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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Designation (Des.) Number 2001828 Proposed Pavement Replacement Project on State Road (SR) 18 and SR 43 in Brookston, White County, Indiana

INDOT Crawfordsville District will host a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Frontier Elementary School Cafeteria located at 811 South Railroad Street, Brookston, IN 47923. The public hearing will begin at 5:30pm with doors opening to the public at 5:00pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the environmental document and current preliminary design plans for the proposed pavement replacement project along State Road (SR) 18 (West Fowler Road) and SR 43 (South Prairie Street) in the Town of Brookston, within White County. The purpose of the project is to improve the pavement condition and enhance drainage along SR 18 and SR 43.

The project limits extend along SR 18 from 0.12 mile west of SR 43 (North Clawil Street) east to SR 43. The project limits extend along SR 43 from SR 18 to 0.57 mile south of SR 18 (just north of Moots Creek Bridge). The project proposes the following elements:

- Performing full depth pavement replacement of the roadway.
- Removing the underlying brick during the pavement replacement.
- Applying new pavement markings.
- Installing new curb and gutter.
- Repairing or replacing damaged curb or sidewalk, as necessary.
- Repairing or replacing damaged signage or monuments, as necessary.
- Repairing or replacing damaged inlet curb drains, as necessary.
- Upgrading existing guardrail end treatments that do not meet current standards, as necessary.
- Grading roadside ditches to Moots Creek, as necessary.
- Constructing an outfall pipe that outlets into a ditch that drains into Moots Creek.
- Replacing an 18-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) in-kind.
- Installing a new underdrain system.
- Installing a new storm sewer trunk line that varies in diameter from 24 to 54-inches.
- Reconstructing driveways and roadway approaches to tie into the proposed roadway profile, as necessary.
- Replacing existing curb ramps that do not meet current Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) will maintain vehicular traffic using full and partial road closures and an official detour route for large, through-truck type traffic. The road closure will occur in two phases. Phase 1 will close SR 43 from the Moots Creek Bridge to the south junction of SR 18 (West 3rd Street). The official detour will use Interstate (I)-65, SR 18, SR 43, U.S. Highway (US) 421, and US 24. The official detour will be approximately 42.4 miles long and add approximately 41.8 miles for motorists. Phase 2 will partially close SR 18 and SR 43 from the south junction of SR 18 (West 3rd Street) to North Clawil Street. The official detour will use I-65, SR 43, SR 18, US 421, and US 24. The official detour will be approximately 41.2 miles long and add approximately 40.9 miles for motorists. Access to all properties within the project area will be maintained during construction.

The MOT will maintain pedestrians on-site via a detour to the adjacent side street to avoid the intersection under construction where sidewalks currently exist. Temporary curb ramps and crosswalks will be provided to detour pedestrians around each intersection while under construction. Signage indicating the sidewalk is closed and showing

locations where pedestrians can cross will be placed during construction. Project stakeholders, including local school corporations and emergency services, will be notified of potential closures and / or detours prior to any construction.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 2 (CE-2) environmental document. Construction will require approximately 0.90 acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW), 0.15 acre of temporary ROW, and the reacquisition of 0.30 acre of apparent existing ROW. Tree clearing / trimming and utility relocations will be required. Residential or business relocations will not be needed. The estimated construction cost is \$6,405,647 and federal and state funds will be utilized for construction.

The preliminary design plans and CE-2 are available for review at the following locations. Project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed upon request.

- INDOT Crawfordsville District Website: Crawfordsville.indot.in.gov
- INDOT Crawfordsville District: 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933
- Brookston – Prairie Township Public Library: 111 West 2nd Street, Brookston, Indiana, 47923

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. INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted and/or postmarked by **Thursday, December 28, 2023**. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to either of the following contacts:

- Daniel Kurtz, RQAW Project Manager, 8770 North Main Street, Suite 110, Fishers, Indiana 46038 or at dkurtz@rqaw.com
- Jessica Miller, INDOT Project Manager, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933 or at jemiller1@indot.in.gov

With advance notice and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 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 accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 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 Daniel Kurtz at dkurtz@rqaw.com or 317-588-1756, or Jessica Miller at jemiller1@indot.in.gov or 765-361-5224.

Inclement Weather Notice

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please contact Daniel Kurtz, RQAW Project Manager, at 317-588-1756 or at dkurtz@rqaw.com or Jessica Miller, INDOT Project Manager, at 765-361-5224 or at jemiller1@indot.in.gov to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the Frontier Elementary School Cafeteria located at 811 South Railroad Street, Brookston, IN 47923 and the public comment period would be extended.

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 July 7, 2021.