# **FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document** CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM **GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

Road No./County:	State Road (SR) 32 / Boone County
	Lead Designation (Des.) Number (No.) 1800060
Designation Number(s):	Also includes Des. Nos. 1900361, 2101655, 2201196, 2201195, 2201194, 2201193, 2201192, 2201191, 2201190, 2201189, 2201188, and 2201187
Project Description/Termini:	Roadway Improvement Project / From 3.69 miles west of SR 75 to 0.5 mile west of Interstate (I)-65

х	Categorical Exclusion, Level 2 – Required Signatories: INDOT DE and/or INDOT ESD						
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 3 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD						
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA						
	Environmental Assessment (EA) – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA						
	Additional Investigation (AI) – The proposed action included a design change from the original approved environmental document. Required Signatories must include the appropriate environmental approval authority						

Approval

Randy Zane Kurtz June 26, 2023 /INDOT DE Signature and Date INDOT ESD Signature and Date

FHWA Signature and Date

**Release for Public Involvement** 

RZK April 6, 2023 INDOT DE Initials and Date INDOT ESD Initials and Date

**Certification of Public Involvement** 

<u>JoAnn Wooldridge</u> June 15, 2023 INDOT Consultant Services Signature and Date <u>Ryan Silvers</u> February 13, 2023

INDOT DE/ESD Reviewer Signature and Date:

Name and Organization of CE/EA Preparer:

Harlan Ford/RQAW

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Note: Refer to the most current INDOT CE Manual, guidance language, and other ESD resources for further guidance regarding any section of this form.

# Part I – Public Involvement

Yes

X

No

Every Federal action requires some level of public involvement, providing for early and continuous opportunities throughout the project development process. The level of public involvement should be commensurate with the proposed action.

Does the project have a historic bridge processed under the Historic Bridges  $\mathsf{PA}^*\!?$  If No, then:

Opportunity for a Public Hearing Required?

\*A public hearing is required for all historic bridges processed under the Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement between INDOT, FHWA, SHPO, and the ACHP.

Discuss what public involvement activities (legal notices, letters to affected property owners and residents (i.e. notice of entry), meetings, special purpose meetings, newspaper articles, etc.) have occurred for this project.

#### Notice of Entry Letters

Notice of Entry letters were mailed to potentially affected property owners near the project area on March 23, 2020, notifying them about the project and that individuals responsible for land surveying and field activities may be seen in the area. A sample copy of the Notice of Entry letter is included in Appendix G, page G1.

#### Public Informational Meeting

Notice of Public Information Meeting invitation letters were mailed to all nearby property owners within the project area on April 5, 2022 (Appendix G, pages G2 to G3). A legal notice advertising the public informational meeting was published in the *Lebanon Reporter* newspaper on April 12, 2022, and again the following week on April 19, 2022 (Appendix G, pages G4 to G5). The public informational meeting was held on April 25, 2022, at the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School located at 1205 IN-75, Thorntown, IN 46071. The meeting described the project scope and schedule and solicited input and comments from the community. Generally, the public did not express particular interest in the project as proposed but was more concerned about intersection improvements and whether they would occur at County Road (CR) 500 West/SR 32 and at the SR 75/SR 32 intersections. These intersection improvements will not be included as part of this project. All public comments received were verbal and no written comments were received. The sign in sheets, and presentation presented during the meeting are attached in Appendix G, pages G6 to G22.

#### Public Hearing

The project met the minimum requirements described in the current *Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Public Involvement Manual* which requires the project sponsor to offer the public an opportunity to submit comments and/or request a public hearing. INDOT Crawfordsville district, as the project sponsor, has decided to forgo offering the public an opportunity to request a public hearing and has elected to hold a public hearing.

A legal notice of public hearing was advertised in *The Lebanon Reporter*, a widely circulated newspaper in Boone County, on April 25, 2023, and May 02, 2023. A copy of the legal notice was also sent to all property owners and early coordination stakeholders on April 24, 2023. Please refer to Appendix G, pages G27 to G38 for a mailing list of all legal notice recipients, which included all property owners and early coordination stakeholders. The legal notice notified the public of the hearing and offered the public an opportunity to comment on the environmental document and preliminary design plans. A copy of the legal notice can be found in Appendix G, pages G23 to G24, and the publisher's affidavit can be found in Appendix G, pages G25 to G26. The public hearing was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 (a minimum 15 business days after legal notice publishing), at the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School, 1205 IN-75, Thorntown, IN 46071. Project information packets were handed out to the public at the sign-in desk and a pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation was presented during the hearing. A copy of the information packets distributed can be found in Appendix G, pages G43 to G47 and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found in Appendix G, pages G48 to G54. Representatives from INDOT and RQAW (project designer and preparer of this environmental document) were in attendance.

The public hearing began at 6:00pm and allowed the public an opportunity to hear information on the project and comment on the environmental document and preliminary design plans. Twenty-seven (27) people from the public attended the public hearing, eight (8) of which, provided formal public comments after the presentation concluded. Please refer to Appendix G, pages G39 to G42 for public sign-in sheets and Appendix G, page G55 for the public speaker sign-up sheet. Additionally, please refer to Appendix G, pages G56 to G59 for a transcript of the verbal comments received during the hearing. Comments received during the hearing

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pertained to the design of the project, specifically the amount of ROW needed from properties and safety concerns for residents within the project limits. The safety concerns expressed by the public during the hearing pertained to the excessive rate of speed motorists currently travel on SR 32 and was concerned that the added passing lanes would only further increase motorist speeds. The public expressed that the passing lanes would make SR 32 more dangerous than current conditions, especially at the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School and SR 32 and SR 75 intersection. Additionally, five (5) emails and three (3) duplicated letters in the mail were received during the comment period (Appendix G, pages G60 to G77). Please note that the comment period expired on May 26, 2023, which was 15 days after the public hearing was held. Please refer to Appendix G, pages G78 to G80 for all comments received and responses to those comments.

Once the NEPA process is completed, a public notice will be advertised in a local publication for general circulation to inform all community members that the final environmental document is available for viewing, which includes responses to all public comments received as part of the public involvement process.

# **Public Controversy on Environmental Grounds**

Discuss public controversy concerning community and/or natural resource impacts, including what is being done during the project to minimize impacts.

At this time, there is no substantial public controversy concerning impacts to the community or to natural resources.

# Part II - General Project Identification, Description, and Design Information

Sponsor of the Project:	INDOT	INDOT District: Crawfordsville
Local Name of the Facility:	SR 32	
Funding Source (mark all that	apply): Federal X State X Local	Other*
*If other is selected, please ide	entify the funding source:	

### PURPOSE AND NEED:

The need should describe the specific transportation problem or deficiency that the project will address. The purpose should describe the goal or objective of the project. The solution to the traffic problem should NOT be discussed in this section.

#### Need

The need for this project stems from the Level of Service (LOS) along this section of SR 32, which is predicted to drop from a LOS C to a LOS D by 2044. There are six levels of service ranging from A to F. LOS A represents the best operating conditions from the traveler's perspective and LOS F the worst. In addition, there is a need to correct the deteriorating pavement condition, which is currently exhibiting signs of wheel rutting, longitudinal cracking, and large amounts of crack sealing from previous repairs. Crack sealant helps to temporarily reduce water infiltration, but when water penetrates the crack sealant it will lead to substantial damage to the pavement structure. Please refer to the Abbreviated Engineer's Assessment dated, December 08, 2020, in Appendix I, pages I8 to I16 and the amended Engineers Report, dated February 8, 2023, in Appendix I, pages I17 to I19. Lastly, at the gas station located on the southwest corner of the SR 32/SR 75 intersection, there is currently no defined entrance/exit for the gas station. This results in confusion for motorist entering and exiting the gas station, and it creates conflicts for motorist accessing SR 32 from SR 75. Please see the attached Mini-Scope, prepared by INDOT on October 18, 2021, in Appendix I, pages I20 to I23.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this project is to maintain the LOS C for the design year 2044. In addition, the purpose is to restore the rideability of the pavement, and to improve access control at the gas station in the southwest quadrant of the SR 32/SR75 intersection.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTI	ON (PREFE		ATIVE):				
County: <u>Boone</u>		Muni	cipality:	SR 32			
Limits of Proposed Work:	From 3.6	9 miles west of SR	75 to 0.5 i	mile west of I-65			
Total Work Length:	8.66	Mile(s)		Total Work Area:	52	Acre(s)	
Is an Interstate Acc If yes, when did the Acceptability?		· · ·		eering and Operational			No K

<sup>1</sup>If an IAD is required; a copy of the approved CE/EA document must be submitted to the FHWA with a request for final approval of the IAD.

Describe location of project including township, range, city, county, roads, etc. Existing conditions should include current conditions, current deficiencies, roadway description, surrounding features, etc. Preferred alternative should include the scope of work, anticipated impacts, and how the project will meet the Purpose and Need. Logical termini and independent utility also need discussed.

The INDOT Crawfordsville District and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intend to proceed with a roadway improvement project along SR 32 in Boone County, Indiana.

#### Location

This project is located on SR 32 and extends from 3.69 miles west of SR 75 to 0.5 mile west of I-65 for a total work length of approximately 8.66 miles. The project is further described as being within Jefferson and Center Civil Townships within Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of Township 19 North, Range 1 West and Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Township 19 North, Range 2 West. Specifically, the project is located within Shannondale, Hazelrigg, and Lebanon U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangles. Please refer to Appendix B, pages B1 to B4 for project location maps.

#### **Existing Conditions**

SR 32 is classified as a Rural Minor Arterial roadway and is not part of the National Highway System (NHS) but is part of the National Truck Network (NTN) as it serves as a connector route between I-65 and I-74. Currently, SR 32 between Shannondale and Lebanon is about 8.5 miles long and averages approximately 32% no passing zones. The percent time spent following ranges from 57% to 66% and is projected to increase to 67% to 75% in 20 years. If nothing is done to this roadway, it is expected that the roadway LOS will drop from a C to a D by 2044. Within the project area, SR 32 consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 3-foot-wide usable shoulder (2-foot-paved). As the project is located within a rural area, there are no pedestrian facilities present such as, sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, crosswalks, etc. Existing drainage is conveyed by roadside ditches and small culverts/pipes. The primary land use within the project area consists of agricultural and residential properties. In addition, there are fragmented stands of trees throughout the project area that would be considered suitable summer habitat for bat species. Furthermore, two cemeteries (Dover Cemetery and Pleasant View Cemetery), the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School, and a gas station (southwest quadrant of SR 32/SR 75 intersection) are located adjacent to the project area as well. At the gas station, there is very little access control, which creates conflicts for motorists accessing SR 32 from SR 75.

#### **Preferred Alternative**

The preferred alternative involves a functional Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) minor structural overlay along SR 32 and the addition of three passing lanes (two eastbound (EB) and one westbound (WB)) that will each be approximately one mile long. The three passing lanes will be constructed in three separate locations as shown in the project location and topo maps in Appendix B, pages B1 to B4.

#### HMA Overlay Project Limits:

The limits of the HMA overlay portion of the project (Des. No. 1900361) extends from 0.05 mile west of SR 75 to 0.5 mile west of I-65.

#### Passing Lanes Project Limits:

The limits of the added passing lanes portion of this project (Des. No. 1800060) extends from 3.69 miles west of SR 75 to 1.41 miles east of SR 75.

- <u>Eastbound Passing Lane 1:</u> Begins approximately 3.69 miles west of SR 75 and ends approximately 2.66 miles west of SR 75.
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- <u>Westbound Passing Lane 1</u>: Begins approximately 0.47 mile west of SR 75 and ends approximately 1.48 miles west of SR 75.
- <u>Eastbound Passing Lane 2</u>: Begins approximately 0.30 mile east of SR 75 and ends approximately 1.41 miles east of SR 75.

In total, the proposed improvements will involve 6.62 miles of mill and resurface with approximately three miles of added passing lanes. Please note that the net project length is 8.66 miles, as one passing lane (Eastbound Passing Lane 2) is within the HMA overlay limits, while the other two are outside the HMA overlay limits. New ditches will need to be established within the passing lane areas. In the three areas where the passing lanes would be installed, the cross section would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, one 12-foot-wide passing lane, and 3-foot-wide paved shoulders. An additional 5-foot-wide aggregate shoulder will be installed along the passing lane for a total shoulder width of 8-foot. In addition, all small structures within the limits of the three passing lane locations will need to be replaced to facilitate the additional pavement width. Please refer to the below *Bridges and/or Small Structure(s)* section of this Categorical Exclusion (CE) document for a table of all structures and associated Des Nos. Lastly, Des No. 2101655 will include adding a curbed concrete island (approximately 6 inches in height) to better define the entrance to the gas station, located on the southwest corner of the SR 32/SR 75 intersection. Please refer to the project plans in Appendix B, pages B159 to B210.

#### Impact Summary

This project will require 4.10 acres of permanent and 2.01 acre of temporary right-of-way. This project will not result in any permanent or temporary stream/wetland impacts. This project will result in up to 0.80 acre of tree clearing/trimming. Lastly, utility relocations will likely be required in the passing lane locations, but exact details are not known at this time. If any utility relocations result in any additional environmental impacts that are not assessed in this environmental document, an Additional Information (AI) document will need to be prepared. A firm commitment to this effect has been added to the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.

#### Logical Termini/Independent Utility

The termini for this project are logical as the HMA overlay portion (Des. No. 1900361) of the project begins 0.05 mile west of the SR 75 and SR 32 intersection, which is where the pavement begins to exhibit deficiencies such as wheel rutting, longitudinal cracking, and an abundance of crack sealing. The HMA overlay portion of the project ends at the west end of the bridge of Sanitary Creek (0.05 mile west of I-65), which is where the pavement deficiencies noted above end. The termini for the passing lanes portion of this project (Des. No. 1800060) are logical as they have been strategically placed (three in total (two eastbound and one westbound) and each approximately one mile in length) along this section of SR 32 from 3.69 miles west of SR 75 to 1.41 miles east of SR 75, to help maintain a LOS C for the year 2044. This project demonstrates independent utility as it is a standalone project that is not dependent upon any other projects to function.

#### Maintenance of Traffic

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for this project is proposed to consist of phased construction to limit the impact to commuters during the passing lane construction. In addition, flagging operations are anticipated to be used during the HMA portion of the project after the construction of the passing lanes. Please refer to the below *Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) During Construction* section of this CE document for more details.

This project will meet the purpose and need of the project by providing passing lanes in order to maintain the LOS C for the year 2044. In addition, this project meets the purpose and need by providing an HMA overlay throughout the project limits which will restore the rideability of the existing pavement. Lastly, this project meets the purpose and need by installing a raised curbed island at the gas station (southwest quadrant of SR 75/ SR 32 intersection) to improve access control and eliminate conflicts for motorists accessing SR 32 from SR 75.

# OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Provide a header for each alternative. Describe all discarded alternatives, including the No Build Alternative. Explain why each discarded alternative was not selected. Make sure to state how each alternative meets or does not meet the Purpose and Need and why.

## The "No Build" Alternative (Alternative #1)

The "No-Build" alternative was considered for this proposed project. This alternative would eliminate any environmental impacts by utilizing the existing facility with no expenditure of capital funds for improvement. However, this alternative would not meet the purpose and need of the project and was eliminated from further consideration.

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Th	e No Build Alternati	ve is not feasible, pruder	nt or practicable be	ecause (Mark all that apply)	):
lt v	would not correct exis	ting capacity deficiencies;			X
lt v	would not correct exis	ting safety hazards;			X
lt v	would not correct the	existing roadway geometric	c deficiencies;		
lt v	would not correct exis	ting deteriorated conditions	s and maintenance	problems; or	X
lt v	would result in serious	s impacts to the motoring p	ublic and general w	elfare of the economy.	

**ROADWAY CHARACTER:** 

Other (Describe):

If the proposed action includes multiple roadways, complete and duplicate for each roadway.

Name of Roadway	SR 32				
Functional Classification:	Rural Mir	nor Arterial			
Current ADT:	9,595	VPD (2020) De	esign Year ADT:	10, 825	VPD (2044)
Design Hour Volume (DHV):	987	Truck Percentage (%)	23.22		
Designed Speed (mph):	55	Legal Speed (mph):	45-55		

	Existing		Proposed	d la
Number of Lanes:		2		2-3
Type of Lanes:		Travel	Tra	vel and Passing
Pavement Width:	30	ft.	30-42	ft.
Shoulder Width:	3	ft.	3-8	ft.
Median Width:	N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.
Sidewalk Width:	N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.
Setting: Topography:	Urban X Level		Suburban Rolling	X Rural Hilly

# BRIDGES AND/OR SMALL STRUCTURE(S):

If the proposed action includes multiple structures, complete and duplicate for each bridge and/or small structure. Include both existing and proposed bridge(s) and/or small structure(s) in this section.

Structure/NBI Number(s):	See below table		Sufficiency Rating:		See below table	
					(Rating, Source of Information)	
	Existing		Propose	d		
Bridge/Structure Type	e:	N/A		N/A		
Number of Spans:		N/A		N/A		
Weight Restrictions:	N/A	ton	N/A	ton		
Height Restrictions:	N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.		
Curb to Curb Width:	N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.		
Outside to Outside W	idth: N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.		
Shoulder Width:	N/A	ft.	N/A	ft.		

Describe impacts and work involving bridge(s), culvert(s), pipe(s), and small structure(s). Provide details for small structure(s): structure number, type, size (length and dia.), location and impacts to water. Use a table if the number of small structures becomes large. If the table exceeds a complete page, put it in the appendix and summarize the information below with a citation to the table.

