S.R. 32 Proposed Improvement between Cicero Creek and S.R. 38 West Junction

Public Hearing
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Welcome

- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Participate during public comment session
- Submit written public comments
- Project display area
Welcome

• Introduction of INDOT Project Team
  • Project Management
  • Public Involvement
  • Greenfield District – INDOT Regional Office
  • Environmental Services
  • Crawford Murphy & Tilly
  • Engineering, Design & Environmental Analysis Team

• Recognition of elected and local public officials

• Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list

• Legal notice of public hearing was published in the Noblesville Times and Indianapolis Star on 12/22/17, 12/27/17 & 1/3/18

• A notice of the public hearing was mailed to known property owners within project area

• Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued

• A copy of presentation and project documentation are available for review on-line via INDOT website
Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Hamilton County
- City of Noblesville
- Elected & Local officials
- Residents & citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations
- Trucking Industry
Project Development

Project Selection
Early Coordination

Environmental phase begins
Purpose & Need
Develop alternatives

Preliminary design phase
Release environmental document for public review and comment
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

Additional work to finalize environmental document and project design
Project Decision

Public Hearing during environmental analysis phase

Communicate project decision

Project Letting
Construction
Environmental Document

- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
  - Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
  - NEPA is a decision-making process
    - Purpose and Need
    - Alternatives Screening
    - Preferred Alternative

- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
  - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  - How can impacts be avoided?
  - Can impacts be minimized?
  - Mitigation for impacts?

- **Draft environmental document released for public involvement**
  - December 2017
  - Available for review and comment via public repository
Environmental Analysis Process

• Establish Purpose and Need
• Develop a number of possible alternatives
  • The “Do Nothing” alternative is a baseline for comparison
• Evaluate and screen alternatives
• Identify a preferred alternative
• Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
• Address and consider public comment as part of decision-making process
• Finalize and approve environmental document
Environmental Document Evaluates Impact

- Right-of-way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources (Historic/Archaeological)
- Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)
- Residential development

- Air Quality
- Noise
- Community Impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Hazardous Materials
- Permits
- Mitigation
- Public Involvement
- Commercial Development
Purpose and Need

• **Purpose**
  - Improve safety within the project corridor
  - Reduce number of crashes
    - Corridor experienced 147 crashes between January 2013 and December 2015
    - Most crashes occurred at intersections
      - 96 crashes at the SR 38 intersection
      - 44 crashes at the River Road intersection
  - Reduce congestion
  - Provide safe pedestrian mobility throughout the corridor

• **Need**
  - Enhance safety and capacity
  - Reduce crash rate within corridor
  - Address Level of Service (LOS) within corridor
## Crash Data

### Crash Data for SR 32 (2013-2015)

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Alternatives Considered

• **No Build**
  - Retains existing State Road 32 four-lane cross section
  - Does not improve traffic signals at the River Road and SR 38 intersections
  - Does not meet project’s purpose and need to reduce congestion and improve safety

• **Added Travel Lane with Traffic Signal Modernization**
  - Add a second westbound travel lane on SR 32 to match existing five-lane section east of the project
  - Five-lane section from just west of River Road to extend through signalized intersections with River Road and SR 38
  - Widen existing lanes to accommodate high number of trucks traveling through corridor
  - Enhance road drainage; new closed storm sewer between River Road and SR 38
  - New sidewalks along both sides of SR32
  - Traffic signals to be fully replaced
    - SR 32 at River Road
    - SR 32 at SR 38
Proposed Improvements
Proposed Improvements – SR 32 at River Road
Proposed Improvements – Between Intersections
Proposed Improvements – SR 32 at SR 38
Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

- Project to constructed under traffic
- Requires lane closures during construction
- No detours of SR 32 traffic will be required
- Phased construction to allow traffic to shift to one side while work continues on the other
- Access to local businesses and Riverview Hospital will be maintained at all times
Real Estate Acquisition Process

- "Uniform Act of 1970"
  - All federal, state and local governments must comply
  - Requires an offer for just compensation

- Acquisition Process
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations

- INDOT Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners

- Right-of-way
  - Permanent ROW: 0.1 acre
    - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from legal land owner, becomes ROW owned by INDOT
  - Temporary ROW: 0.5 acre
    - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction-related activity
    - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction
Project Schedule

• Environmental document released for public involvement – December 2017
• Public Hearing – January 2018
• Finalize environmental document and design – 2018
  • Communicate project decision - 2018
• Real estate acquisition – 2018 thru 2019
• Proposed construction - 2020
Submit Public Comments

• Submit public comments using the options described in first page of information packet:
  • Public Comment Form
  • Via e-mail
  • Participate during public comment session following formal presentation

• INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Friday, January 26, 2018

• All comments submitted are included in the public hearings transcript and made part of the public record

• Comments are reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during decision-making process
Next Steps

• Public and project stakeholder input
  • Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet

• INDOT review of public comments
  • All comments are given full consideration during decision-making process
  • Finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design

• Communicate a decision
  • INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
  • Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
  • Make project documents accessible via repositories

• Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team
Project Resource Locations

• **INDOT Greenfield District Office**
  32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140
  Toll Free: 1-855-463-6848
  [eastcentralin@indot.in.gov](mailto:eastcentralin@indot.in.gov)
  [http://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm)
  Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for East Central Indiana

• **Hamilton East Public Library**
  1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060
  Phone: (317) 773-1384

• **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**
  100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204
  Phone: (317) 232-6601
  [rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov)
  [http://www.in.gov/indot/2366.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/2366.htm)
Thank You

• Please visit with the INDOT design team and project officials following the presentation and comment session

• Project Open House
  • Project maps, displays, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
  • INDOT Greenfield District webpage: http://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm