S.R. 3 / South State Street Added Auxiliary Lanes Project in North Vernon

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

6:30pm Presentation

Jennings County High School
WELCOME

- Meeting Format
- Purpose of Meeting
- Informal Q & A in project display area with project engineers and INDOT project officials
- Information Packet
INDOT Project Team

- Introduction of INDOT Project Officials
- Design Consultant Team
- Recognition of Elected Public Officials
Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highways Administration
- Jennings County
- City of North Vernon
- Local communities
- Elected Public Officials
- Community residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Schools
- Neighborhoods
**Purposes of Meeting**

- Introduce this project to the community
- Discuss purpose and need for project
- Present a preliminary proposal for consideration
- Solicit input from the community
- Discuss public involvement for project
- Address questions & concerns
Project Development Process

- Develop a preliminary engineers report
- Evaluate and assess environmental impacts associated with project and prepare documentation
- Develop preliminary design plans
- Real estate acquisition / utility coordination to ensure right-of-way is secured for project
- Project construction
- Requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
  - Impacts are described in environmental document
  - Environmental document will be released at later date, additional public involvement activities to occur
Development of document begins once purpose of need for the project has been clearly identified.

Develop a number of possible alternatives including a “Do Nothing” alternative as a baseline for comparison.

Screen alternatives to identify a preferred alternative.

Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan.

Solicit, address, and fully consider public comments as part of decision making process.
Elements of the Environmental Documentation

- Relocations
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Farmland
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic/Archaeological
- Community Impacts
- Wetlands and Waterways
- Floodplains
- Threatened and Endangered Species
S.R. 3 Project Purpose and Need

- Enhance safety within the project corridor
  - Property damage-only crashes are twice that of the statewide average for similar facility
  - Sight distance restricted inside curve
  - Lack of defined entrance/exit points in curve area

- Replace deteriorating pavement between David Drive and Chestnut Street
  - Improve drainage control along project with curb and gutter and storm sewer
  - City of North Vernon to replace sanitary sewer main
- Project limits - north of Smith Street to Chestnut Street
  - Add a two way left turn lane (TWLTL)
  - Resurface or replace pavement
  - Include curb and gutter with storm sewer
  - Sidewalk will be added, replaced or left in place
  - Sidewalk location will not be any closer to most front doors
- State Street Historic District – Jefferson St. to Chestnut St.
S.R. 3 / South State Street (existing)

- North of Smith Street to David Drive
  - Two 12ft travel lanes
  - 10ft paved shoulders

- David Drive to Chestnut Street
  - Two 16ft travel lanes
  - No shoulders
S.R. 3 / South State Street (existing)

- South of David Drive to Chestnut Street
  - 4ft sidewalk runs along east side of S.R. 3 from Swifty Gas Station to Chestnut Street
  - 4ft sidewalk runs along west side of S.R. 3 from north of Greensburg Street to Chestnut Street
  - 6ft to 20ft grass buffer separates sidewalk from edge of pavement along project
**S.R. 3 / South State Street (proposed)**

- **North of Smith Street to David Drive**
  - Resurface existing pavement
  - Two 12 ft travel lanes
  - 14 ft two-way left turn lane
  - Curb and gutter

- **David Drive to Chestnut Street Street**
  - Replace existing pavement
  - Two 12 ft travel lanes
  - 11 ft two-way left turn lane
  - Curb and gutter
**S.R. 3 / South State Street (proposed)**

- **Sidewalk**
  - New/replaced sidewalk will be 6 feet wide and adjacent to curb and gutter
  - Replaced on the east side of S.R. 3 to Jefferson Street
  - Extended to just north of Smith Street from Greensburg Street on the west side of S.R. 3
  - Replaced from Greensburg Street to Jefferson Street on the west side of S.R. 3
  - Existing sidewalk to remain in place on both sides of S.R. 3 from Jefferson Street to Chestnut Street
S.R. 3/South State Street (proposed)

- Miscellaneous Construction Items
  - Steps and walks affected by road construction will be replaced
  - 15 street approaches
  - 47 drives
  - Storm sewer outlets SE of Meloy Street and SW of grocery store
  - $2.8 million estimated construction cost
  - No detour
Real Estate Acquisition Process

- INDOT Representatives available to discuss procedures
- How Land Is Purchased
  - Explains the process of buying property needed for highway improvements
Real Estate Acquisition Process

- “Uniform Act” of 1970
  - All federal, state, and local governments must comply
  - Requires an offer for just compensation

- Acquisition Process
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations
Project Schedule

- Public Information Meeting (June 2011)
- Design / Environmental Documentation (2011-2012)
- Public Hearing (late 2011)
- Real Estate Acquisition Activities begin (2012)
- Public Information Meeting (early 2013)
- Anticipated Construction to begin (Spring/Summer 2013)
- Project completion (2014)
INDOT would like to hear from you

- Talk with INDOT project team members
- Comment sheet in information packet
- E-mail or Mail comments to INDOT
- Sign-in sheet to be added to project mailing list
- Visit INDOT website at: www.in.gov/indot

All comments are very much appreciated and will be given full consideration by project team
Stay informed by receiving updates

- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- A meeting invitation was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of this meeting was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- INDOT website at: www.in.gov/indot
Project Resource Location

- Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane in Seymour

- Responsible for transportation construction, maintenance and project development activities in Eastern / Southeastern Indiana

- secommunications@indot.in.gov 1-877-305-7611

- Kathy Eaton-McKalip, District Deputy Commissioner
  - Glenda Seal, Customer Service Manager
  - Jim Ude, Planning & Production Director
Public Involvement Team

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- INDOT website at www.in.gov/indot
THANK YOU

- Please visit with INDOT project officials

- Project Open House
  - Project maps, displays and INDOT project officials for informal Q & A
  - A special thank you to the Jennings County High School
  - Thank you for your attendance this evening