**DES. # XXXXXXX**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for proposed XXXX (describe what the project is, include the location) in XXXX County.

The purpose of this project is to XXXXXX. The need for the project is due to XXXXXX.

The project proposes to (provide a description of the proposed improvement).

The proposed construction of this project will require XXX acre of new permanent right-of-way and XXX of temporary right-of-way. (include information if the project involves any displacements)

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes (include road/bridge closures and if known, include approximate duration of closure). An official state route detour utilizing XXXXX will be used during construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is 20XX (if multi-season construction then include construction years).

The cost associated with this project is approximately XXXXXX thousand/million which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level X / Environmental Assessment (EA) / Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE/EA/EIS are available for review at the following locations:

1. Placeholder – project documents are to be made available at a public viewing location (public library, municipal office, other)
2. Placeholder – multiple viewing locations can be listed depending on the size of the project and/or number of project stakeholder groups
3. INDOT District Office (include address and INDOT4U Toll Free Telephone Number)
4. Document should be made available on-line via agency/project sponsor’s website, project webpage

**COVID-19** **Guidance**: During the Coronavirus outbreak no public viewing locations are to be listed as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Instead, projects documents are to be made available on-line only. The notice must offer the public the opportunity to request project documents be mailed. INDOT and/or the project sponsor will mail project documents upon request.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of XXXXX (include contact name, phone number and email address) on or before (day, month and year).**

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 XXXXX(name, phone number and email). 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 *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.