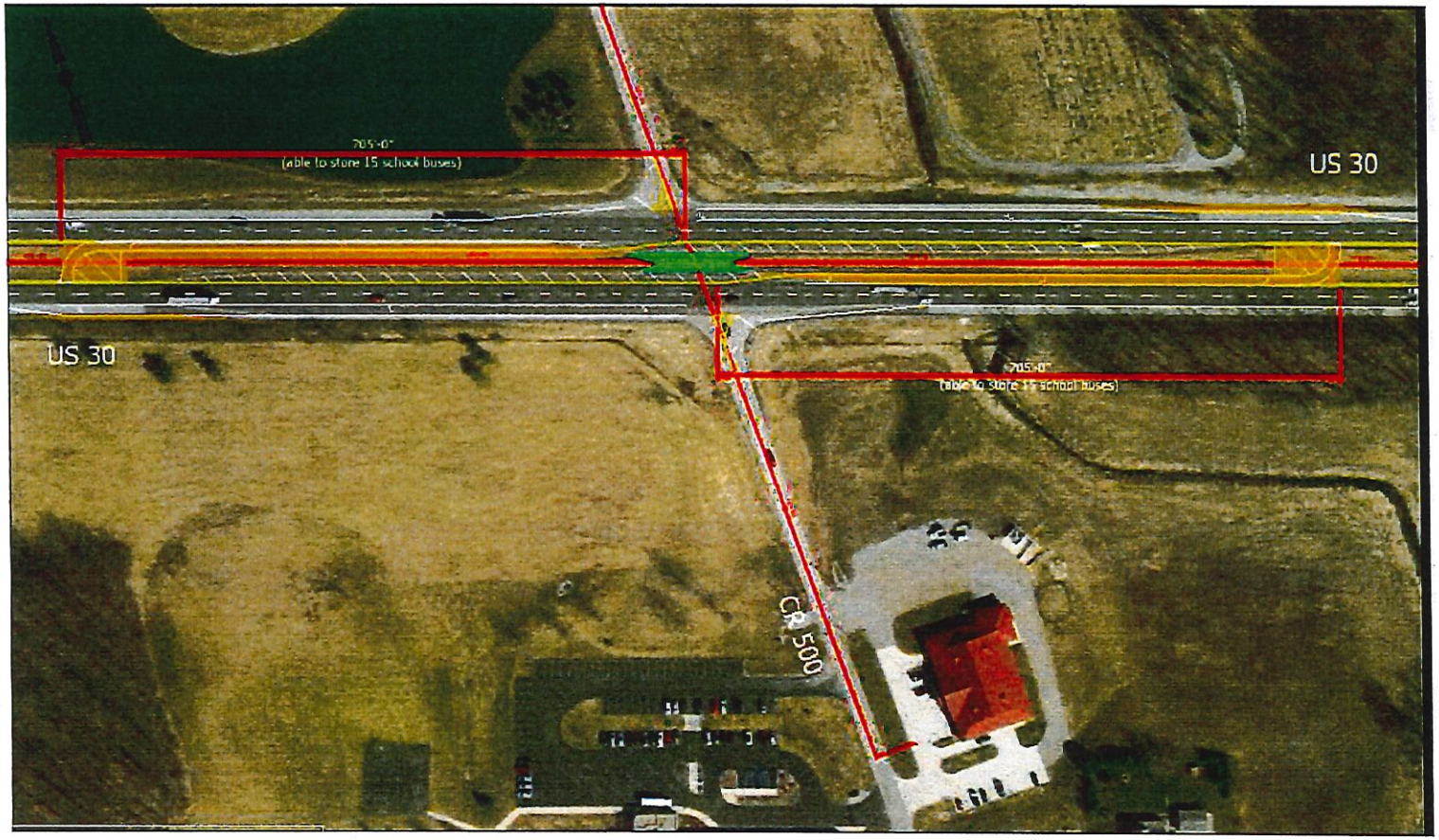

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Intersection Improvement U.S. 30 at C.R. 500 East in Whitley County

Indiana Department of Transportation

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019

6 p.m.

