

# Heavy Haul Transportation Corridor Des. No. 1382612

Public Hearing  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

# Welcome

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- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Participate during public comment session
- Submit written public comments
- Project display area

# Welcome

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- **Introduction of INDOT Project Team**

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- City of Jeffersonville
- Clark County
- Indiana Economic Development Corporation
- Ports of Indiana
- River Ridge Development Authority
- United Consulting
- American Structurepoint

- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**

- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- Legal notice of public hearing was published in the *News and Tribune* on **2/9/18 and 2/21/18**
- A notice of the public hearing was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- A copy of presentation and project documentation are available for review on-line via INDOT website: <http://www.in.gov/indot/3689.htm>

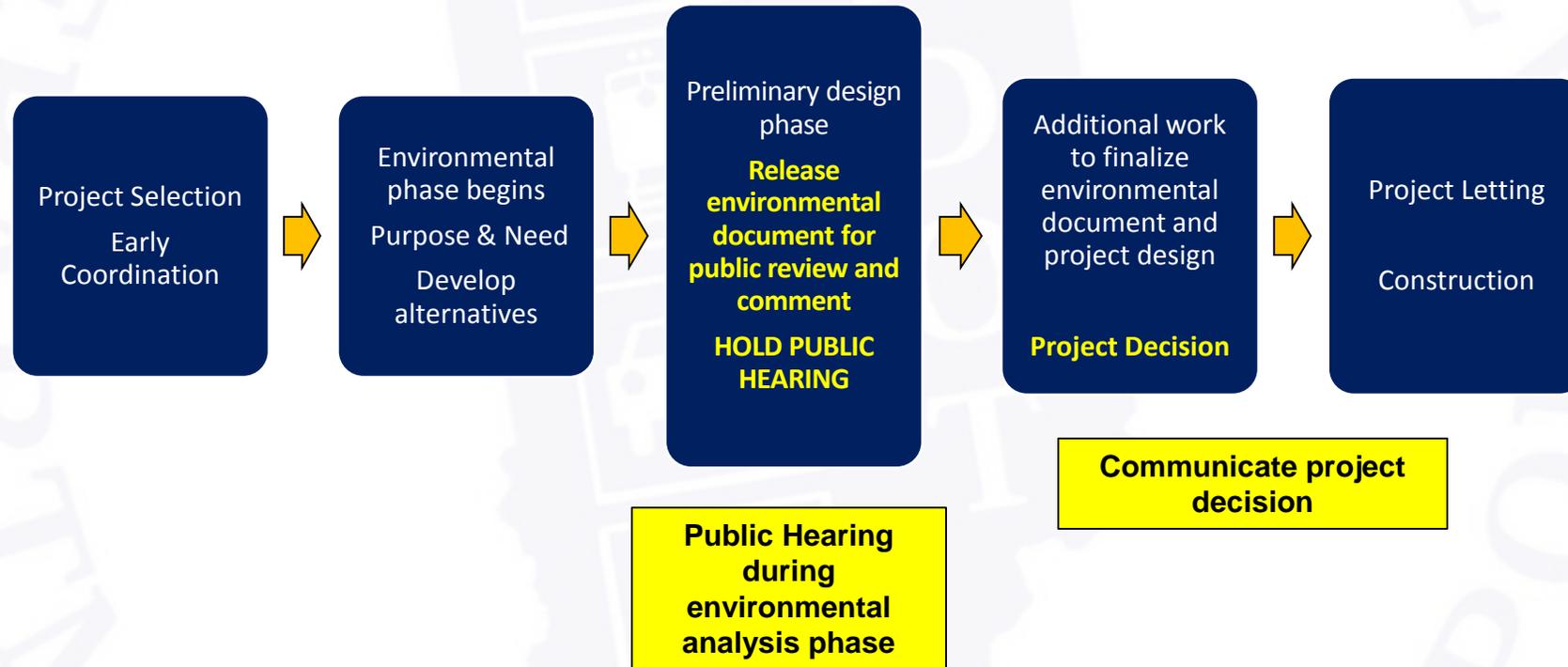
# Project Stakeholders

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- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- City of Jeffersonville
- Clark County
- Indiana Economic Development Corporation
- Ports of Indiana
- River Ridge Development Authority
- Elected & Local officials
- Residents & citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations
- Trucking Industry



