LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT XXXX FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for the proposed project. This document is available for your information. The project study area begins at XXXX and ends at XXXXXXX, approximately XX miles in length. A series of alternatives have been analyzed for environmental, social, economic and engineering concerns. The highway is a freeway facility with interchanges providing the only access. The preferred alternative is Alternative . Alternative extends from XXX and end at XXX.

The FEIS is available for viewing at the following locations:

1. Hearings Examiner, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2219, Phone# (317) 232-6601
2. Production Department, Indiana Department of Transportation XXXXXXX District Office at (insert address, city, zip code, phone number)
3. A location within the project area
4. Public libraries are good viewing areas
5. INDOT website or INDOT links to a project specific website

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) through a mutual agreement with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the US Army Corps of Engineers have established approximately _______ acre to _______ acre of wetland mitigation will need to be completed for the reconstruction of State Road _______ from State Road _______ to the west junction of State Road /US Route _______ in _______ County, Indiana.

The proposed wetland mitigation site is located at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of State Road _______ and County Road _______. Land use in the vicinity of the proposed project area is agricultural. Additional right-of-way of about one acre is required for the mitigation. The federal involvement in the project is funding received from the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposed action does not adversely impact items listed in or eligible listing in for the National Register of Historic Places. INDOT has issued a “No Historic Properties Affected” finding for the project. The finding is appropriate for this undertaking because no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are present within the area of potential effects.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a) (4), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11 (c) is available for inspection in the INDOT Office of Environmental Services, Production Management Division in Indianapolis. This documentation serves as the basis for the INDOT’s “No Historic Properties Affected” Finding. The views of the public on this finding are being sought.

Please reply no later than _______.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (list appropriate INDOT contact information)
Dear Concerned Citizen, Local Resident, and Elected Official:

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) would like to cordially invite you to a public information meeting regarding a proposed improvement project on S.R. _______ in the Town/City of _________, County. Specifically, this project proposes to add a two-way left turn lane just north of ________________. This project will include curb and gutter with storm sewer and new/replaced sidewalk will be provided in some sections.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the community of project developments including the project scope and schedule, show preliminary design plans, solicit input from the community, and to proactively engage our customers. The purpose of this project is to enhance safety within the corridor.

Please Join Us
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
6:30pm Presentation
County High School
(insert location address of meeting)
Town/city

The meeting will feature a formal presentation followed by an open house informal session. During the open house session INDOT representatives will be available to address questions, comments and concerns. Project maps, displays and project information handouts will be available for viewing throughout the duration of the evening. A brief formal presentation will begin promptly at 6:30pm. In an effort to better inform the community of project developments, information will be posted to our website at: http://www.in.gov/indot via the Public Involvement page immediately following the public meeting on _______. Please visit the INDOT website to follow project developments and to receive project news and updates.

INDOT looks forward to meeting with you on _______________. Should you have additional questions regarding this meeting, please feel to contact Rickie Clark, INDOT Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 or via e-mail at: rclark@indot.in.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE PROJECT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) DETERMINATION

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) recently held a public hearing on (insert date) 2012 in regards to the _______ Project which will provide a _______ bypass around the city of _______. The southern terminus of the project is on _______ near _______ County Road ______ west. The new roadway will travel northeast and terminate at _______ on the north side of _______, just south of C.R. ______ north. INDOT would like to thank the community for participating in the public involvement process. All substantive comments and concerns submitted to INDOT for inclusion into the official public hearings transcript, have been reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration.

The purpose of this notice is two fold. Firstly, this is an opportunity for INDOT to formally provide written responses to those substantive comments submitted as part of the (insert date) 2012 public hearing. As part of INDOT’s commitment to proactive public involvement, it is important to INDOT that responses to public comments are made available to the community. Secondly, this is an opportunity for INDOT to announce the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) determination which has been issued by the Federal Highways Administration (Indiana Division) FHWA. An environmental assessment was approved by the FHWA on ________, 2012. This project supports the planning and economic development goals of _______ and _______ County. The proposed project will provide an efficient, safe and less congested link between the existing and growing industrial area on the north side of _______ to _______ west of the city. The FHWA has determined that this project, as identified in the Environmental Assessment, will have no significant impact on the natural and human environment. Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the official Indiana Department of Transportation Public Hearing held at the ____________ School auditorium in _______, project development activities will continue and this project will advance towards construction.

All materials developed in support of the undertaking, including the Environmental Assessment document, the resolution to public hearing comments, and other project related materials will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours in INDOT’s Public Hearings Office, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Phone # (317) 232-6601; the Planning and Production Office, Indiana Department of Transportation _______ District Office, INSERT ADDRESS; and the project website at: _______ Please feel free to contact INDOT’s Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 or rclark@indot.in.gov if you would like to receive a copy of the “resolution to public hearing comments” document.

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Rickie Clark, Public Hearings Manager, INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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The Indiana Department of Transportation is planning to undertake a small structure replacement project funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration. The project is located on SR 00 in __________ County. The project will involve full replacement of the small structure over XXXXXXX of the ______________ River, located XXX miles west of US ___.

The project will require the temporary use of approximately 0.00 acre of property belonging to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The _______ Fish and Wildlife Area resides on this property and included with this property are recreational facilities that are open to the public. The designed action will not adversely impact the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the property for protection under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and in accordance with SAFETEA-LU Section 6009 (a). As such, it is the intent of INDOT, along with the Federal Highway Administration to issue a finding of de minimis. In accordance with SAFETEA-LU Section 6009 (a), the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the public recreational area. Please respond with any comments no later than __________ 2012 to the contact information below.

