**DES. # 1593065**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for proposed State Road (SR) 66 bridge replacement over Rock Bottom Creek, 4.85 miles east of SR 165 in Posey County.

The purpose of this project is to maintain the crossing at SR 66 over Rock Bottom Ditch before it becomes unserviceable or a concern to the traveling public. The need for the project is due to the deteriorating condition of the bridge.

The project proposes to replace the bridge. The replacement structure will be a precast, reinforced concrete, three-sided, flat top structure. The new bridge will be 24 feet long with and 50 feet wide. Proposed work will include full-depth pavement replacement, pavement resurfacing, and the installation of Class 1 riprap over geotextile for scour protection.

The project will also include, but not limited to, the construction of new approach slabs and guardrails, 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 0.99 acre of new permanent right-of-way and no temporary right-of-way.

The MOT plan requires the closure of SR 66 for approximately 4 months. The official INDOT detour route will be a state route detour utilizing SR 65, SR 165, and Interstate 64 (I-64) will be in place (Appendix B, page 26). The proposed detour will be approximately 33.15 miles long and will add approximately 27.57 miles to a trip through the area. Access for local traffic will be provided during construction per current INDOT Standard Specification 107.08(e). 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 $1.2 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 Matt Bullock, INDOT Project Manager at 812-830-5328 or mbullock1@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.