# Project Development



# Environmental Document

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- **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
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
  - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  - How can impacts be avoided?
  - Can impacts be minimized?
  - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Environmental Assessment approved and released for public involvement**
  - February 5, 2018
  - Available for review and comment via public repository

# Environmental Document

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- **Environmental Analysis Process**

- Establish Purpose and Need
- Develop a number of possible alternatives
  - The “Do Nothing” alternative is a baseline for comparison
- Evaluate and screen alternatives
- Identify a preferred alternative
- Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Address and consider public comment as part of decision-making process
- Finalize and approve environmental document

# Environmental Document Evaluates Impact

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- Right-of-way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources  
(Historic/Archaeological)
- Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)
- Residential development
- Residential and Commercial Relocations
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Community Impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Hazardous Materials
- Permits
- Mitigation
- Public Involvement
- Commercial Development

# Purpose and Need

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- Proposed Purpose and Need
  - Provide a continuous heavy haul vehicle route that completes a continuous connection between the River Ridge Commerce Center and the Port via the new SR 265 / Old Salem Road interchange
  - Improve System Linkage
  - Provide Infrastructure Designed to Heavy Haul Standards

# Purpose and Need

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- Major Traffic Generators
  - The Port of Indiana – Jeffersonville
  - River Ridge Commerce Center
  - City of Jeffersonville
  - East End Crossing Bridge



# Purpose and Need

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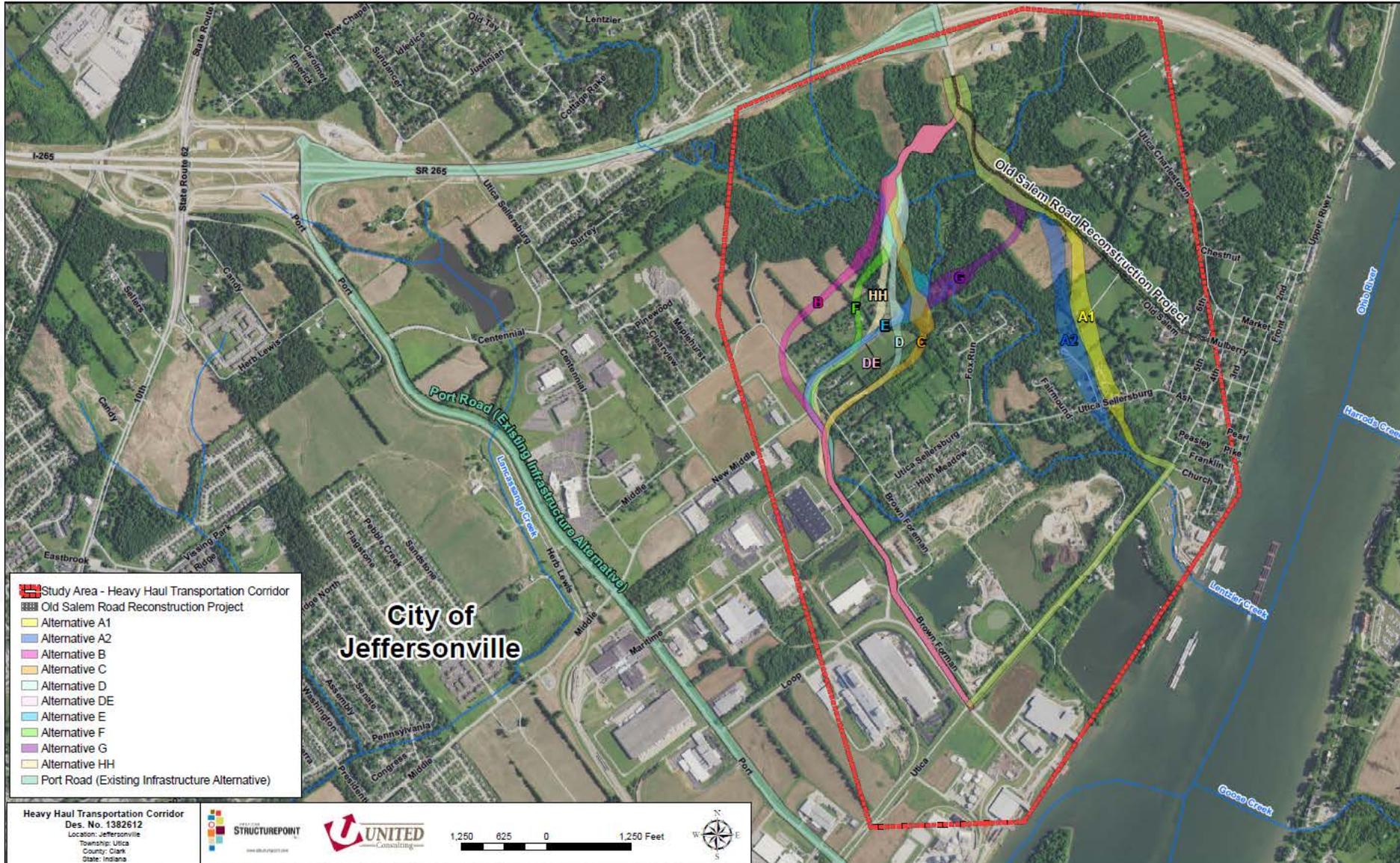
- Existing Infrastructure
  - Port Road
  - Old Salem Road
  - International Drive / Logistics Avenue (Transportation Corridor Project B)
  - Middle Road / New Middle Road
  - Utica Pike
  - SR 62 / 10<sup>th</sup> Street
  - SR 265 / East End Crossing