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This project proposes to replace the small structures listed in the below table. No water resources were identified or determined to be present at any of the structures proposed to be replaced. No work is anticipated to occur on any bridges associated with this project. All small structures were evaluated for any historical features such as stone or brick and was verified by INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) office on October 18, 2021, and most recently on December 16, 2022, that none of these structures exhibit any historical characteristics (Appendix D, pages D1 to D8). Please refer to the below table for a list of all structures to be replaced as part of this project. No bats or evidence of bats were seen or heard at any of the structures during the most recent bat inspection on July 6, 2021, by RQAW (Appendix C, pages C55 to C66).

<sup>1</sup> INDOT Structure Number	<sup>2</sup> Des. No.	Structure No. Per Plans	Stream/ Wetland Impacts	Existing Size/Type and Length	<sup>2</sup> Proposed Structure Size/Type and Length	Work Type	Culvert Condition Rating	Plan Sheet Reference
CV 032- 006-53.63	2201194	123	N/A	Dual 1.25 ft. Concrete pipes (47 ft.)	7 ft. X 4 ft. Box (63 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B199 and B208
CV 032- 006-53.38	2201193	122	N/A	5 ft. X 3 ft. box (42 ft.)	10 ft. X 5 ft. Box (60 lft.)	Replacement	8 (INDOT BIAS Report)	Appendix B, pages B198 and B207
CV 032- 006-53.02	2201192	121	N/A	Dual 1 ft. Concrete pipes (47 ft.)	8 ft. X 4 ft. Box (60 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B197 and B206
CLV-8739	N/A	120	N/A	18 inch Concrete pipe (44 ft.)	36 inch CMP (49 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, page B196
CV 032- 006-51.88	2201191	112	N/A	18 inch Concrete Pipe (48 ft.)	5 ft. X 3 ft. Box (53 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B195 and B205
CV 032- 006-51.79	2201190	111	N/A	30 inch CMP (54 ft.)	5 ft. X 3 ft. Box (56 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B195 and B204
CV 032- 006-51.06	2201189	110	N/A	18 inch Concrete pipe (50 ft.)	4 ft. X 2 ft. Box (52 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B192 and B203
CLV-9011	N/A	104	N/A	15 inch CMP with headwall (53 lft.)	36 inch CMP (65 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, page B190
CV 032- 006-49.65	2201188	103	N/A	24 inch CMP (50 ft.)	4 ft. X 3 ft. Box (56 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B190 and B202

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CV 032- 006-49.04	2201187	102	N/A	15 inch CMP (55 ft.)	3 ft. X 2 ft. Box (60 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, pages B188 and B201	
CLV-9033	N/A	101	N/A	15 inch Concrete Pipe (48 ft.)	36 inch CMP (57 lft.)	Replacement	N/A	Appendix B, page B188	
				e table are future o ey have a proposed				verts to be include	
Please note t 6 inches or la Additionally,	hat the Des. No irger must have all drive pipes	os. in the above a Des. No. assi within the lim	table were de gned. its of the pa	ssing lanes will n bats or evidence of	y due to the prop eed to be repla	oosed structure siz aced. Please refe	es. Any struct	w table for all dr	
Structure No. Per Plans	-	tland Impacts	Prope	osed Structure ype and Length	Work Type		Plan Sheet I		
301		N/A		15" CMP (59 lft.)	Replacement		Appendix B, Page B188		
302		N/A		15" CMP Replaceme (49 lft.)		ment A	Appendix B, I	Page B188	
303		N/A		15" CMP (33 lft.)	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, Page B188		
304		N/A		15" CMP (49 lft.)	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, Page B189		
305		N/A		15" CMP (57 lft.)	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, I	Page B190	
306		N/A		15" CMP (32 lft.)	Replacement		Appendix B, Page B190		
307		N/A		15" CMP (60 lft.)	Replacement		Appendix B, Page B191		
308		N/A		(49 lft.)	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, I	Page B194	
309		N/A		24" CMP (56 lft.)	Replacer	ment /	Appendix B, I	Page B195	
310		N/A		15" CMP	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, Page B197		
311		N/A		(43 lft.) 15" CMP Replacen		ment A	Appendix B, Page B197		
312		N/A		<u>(49 lft.)</u> 15" CMP (46 lft.)	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B, Page B198		
	1	N/A		15" CMP	Replacer	ment A	Appendix B,	Page B199	
313				(75 lft)	Replacement Appendi			opendix B, Page B199	
313 314		N/A		<u>(75 lft.)</u> 15" CMP (33 lft.)	Replacer	ment /	Appendix B, I	Page B199	

Additionally, there are 4 box culverts: CV 032-006-57.29, CV 032-006-54.47, CV 032-006-54.25, CV 032-006-53.90 and 1 bridge: Bridge No. 032-06-00583 D located within the project area. None of these structures will be impacted by this project, as all 4 box culverts are within the limits of the HMA overlay and the bridge is located where there is a pavement exception (Appendix B, page B185).

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#### MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT) DURING CONSTRUCTION:

	Yes	No
Is a temporary bridge proposed?		Х
Is a temporary roadway proposed?		Х
Will the project involve the use of a detour or require a ramp closure? (describe below)		Х
Provisions will be made for access by local traffic and so posted.	Х	
Provisions will be made for through-traffic dependent businesses.	Х	
Provisions will be made to accommodate any local special events or festivals.	Х	
Will the proposed MOT substantially change the environmental consequences of the action?		Х
Is there substantial controversy associated with the proposed method for MOT?		Х
Will the project require a sidewalk, curb ramp, and/or bicycle lane closure? (describe below)		Х
Provisions will be made for access by pedestrians and/or bicyclist and so posted (describe below).		Х

Discuss closures, detours, and/or facilities (if any) that will be provided for maintenance of traffic. Any known impacts from these temporary measures should be quantified to the extent possible, particularly with respect to properties such as Section 4(f) resources and wetlands. Discuss any pedestrian/bicycle closures. Any local concerns about access and traffic flow should be detailed as well. The MOT plan for this project will consist of phased construction to limit the impact to commuters during construction of the passing lanes. A road closure or detour route is not anticipated. After the passing lanes are constructed, the HMA overlay can be constructed by utilizing flagging operations. Two-way traffic is anticipated to be maintained along SR 32. In addition, access to all properties will be maintained at all times during construction. Please refer to the project plans for MOT details in Appendix B, pages B167 to B182. Construction is anticipated to begin in late Summer/early Fall of 2024.

The lane restrictions will pose a temporary inconvenience to traveling motorists (including school buses and emergency services); however, no significant delays are anticipated, and all inconveniences and delays will cease upon project completion.

# ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND SCHEDULE: \*Please note that engineering funds are included in the previous 2020-2024 STIP.

Engineering:	\$	*600,000	(2020)	Right-of-Way:	\$ 250,000	(2023)	Construction:	\$ 13,247,514	(2024)	
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Anticipated Start Date of Construction: Late Summer/Early Fall of 2024

## **RIGHT OF WAY:**

	Amount (acres)		
Land Use Impacts	Permanent	Temporary	
Residential	0.66	0.27	
Commercial	0	0	
Agricultural	3.41	1.74	
Forest	0	0	
Wetlands	0	0	
Other: School	0.03	0	
Other:	0	0	
TOTAL	4.10	2.01	

Describe both Permanent and Temporary right-of-way and describe their current use. Typical and Maximum right-of-way widths (existing and proposed) should also be discussed. Any advance acquisition, reacquisition or easements, either known or suspected, and their impacts on the environmental analysis should be discussed.

Existing right-of-way (ROW) is considered to be the centerline of SR 32. It is anticipated that this project will require the reacquisition of 9.21 acres of apparent existing ROW consisting of the paved surface of SR 32 (from centerline to edge of pavement) and defined roadside ditches, which is currently in transportation use and used to maintain the roadway.

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The project will require approximately 4.07 acres of permanent ROW from agricultural and residential land for the addition of the passing lanes and structure replacements. Additionally, 0.03 acre of permanent ROW is needed from the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School. The project also requires approximately 2.01 acres of temporary ROW from residential and agricultural land for grading activities along the passing lane locations and at all access drives.

If the scope of work or permanent or temporary right-of-way amounts change, the INDOT Environmental Services Division (ESD) and the INDOT District Environmental Section will be contacted immediately.

# Part III - Identification and Evaluation of Impacts of the Proposed Action

# **SECTION A - EARLY COORDINATION:**

List the date(s) coordination was sent and all resource agencies that were contacted as a part of the development of this Environmental Study. Also, include the date of their response or indicate that no response was received.

Early coordination letters were sent out on June 15, 2021. A sample copy of the early coordination letter is included in Appendix C, pages C1 to C3.

Agency	Date Sent	Date Response Received	Appendix
INDOT, Crawfordsville District	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	June 15, 2021	June 23, 2021	C13 to C14
Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS)	June 15, 2021	June 15, 2021	C10 to C12
Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Fish and Wildlife	June 15, 2021	July 14, 2021	C15 to C18
Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)	June 15, 2021	June 15, 2021	C4 to C9
Unites States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	June 15, 2021	June 21, 2021	C19 to C20
(USFWS)	January 18, 2023	Official Species List	C22 to C37
	February 23, 2022	Concurrence Verification Letter	C39 to C52
Local Floodplain Administrator	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD)	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
National Park Service (NPS)	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Surveyor	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Highway Department	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Soil and Water	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Commissioners Office	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Council	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Boone County Area Plan Commission	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Municipal Separate Strom Sewer System (MS4) Coordinator	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
IDNR, Oil and Gas Division	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Pleasant View Church	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Dover Christian Church	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A
Western Boone Junior-Senior High School	June 15, 2021	No Response Received	N/A

All applicable recommendations are included in the Environmental Commitments section of this CE document.

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# SECTION B - ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

	Presence	Impa	acts
		Yes	No
Streams, Rivers, Watercourses & Other Jurisdictional Features	X		Х
Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers			
State Natural, Scenic or Recreational Rivers			
Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) listed			
Outstanding Rivers List for Indiana			
Navigable Waterways			
Total stream(s) in project area: <u>3,306.22</u> Linear feet Total in	npacted stream(s): 0		Linear feet

Stream Name	Classification	Total Size in Project Area (linear feet)	Impacted linear feet	Comments (i.e. location, flow direction, likely Water of the US, appendix reference)
*Sanitary Ditch	Perennial	187.60	0	(Lat. 40.04674, Long86.49890), Flows south to north, Likely <i>Waters of the US</i> , Appendix B, page B186.
Deer Creek	Ephemeral	44.10	0	(Lat. 40.04672, Long86.51357), Flows south to north, Likely Waters of the US, Appendix B, page B186.
Wolf Creek	Intermittent	118.06	0	(Lat. 40.05416, Long86.56954), Flows south to north, Likely Waters of the US, Appendix B, page B185.
Little Sugar Creek	Intermittent	2,677.75	0	(Lat. 40.05417, Long86.58984), Flows southwest before turning east to west along SR 32 before turning northwest, Likely <i>Waters of the US</i> , Appendix B, pages B184 to B185 and B200.
*Higgins Ditch	Perennial	116.01	0	(Lat. 40.05449, Long86.62284) Flows south to north, Likely <i>Waters of the US</i> . Please note that Higgins Ditch is not shown on the project plans so please refer to the Waters Report in Appendix F, page F59.
*Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to Little Sugar Creek	Intermittent	162.70	0	(Lat. 40.05472, Long86.66828) Flows south to north, Likely <i>Waters of the US</i> , Appendix B, pages B183 and B191.

\*Please note that Sanitary Ditch, Higgins Ditch, and UNT to Little Sugar Creek were within the investigation area used for the Waters of the U.S. Report. However, they are outside the project area and will not be impacted by this project.

Describe all streams, rivers, watercourses and other jurisdictional features adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if the streams or rivers are listed on any federal or state lists for Indiana. Include if features are likely subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12) there are 28 streams, rivers, watercourse or other jurisdictional features within the 0.5 mile search radius. There are three stream segments within or adjacent to the project area. That number was not confirmed, as six streams, rivers, watercourses, or other jurisdictional features were found within and adjacent to the project area during the site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, by RQAW.

Please note that at the direction of INDOT Site Assessment and Management (SAM), one full RFI and one limited RFI was prepared for this project. For the purpose of this section and all other applicable sections of this CE (other than the Hazardous Materials section) the discussions will include references to the full RFI, as the limited RFI only covers hazardous materials.

A Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation Report was approved by INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office on September 16, 2021. Please refer to Appendix F, pages F1 to F72 for the Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation Report. It was determined that six likely jurisdictional waters exist within the investigated area. The USACE makes all final determinations regarding jurisdiction. Only three likely jurisdictional streams (Deer Creek, Wolf Creek, and Little Sugar Creek) are within the project area, as the investigation area used in the approved Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation

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*Report* is larger than the project area limits.

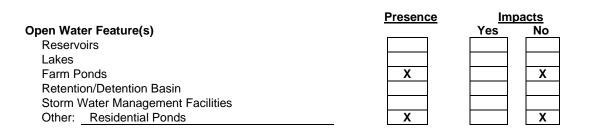
Based on a desktop review by RQAW on October 6, 2020, there are no Federal, Wild and Scenic Rivers; State Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers; Outstanding Rivers for Indiana; navigable waterways or National Rivers Inventory waterways present within the project area.

This project does not include work on any structures located at these waterways, and all work occurring adjacent to these waterways is limited to the roadway pavement. No work below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) to any waterway will occur as a result of this project. Please refer to the project plans in Appendix B, pages B186 (Deer Creek); B185 (Wolf Creek); and B184 to B185 and B200 (Little Sugar Creek).

#### Early Coordination

In their early coordination response dated July 14, 2021, the IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife stated that HMA contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's), which are known to have negative impacts on aquatic organisms and that care should be taken to avoid migration of (PAH's) into waterways. They went on to recommended implementing erosion and sediment control measures, stream bank stabilization measures, maintaining wildlife passage through structures, minimizing in-channel disturbance, time restrictions for working within the waterway, and proper use of/placement of riprap (Appendix C, pages C15 to C18). All applicable recommendations are included in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.

In their early coordination response, dated June 21, 2021, the USFWS stated stream impacts may require permits from the USACE IDEM, and IDNR. The USFWS also recommended implementing erosion and sediment control measures, stream bank stabilization measures, facilitating wildlife movement under bridges/culverts, minimizing in-channel work, time restrictions for working within the waterway, and proper use of/placement of riprap (Appendix C, pages C19 to C20). All applicable recommendations are included in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.



Describe all open water feature(s) identified adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if features are likely subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12) there are four open water features within the 0.5 mile search radius. There are three open water features adjacent to the project area, which was confirmed during the site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021 by RQAW. There are no open water features within the project area and all open water features are outside the construction limits for the project. Therefore, no impacts are expected.

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We	tlands				Presence X	Yes	Acts No X
Total wetla	nd area:	0.093	Acre(	s) Total wetland a	rea impacted: 0	)	Acre(s)

(If a determination has not been made for non-isolated/isolated wetlands, fill in the total wetland area impacted above.)

Wetland No.	Classification	Total Size (Acres)	Impacted Acres	Comments (i.e. location, likely Water of the US, appendix reference)
Wetland A	PEM (Freshwater Emergent)	0.022	0	(Lat. 40.04682, Long86.51822), Likely Water of the US, Appendix B, page B186.
Wetland B	PEM	0.001	0	(Lat. 40.04682, Long86.51847), Likely <i>Water of the US,</i> Appendix B, page B186.
Wetland C	PEM	0.005	0	(Lat. 40.05429, Long86.58506), Likely <i>Water of the US,</i> Appendix B, page B185.
*Wetland D	PEM	0.011	0	(Lat. 40.05473, Long86.66690), Likely Water of the US, Appendix B, page B191.
*Wetland E	PEM	0.054	0	(Lat. 40.05473, Long86.66769), Likely Water of the US, Appendix B, page B191.

\*Please note that Wetlands D and E were within the investigation area used for the Waters of the U.S. Report. However, they are outside the project area and will not be impacted by the project.

**Documentation** 

ESD Approval Dates

Wetlands (Mark all that apply) Wetland Determination Wetland Delineation USACE Isolated Waters Determination

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September 16, 2021	
September 16, 2021	

# Improvements that will not result in any wetland impacts are not practicable because such avoidance would result in (Mark all that apply and explain):

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Substantial adverse impacts to adjacent homes, business or other improved properties;		
Substantially increased project costs;		
Unique engineering, traffic, maintenance, or safety problems;		
Substantial adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts, or		
The project not meeting the identified needs.	Х	

Describe all wetlands identified adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if features are likely subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12) there are 48 wetlands within the 0.5-mile search radius. There are three mapped wetlands within or adjacent to the project area. That number was not confirmed, as five wetlands were found within and adjacent to the project area by the site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, by RQAW.

A Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation Report was approved by INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office on September 16, 2021. Please refer to Appendix F, pages F1 to F72 for the Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation Report. It was determined that five likely jurisdictional wetlands exist within the investigated area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) makes all final determinations regarding jurisdiction. Only three wetlands exist within the project area, as the investigation area used in the approved Waters of the U.S. Determination / Wetland Delineation / Wetland Delineation Report was larger than the project area limits.

All work occurring adjacent to these wetlands is limited to the roadway pavement. No work within the boundaries of any delineated wetland will occur as a result of this project. Please refer to the project plans in Appendix B, pages B186 (Wetlands A and B), B185 (Wetland C), and B191 (Wetlands D and E).

