



DES. # 1800199, 1800086

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the North Central Church of Christ, 2121 N Dunn Street, Bloomington, IN 47408**. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and a presentation will begin at 6 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. INDOT has developed preliminary plans for proposed roadway improvements on State Road (SR) 45 (10th Street) between State Road (SR) 46/Bloomington Bypass to 0.19 miles east of Pete Ellis Drive and intersection improvements at Pete Ellis Drive/Discovery Parkway in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion, improve intersection level of service, improve safety for all users and improve pedestrian mobility and system linkage in the area of the SR 45 east of SR 46 through the Pete Ellis Drive/Discovery Parkway intersection. The project will also provide typical section improvements necessary to meet current INDOT urban roadway design criteria. The need for the project is supported by capacity analysis documenting existing and future unacceptable levels of service at the intersection, the lack of pedestrian connectivity, substandard pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection, and rural roadway cross section elements present within an urban corridor.

The project proposes to widen SR 45 in order to provide exclusive left and right turn lanes on all approaches to the Pete Ellis Drive/Discovery Parkway intersection. The new configuration for SR 45 east and west of the intersection will consist of one through lane in each direction, a right turn lane and a left turn lane and a striped bike lane in each direction. Sidewalk will be constructed on the south side and a multi-use path will be reconstructed on the north side between SR 46 and Pete Ellis Drive/Discovery Parkway. East of Pete Ellis Drive/Discovery Parkway, sidewalk will be added and reconstructed on the north side of SR 45. The traffic signals at the Pete Ellis Drive intersection will be replaced, and crosswalks and pedestrian signal heads will be added. Drainage improvements will include new inlets, pipes, and in-line stormwater detention (oversized) pipe under the SR 45 pavement. The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 4.2 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.7 acres of temporary right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes phased closure of Discover Parkway and Pete Ellis Drive with marked detours. During the first stage of construction, Discover Parkway north of SR 45 will be closed to all traffic and motorists will use SR 45 and SR 46 Bypass for the detour. During the second stage of construction, Pete Ellis Drive south of SR 45 will be closed to all traffic and motorists will use SR 46 and the SR 46 Bypass for the detour. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Each detour is expected to have a duration of 45 days. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders including school corporations and emergency services, will be notified of potential closures and detours prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is November 2024.

The cost associated with Des. #1800199, SR 45 & Pete Ellis Drive intersection is approximately \$7,134,000 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The cost associated with Des. #1800086, SR 45 Added Travel Lanes is approximately \$2,650,000 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both

federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 4. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Monroe County Public Library 303 E Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN 47408
2. INDOT Seymour District Office at 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 46274 or INDOT4U Toll Free Telephone Number: 855-463-6848
3. INDOT Seymour District Website: www.seymour.indot.in.gov

In addition to providing written or verbal comments at the meeting, the public may submit comments to: Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. ATTN: Cassie Reiter, 8790 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268 or Email creiter@cmtengr.com **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by November 3, 2023.** You may also contact INDOT Customer Services at 855-463-6848 or www.indot4u.com.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Seymour District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact INDOT Customer Service at 855-463-6848 or www.indot4u.com. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the INDOT Seymour District.

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 Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.