XXXXXXXXX – Environmental Manager
XXXXXXXXX District Environmental Section
Indiana Department of Transportation
Address
City/Town, State, Zip Code

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LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in conjunction with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) for the proposed project. The project limits are from in County.

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on , from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (local time) with a formal presentation beginning at 6:30pm in the School gymnasium at , County, Indiana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the study/project. The study/project area includes portions of County and County with the majority in County. The total project length for this project/section is about miles.

The DEIS has evaluated a series of alternatives for environmental, social, economic and engineering concerns. The highway is a freeway facility with interchanges providing the only access. The preferred alternative is Alternative . Alternative extends from to . (this paragraph could also be used to mention other alternatives studied)

The purpose and need of this project/section is to: (1) (2) (3) . (this paragraph should clearly state the purpose and need for the project/proposed action).

This public hearing will feature an informal Open House session from to where project officials will be available to address questions and concerns in an open display area where project maps and other visuals will be made available. The display area will be made available to the public throughout the duration of the evening. A public statement session will be offered immediately following the formal presentation. Individuals interested in participating in the public statement session may sign the speaker’s schedule prior to the presentation. Written comments will also be accepted, either at the meeting or afterwards during the comment period. All comments submitted regarding this project must be received or postmarked no later than . All comments will be reviewed, evaluated and addressed as part of the EIS process.

(INDOT has authority to implement a limitation for speakers)
In an effort to allow as many speakers as possible the opportunity to speak during this public hearing, each speaker will be given minutes in which to present their comments. The order in which speakers will present comments will be determined as speakers arrive. We would respectfully request your courteous consideration as INDOT would like to provide the opportunity to present comments to all those who would like this opportunity. INDOT would like to encourage the public to submit comments via the project website at or by contacting INDOT’s Office of Public Involvement.
In accordance with the “Americans with Disabilities Act”, if you have a disability for which the Indiana Department of Transportation needs to provide accommodations, please contact INDOT’s Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 or via e-mail at rclark@indot.in.gov by (list specific date). Additionally, please contact INDOT should individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) require translated project documents and/or translation services during the public hearing.

The DEIS is available for viewing at the following locations:

1. Hearings Examiner, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2219, Phone # (317) 232-6601
2. Indiana Department of Transportation District Office (list appropriate district office location)
3. Include a location within/near the project area (if possible)
4. Public libraries are excellent locations
5. Include the a project specific website (most EIS level projects will have a specific website) or list the INDOT website

This notice is published in compliance with Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.111(h) entitled “Early Coordination, Public Involvement and Project Development”, and the Indiana Public Involvement/Public Hearing Procedures for Federal-Aid Project Development approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on ______________.

INDOT’s Office of Public Involvement is pleased to announce the availability of public notice via e-mail through our Public Notice List Serve. By subscribing to this service, you will be notified via e-mail each week, of any INDOT project related activities (i.e. public hearings/meetings, any planned highway improvement projects, notice of intent for highway construction and other notices sent through the agency’s Office of Public Involvement.) In order to subscribe, simply visit the INDOT website at www.in.gov/indot and click on the “Public Involvement” tab on the left side of the page. You will then click on “INDOT List Serve Information” and then follow the prompts to subscribe to the list serve. Simply enter your e-mail address as instructed then press “submit”. You will receive a confirmation e-mail stating you have successfully subscribed to the Public Notice List Serve.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed State Road ___ bridge replacement over a branch of ____ Creek, ____ miles west of SR ___, located in ____ County. The total project length is approximately ____ mile.

The proposed project will replace the existing structure on essentially the same location with a bridge featuring modern safety and structural standards. The new proposed structure will be a precast three-sided concrete bridge with a span of 47’ along the roadway. The project will have approximately 50’ of incidental construction on both the west and east ends including new guardrail and full depth asphalt pavement. The approach to the residential drive on the south side of the roadway will be reconstructed.

Construction of the project will require approximately ____ acres of new permanent right-of-way with no displacement of residences or businesses involved. Traffic is proposed to be detoured onto the official state routes using portions of SR ____, US ____ and SR ____ during the construction period however, local routes may be used by local traffic.

Total cost of the project is estimated at $ ____ dollars with both state and federal funds to be used towards the construction of the project.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level (name the specific level of CE) with no effect to wetlands.

Preliminary design plans, along with the environmental document and other information, are being made available for review in the following offices.

1. Indiana Department of Transportation ____ District Office at _______________(list address, INDOT Customer Service Center phone number and e-mail address)
2. INDOT Office of Public Involvement, (list address, phone, e-mail)
3. A location within the project area should be listed such as a library or municipal office

All interested persons may request a public hearing or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of the INDOT Public Hearing Examiner at INDOT, Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2216 on or before _________________.

In accordance with the “Americans with Disabilities Act”, if you have a disability for which the Indiana Department of Transportation needs to provide accommodations, please contact INDOT’s Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 or via e-mail at __________________ by (list specific date).
Additionally, please contact INDOT should individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) require access to translated project documents and materials.

If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest of the public, a notice will be advertised with the date, time, and place. Otherwise, any comments or materials received for the record will be considered in the decision-making process.

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