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and IDEM. in accorda	rdination: rly coordination response, dated Jun . They went on to state that wetland ince with agency mitigation guideling nmental Commitments section of this	impacts sh es (Append	ould be avoide lix C, pages C	d, and any unavo	idable impacts	s should be compensated for
The IDNR	did not provide any recommendation	ns or comm	ents regarding	wetlands.		
Те	rrestrial Habitat			Presence X	Impar Yes X	<u>cts</u> NO

 Total terrestrial habitat in project area:
 52
 Acre(s)
 Total tree clearing:
 0.80
 Acre(s)

Describe types of terrestrial habitat (i.e. forested, grassland, farmland, lawn, etc) adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts will occur to habitat identified. Include total terrestrial habitat impacted and total tree clearing that will occur. Discuss measure to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on a desktop review, multiple site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021 by RQAW, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), there is wetland, lawn/maintained roadside grass, farmland, and riparian habitat within the project area. Total terrestrial habitat within the project area is roughly 52 acres consisting of 0.093 acre of wetlands, 30.8 acres of lawn/maintained roadside grass, 19.05 acres of farmland, and 2.06 acres of riparian habitat. Dominant vegetation within the project area consisted of smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*), yellow foxtail (*Setaria pumila*), poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), narrow leaf plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*), Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), and eastern red cedar (*Pinus resinosa*). Up to approximately 0.80 acre of tree clearing will occur with this project and will be removed during the inactive bat season (October 1 through March 31). Avoidance of the trees would not be practicable because the trees are within the limits where work activities are required for the installation of passing lanes and/or ditch construction. There will be no impacts to riparian habitat as a result of this project. Habitat impacted will consist of lawn/maintained roadside grass, wetland, and farmland. In addition, no unique or prime habitat was identified within the project area. Mitigation for habitat impacts is not anticipated.

#### Early Coordination:

In their early coordination response, dated July 14, 2021, the IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife recommended revegetating disturbed areas, minimizing tree clearing, and tree clearing restrictions (Appendix C, pages C15 to C18). All applicable recommendations are included in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.

In their early coordination response, dated June 21, 2021, the USFWS also recommended revegetating disturbed areas and minimizing tree clearing (Appendix C, pages C19 to C20). All applicable recommendations are included in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.

Protected Species Federally Listed Bats Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) determination k Section 7 informal consultation completed (IPaC cannot be comp Section 7 formal consultation Biological Assessment (BA) require	leted)	No
Determination Received for Listed Bats from USFWS: NE	NLAA X LAA	
Other Species not included in IPaC Additional federal species found in project area (based on IPaC s State species (not bird) found in project area (based upon consul		No X X

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Yes

No

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**Migratory Birds** 

Known usage or presence of birds (i.e. nests) State bird species based upon coordination with IDNR

Discuss IDNR coordination and species identified. Describe USFWS Section 7 consultation and determination received for Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat impacts. Discuss if other federally listed species were identified. If so, include consultation that has occurred and the determination that was received. Discuss if migratory birds have been observed and any impacts.

Based on a desktop review and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12), completed by RQAW on December 20, 2021, the IDNR Boone County Endangered, Threatened and Rare (ETR) Species List has been checked. According to the IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife early coordination response letter dated July 14, 2021 (Appendix C, pages C15 to C18), the Natural Heritage Program's Database has been checked and to date no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity. An INDOT 0.5-mile bat review occurred on March 3, 2021, and revealed that there are no documented sites within a 0.5-mile search radius of the project area.

#### Bats, Programmatic Informal Consultation (i.e. IPaC) – Not Likely to Adversely Affect

Project information was submitted through the USFWS's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) portal, and an official species list was generated (Appendix C, page C22 to C37). The project is within range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*). No additional species were generated in the IPaC species list other than the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat.

The project qualifies for the *Range-wide Programmatic Informal Consultation for the Indiana bat and northern long eared bat (NLEB)*, dated May 2016 (revised February 2018), between FHWA, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and USFWS. Multiple bridge and small structure inspections occurred on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, and no bats or evidence of bats were seen or heard using the structures (Appendix C, pages C55 to C66). An effect determination key was completed on February 23, 2022, and based on the responses provided, the project was found to "Not Likely to Adversely Affect" the Indiana bat and/or the NLEB (Appendix C, pages C39 to C52). INDOT reviewed and verified the effect finding on February 23, 2022, and requested USFWS's review of the finding. No response was received from USFWS within the 14-day review period; therefore, it was concluded they concur with the finding. Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) included with this project include general, tree removal, and temporary lighting AMMs. All AMMs and/or commitments are included as firm commitments in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this document.

This precludes the need for further consultation on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. If new information on endangered species at the site becomes available, or if project plans are changed, USFWS will be contacted for consultation.

ological and Mineral Resources	Yes	No
Project located within the Indiana Karst Region		X
Karst features identified within or adjacent to the project area		Х
Oil/gas or exploration/abandoned wells identified in the project area		Х

Date Karst Evaluation reviewed by INDOT EWPO (if applicable):

communicated with the designer on June 15, 2021. No impacts are expected.

Discuss if project is located in the Indiana Karst Region and if any karst features have been identified in the project area (from RFI). Discuss response received from IGWS coordination. Discuss if any mines, oil/gas, or exploration/abandoned wells were identified and if impacts will occur. Include discussion of karst study/report was completed and results. (Karst investigation must comply with the current Protection of Karst Features during Planning and Construction guidance and coordinated and reviewed by INDOT EWPO) Based on a desktop review, the project is located outside the designated karst region of Indiana as outlined in the July 15, 2021 Karst Protection Procedure. According to the topo maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B2 to B4), the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12), there are no karst features identified within or adjacent to the project area. In the early coordination response dated June 15, 2021, the Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) did not indicate that karst features exist in the project area (Appendix C, pages C10 to C12). However, the IGWS did indicate that within the project are there is a moderate liquefaction potential, 1 % chance annual flood hazard, moderate potential for encountering bedrock resources, low potential for encountering sand and gravel resources, and presence of active/abandoned petroleum exploration wells. The response from IGWS has been

The RFI report identified one petroleum well located adjacent to the south of the project area (Appendix E, page E4). An early coordination letter was sent to the IDNR Oil and Gas Division on June 15, 2021 (Appendix C, pages C1 to C3). No response was received.

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#### SECTION C – OTHER RESOURCES

Drinking Water Resources	Presence	<u>Impa</u> Yes	<u>icts</u> No
Wellhead Protection Area(s) Source Water Protection Area(s) Water Well(s) Urbanized Area Boundary Public Water System(s)	X X X X		X X X
Is the project located in the St. Joseph Sole Source Aquifer (SSA) If Yes, is the FHWA/EPA SSA MOU Applicable? If Yes, is a Groundwater Assessment Required?		Yes	No X

Check the appropriate boxes and discuss each topic below. Provide details about impacts and summarize resource-specific coordination responses and any mitigation commitments. Reference responses in the Appendix.

#### Sole Source Aquifer

The project is located in Boone County, which is not located within the area of the St. Joseph Sole Source Aquifer, the only legally designated sole source aquifer in the state of Indiana. Therefore, the FHWA/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sole Source Aquifer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not applicable to this project, a detailed groundwater assessment is not needed, and no impacts are expected.

#### Wellhead Protection Area and Source Water Area

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Wellhead Proximity Determinator website (<u>http://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/pages/wellhead/</u>) was accessed on October 20, 2022, by RQAW. This project is not located within a Wellhead Protection Area or Source Water Area. No impacts are expected.

#### Water Wells

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Water Well Record Database website (<u>https://www.in.gov/dnr/water/3595.htm</u>) was accessed on October 20, 2022, by RQAW. There are four estimated well locations mapped within the right-of-way. Please note that the estimated well locations are based on address and are not expected to be within INDOT right-of-way. Should it be determined during the right-of-way phase that these wells will be affected, a cost to cure will likely be included in the appraisal to restore the wells.

#### Urban Area Boundary

Based on a desktop review of INDOT's MS4 website (<u>https://entapps.indot.in.gov/MS4/</u>) by RQAW on October 20, 2022, the eastern most portion of this project is located within an Urban Area Boundary (UAB). An early coordination letter was sent on June 15, 2021, to the MS4 coordinator for the City of Lebanon. The MS4 coordinator did not respond within the 30-day time frame.

#### Public Water System

Based on a desktop review, multiple site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021 by RQAW, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and IDEM's Public Water Systems Search website (<u>https://myweb.in.gov/IDEM/DWW/</u>), this project is located where there are public water systems. Public water systems identified within or adjacent to the project area belong to the Dover Christian Church, Pleasant View Church, Western Boone Schools, and Lebanon Utilities. The Dover Christian Church, Pleasant View Church, and the Western Boone Schools supply public drinking water via water wells and will not be impacted by this project based on a review of IDNR's Water Well Record Database website. Lebanon Utilities has a water main within the project area along the south side of SR 32 from the east end of the project area (Sanitary Ditch) to Enterprise Drive. As this area is in a portion of the project area that will receive and HMA overlay, no impacts are expected.

#### Early Coordination

Early coordination letters were sent to the Dover Christian Church, Pleasant View Church, and the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School on June 15, 2021. No responses were received.

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Flo	oodplains			Presence	<u> </u>	mpacts s No	
	Longitudinal enco Transverse encre		wnstream from	x x x		X X	
lf a	applicable, indicat	e the Floodplain Level?					
Le	vel 1	Level 2 Level	3 X	Level 4	Level 5		

Use the IDNR Floodway Information Portal to help determine potential impacts. Include floodplain map in appendix. Discuss impacts according to the classification system. If encroachment on a flood plain will occur, coordinate with the Local Flood Plain Administrator during design to insure consistency with the local flood plain planning.

Based on a desktop review of The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Indiana Floodway Information Portal website (Indiana Floodplain Information Portal 2.0 (arcgis.com)) by RQAW on October 20, 2022 and the RFI report, this project is located in a regulatory floodplain as determined from approved IDNR floodplain maps (Appendix F, pages F74 to F76). An early coordination letter was sent on June 15, 2021, to the local Floodplain Administrator. The Floodplain Administrator did not respond within the 30-day time frame.

This project qualifies as a Category 3 per the current INDOT CE Manual, which states: the modifications to drainage structures included in this project will result in an insubstantial change in their capacity to carry flood water. This change could cause a minimal increase in flood heights and flood limits. These minimal increases will not result in any substantial adverse impacts on the natural and beneficial floodplain values; they will not result in substantial change in flood risks or damage; and they do not have substantial potential for interruption or termination of emergency service or emergency routes; therefore, it has been determined that this encroachment is not substantial.

	Presence	Imp	acts
Farmland		Yes	No
Agricultural Lands	X	X	
Prime Farmland (per NRCS)	X	X	
Total Points (from Section VII of CPA-106/AD-1006*) *If 160 or greater, see CE Manual for guidance.	145		

Discuss existing farmland resources in the project area, impacts that will occur to farmland, and mitigation and minimization measures considered.

Based on a desktop review, multiple site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, by RQAW, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), this project will convert 3.41 acres of farmland as defined by the Farmland Protection Policy Act. An early coordination letter was sent on June 15, 2021, to the NRCS. Coordination with NRCS resulted in a score of 145 on the NRCS AD-1006 Form (Appendix C, pages C13 to C14). NRCS's threshold score for significant impacts to farmland that result in the consideration of alternatives is 160. Since this project score is less than the threshold, no significant loss of prime, unique, statewide, or local important farmland will result from this project. No alternatives other than those previously discussed in this document will be investigated without reevaluating impacts to prime farmland.

Please note the NRCS AD-1006 form states 4.78 acres of farmland will be converted; however, with the removal of the far east passing lane that number was reduced to 3.41 acres. Since the amount of farmland to be converted was reduced, additional coordination with the NRCS was not initiated.

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SECTIO	N D – CULTURAL R	ESOURCES				
М	inor Projects PA	Category(ies) and Type(s A-4, B-3, & B-9	5)	October 1 (Updated	pproval Date(s)         N/A           8, 2021	
Fu	ull 106 Effect Finding No Historic Properties	Affected No A	Adverse Eff	ect Adverse	effect	
EI	igible and/or Listed R NRHP Building/Site/D		aeology	NRHP I	Bridge(s)	
D	Archaeological Phase	fect Determination port or Short Report ds Check and Assessment la Survey Report	x	ESD Approval Date(s)	SHPO Approval Date(s)	
	Archaeological Phase Other: Memorandum of Agre			MOA Signature Dates	(List all signatories)	

If the project falls under the MPPA, describe the category(ies) that the project falls under and any approval dates. If the project requires full Section 106, use the headings provided. The completion of the Section 106 process requires that a Legal Notice be published in local newspapers. Please indicate the publication date, name of the paper(s) and the comment period deadline. Include any further Section 106 work which must be completed at a later date, such as mitigation from a MOA or avoidance commitments.

On October 18, 2021 (updated on June 9, 2022 and December 16, 2022) INDOT CRO determined that this project falls within the guidelines of Category A, Type 4 and Category B, Types 3 and 9 under the Minor Projects Programmatic Agreement (Appendix D, pages D1 to D8).

**Category A, Type 4**: Roadway work associated with surface replacement, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or resurfacing projects, including overlays, shoulder treatments, pavement repair, seal coating, pavement grinding, and pavement marking within previously disturbed soils where replacement, repair, or installation of curbs, curb ramps or sidewalks will not be required.

**Category B, Type 3**: Construction of added travel, turning, or auxiliary lanes (e.g., bicycle, truck climbing, acceleration and deceleration lanes) and shoulder widening.

Category B, Type 9: Installation, replacement, repair, lining, or extension of culverts and other drainage structures.

Please refer to Appendix D, pages D3 to D5 to see how the above listed Category B types meet both Condition A, which pertains to Archaeological Resources, and Condition B, which pertains to Above-Ground Resources.

#### Phase1a Archaeological Report

An archaeological record check and Phase 1a field reconnaissance (Travis 2021) was conducted by Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. (CRA) personnel who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards as per 36 CFR Part 61 (Appendix D, pages D9 to D11). The records check did not identify any previous archeological sites within the survey area. The archaeological survey found 9 unrecorded sites, but they did not demonstrate the ability to provide important information to the history or prehistory

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of the area; therefore, no further archaeological work is recommended at the sites within the survey area. The report has been reviewed by INDOT CRO personnel who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards as per 36 CFR Part 61. INDOT CRO staff deemed the report to be acceptable and concurred with the evaluations and recommendations made in it. Therefore, there are no archaeological concerns with this project as long as the project scope does not change.

Additionally, an addendum Phase 1a survey (Indiana Archaeological Short Report; Travis 2022) conducted by CRA personnel who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards as per 36 CFR Part 61 was completed to cover additional areas of right-of-way (specifically at intersections within passing lane locations). No archaeological sites were recorded as a result of the survey, and no additional investigation is recommended. (Appendix D, page D12 to D13)

Please note that although the Dover Cemetery and Pleasant View Cemetery are within 100 feet of the project, both cemeteries are within the HMA overlay portion of the project. A Cemetery Development Plan will not be needed because both cemetery boundaries are clearly defined at the existing right-of-way and the project will not require any right-of-way from either cemetery. Additionally, any work outside the existing pavement will occur in previously disturbed soils and there is no need to purchase ROW from either cemetery, therefore; no impact is expected. Please refer to the project plans in Appendix B, pages B185 and B196 that show the construction limit boundaries for each cemetery.

Please also note that RQAW provided markups to the approved MPPA form and notified INDOT CRO on March 29, 2023, that the far east passing lane has been removed from the scope of work and that area will now just consist of an HMA overlay. As this is a reduction in the scope of work, this information was provided to INDOT CRO for their records and for consistency purposes. Please refer to Appendix D, page D14 for email correspondence and Appendix D, pages D1 to D8 for the revised MPPA form.

No further consultation is required. This completes the Section 106 process and the responsibilities of the FHWA under Section 106 have been fulfilled.

# SECTION E - SECTION 4(f) RESOURCES/ SECTION 6(f) RESOURCES

	Presence	Us	e
Parks and Other Recreational Land		Yes	No
Publicly owned park			
Publicly owned recreation area			
Other (school, state/national forest, bikeway, etc.)	Х		Х
Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges		I	L
National Wildlife Refuge			
National Natural Landmark			
State Wildlife Area			
State Nature Preserve			
Historic Properties	L]	L	LI
Site eligible and/or listed on the NRHP			
	Evaluations Prepared		
Programmatic Section 4(f) "De minimis" Impact Individual Section 4(f) Any exception included in 23 CFR 774.13			

Discuss Programmatic Section 4(f) and "de minimis" Section 4(f) impacts in the discussion below. Individual Section 4(f) documentation must be included in the appendix and summarized below. Discuss proposed alternatives that satisfy the requirements of Section 4(f). FHWA has identified various exceptions to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval. Refer to 23 CFR § 774.13 - Exceptions.

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Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 prohibits the use of certain public and historic lands for federally funded transportation facilities unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative. The law applies to significant publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible or listed historic properties regardless of ownership. Lands subject to this law are considered Section 4(f) resources.

Based on a desktop review, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12), there are three potential Section 4(f) resources located within the 0.5 mile search radius. According to additional research and by the site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, by RQAW, there is one potential Section 4(f) resource located adjacent to the project area. The Western Boone Junior-Senior High School is located adjacent to the north of SR 32. The school itself does not qualify as a Section 4(f) resource, but the recreational facilities on this property (such as ball fields, and tennis court) may be considered a Section 4(f) resource if open to the public. An early coordination letter was sent to the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School on June 15, 2021, but no response was received. The tennis court associated with the school is the nearest potential Section 4(f) resource and is over 600 feet away from the project area. The project will not use this resource by taking permanent right-of-way and will not indirectly use the resource in such a way that the protected activities, features, or attributes that qualify a resource for protection under Section 4(f) are substantially impaired. Therefore, no Section 4(f) use is expected.

