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Legal Notice of Public Hearing – Des No's 1800255 and 1800256 Pavement Rehabilitation Project on SR 46 in Greensburg, Indiana

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Seymour District will host a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the Greensburg City Hall, 314 W. Washington Street Greensburg, IN 47240. The hearing will begin at 6:00pm, doors open at 5:30pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the pavement rehabilitation project along SR 46 in Greensburg, Decatur County. The purpose of this project is to add service life to the pavement (9-20 years minimum for Des No. 1800255, and 20 years minimum for Des No. 1800256) by improving the overall pavement condition and addressing drainage issues. In addition, this project seeks to enhance pedestrian facilities to ensure facilities meet current ADA and PROWAG standards and improve connectivity for residents within the community.

This project is divided into two sections with two separate Des Nos. Des No. 1800255 encompasses the western portion of the project area, while Des No. 1800256 encompasses the eastern portion of the project area. The project limits for Des No. 1800255 are from SR 3 to the west junction with United States Highway (US) 421, totaling approximately 1.8 miles in length. The project limits of Des. No. 1800256 are from the east junction with US 421 to Base Road, totaling approximately 0.8 miles in length.

The scope of work for Des No. 1800255 would include milling and applying a Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) with partial and full depth patching at various locations from SR 3 to the railroad crossing belonging to the Central Railroad of Indiana (CIND) railroad. From the CIND railroad to the west junction with US 421 the proposed project recommends full depth pavement replacement along with replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system, sanitary sewer system, water main installation, and curb and gutter. In addition, new street lighting would be installed along this portion of the project. The intersections of West Street, Carver Street, Anderson Street, and US 421 (Ireland St.) are proposed to be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) standards. Sidewalk construction /reconstruction would occur from the Needler's (736 W. Main St.) parking lot to the SR 46 and Ireland St. intersection on both the north and south sides. In addition, from the Needler's parking lot, west to the CIND railroad crossing, there would be a sidewalk added to the north side only. The project would include reconstructing the intersection at the west junction of US 421 and SR 46 (locally known as Main Street and Ireland Street). In addition to the pavement reconstruction at this location the scope of work includes new storm sewer and inlets, improved turning radii in the northeast quadrant (moving the new curb to roughly the back of the existing sidewalk), adjusting the signal pole locations, and replacing curb ramps to meet current ADA standards.

The scope of work for Des No. 1800256 would include full depth pavement replacement, and reconstruction/construction of sidewalks along SR 46 from the east junction of US 421 to the drive to the Greensburg Public Library (approximately 0.09 mile west of the Base Road intersection). Along the north side of SR 46, it is proposed that the existing sidewalk would be replaced with a 8-10 foot-wide multi-use path. Additionally, the south side of SR 46 would have 5 foot wide sidewalks and a 5 foot wide grass buffer. The replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system, water main installation, street lighting, and curb and gutter is proposed for this portion of the project. The existing travel lane and parking configuration would change, but one travel lane in each direction would remain. On street parking areas along the south side of SR 46 would be from Lincoln St. to Vine St. and parking on the north side between Stewart St. and Davidson St. As part of the proposed sidewalk reconstruction, the intersection at Wilder St. would include "bump outs" at the west



side of the intersection to improve pedestrian access and promote decreased traffic speed. As part of the proposed pavement replacement, the intersection at N. Lincoln St. would include 12-foot lane widths for both eastbound and westbound SR 46 travel lanes at the intersection (sidewalk buffer widths would be reduced to 5 feet to allow the wider lanes to be provided within the existing right-of-way) and the pavement markings for the eastbound left turn lane should be extended an additional 200 feet (currently 110 feet) to provide for some additional deceleration time. The traffic signals would also be replaced at this location. From the Greensburg Public Library drive to the eastern project limits (0.01 mile east of Base Road intersection), an HMA preventative maintenance overlay is anticipated.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project is under development, a preliminary MOT plan will be presented at the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 0.82 acre of permanent new right-of-way, in addition to some temporary right-of-way needed during construction.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. The estimated total cost of Des. No. 1800255 is \$7,400,000 and the estimated total cost for Des. No. 1800256 is \$8,500,000. The combined estimated total cost is \$15,900,000 and includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to the natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion Level 4 (CE-4) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following location:

1. Greensburg Public Library at 1110 E. Main Street, Greensburg, IN 47240

Additionally, a project webpage will be created prior to the public hearing to ensure project information is available on-line via the project sponsors web page <u>Seymour.indot.in.gov</u>, if you are unable to attend in person. Lastly, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed upon request.

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 the attention of Mitchell Wilcox at 3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 20, Indianapolis, IN 46240, at 317-663-8265, or at <u>mitchell.wilcox@mbakerintl.com</u>. INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by October 10, 2023.

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 Terry Summers, INDOT Project Manager, Seymour District at (812) 524-3749 or at tsummers@indot.in.gov.

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