**DES. # 1800075**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is developing plans for a proposed transportation project, involving the structure which carries State Road (SR) 32 over Mill Creek (Des. No. 1800075), located 3.7 miles west of SR 47, west of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.

The need for the project is due to the overall deterioration of the existing structure (Bridge No. 032-54-03644/NBI No. 010460). The purpose of this project is to address the deteriorated condition of the bridge, which carries SR 32 over Mill Creek, and increase the superstructure condition rating to at least an 8 out of 9 on the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) and the service life to 75 years.

The project proposes to replace the existing bridge superstructure with a three-sided flat top structure. The project limits are approximately 565 feet along SR 32.

The project will require 1.53 acre of permanent right-of-way and 0.94 acre of temporary right-of-way. No residential, commercial, or industrial relocations are anticipated.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will require a full closure of SR 32 at this location during construction. The detour will utilize US 136, SR 25, and US 231. The detour is approximately 15 miles long and is expected to be in place during the 10-month construction season. Access will be maintained to all local properties during construction. The proposed start of construction is 2025.

The cost associated with this project is approximately $3,369,074.70 (2020-2025 dollars) which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The FHWA and INDOT had agreed that this project fell within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the environmental documentation are available for review at the following locations:

1. On-line via agency/project sponsor’s website, project webpage.

<https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-crawfordsville-district/sr-32-bridge-replacement-over-mill-creek/>

1. Crawfordsville District Library, 205 S. Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933
2. Interested persons may request project documents be mailed by submitting the request to the attention of Lanae Woods, Environmental Scientist, CHA Consulting, Inc., 201 N Illinois St, Suite 800, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Phone: (317)493-3314, or email lwoods@chacompanies.com.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Lanae Woods, Environmental Scientist, CHA Consulting, Inc., 201 N Illinois St, Suite 800,, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Phone: (317)493-3314, or email: lwoods@chacompanies.com; or to the attention of Kaitlyn McDaniel, Project Manager, Indiana Department of Transportation, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933, Phone: (765)361-5610, or email:** [**kamcdaniel@indot.in.gov**](mailto:kamcdaniel@indot.in.gov) **on or before Thursday, July 20, 2023.**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Office of Public Involvement for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Erin Hall, ADA Coordinator at (317) 234-6142 or accessforall@indot.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the INDOT Office of Public Involvement.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.”; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.