Section 6(f) Involvement	Presence	<u>Use</u>	
Section 6(f) Property		Yes	No

Discuss Section 6(f) resources present or not present. Discuss if any conversion would occur as a result of this project. If conversion will occur, discuss the conversion approval.

The U.S. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 established the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which was created to preserve, develop, and assure accessibility to outdoor recreation resources. Section 6(f) of this Act prohibits conversion of lands purchased with LWCF monies to a non-recreation use.

A review of Section 6(f) properties on the INDOT ESD website revealed a total of five properties in Boone County (Appendix I, page I1). None of these properties are located within or adjacent to the project area. Therefore, there will be no impacts to Section 6(f) resources.

# **SECTION F – Air Quality**

STIP/TIP and Conformity Status of the Project Is the project in the most current STIP/TIP? Is the project located in an MPO Area? Is the project in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area? If Yes, then: Is the project in the most current MPO TIP? Is the project exempt from conformity? If No, then: Is the project in the Transportation Plan (TP)? Is a hot spot analysis required (CO/PM)?	Yes     No       X     X       X
Location in STIP:	Initial FY 2022-2026 STIP (Appendix C - INDOT Rural and Local: Page 15)
Name of MPO (if applicable):	N/A
Location in TIP (if applicable):	N/A
Level of MSAT Analysis required? Level 1a X Level 1b Level 2 Level 3	Level 4 Level 5
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Describe if the project is listed in the STIP and if it is in a TIP. Describe the attainment status of the county(ies) where the project is located. Indicate whether the project is exempt from a conformity determination. If the project is not exempt, include information about the TP and TIP. Describe if a hot spot analysis is required and the MSAT Level.

#### STIP

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is listed based on the lead DES number in the contract. The lead DES number for this contract is 1800060. The FY 2022-2026 STIP includes DES numbers 1900361, 2101655, 2201194, 2201193, 2201192, 2201191, 2201190, 2201189, 2201188, and 2201187 by reference with the contract number R-42253 (Appendix H, page H1).

#### Attainment Status

This project is located in Boone County, which is currently in attainment for all criteria pollutants according to the EPA Green Book website at: https://www.epa.gov/green-book. Therefore, the conformity procedures of 40 CFR Part 93 do not apply.

#### Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT)

This project is of a type qualifying as a categorical exclusion (Group 1) under 23 CFR 771.117(c), or exempt under the Clean Air Act conformity rule under 40 CFR 93.126, and as such, a Mobile Source Air Toxics analysis is not required.

# **SECTION G - NOISE**

#### Noise

Is a noise analysis required in accordance with FHWA regulations and INDOT's traffic noise policy?

Date Noise Analysis was approved/technically sufficient by INDOT ESD:

Describe if the project is a Type I or Type III project. If it is a Type I project, describe the studies completed to date and if noise impacts were identified. If noise impacts were identified, describe if abatement is feasible and reasonable and include a statement of likelihood. This project is a Type III project. In accordance with 23 CFR 772 and the current Indiana Department of Transportation Traffic Noise Analysis Procedure, this action does not require a formal noise analysis.

#### **SECTION H – COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

**Regional, Community & Neighborhood Factors** Will the proposed action comply with the local/regional development patterns for the area? Will the proposed action result in substantial impacts to community cohesion? Will the proposed action result in substantial impacts to local tax base or property values? Will construction activities impact community events (festivals, fairs, etc.)? Does the community have an approved transition plan?

If No, are steps being made to advance the community's transition plan? Does the project comply with the transition plan? (explain in the discussion below)

Yes	No
Х	
	Х
	Х
	Х
Х	
	N/A

Yes

No Х

Discuss how the project complies with the area's local/regional development patterns; whether the project will impact community cohesion; and impact community events. Discuss how the project conforms with the ADA Transition Plan.

This project seeks to maintain the LOS C for the year 2044. In addition, this project seeks to restore the ride-ability of the pavement and improve access control and eliminate conflicts for motorists accessing SR 32 from SR 75. As such, this project is not anticipated to impact the tax base for the area or result in division of the community. There are no long-term, foreseeable economic impacts from the project.

The Fairs and Festivals website (Find Art Shows, Craft Shows, and Festivals near you (https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/), accessed on January 23, 2023, by RQAW. There are currently no fairs or festivals scheduled within a 10-mile radius of zip codes 46071 and 46052 (project area) in late Summer or early Fall of 2024 when construction is anticipated to begin. Any future fairs / festivals that may be planned, are unlikely to be impacted by the project since vehicles will still be able to utilize SR 32 during construction.

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Boone County has an approved ADA transition plan: "Title VI Nondiscrimination Implementation Plan and Policy" dated September 2017, and can be found at: <u>Boone County ADA Transition Plan</u>. However, no ADA facilities are currently located within project area, nor are any ADA facilities proposed to be installed as part of this project. Therefore, this ADA transition plan is not applicable to this project.

#### **Public Facilities and Services**

Discuss what public facilities and services are present in the project area and impacts (such as MOT) that will occur to them. Include how the impacts have been minimized and what coordination has occurred. Some examples of public facilities and services include health facilities, educational facilities, public and private utilities, emergency services, religious institutions, airports, transportation or public pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Based on a desktop review, the aerial maps of the project area (Appendix B, pages B5 to B53), and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12) there are five public facilities within the 0.5 mile search radius. That number was not confirmed, as three public facilities were identified during the site visits on October 7 and 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, and August 26, 2021, by RQAW. The Pleasant View Church, Dover Christian Church, and the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School are within or adjacent to the project area. There will be no impacts to the Pleasant View Church or Dover Christian Church as no right-of-way is anticipated to be acquired from either property. Impacts to the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School will consist of permanent right-of-way acquisition for the replacement of Structure No. 120 as shown in the project plans in Appendix B, page B196. However, this right-of-way acquisition will not alter or change access to the property. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

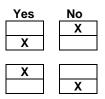
In addition, both private and public utilities are known to exist within or adjacent to the project area. These include: Advance Municipal Utilities, Atlantic Fiber Networks (AFN)-WYYERD (Boone/Formerly Atlantic Engineering), AT&T, Boone County Rural Electric Membership Cooperative (REMC), Comcast Cable, Enterprise Products Operating LLC, Frontier, Lebanon Utilities, Metronet Fibernet LLC, Vectren, and Windstream. It is anticipated that there will be utility impacts due to the scope of the project. Any utility relocations required are anticipated to occur within proposed right-of-way. If any utility relocations result in any additional environmental impacts that are not assessed in this environmental document, an Additional Information (AI) document will need to be prepared. A firm commitment to this effect has been added to the *Environmental Commitments* section of this CE document.

#### Early Coordination

Early coordination letters were sent to the Dover Christian Church, Pleasant View Church, and the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School on June 15, 2021. No responses were received.

It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to notify school corporations and emergency services at least two weeks prior to any construction that would block or limit access.

Environmental Justice (EJ) (Presidential EO 12898) During the development of the project were EJ issues identified? Does the project require an EJ analysis? If YES, then: Are any EJ populations located within the project area? Will the project result in adversely high and disproportionate impacts to EJ populations?



Indicate if EJ issues were identified during project development. If an EJ analysis was not required, discuss why. If an EJ analysis was required, describe how the EJ population was identified. Include if the project has a disproportionately high or adverse effect on EJ populations and explain your reasoning. If yes, describe actions to avoid, minimize and mitigate these effects.

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Under FHWA Order 6640.23A, FHWA and the project sponsor, as a recipient of funding from FHWA, are responsible to ensure that their programs, policies, and activities do not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority or low-income populations. Per the current INDOT Categorical Exclusion Manual, an Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis is required for any project that has two or more relocations or 0.5 acre of additional permanent right-of-way. This project proposes a HMA minor structural overlay and the addition of three passing lanes, two eastbound (EB) and one westbound (WB) that will each be approximately one mile long. The HMA overlay portion of the project (Des No. 1900361) will be located on SR 32 from 0.05 mile west of SR 75 to 0.5 mile west of I-65. The added passing lanes portion of this project (Des No. 1800060) will be located on SR 32 from 3.69 miles west of SR 75 to 1.41 miles east of SR 75. The project will require 4.10 acres of permanent right-of-way, and no relocations. Therefore, an EJ Analysis is required.

Potential EJ impacts are detected by locating minority and low-income populations relative to a reference population to determine if populations of EJ concern exists and whether there could be disproportionately high and adverse impacts to them. The reference population may be a county, city or town and is called the community of comparison (COC). In this project, the COC is Boone County, Indiana. The community that overlaps the project area is called the affected community (AC). In this project, there are two ACs and they are Census Tracts 8102 & 8103. An AC has a population of concern for EJ if the population is more than 50% minority or low-income or if the low-income or minority population is 125% of the COC. Data from the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates (2015-2019) was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's webpage at: <a href="https://data.census.gov/cedsci/">https://data.census.gov/cedsci/</a> on June 15, 2021, by RQAW. The data collected for minority and low-income populations within the AC's are summarized in the below table.

Table: Minority and Low-Income Data (ACS 5-Year Estimates 2015-2019)					
	COC-Boone County Indiana	AC-1 Census Tract 8102 Boone County, Indiana	AC-2 Census Tract 8103 Boone County, Indiana		
Percent Minority	9.4%	1.3%	5.2%		
125% of COC	11.7%	AC < 125% COC	AC < 125% COC		
EJ Population of Concern		No	No		
Percent Low-Income	6%	5.4%	8.6%		
125% of COC	7.4%	AC < 125% COC	AC > 125% COC		
EJ Population of Concern		No	Yes		

AC-1, Census Tract 8102 has a precent minority of 1.3% which is below 50% and is below the 125% COC threshold. AC-2, Census Tract 8103 has a precent minority of 5.2% which is below 50% and is below the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, both ACs do not contain minority populations of EJ concern.

AC-1, Census Tract 8102 has a precent low income of 5.4% which is below 50% and is below the 125% COC threshold. AC-2, Census Tract 8103 has a precent low income of 8.6% which is below 50% and is above the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, AC-2 is a low-income population of EJ concern.

Overall, the negative impacts to property owners will be minimal and consist primarily of short-term construction impacts and the loss of strip right-of-way. The permanent right-of-way will consist primarily of agricultural land and will not substantially diminish the existing use of the affected property owners. There will be no impacts to community cohesion and this project will not directly or indirectly create a physical barrier that would divide the community. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times during construction and access to all properties will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

Impacts from the project will be distributed evenly amongst the EJ population and non-EJ populations as the permanent right-of-way to be acquired will consist of strip right-of-way. It is not expected that this project will have a disproportionately high and adverse environmental impact to populations of EJ concern when compared to non-EJ populations.

INDOT, Environmental Services Division stated on March 28, 2022, that they would not consider the impacts associated with this project as causing a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority and/or low-income populations of EJ concern relative to non-EJ populations in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12898 and FHWA Order 6640.23a. (Appendix I, pages I2 to I7). Therefore, no further EJ Analysis is required.

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W	elocation of People, Bu fill the proposed action re a BIS or CSRS required	esult in the relocation of	f people, businesses of	farms?	Yes	No X X
Nu	umber of relocations:	Residences: <u>0</u>	Businesses:	<u>0</u> Farms: <u>0</u>	Other:	0

Discuss any relocations that will occur due to the project. If a BIS or CSRS is required, discuss the results in the discussion below. No relocations of people, businesses, or farms will take place as a result of this project.

# SECTION I - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & REGULATED SUBSTANCES

Date RFI concurrence by INDOT SAM (if applicable): December 21, 2021

	<b>Documentation</b>
Hazardous Materials & Regulated Substances (Mark all that apply)	
Red Flag Investigation (RFI)	X
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I ESA)	
Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (Phase II ESA)	
Design/Specifications for Remediation required?	

Include a summary of the potential hazardous material concerns found during review. Discuss in depth sites found within, directly adjacent to, or ones that could impact the project area. Refer to current INDOT SAM guidance. If additional documentation (special provisions, pay guantities, etc.) will be needed, include in discussion. Include applicable commitments.

Based on a review of geographic information system (GIS) and available public records, a full RFI was concurred by INDOT SAM on December 21, 2021 (Appendix E, pages E1 to E12) and a limited RFI was concurred by INDOT SAM on December 21, 2021 (Appendix E, pages E13 to E19). Please note that at the direction of INDOT Site Assessment and Management (SAM), one full RFI and one limited RFI was prepared for this project. The limited RFI only covers hazardous materials within the HMA overlay portion of the project. There are two state cleanup sites, six underground storage tanks (USTs), one voluntary remediation site, five leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs), one institutional controls site, eight National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) facilities, and one NPDES pipe location located within 0.5 mile of the project area. There is one UST site, one NPDES facility, and one NPDES pipe that could affect the project area.

#### UST Site

Dover Marathon, 7995 SR 32 West (AI ID 1951), is incorrectly mapped within the project area, approximately 1.6 mile east of the SR 32 and SR 75 intersection. The site is actually located adjacent to the project area, in the southwest quadrant of the SR 32 and SR 75 intersection. The gas station was closed, and four (4) USTs were removed in the early 1990's. There is no closure documentation available. Based on the proposed depth of excavation (i.e. 1-foot below ground surface (bgs)), no impact is expected; however, if the depth of excavation should change, coordination with INDOT SAM will occur. Coordination occurred with INDOT SAM on March 7, 2022, regarding excavation at this site increasing to 2-feet bgs for the addition of a curbed island (Des. No. 2101655). INDOT SAM responded on March 8, 2022, stating that the update from 1-foot bgs to 2-feet bgs should not be an issue or require additional investigation; therefore, an RFI addendum is not needed (Appendix E, pages E20 to E21.)

#### **NPDES Facility**

Western Boone Junior-Senior High School Track and Renovations, 1205 SR 75 (AI ID 123849), is located adjacent to the north of the Eastbound Passing Lane 2 project area. The permit is in effect until April 8, 2024. Coordination with Western Boone Junior-Senior High School will occur.

#### NPDES Pipe Locations

This pipe location, associated with the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School, is located approximately 0.30 mile north of the Eastbound Passing Lane 2 project area. Coordination with Western Boone Junior-Senior High School will occur.

An early coordination letter was sent to the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School on June 15, 2021, but no response was

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received. Additional coordination will need to occur with the Western Boone Junior-Senior High School about the above NPDES facility and NPDES pipe location located on their property. These have been added as a firm commitment in the below *Environmental Commitments* section of this document.

Coordination occurred with INDOT SAM on December 20, 2022, to determine if an RFI addendum would need to be prepared due to the age of RFI reports being one year old, the addition of drive pipes, and the removal of ditch regrading throughout the entire project area. INDOT SAM responded on December 21, 2022, stating that no RFI addendum is needed (Appendix E, pages E22 to E23).

# Part IV – Permits and Commitments

### PERMITS CHECKLIST

Permits (mark all that apply)	Likely Required
Army Corps of Engineers (404/Section10 Permit) Nationwide Permit (NWP) Regional General Permit (RGP) Individual Permit (IP) Other IN Department of Environmental Management (401/Rule 5) Nationwide Permit (NWP) Regional General Permit (RGP) Individual Permit (IP) Isolated Wetlands	
Rule 5 Other	X
IN Department of Natural Resources	
Construction in a Floodway Navigable Waterway Permit Other Mitigation Required US Coast Guard Section 9 Bridge Permit Others (Please discuss in the discussion below)	

List the permits likely required for the project and summarize why the permits are needed, including permits designated as "Other." This project will require an IDEM Construction Stormwater General Permit (formally known as Rule 5) as soil disturbance will exceed one acre.

Applicable recommendations provided by resource agencies are included in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this document. If permits are found to be necessary, the conditions of the permit will be requirements of the project and will supersede these recommendations.

It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to identify and obtain all required permits.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS**

List all commitments and include the name of agency/organization requesting/requiring the commitment(s). Listed commitments should be numbered.