Welcome

- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
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U.S. 30 at C.R. 500 East Intersection Improvement

- **Introduction of INDOT Project Team**
  - Fort Wayne District – INDOT Regional Office
  - Project Management
  - Communications
  - Environmental Services
  - Public Involvement Team
- **American Structurepoint**
  - Engineering & Design
- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**

- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
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Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Whitley County
- Elected and local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations

Project Development

Environmental Analysis Phase

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
  - Purpose and Need
  - Alternatives Screening
  - Preferred Alternative
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  - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  - How can impacts be avoided?
  - Can impacts be minimized?
  - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Draft environmental document released for public involvement – August 2019**
  - Available for review at project resource locations

Examples of Items Evaluated during Analysis

- Right-of-Way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources (Historic/Archaeological)
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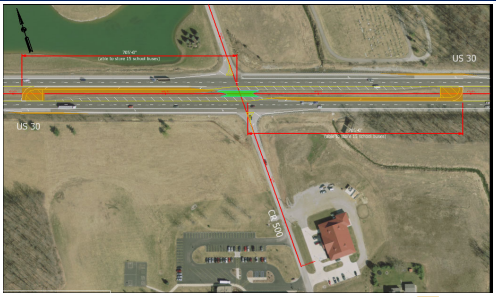

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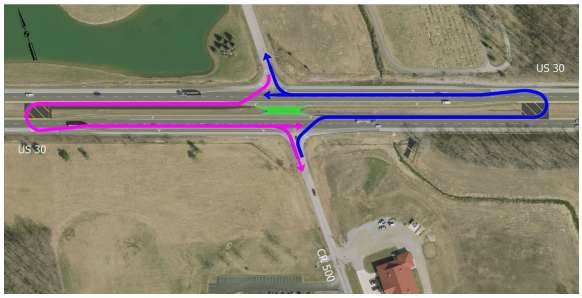

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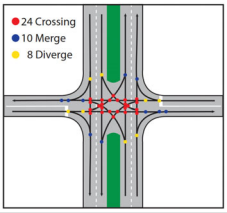

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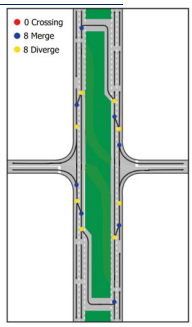

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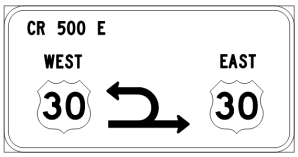

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Social Media Comments

Before

[redacted]
Dumbest idea ever. I bet at least 10 accidents within the first week. Sad thing is even if theres fatalities indiana still wont do anything to fix it. Ridiculous. Stick to fixing potholes rather than screwing up more traffic
52w Like Reply

[redacted]
I know this is bad to say ! And I don't want to see this happen. But the Monroeville Fire&E.M.S will be busy. Also if Woodburn or Monroeville have a fire and need help from each other this will not help the response time.
51w Like Reply

[redacted]
There is not sufficient room for a semi to make a u turn without using both lanes and causing traffic to slow to avoid accidents
51w Like Reply

After

[redacted]
This has been open roughly 1 year and not a single accident with injury!
23m Love Reply Message

[redacted]
I have been on the Monroeville fire dept for roughly 20 years and we haven't been out there for a accident with injury in over a year. Usually we are there every few months.
1m Love Reply Message

[redacted]
I use it a few times a day in a semi with no issues. It saves me at least 10 minutes a day by not having to wait for both lanes of traffic to be clear.
2m Like Reply Message

Submit Public Comments

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Next Steps

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  - All comments given full consideration during decision-making process
  - Finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design
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Thank You

- Please visit with the INDOT project team following the presentation and comment session
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