# Alternatives Considered

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- All alternatives are initially developed based on engineering considerations specific to the proposed project (speed, vehicles, known site conditions)
- Consideration given to constructability, including factors such as deviations from standards, accessibility to site, traffic maintenance, unusual construction techniques required
- Design Criteria
  - New 2-lane roadway or sufficient capacity for additional demand on existing alternatives
  - Designed to Heavy Haul standards (maximum vehicle weight of 134,000 lbs)
  - 35-mph speed limit

# Alternatives



For Planning Purposes Only

# Alternatives Considered

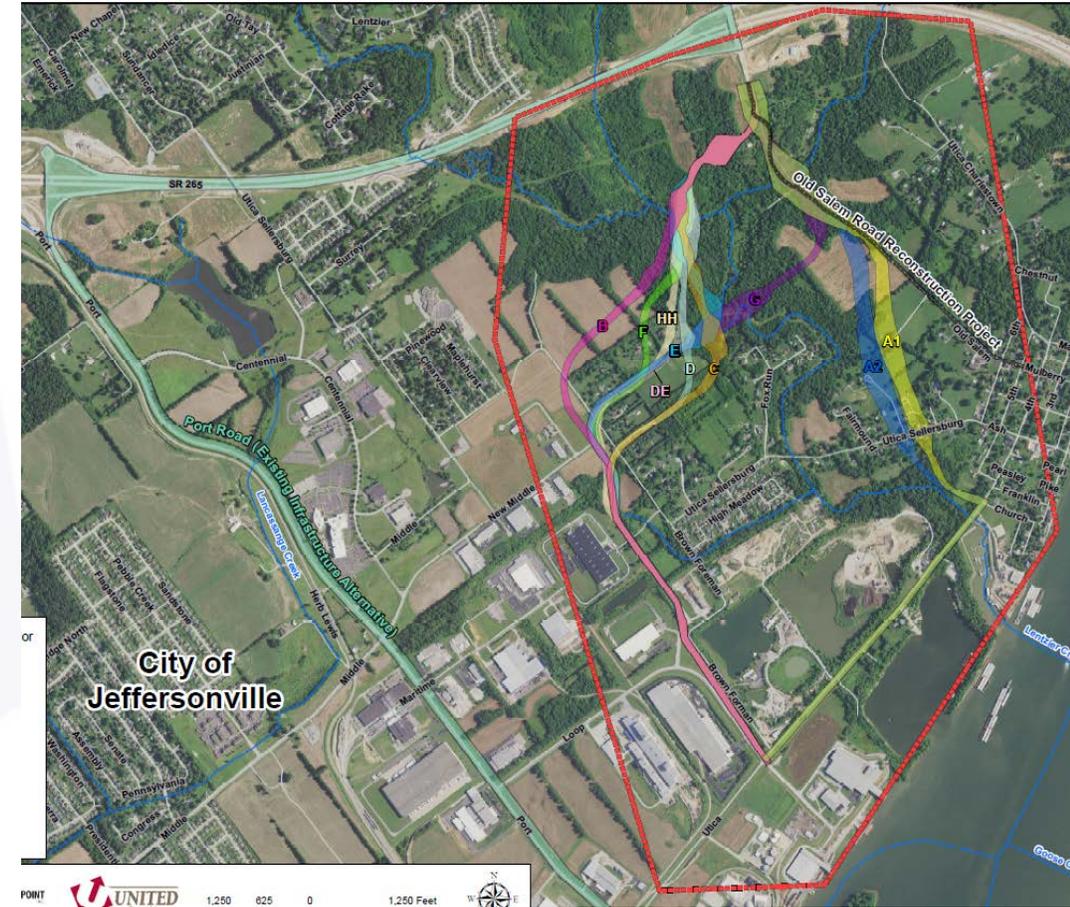
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- No Build