Firm:

1. If	the scope of work or	permanent or tempo	orary right-of-way	amounts change,	, the INDOT	Environmental Services Division
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	(ESD) and the INDOT District Envir	onmenta	L Section	will be contacted i	mmediatelv	(INDOT ESD	and INDC	
	Crawfordsville District)	onnonta			mineciatery.			
2.	It is the responsibility of the project spons				gency servic	es at least two w	eeks prior	
0	any construction that would block or limit						-1	
	If any utility relocations result in any addit document, an Additional Information (AI)	docume	nt will need	to be prepared. (IND	OT, Crawford	dsville District)		
4.	Any work in a wetland area within right-or Army Corps of Engineers permit. (INDO)		in borrow/w	aste areas is prohibi	ted unless s	pecifically allowe	d in the U.	
5.	The locations of Wetlands A through E will be provided around the boundaries of Wetlands A delineation for the contractor. (INDOT ES	vill be sho added to ands A th	o the final de	esign plan sheets. A	protected res	ource fence shal	lbe	
6.	NPDES Facility: Western Boone Junior-S adjacent to the north of the Eastbound P	Senior Hi Passing L	ane 2 proje	ct area. The permit is	s in effect unt	il April 8, 2024. 1		
	will be responsible for coordinating with \							
7.	NPDES Pipe Locations: This pipe loca approximately 0.30 mile north of the coordinating with Western Boone Junior-	Eastbour	nd Passing	Lane 2 project are				
8.	UST Site: Dover Marathon, 7995 SR 32 of the SR 32 and SR 75 intersection. T There is no closure documentation ava	West (Al he gas s ilable. Ba	ID 1951), is station was ased on the	located adjacent to closed, and four (4) proposed depth of	USTs were excavation (	removed in the e i.e. 2 feet-bgs),	early 1990 no impact	
•	expected; however, if the depth of excav						SAM)	
	Lighting AMM 1: Direct temporary lighting							
10.	General AMM 1: Ensure all operators, e aware of all FHWA/FRA/FTA (Transpo (USFWS)							
11.	Tree Removal AMM 1: Modify all phas removal. (USFWS)	es/aspec	ts of the p	roject (e.g., tempora	ry work area	as, alignments) t	o avoid tro	
12.	Tree Removal AMM 2: Apply time of ye removal to 10 or fewer trees per project documented roosting/foraging habitat of observed. (USFWS)	ct at any	time of year	ar within 100 feet of	existing roa	d/rail surface an	d outside	
13.	Tree Removal AMM 3: Ensure tree re understand clearing limits and how they clearing to ensure contractors stay within	are mark	ked in the fie	eld (e.g., install brigh				
14.	Tree Removal AMM 4: Do not remove of within 0.25 miles of roosts, or documente	document	ted Indiana	bat or NLEB roosts		suitable for roost	ting, or tre	
or Furt	ther Consideration:							
1.	Restrict below low-water work in streams	•			and/or footing	s, shaping of the	e spill slop	
2.	around the bridge abutments, and placer Culverts should span the active stream				r a 3-sided o	or open-arch cul	vert, and I	
	installed where practicable on an essen has a good natural bottom substrate, undisturbed beneath the culvert to provid	tially flat such a	slope. Wh s gravel, c	en an open-bottom obbles and boulder	culvert or arc s, the existi	h is used in a st ng substrate sh	ream, whi	
3.	Minimize the extent of hard armor (ripra riprap is utilized for bank stabilization, ex	ap) in bai	nk stabilizat	ion by using bioengi	neering tech	niques wheneve	r possible.	
4.	Avoid all work within the inundated part of the fish spawning season (April 1 thro cofferdams that were installed prior to the Mark during this time unless the machine	of the str ough Jui he spawr	eam channe ne 30), exc ning season	el (in perennial strear cept for work within . No equipment shal	ns and large sealed stru I be operated	r intermittent stre ctures such as d below Ordinary	caissons	
	Wark during this time linless the machine							

- fencing. (USFWS)6. Do not cut any trees suitable for Indiana bat or Northern Long-eared bat roosting from April 1 through September 30. (IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife)
- 7. Do not construct any temporary runarounds, access bridges, causeways, cofferdams, diversions, or pumparounds. (IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife)

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8.	Use minimum average 6 organisms in the voids. (I			ow the normal water level to	provide habitat for aquatic
9.	Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA)	contains polycyclic aro should be taken to avoi	matic hydrocarbo		to have negative impacts on atest extent possible. (IDNR
10.	The Division of Fish & V traditional model of storm which increases peak flow one section of a basin to using storage techniques	/ildlife recommends co water management aim ws and costs of stormw another section. A mo such as (retention bas	s to drain runoff a ater management pre sustainable ap sins, constructed	s quickly as possible with the . This type of solution only to proach should aim to rebuil wetlands, raingardens, etc.)	ormwater management. The e help of channels and pipes, ransfers flood problems from d the natural water cycle by and recharging groundwater (IDNR Division of Fish and
11.	Contaminated road runor sediment into the stream	<ul> <li>which can be harmfu</li> <li>off should be directed to</li> </ul>	I to fish and othe priprap turnouts a	er aquatic organisms, their o	sed turbidity and release of eggs, and their food supply. The entering a stream to reduce
12.					should not create conditions tions. (IDNR Division of Fish
	Impacts to non-wetland for non-wetland forest is rem forest under one (1) acre breast height (dbh), for er large trees) or by using th canopy tree removal in a woody understory, and h	oved in a rural setting, a in an urban setting sh ach tree which is remov e 1:1 replacement ratio n urban streetscape or erbaceous layer). Impa typically do not requi	replacement shou hould be mitigated red that is 10 inch based on area de park-like environr cts under 0.10 ac re any additional	Id be at a 1:1 ratio based on d by planting five trees, at le es dbh or greater (5:1 mitiga epending on the type of habit nent versus removal of habit cre in an urban area may sti	atio. If less than one acre of area. Impacts to nonwetland east 2 inches in diameter-at- tion based on the number of at impacted (individual at supporting a tree canopy, Il involve the replacement of ntings beyond seeding and
14.	Riprap or other hard ban water mark (OHWM) with restored, stabilized, and	k stabilization materials the exception of areas revegetated using geo a and specifically for	should be used directly under bric textiles and a mix	lges for instance. The banks (ture of grasses, sedges, wi	opes up to the ordinary high above the OHWM should be ldflowers, shrubs, and trees as soon as possible upon
15.	If box or pipe culverts an diameter, whichever is g bridges or three-sided cu water mark width) and m replaced in sumped box extend above the existin	e used, the bottoms sh reater up to a maximur lverts. Crossings must ust maintain the natura and pipe culverts up t g flowline elevation. St	n of 2 feet) below span the entire of al stream substrat o the existing flow ream depth, char	<ul> <li>the stream bed elevation.</li> <li>hannel width (a minimum of e within the structure (natur wline). Scour protection at t</li> </ul>	9% of the culvert height/pipe Sumping is not required for f 1.2 times the ordinary high al stream substrate must be he inlet and outlet must not ies in the crossing structure n of Fish and Wildlife)
16.	Upgrading wildlife passag wildlife/vehicle safety. V dimensions for white-taile clearance measured from ordinary high water mark composed of natural sub- existing elevations both	e for replacement/rehab /hite-tailed deer passa d deer passage are 20 the OHWM. Bank lines All wildlife passage de strate (soil, sand, grave upstream and downstr	bilitated structures age must be inc feet of width clea s must be restore signs must includ I, etc.) or compac eam. There are a	is recommended whenever orporated into all new str arance (overall span of the s d within structures to allow for e a smooth level pathway a ted aggregate fill over riprap a number of techniques and	-
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# **Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds**

	РСЕ	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4 <sup>1</sup>
Section 106	Falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	"No Historic Properties Affected"	"No Adverse Effect"	-	"Adverse Effect" Or Historic Bridge involvement <sup>2</sup>
Stream Impacts <sup>3</sup>	No construction in waterways or water bodies	< 300 linear feet of stream impacts	≥ 300 linear feet of stream impacts	-	USACE Individual 404 Permit <sup>4</sup>
Wetland Impacts <sup>3</sup>	No adverse impacts to wetlands	< 0.1 acre	-	< 1.0 acre	$\geq$ 1.0 acre
Right-of-way⁵	Property acquisition for preservation only or none	< 0.5 acre	≥ 0.5 acre	-	-
Relocations <sup>6</sup>	None	-	-	< 5	≥5
Threatened/Endangered Species (Species Specific Programmatic for Indiana bat & northern long eared bat) *	"No Effect", "Not likely to Adversely Affect" (With select AMMs <sup>7</sup> )	"Not likely to Adversely Affect" (With any AMMs or commitments)	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"	Project does not fall under Species Specific Programmatic <sup>8</sup>
Threatened/Endangered Species (Any other species) *	Falls within guidelines of USFWS 2013 Interim Policy or "No Effect"	"Not likely to Adversely Affect"	-	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"
Environmental Justice	No disproportionately high and adverse impacts	-	-	-	Potential <sup>9</sup>
Sole Source Aquifer	No Detailed Groundwater Assessment	-	-	-	Detailed Groundwater Assessment
Floodplain	No Substantial Impacts	-	-	-	Substantial Impacts
Section 4(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any <sup>10</sup>
Section 6(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any
Permanent Traffic Alteration	None	-	-	-	Any
Noise Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	Yes Yes <sup>11</sup>
Air Quality Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	r es
<ul> <li>Approval Level</li> <li>District Env. (DE)</li> <li>Env. Serv. Div. (ESD)</li> <li>FHWA</li> </ul>	Concurrence by DE or ESD	DE or ESD	DE or ESD	DE and/or ESD	DE and/or ESD; and FHWA

<sup>1</sup> Coordinate with INDOT Environmental Services Division. INDOT will then coordinate with the appropriate FHWA Environmental Specialist.

<sup>2</sup> Any involvement with a bridge processed under the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement.

<sup>3</sup> Total permanent impacts to streams (linear feet) and wetlands (acres).

<sup>4</sup> US Army Corps of Engineers Individual 404 Permit

<sup>5</sup> Total permanent and temporary right-of-way. This does not include reacquisition of existing apparent right-of-way.

<sup>6</sup> If any relocations are within an area with a known or suspected Environmental Justice (EJ) or disadvantaged population, or has greater than 5 relocations, a conversation with FHWA, through INDOT ESD, is needed to confirm NEPA classification and outreach plan for the project.

<sup>7</sup> Avoidance and Mitigation Measures (AMMs) determined by the IPAC determination key to be required that are not tree AMMs, bridge AMMs, or structure AMMs. <sup>8</sup> Projects that do not fall under a Species Specific Programmatic and results in a "Likely to Adversely Affect". Other findings can be processed as a lower level CE. <sup>9</sup> Potential for causing a disproportionately high and adverse impact.

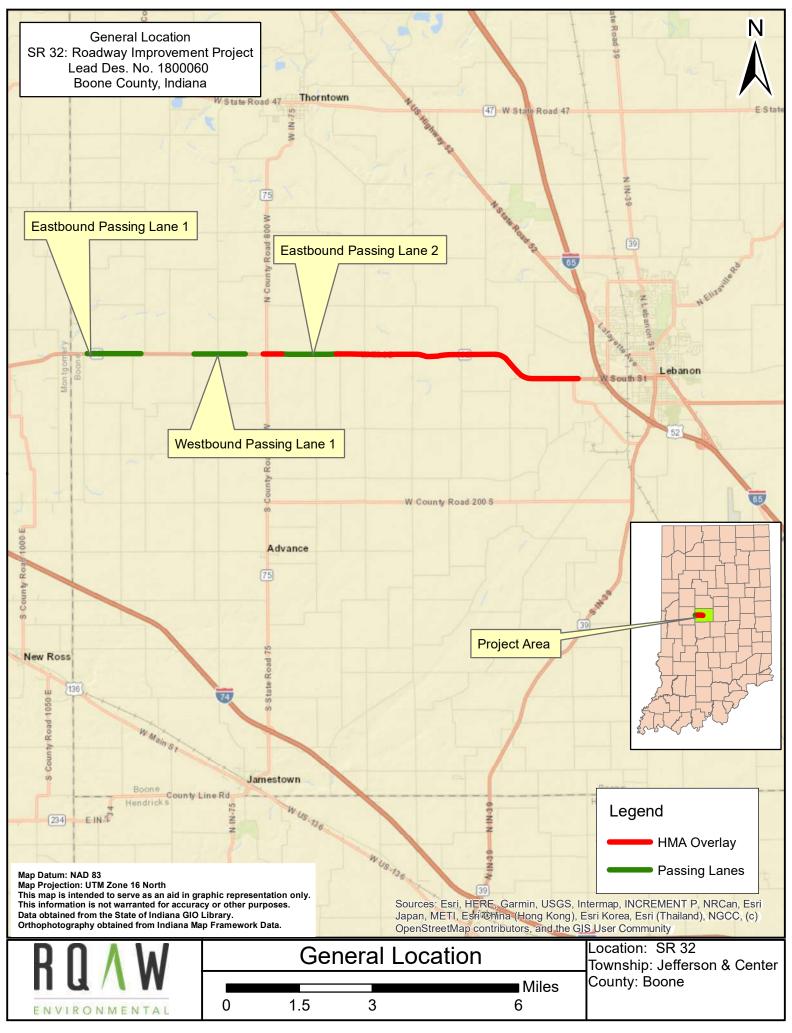
<sup>10</sup> Section 4(f) use resulting in an Individual, Programmatic, or *de minimis* evaluation. The only exception is a *de minimis* evaluation for historic properties (Effective January 2, 2020). If a historic property *de minimis* and no other use, mark the *None* column.

<sup>11</sup> Hot Spot Analysis and/or MSAT Quantitative Emission Analysis.

\* Includes the threatened/endangered species critical habitat

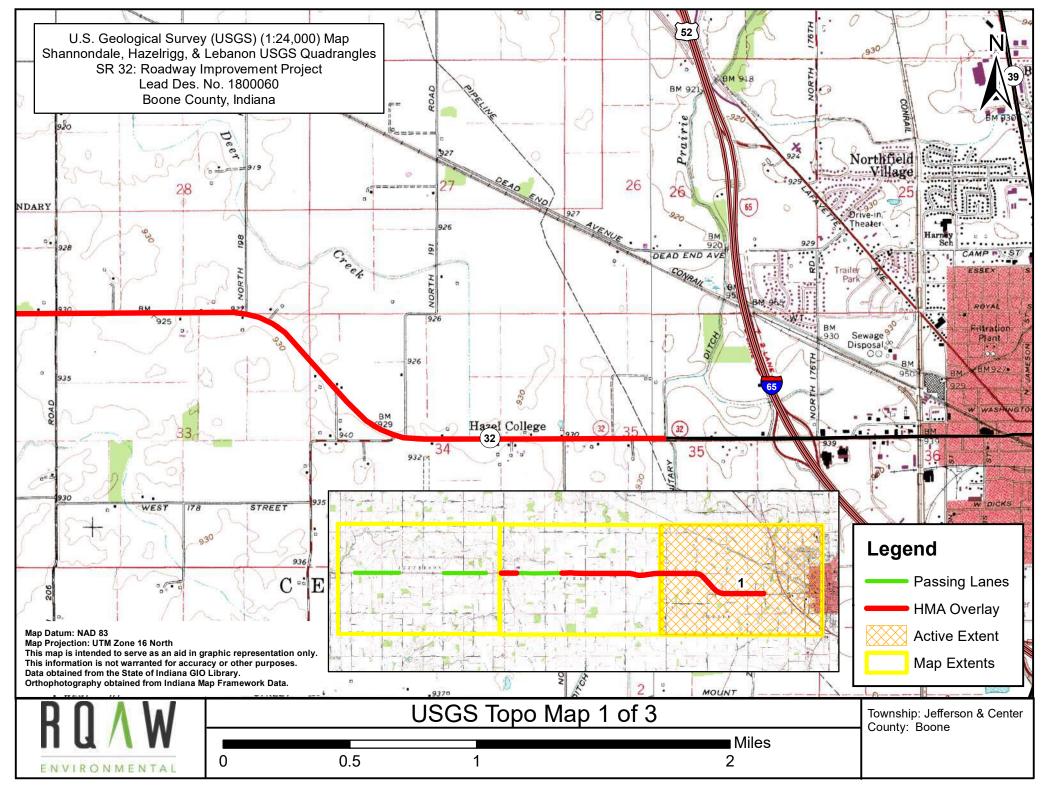
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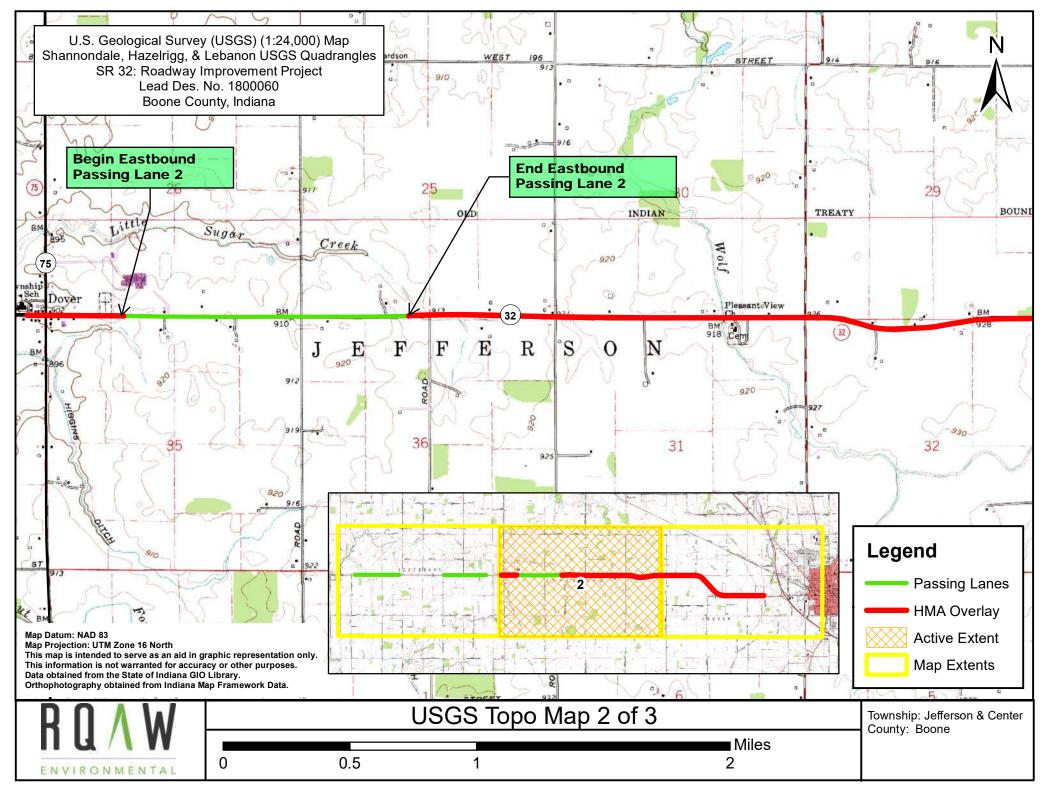
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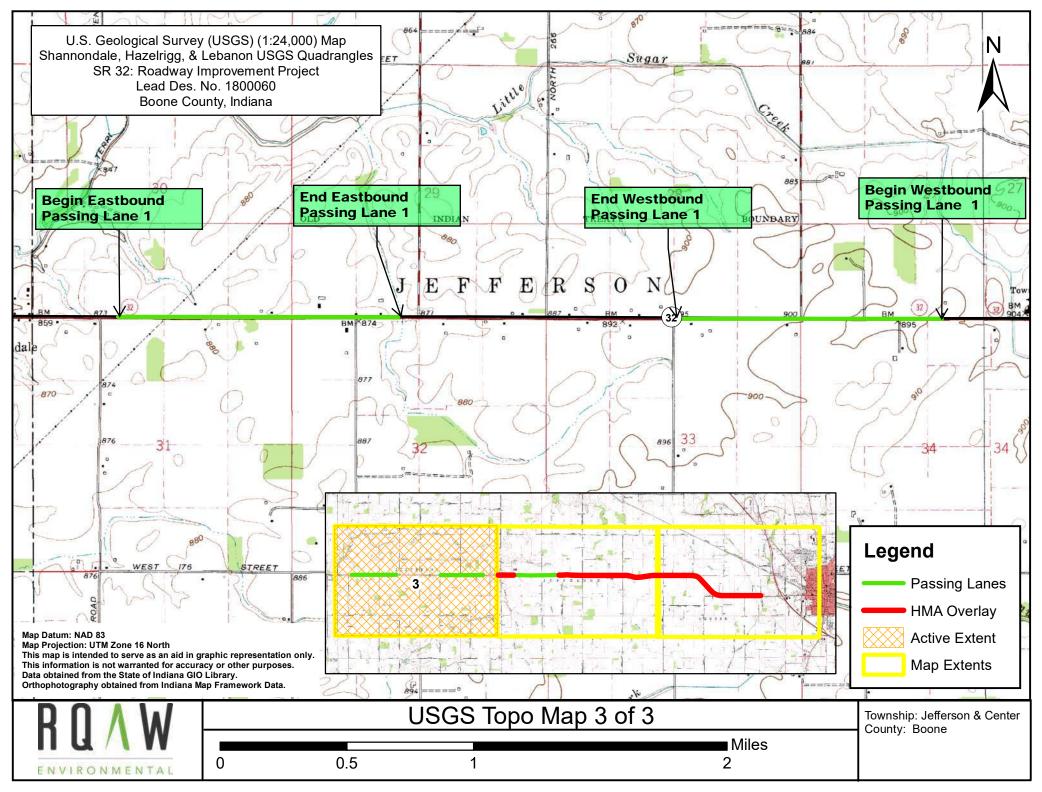


