



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

100 North Senate Avenue
Room N758
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Eric Holcomb, Governor
Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

DES. #: XXXXXXXX

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

1. (begin notice with introductory paragraph – who is the project sponsor, what is the project proposal)

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a proposed State Road (SR) XXX superstructure replacement over XXXXX Creek, XXX miles south of SR XX, located in XXXX County. The project proposes to replace the bridge superstructure with a single-span cast-in-place concrete deck and rehabilitate the substructure. The project will also include, but not limited to, the conversion of the end-bents to integral construction of new wingwalls to minimize future erosion, installation of new guardrail and transitional construction at the approaches.

2. (provide design details, maintenance of traffic, environmental impacts, R/W needs, estimated cost, etc. This may require several paragraphs depending on the size and scope of the project)

The maintenance of traffic plan is for this project to be phased and maintain single-lane traffic in both directions during the construction period. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders including local school corporation(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

Construction of the project will require approximately 0.9 acre of new permanent right-of-way with an estimated cost of \$ 1,200,000. Federal and states funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project.

3. (include brief statement to list the type of environmental document prepared for the project)

The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with no significant impacts to wetlands.

4. (as municipalities begin to open and following all state/federal health and safety guidance, list public viewing locations where project documents may be viewed (when possible). In addition, an on-line viewing location must also be listed)

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Local viewing location (i.e. public library, municipal building, community center)
2. The INDOT District Office; for LPA projects, the LPA office should be listed
3. Project sponsors may also wish to list the project consultant's office as a viewing location
4. List on-line location where documents may be viewed via the internet

5. **(the public must be afforded the opportunity to submit comments and/or request that a public hearing be held, a date in which comments/requests are to be submitted must be included in the paragraph; the project sponsor must offer to mail project information, including the environmental document, upon receiving a request)**

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of **(list contact for project including name, address, phone, email)** **EXAMPLE** – Ron Bales, INDOT Environmental Services Division, Room N758, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216 or rbales@indot.in.gov on or before Thursday, May XX, 20XX. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

6. **(include ADA statement encouraging persons and/or groups requiring assistance related to receiving project information in alternate formats to contact the project sponsor)**
7. **(when applicable, include statement encouraging persons and/or groups representing Limited English Proficiency (LEP) stakeholders to contact the project sponsor should assistance be needed related to receiving project information in other languages)**

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 **(Specific District)** for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact **(list project contact)** **EXAMPLE** - Ron Bales at 317-515-7908 or rbales@indot.in.gov. 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 **(list project contact)** **EXAMPLE** - Ron Bales at 317-515-7908 or rbales@indot.in.gov.

8. **(the notice must always end with the paragraph below citing federal regulations related to public involvement and also the date INDOT and FHWA jointly approved the public involvement procedures)**

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 Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.