- Leaves existing roadways as currently exists
- Utilizes current local street system with no expenditure of capital funds for the addition of a heavy haul-designated roadway or for upgrading existing infrastructure to meet heavy haul standards
- Does not provide direct and continuous connectivity between existing infrastructure and major traffic generators, address inadequate system connection south of the SR 265/Old Salem Road interchange, or design infrastructure to effectively handle heavy haul vehicles

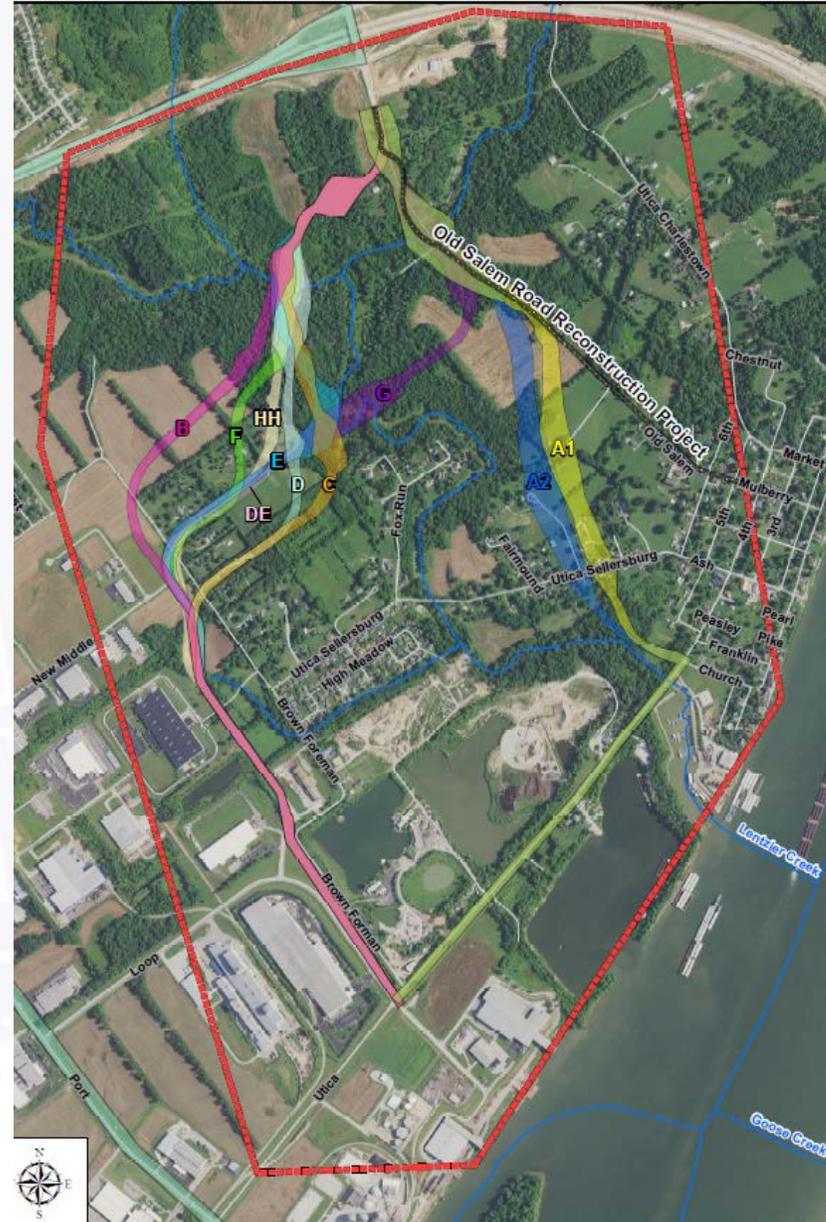
# Alternatives Considered

- Existing infrastructure alternatives
  - Widen and reconstruct Port Road (Alternative Port Road)
