



DES. # 1700165

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a bridge replacement project on State Road (SR) 65 approximately 2.09 miles south of SR 168 in Gibson County.

The need for this project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing structure (Bridge No. 065-26-00313) which carries SR 65 over Black River. The purpose of this project is to maintain safe vehicular access to SR 65 over Black River while maintaining an adequate hydraulic opening for Black River.

The preferred alternative will replace the existing non-historic bridge with a precast, reinforced concrete, three-sided flat top bridge. Construction activities will include guardrail replacement, slope regrading, and relocation of an overhead utility line. Approximately 1.249 acres of new permanent right-of-way, 0.333 acre of re-acquired apparent existing right-of-way, and 0.020 acre of temporary right-of-way will be required for the project. This project will not require the displacement or relocation of any residents or businesses.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for this project requires the closure of SR 65 for approximately two months. An official state route detour utilizing SR 68, US 41, and SR 168 will be in place. The proposed detour will be approximately 20 miles long and add approximately 14.87 miles to a trip through the area. A local detour may be available during construction. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School and emergency services will be notified prior to any construction that would block or limit access. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.

Stream impacts will be required for the bridge replacement. Approximately 31 linear feet of permanent impacts will occur to Black River, and approximately 43 linear feet of permanent impacts will occur to an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Black River. All necessary permits have been obtained for the project. No wetland impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$896,500. The project originally fell within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document. However, during the project design process, additional information became available that indicated right-of-way impacts would exceed the CE Level 1 threshold. An Additional Information (AI) document has been prepared to detail the changes in project impacts and the CE level. Preliminary design plans along with the CE and AI document are available for review on-line at <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-vincennes-district/>.

All interested persons may request that a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Kate Williams at, 111 Monument Cir., Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or klwilliams@hntb.com on or before April 3, 2022. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, can be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups that require project information in alternative formats or languages are encouraged to contact Kate Williams at 111 Monument Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or by calling 317-917-5332.

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 Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.