**DES. # 1700156 and 1700159**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for proposed State Road (SR) 58 bridge replacements over Pollard Ditch and an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Pollard Ditch, 1.65 and 1.74 mile west of SR 67 in Knox County.

The purpose of this project is to maintain the crossing at SR 58 over Pollard Ditch and UNT to Pollard Ditch before it becomes unserviceable or a concern to the traveling public. The need for the project is due to the deteriorating conditions of the bridges.

The project proposes to replace both existing structures with single-span precast prestressed concrete bulb-tee beam bridges with spill through abutments supported on piles. The southwest, northwest, and

northeast field drives for Pollard Ditch and southwest, northwest and southeast field drives for UNT to Pollard Ditch will be relocated to accommodate placement of guardrail. Additionally, four new drainage pipes will be installed under the field drives. The UNT to Pollard Ditch will need to be relocated further from the roadway in order to not adversely impact the stream channel. The project will also include, but not limited to, the construction of new approach slabs, removal and installation of a new drainage structure, grade adjustments, and the placement of riprap at all abutment spill slopes as scour protection.

The proposed construction of this project will require 6.40 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.23 acre of temporary right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes a full closure of SR 58. An official state route detour utilizing SR 67 and SR 159 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 2022.

The cost associated with this project is approximately $3.25 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 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review on-line at XXX.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Troy Arnold, INDOT Project Manager at 812-895-7348 or tarnold1@indot.in.gov on or before September X, 2020. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.**

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 Troy Arnold, INDOT Project Manager, at 812-895-7348 or tarnold1@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 *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.