    - Additional capacity required
    - Additional pavement structure required for Heavy Haul vehicles
    - Widen SR 265 over Lentzler Creek tributary for extension of acceleration lane
  - Utica Pike and Old Salem Road alternatives (Alternatives A1 and A2)
    - Widen and reconstruct Utica Pike and Old Salem Road
    - Additional capacity required
    - Additional pavement structure required for Heavy Haul vehicles
    - Address roadway grades that exceed allowable grade for Heavy Haul vehicles

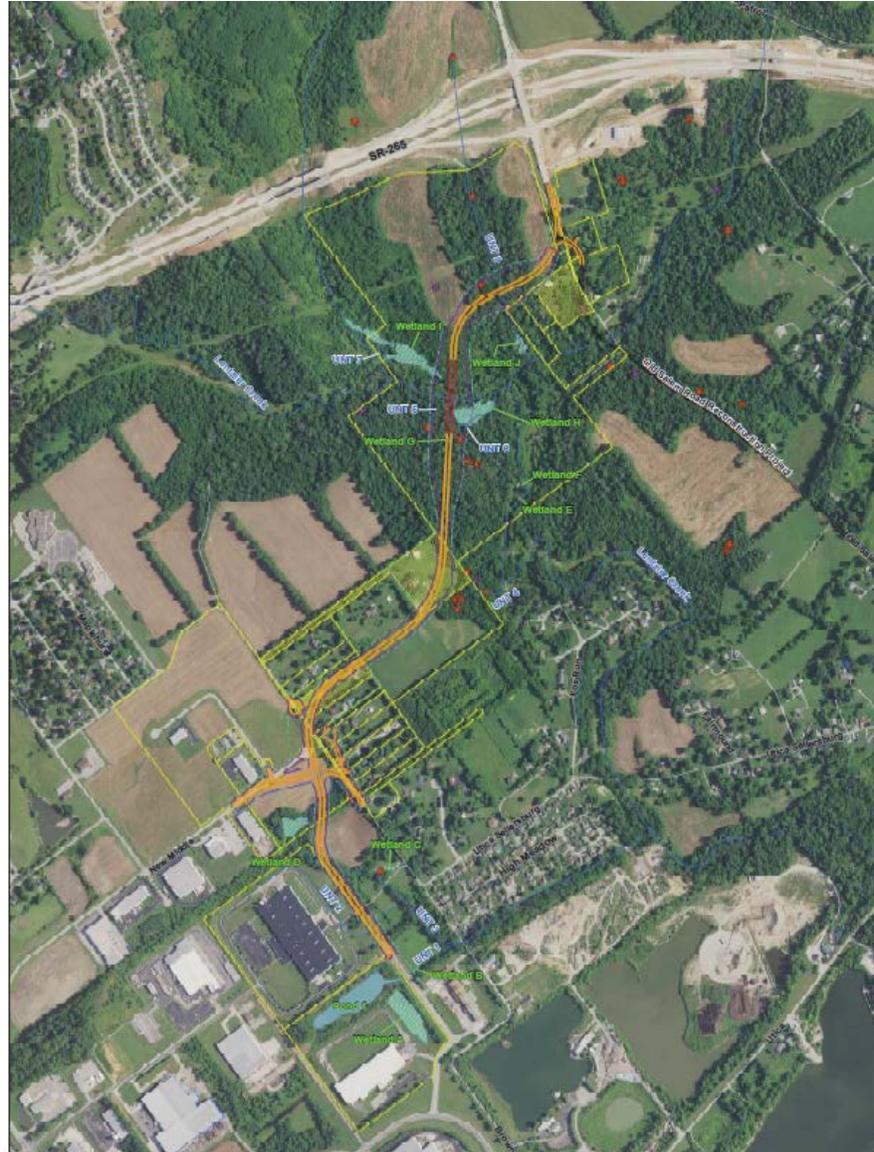


# Alternatives Considered

- New terrain alternatives
  - Alternates B, C, D, E, F, G, DE, HH
    - New 2-lane roadway
    - New bridge over Lentzier Creek

