

LEGAL NOTICE
OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Lead Des. No. 1700108, 1902760, and 1900353

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Wednesday April 27, 2022, at the Edinburg High School Cafeteria, 300 S. Keeley St., Edinburg, IN 46124. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the pavement project on SR 252 from US 31 to 0.18 mile west of I-65 in Johnson and Shelby Counties, Indiana. The purpose of this project is to improve the poor pavement condition and design while improving drainage and providing a roadway cross section that meets American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The preferred alternative for the Lead Des. No. 1700108 includes 4-inch functional inlay (milling the top 4 inches of existing hot mix asphalt (HMA) off and replacing it with 4 inches of new HMA) from US 31 to Eisenhower Dr. The bridge over Big Blue River is not included in this project and will be avoided. The pavement along SR 252 from Eisenhower Dr. to Lincoln St. will be reconstructed. The roadway will be widened, where feasible, to correct poor sight distance, pedestrian safety, and improve turning radii, which currently experiences vehicle and semi-truck encroachments onto properties and into on-coming traffic., The Louisville & Indiana Railroad is not included in this project and will be avoided. The existing stormwater facilities will be upgraded and repaired. Castings that are substandard and/or functionally obsolete will be replaced. New curb and gutter will be installed. New sidewalks and curbs will be installed, where none currently exist, on the south side of SR 252 from Eisenhower Dr. to Pleasant St. The existing sidewalks and ramps from pleasant St. to Lincoln St. will be upgraded in compliance with ADA. There will be a 2-inch functional inlay with Lincoln St. to 0.18 mile west of I-65. A storm sewer outlet will be installed on the north side of SR 252 to the Big Blue River, approximately 275 ft. east of Eisenhower Dr. The existing raised pavement markers (RPMs) will be replaced. New pavement markings, speed limit signs, stop signs with light emitting diode (LED) lights, and other instructional signs will be installed.

The preferred alternative for Des. No. 1902760 includes new sidewalks and curbs will be installed, where none currently exist, on the south side of SR 252 from Lincoln St. to Lind Dr. (CR 800 E). Two gravel drive approaches on the south side of SR 252, between Lincoln St. and CR 800 E, will be replaced with asphalt. New permanent lighting (43 poles) will be installed on both sides of SR 252, from Eisenhower Dr. to Lincoln St., a distance of approximately 5,650 ft. (1.07 miles). The existing cobra head lighting on power poles, located at the intersections, will be removed.

The preferred alternative for Des. No. 1900353 includes a 32 ft. x 5 ft. x 2.33 ft. 3-sided culvert (CV 252-041-29.94) with a corrugated metal pipe will be removed and replaced with a 42 ft. x 5 ft. x 4 ft. reinforced concrete box culvert.

From US 31 to Eisenhower Dr. all work will take place in existing right-of-way (ROW). The project requires approximately 2.82 acres of permanent ROW along SR 252 for road widening, tree removal, sidewalk and curb construction, and grading, from Eisenhower Dr. to approximately 100 feet east of the culvert replacement, of which 1.82 acres is residential, 0.38 acre is commercial, 0.16 acre is agricultural-grass, 0.35 acre is industrial, and 0.11 acre is institutional land use. One business and three residential properties may be relocated during this project. The project also requires approximately 1.32 acres of temporary ROW along SR 252 for driveway reconstruction and grading, from Eisenhower Dr. to Lincoln St., of which 0.88 acre is residential, 0.30 acre is commercial, 0.13 acre is industrial, and 0.01 acre is

institutional land use. Approximately 1.96 acres of permanent ROW will be reacquired in order to establish clear title from Eisenhower Dr. to Lincoln St. Lastly, approximately 0.11 acre of perpetual easement will be acquired to install the storm sewer outfall. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2024.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 3. At present, both state and federal funds are anticipated for construction of the project with the total cost estimated at \$6,392,997. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this document. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations: Online INDOT Seymour District seymour.indot.in.gov and at the Edinburgh Town Municipal Building, located at 107 S. Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana, 46124. Office hours at the Edinburgh Town Municipal Building are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Metric Environmental, LLC, ATTN: Susan Castle, 6958 Hillside Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250, (317) 608-2730, or SusanC@Metricenv.com. Requests must be received prior to April 28, 2022.

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: Metric Environmental, LLC, ATTN: Susan Castle, 6958 Hillside Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250 or SusanC@Metricenv.com. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Wednesday May 11, 2022.**

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 Nicole Carter, INDOT Project Manager at INDOT Seymour District, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 47274 or NCarter@indot.in.gov.

Attendees are advised that on the day of the hearing, current CDC guidelines, which may include wearing face masks and/or social distancing will be required.

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 August 16, 2012.