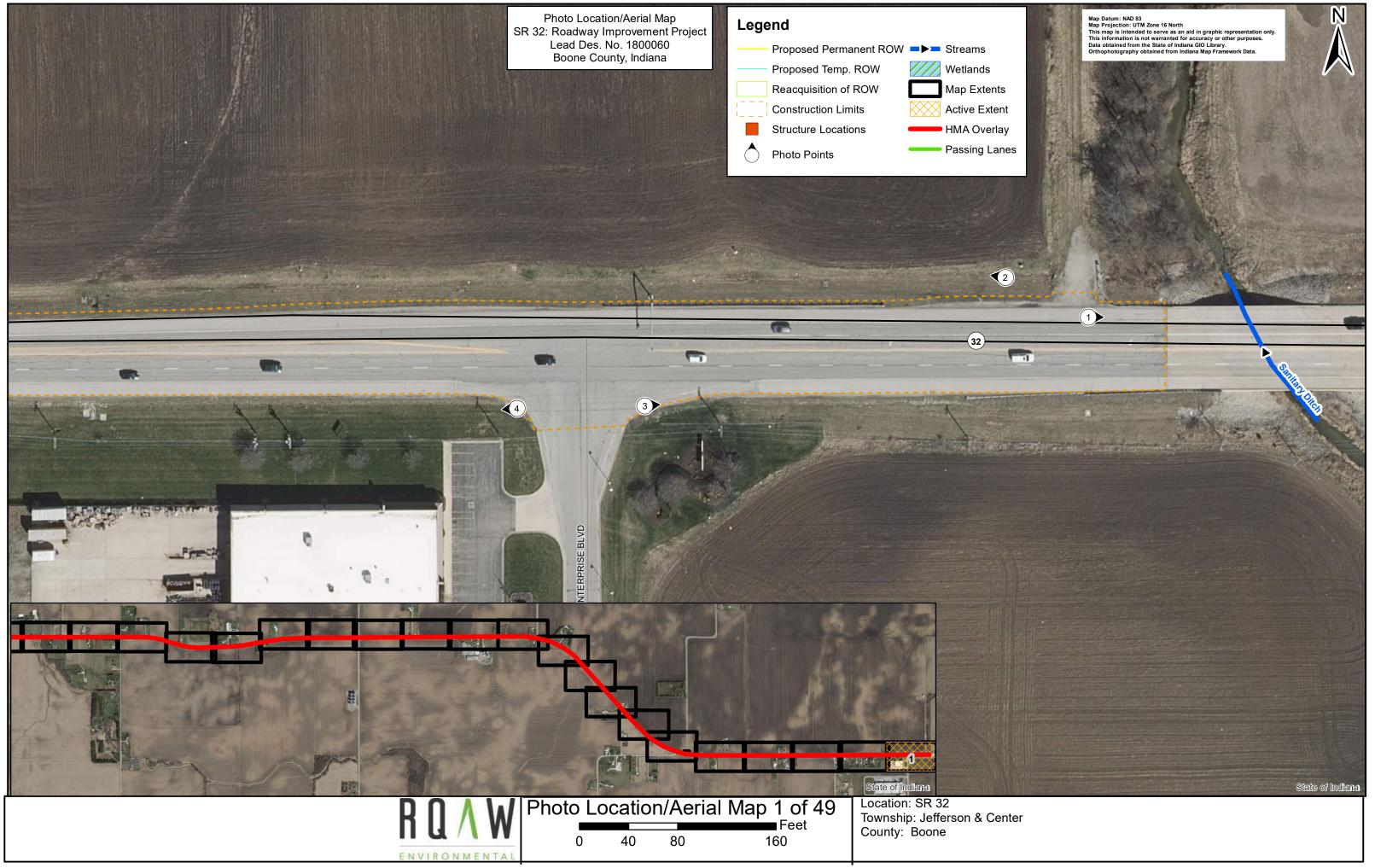
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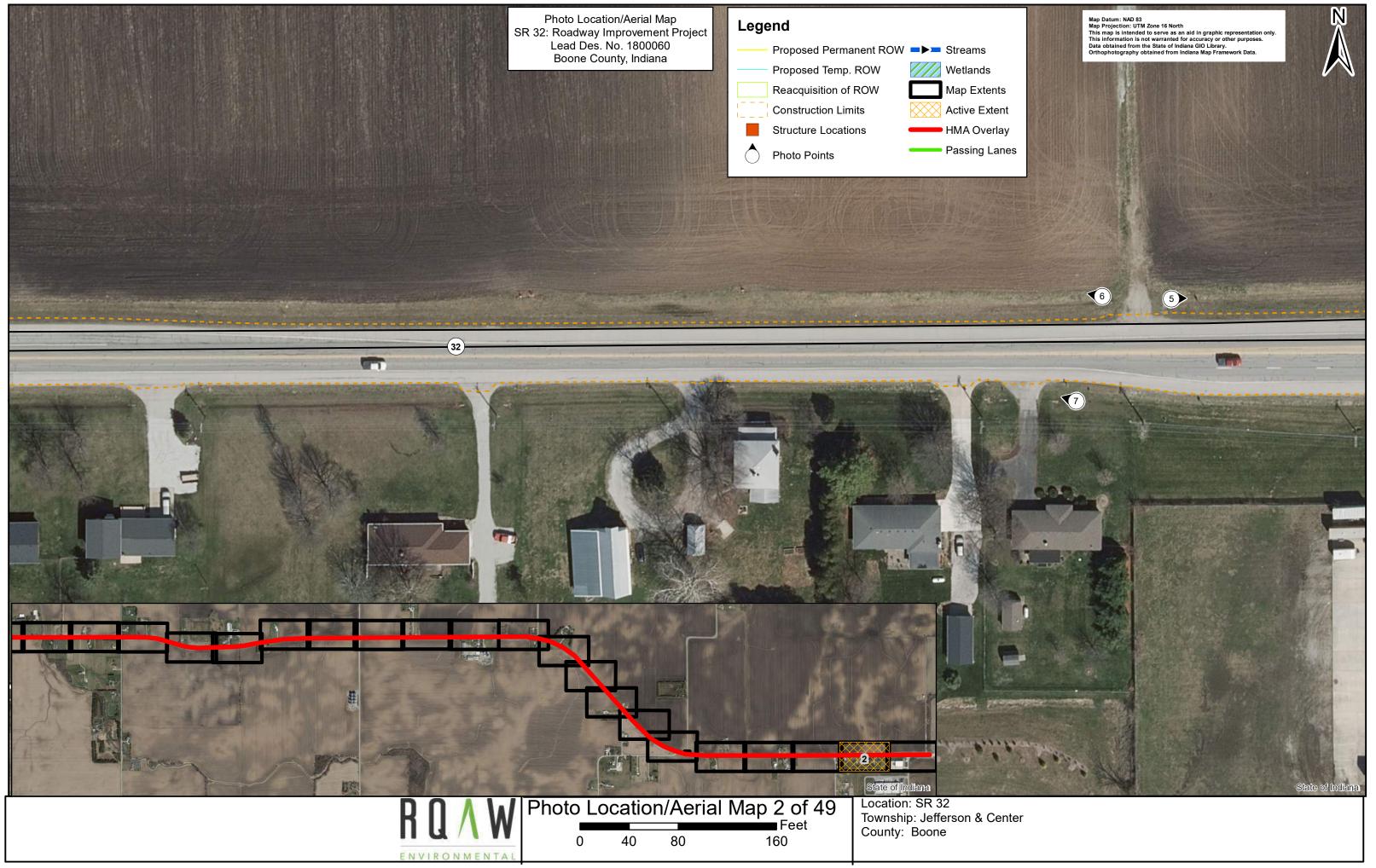
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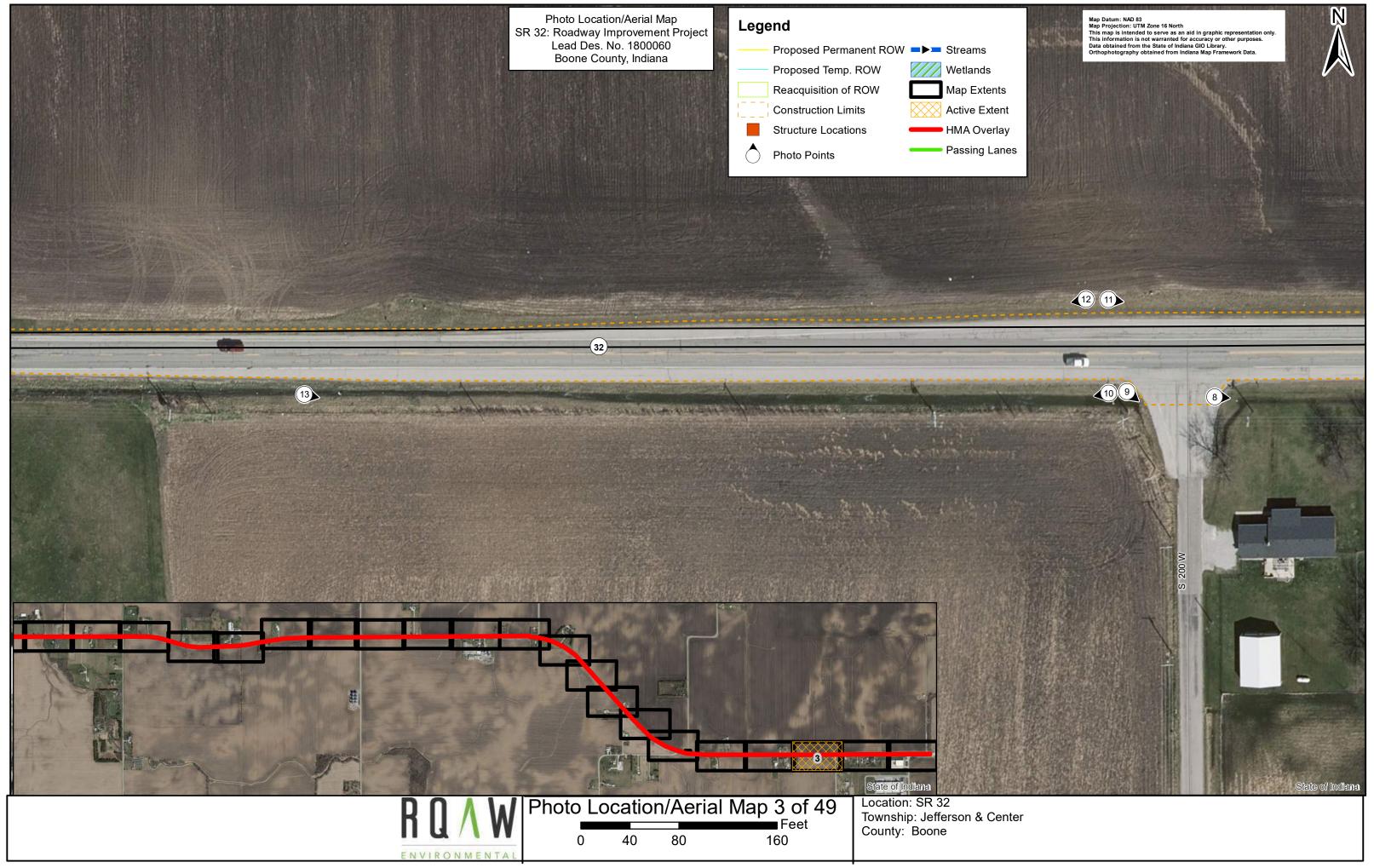