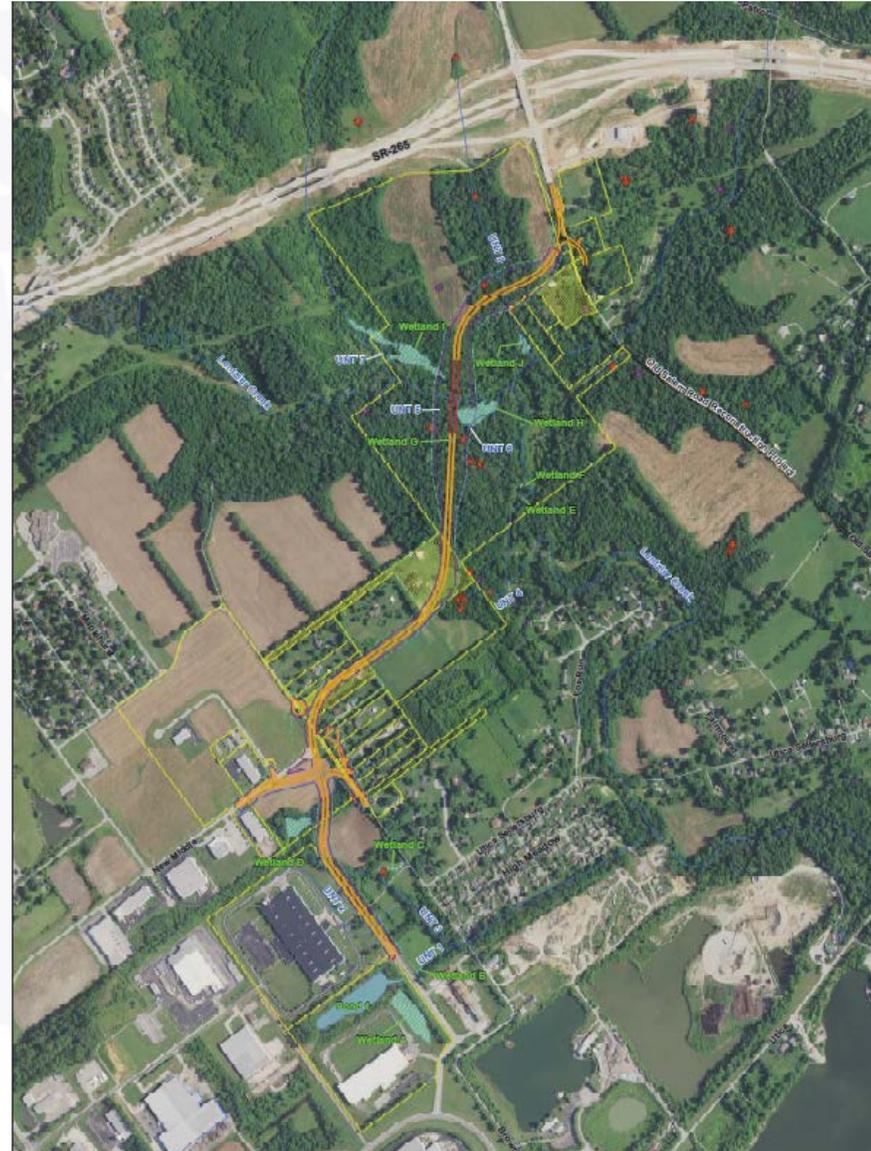


# Preferred Alternative (DE)

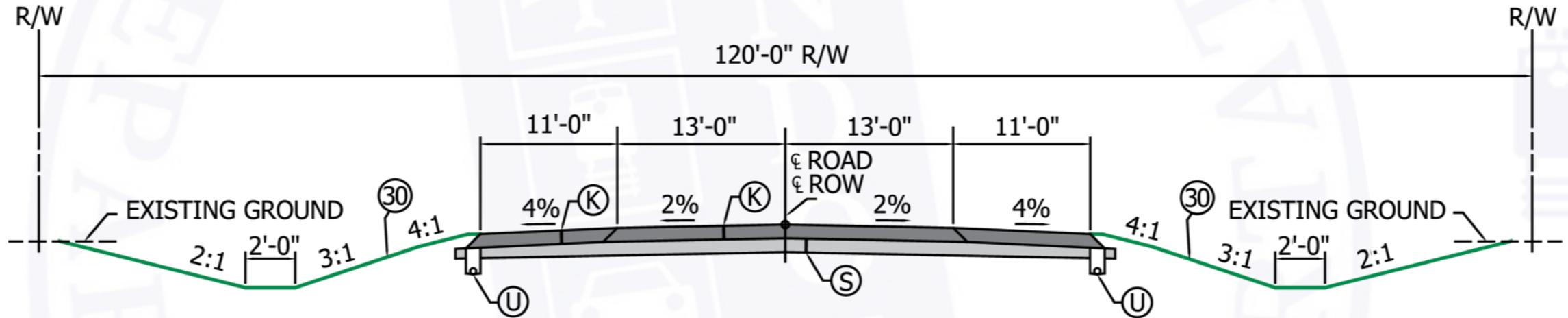


# Preferred Alternative (DE)

- Proposed Improvements
  - Proposed Project Plans:
    - New two lane roadway
    - New bridge over Lentzier Creek
  - Designed to Heavy Haul Standards
    - Maximum vehicle weight of 134,000 lbs
