



LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Proposed Improvement on State Road 13 (SR 13) in Elkhart County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public meeting on (April 29, 2026, Middlebury Public Library, 101 E Winslow St, Middlebury, Indiana), the meeting will begin at 6:00pm. The purpose of the public meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to State Road 13 (SR 13) in the Town of Middlebury, Elkhart County. The purpose of the project is to preserve and extend the service life of the roadway, address existing drainage issues, and improve pedestrian accessibility consistent with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

As proposed, the project involves a combination of roadway resurfacing and full-depth reconstruction along SR 13 from U.S. Highway 20 to approximately 555 feet north of Yoder Drive. Improvements include pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, storm sewer replacement and upgrades, new curbing and sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and related streetscape improvements. Select roadway and shoulder modifications are also proposed to improve safety and operations along the corridor.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project is anticipated to involve phased construction with closures and official detour routes for through traffic utilizing U.S. 20, SR 5, and SR 120. MOT details will be presented during the public meeting. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school officials, and project stakeholders to minimize potential disruptions. The project will require approximately fourteen (14) acres of permanent new right-of-way and approximately one (1) acre of temporary right-of-way. No residential or business displacements are anticipated.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. The preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations:

1. Middlebury Public Library – 101 E Winslow St, Middlebury, IN
2. Middlebury Town Hall – 418 N. Main St, Middlebury, IN
3. INDOT Fort Wayne District Office – 5333 Hatfield Rd, Fort Wayne, IN (INDOT4U: 855-463-6848)

A project webpage will be created prior to the public meeting to ensure project information is available on-line via the Online at the INDOT Fort Wayne District project webpage:
<https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-fort-wayne-district/fort-wayne-district-projects/s.r.-13-roadway-improvements-in-middlebury,-in>

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public meeting procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public meeting and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the meeting date, will be evaluated, considered and

addressed in subsequent documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public meeting and within the comment period to: Engineering Resources, Inc., Attn: James Welch, 4175 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. E-Mail: james@eri.consulting. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by May 20, 2026.**

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the meetings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the meeting impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. To request accommodations, please contact the INDOT Fort Wayne District Office at 855-463-6848 or indot4u@indot.in.gov.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public meeting program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.