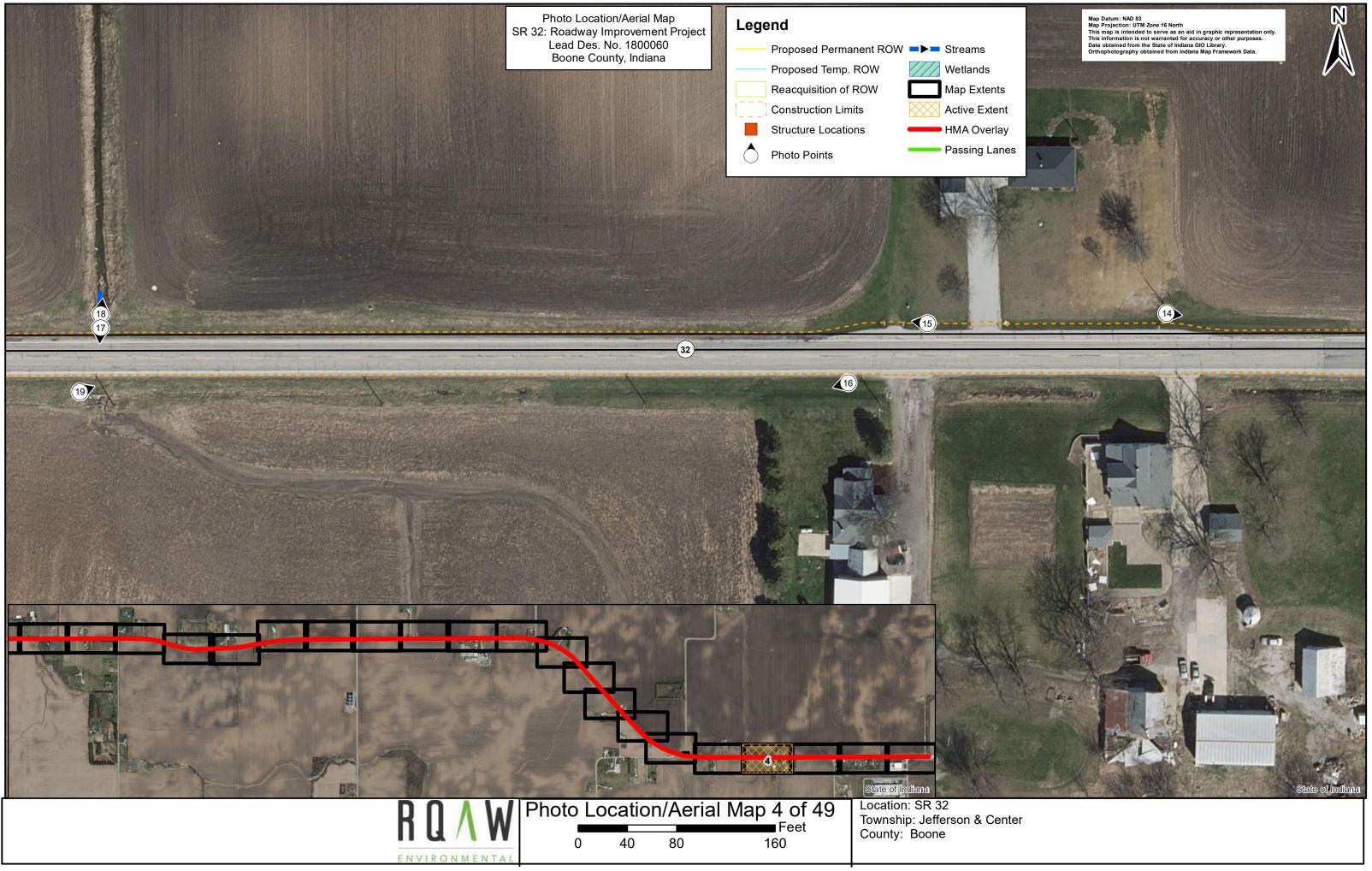


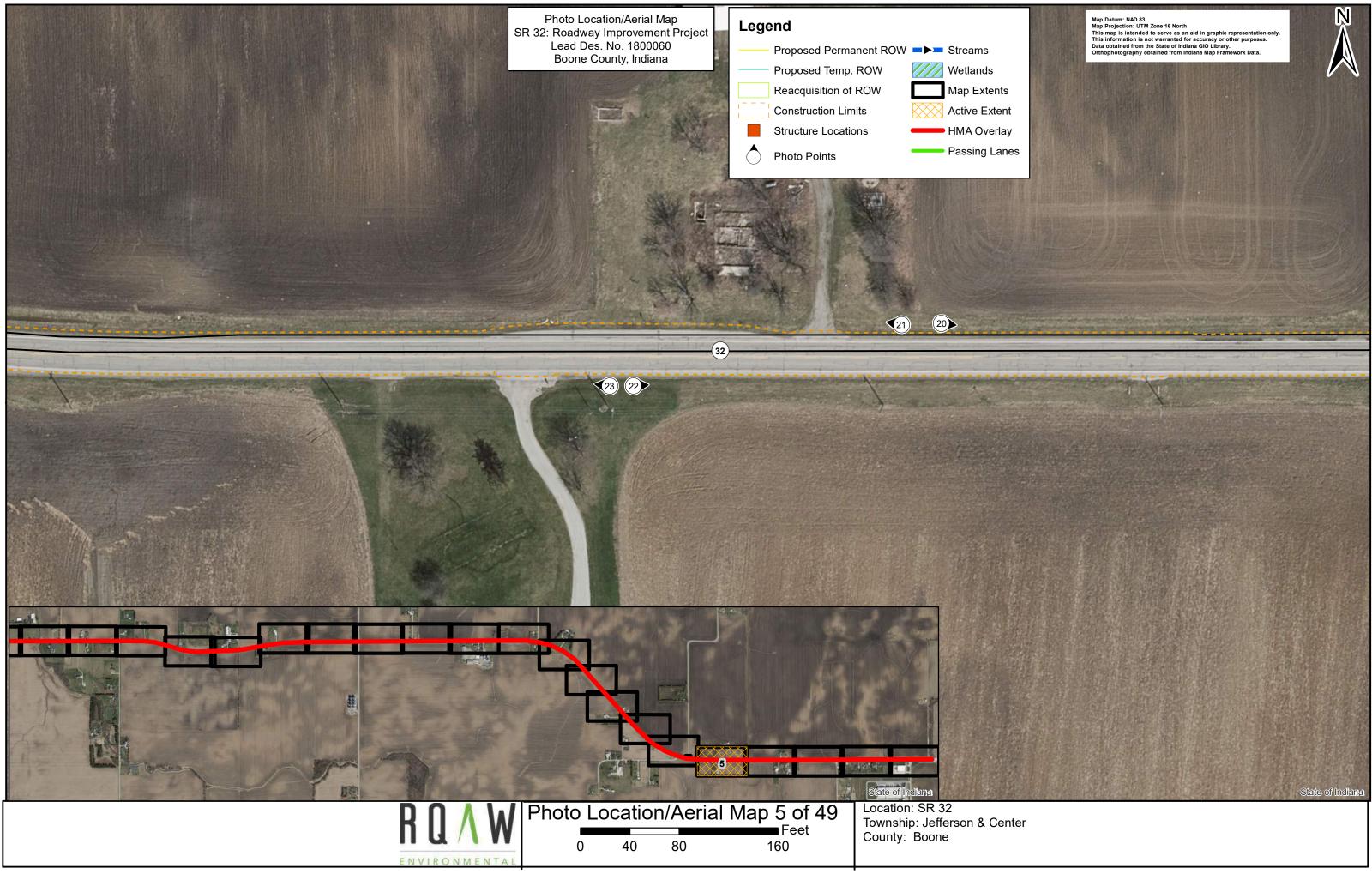


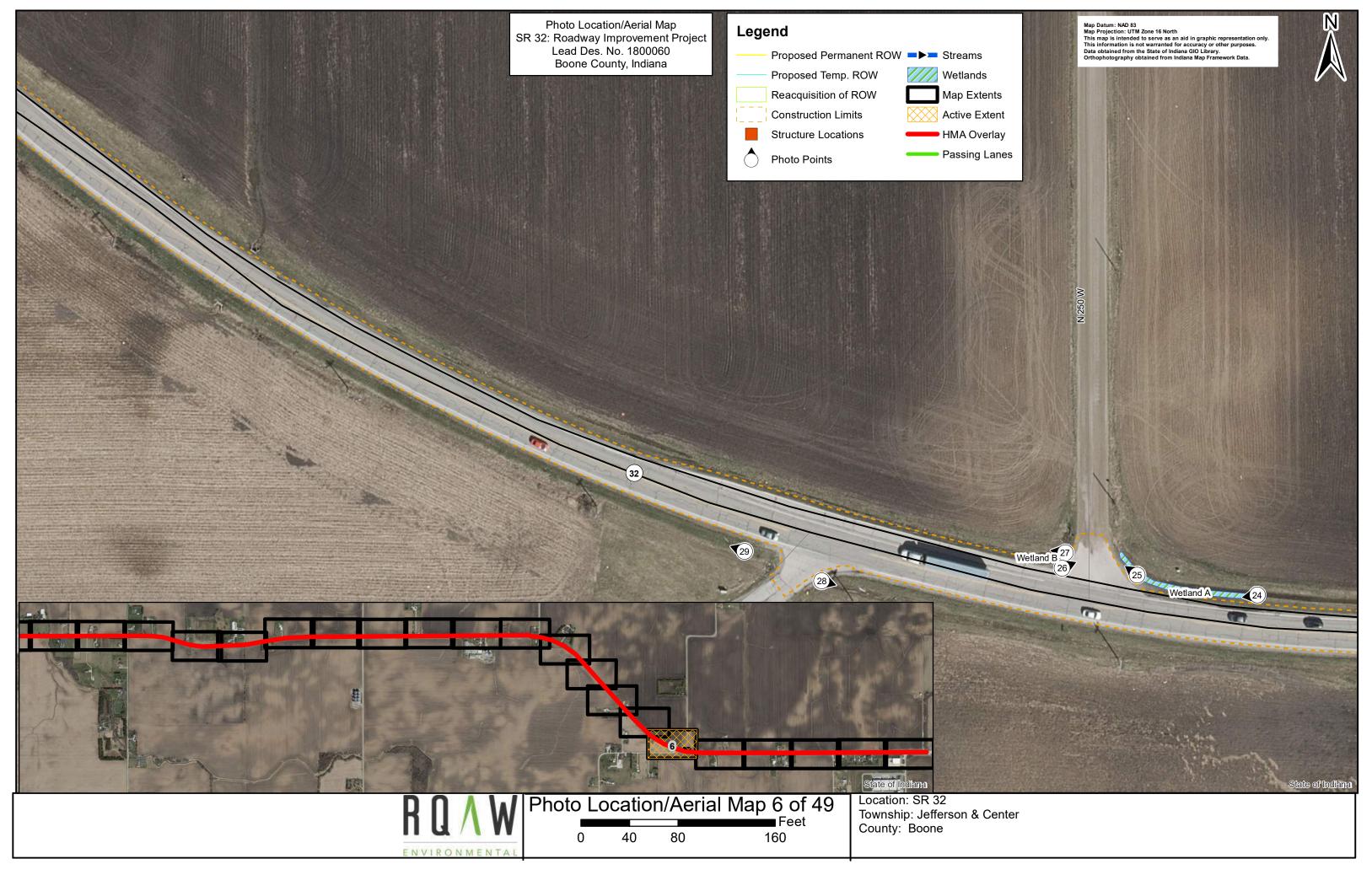


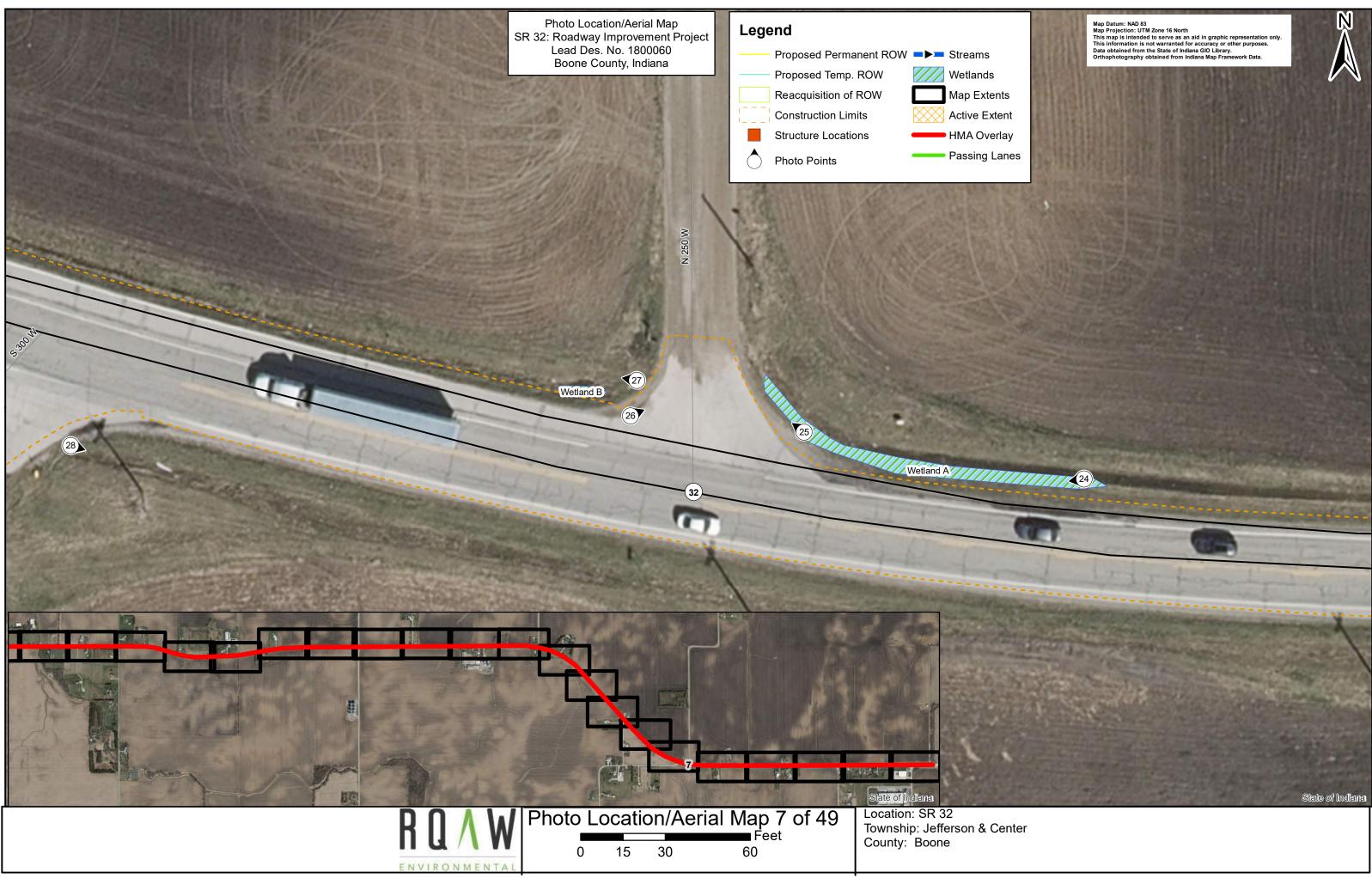


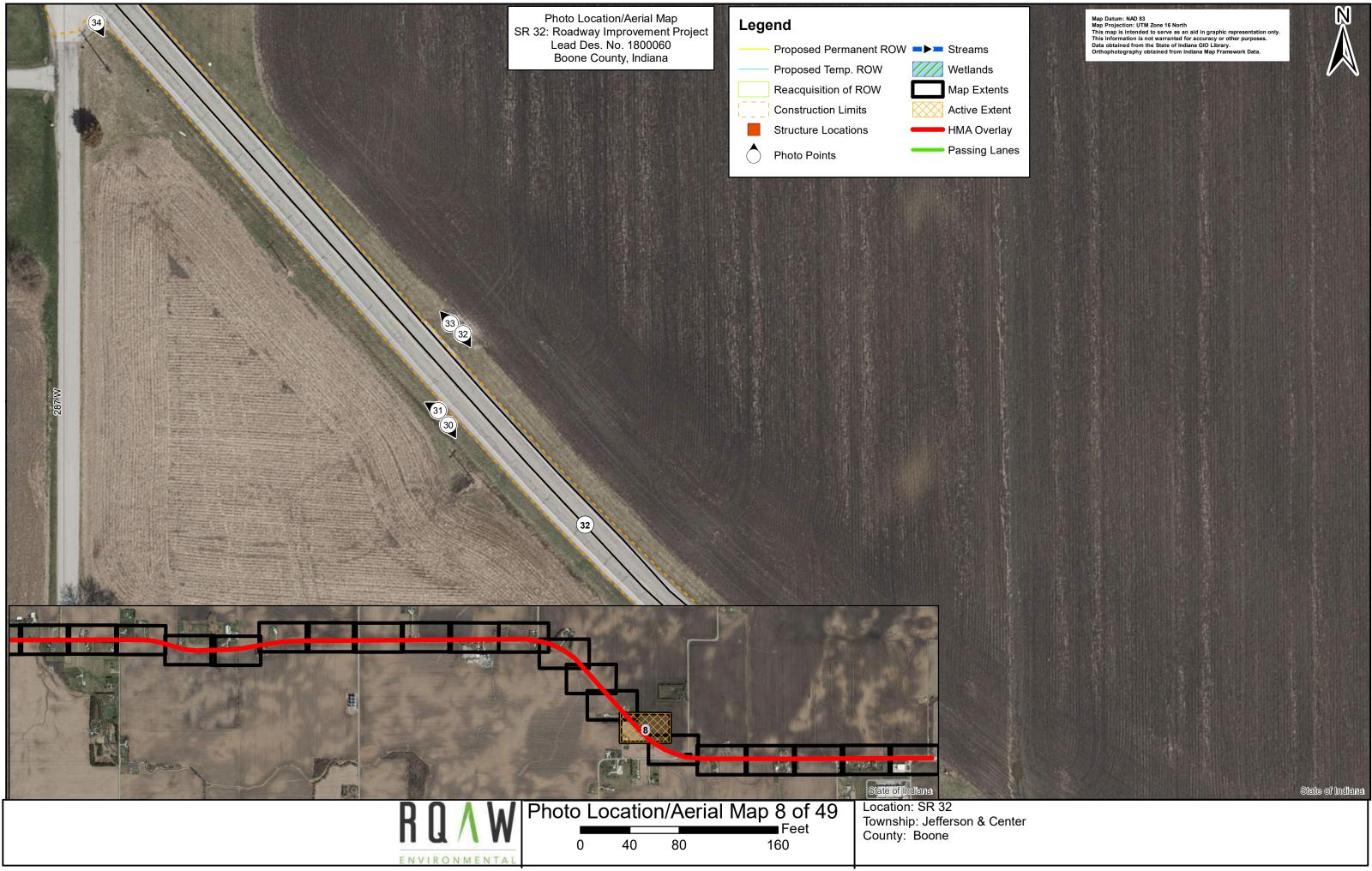


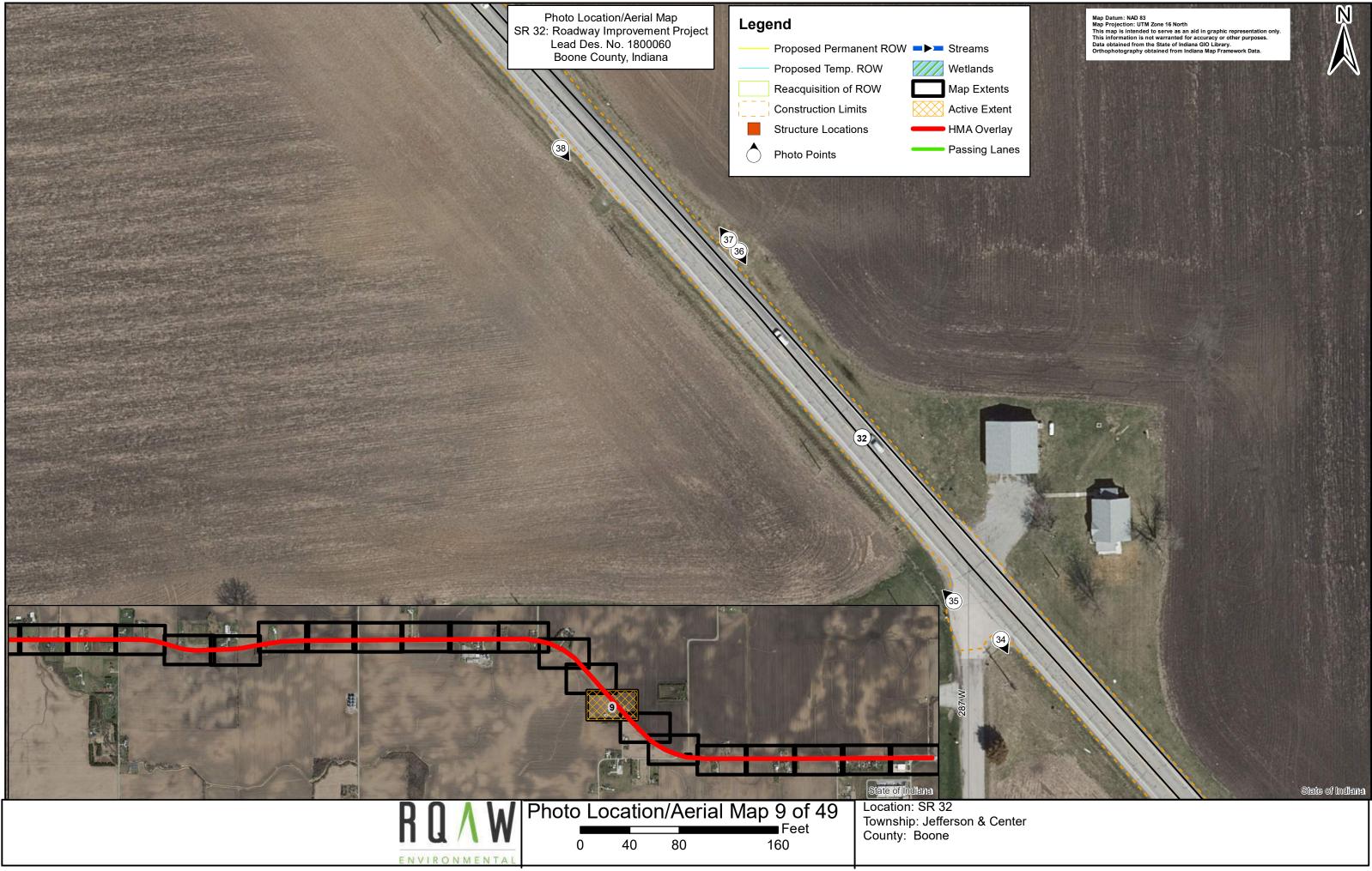


