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NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT FOR PROJECT 421

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) held a public hearing in February of this year for Project 421. This public hearing was held as part of an environmental assessment as required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making process. Project 421 is the study of the half-mile section of U.S. 421 through Madison, Ind., that approaches the Milton-Madison Bridge, which spans the Ohio River between Madison and Milton, Ky. The goal of Project 421 is to select a route that best addresses the safety concerns, mobility challenges, and economic development needs of Madison.

The purpose of this notice is two-fold. Firstly, this is an opportunity for INDOT to communicate with project stakeholders with regard to the status of this project. As part of INDOT's commitment to proactive public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. Secondly, this is an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental assessment phase and transition to the next phase of development, real estate acquisition. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and as a result, INDOT will continue development activities to advance this project towards construction.

The preferred alternative is an at grade alignment (alternative 6) as was presented during the public hearing and is also available for review via the project website http://www.Project421.com.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the official INDOT public hearing held at Brown Gym, <u>INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development (real estate acquisition) with construction anticipated to take place 2019 – 2020.</u> Environmental assessment documentation, will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250; Phone (812) 265-2744; Madison City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250; Phone (812) 265-8300; INDOT Office of Public Involvement, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Phone# (317) 232-6601; and INDOT Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, Indiana 47274; Phone (855) 463-6848.

INDOT sincerely appreciates the community's participation and interest in this project and looks forward to continuing engagement as this project advances towards construction.

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