

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT  
DES. NUMBER 1600886

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a small structure replacement project in Fountain County, Indiana (Des. Number 1600886). The project is along SR 234 over its crossing of an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Panther Creek approximately 1.56 miles east of US 41. The project extends approximately 410 feet east of the center of the bridge and approximately 245 feet west of the center of the bridge, for a total length of approximately 655 feet (0.12 mile).

The project proposes to replace the existing structure with a 37-foot long, 13-foot span by 7-foot rise concrete box culvert. The new structure will be sumped 1 foot with class 1 riprap placed at the structure inlet and outlet for scour protection. New W-beam guardrail will be installed on SR 234 directly above the new structure. Approximately 475 feet of existing SR 234 pavement will be replaced at full depth. Additionally, both the east and west roadway approaches will be milled and overlaid with hot mix asphalt (HMA). The proposed roadway cross-section of SR 234 will include two 11-foot wide travel lanes with 3-foot wide paved shoulders. A temporary construction entrance will be installed on the south side of the roadway to the east of the structure in order to access the existing structure. A small drainage pipe is located immediately north/northwest of the existing structure. Approximately 10-feet of the existing pipe will be removed and replaced with 10-feet of a 15-inch diameter pipe.

The maintenance of traffic will utilize a full closure of SR 234 to through traffic and use US 41, SR 32, and SR 341 for an official detour. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Project stakeholders, including local school corporations and emergency services, will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

INDOT has already purchased approximately 0.56 acre of permanent right-of-way for construction of the project. The acquisition by INDOT followed the Uniform Act and did not predetermine the selection of alternatives. The estimated construction cost is \$710,000 with federal and state funds to be used.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed the project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document.

Preliminary design plans and the environment document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Kingman-Millcreek Public Library, 123 East State Street, Kingman, IN 47952.
2. RQAW website: <https://www.rqaw.com/public-documents/>.
3. INDOT website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Stephanie Verhoff, RQAW Environmental Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1765, or at [sverhoff@rqaw.com](mailto:sverhoff@rqaw.com) on or before December 2, 2020. 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), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Stephanie Verhoff, RQAW Environmental

Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1765, or at [sverhoff@rqaw.com](mailto:sverhoff@rqaw.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 Stephanie Verhoff, RQAW Environmental Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1765, or at [sverhoff@rqaw.com](mailto:sverhoff@rqaw.com).

This notice is published in compliance with the (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.