  - 35 mph Speed Limit



# Proposed Improvements



TYPICAL SECTION

## LEGEND

- (K) Full Depth Pavement
- (S) Subgrade Treatment
- (U) Underdrains
- (30) Seeding

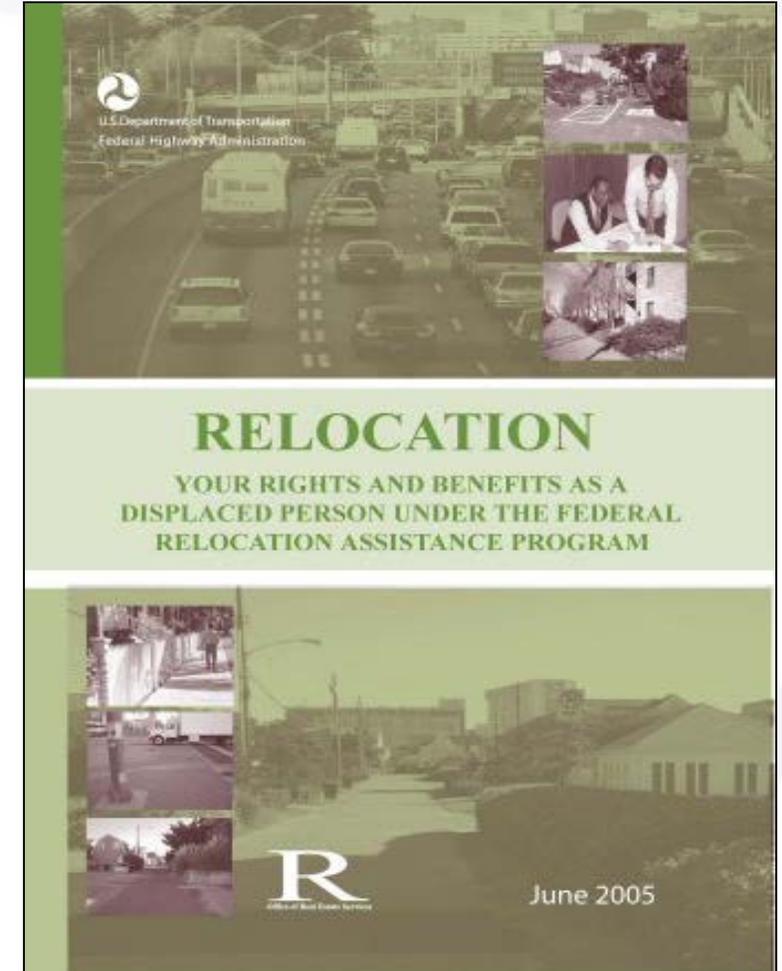
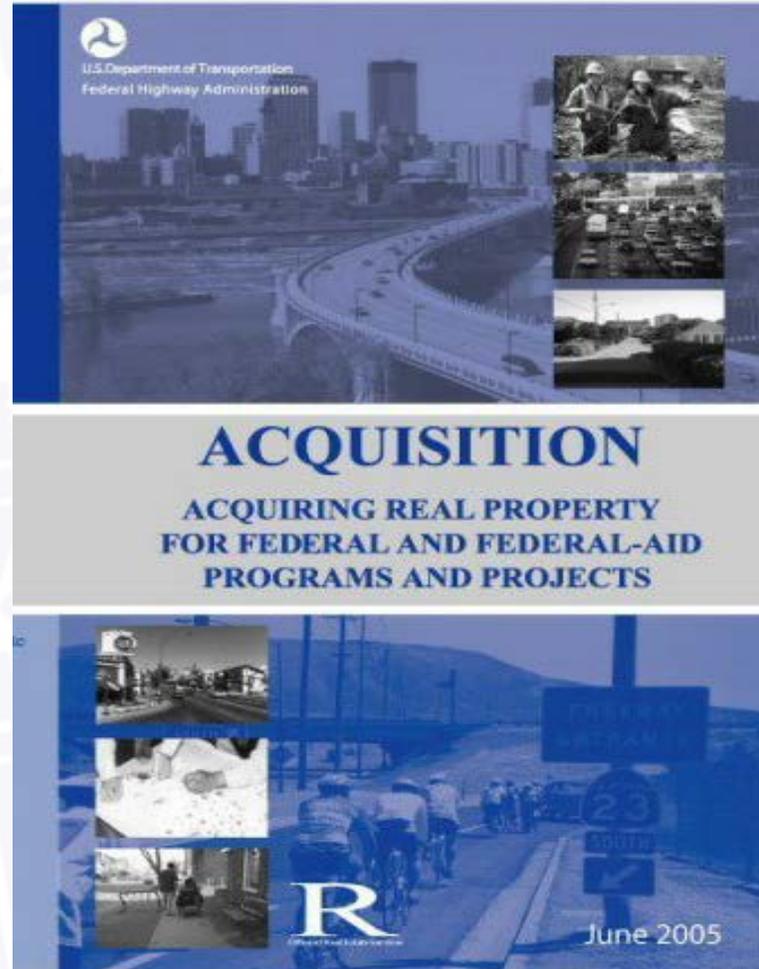
# Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