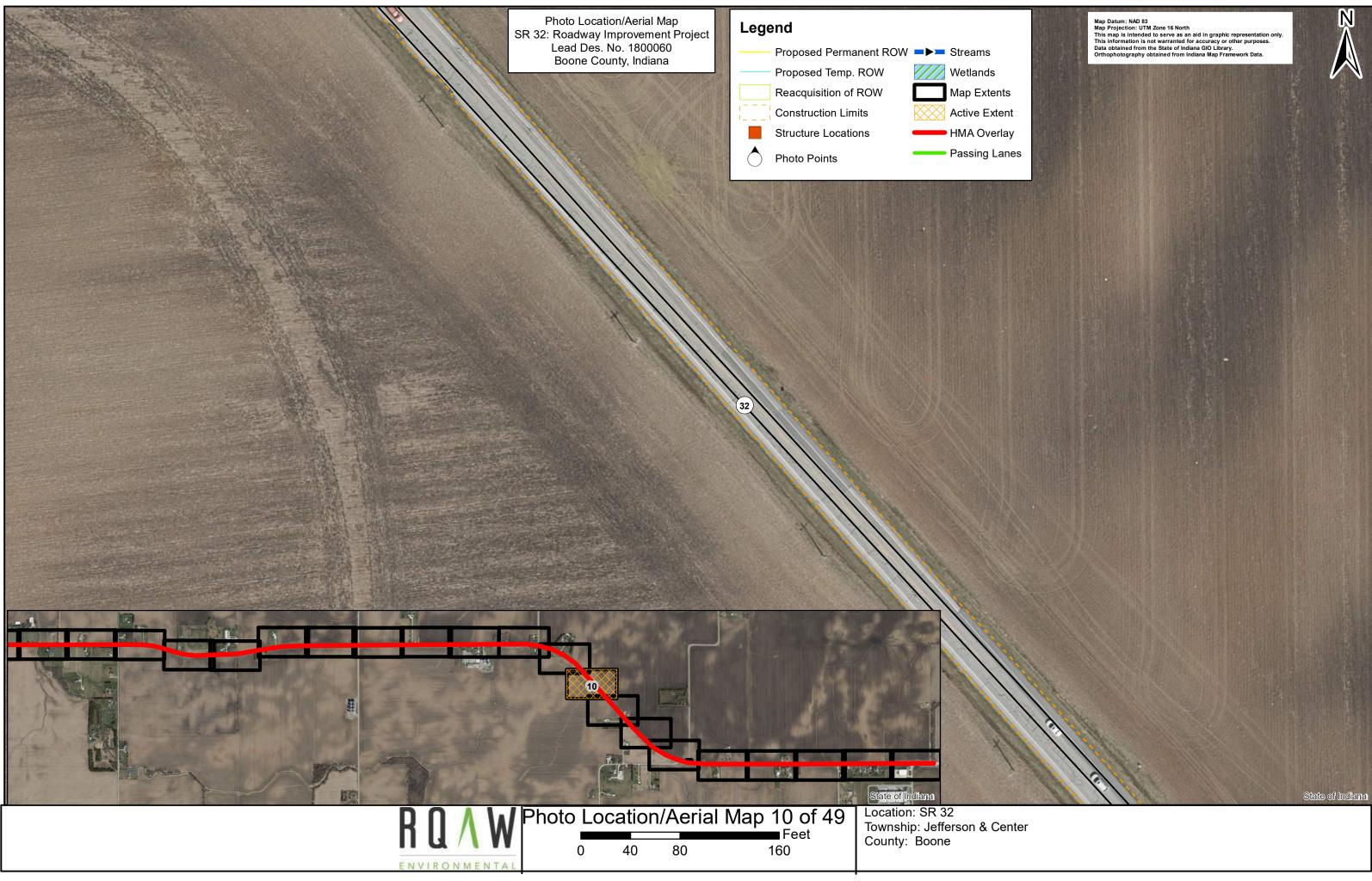


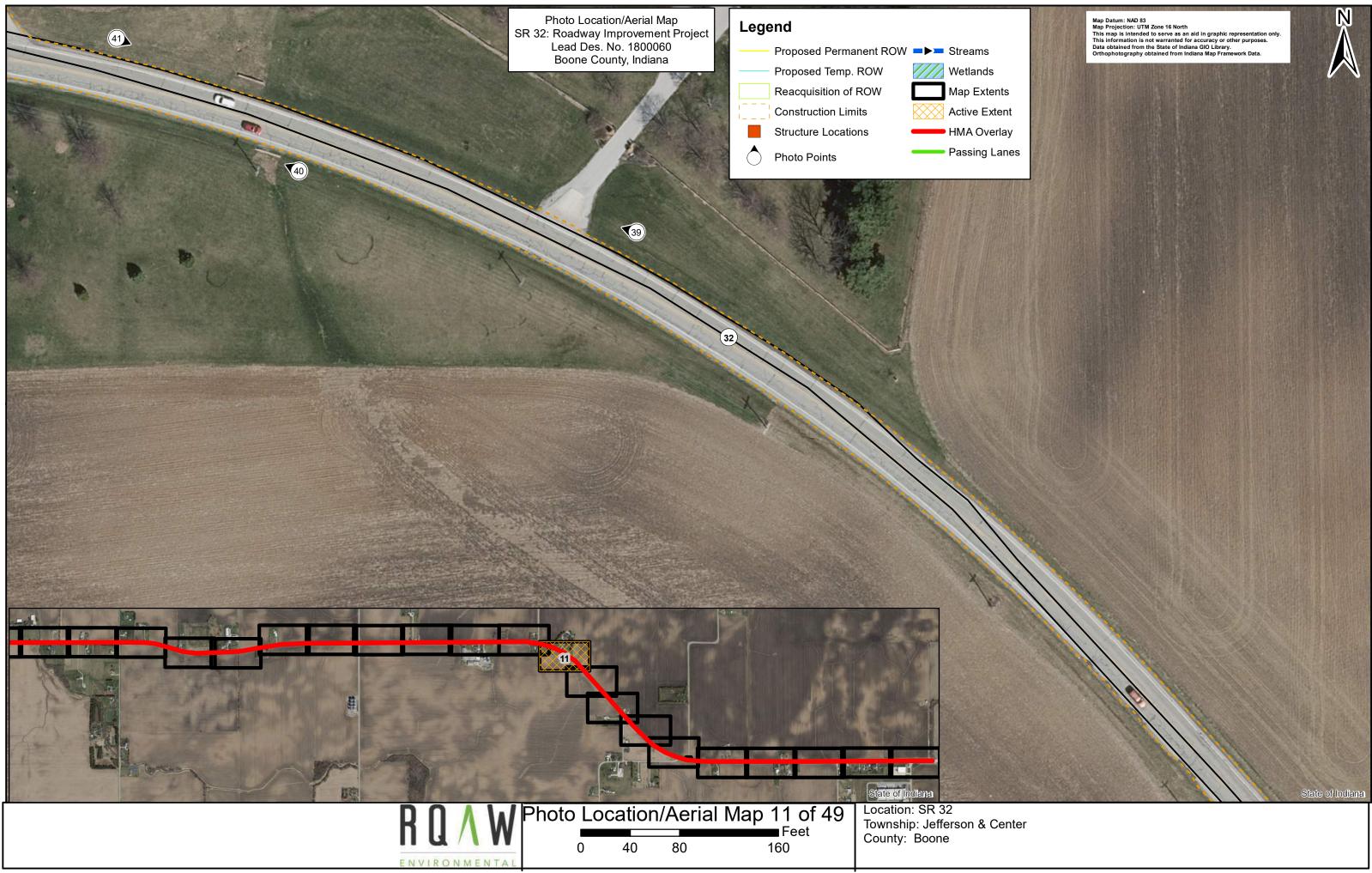


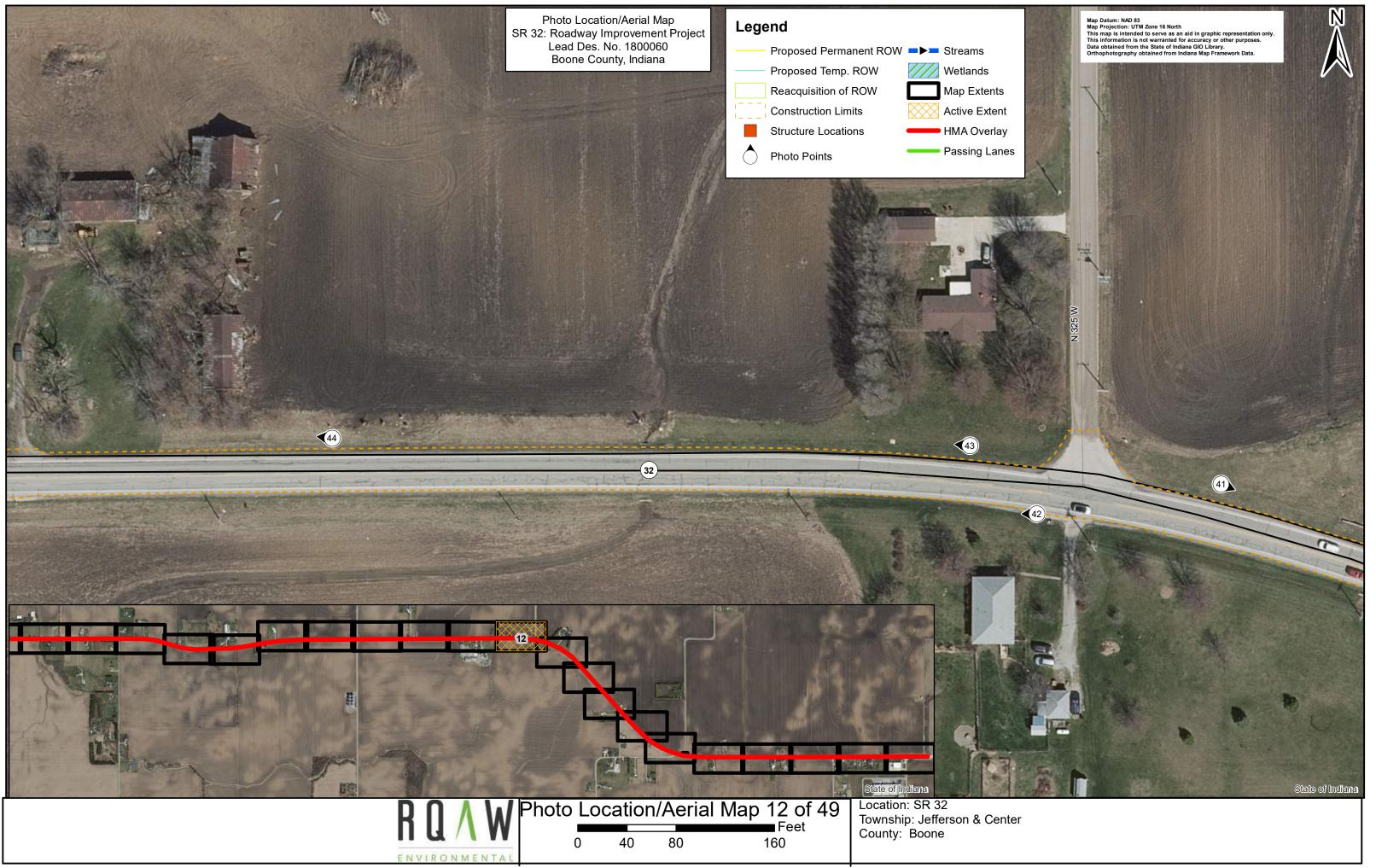


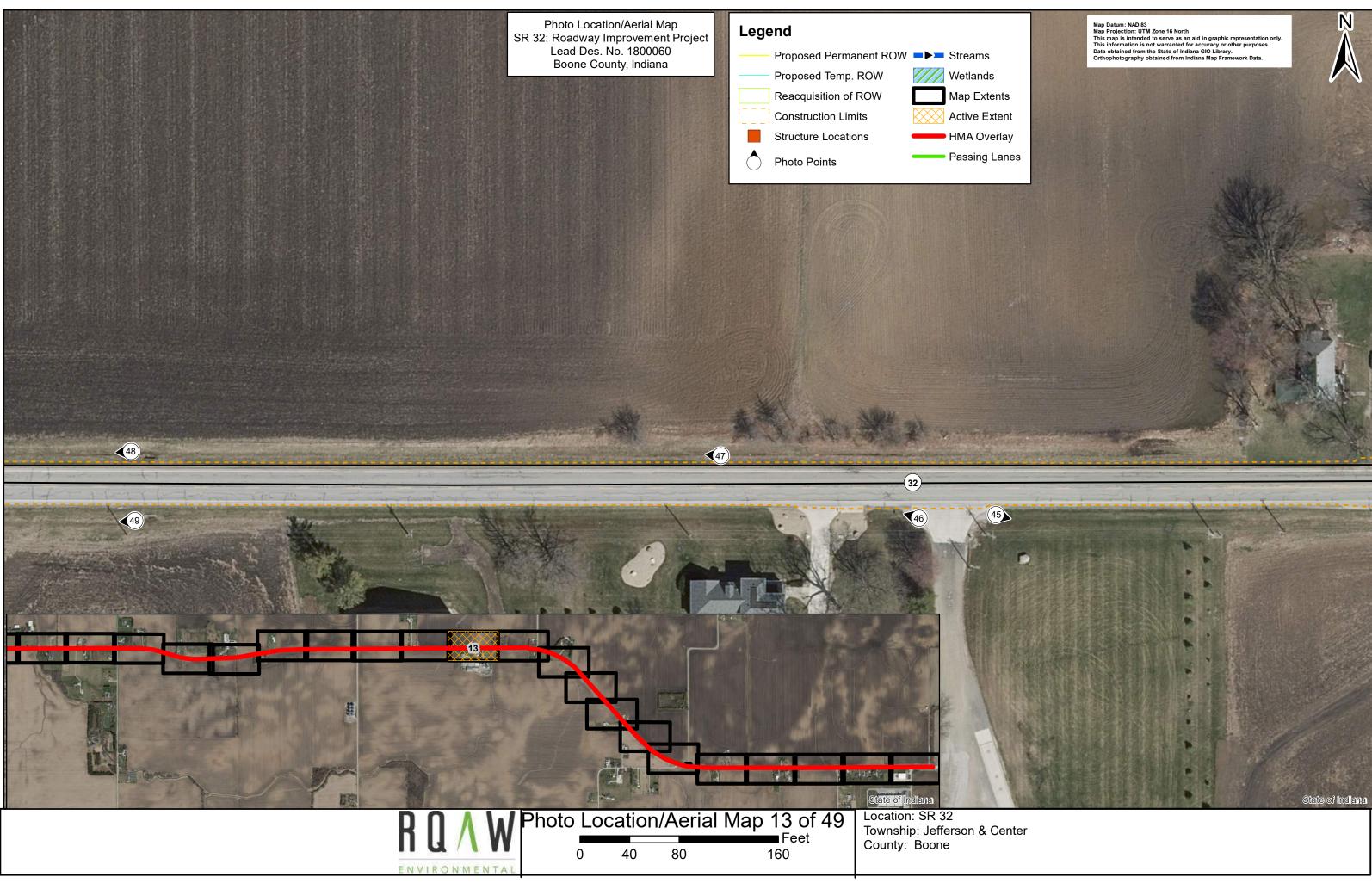












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