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- Proposed HHTC roadway constructed primarily on new terrain, MOT would not be required for the newly built roadway section
- Minimal MOT at connection points will require some temporary closures and pavement.
- Three-mile detour route for Utica-Sellersburg Road utilized while the new HHTC and Utica-Sellersburg Road intersection is being constructed.
  - Brown Foreman Road, to Utica Pike, to Port Road, to New Middle Road, to Utica-Sellersburg Road
- Access to local businesses and properties will be maintained at all times

# Real Estate

- 21 Affected Parcels
  - 17 Potential Partial Acquisitions
  - 1 Potential Full Acquisition
  - 3 Potential Relocations



# Real Estate Acquisition Process

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- **"Uniform Act of 1970"**
  - All federal, state and local governments must comply
  - Requires an offer for just compensation
- **Acquisition Process**
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations
- **INDOT Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners**
- **Right-of-way**
  - **Permanent ROW:**
    - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from legal land owner, becomes ROW owned by INDOT
  - **Temporary ROW:**
    - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction-related activity
    - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction

# Project Schedule

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- Environmental Assessment approved and released for public involvement – February 5, 2018
- Public Hearing – February 28, 2018
- Geotech Investigations Begin – March 2018
- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) – 2018
  - Communicate project decision - 2018
- Real estate acquisition – 2018 thru 2019
- Proposed construction - 2019

# Submit Public Comments

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- Submit public comments using the options described in first page of information packet:
  - Public Comment Form
  - Via e-mail
  - Participate during public comment session following formal presentation
- **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Friday, March 16, 2018**
- All comments submitted are included in the public hearings transcript and made part of the public record
- Comments are reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during decision-making process

# Next Steps

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- **Public and project stakeholder input**
  - Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet
- **INDOT review of public comments**
  - All comments are given full consideration during decision-making process
  - Finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design
- **Communicate a decision**
  - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
  - Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
  - Make project documents accessible via repositories
- **Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team**

# Project Resource Locations

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- **INDOT Seymour District Office**

185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, Indiana 47274

Toll Free: 1-877-305-7611

[secommunications@indot.in.gov](mailto:secommunications@indot.in.gov)

- **Jeffersonville Township Public Library**

211 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Phone: (812) 285-5630

- **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**

100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317) 232-6601

[rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov)

Project Website: <http://www.in.gov/indot/3689.htm>

# Thank You

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- Please visit with the INDOT design team and project officials following the presentation and comment session
- Project Open House
  - Project maps, displays, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
  - Project page on INDOT Seymour District webpage:  
<http://www.in.gov/indot/3689.htm>