SR 46 Bridge replacement over the Eel River in Clay County; relocation of existing historic bridge to the Salt Creek Trail network in Brown County — March 2017

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) held a public information meeting in January 2015 and a public hearing in August 2015 at the Bowling Green Community Center and Center Point United Methodist Church respectively, regarding a proposed bridge project on S.R. 46 over the Eel River located approximately 5 miles east of S.R. 59 in the Town of Bowling Green, Clay County. The proposed project included a preferred alternative involving bridge replacement in addition to relocating the existing bridge to a location in Brown County as part of the Salt Creek Trail network.

Subsequent to the review and consideration of all comments and materials received as a result of the INDOT public involvement process which included a public information meeting, public hearing and various opportunities to express public comments with regard to each project, INDOT will advance the S.R. 46 bridge project (replacement with road realignment) to the next phase of development (real estate acquisition) and anticipates construction to begin spring 2018. Upon construction of the new bridge, INDOT will relocate the existing bridge to Brown County as part of the Salt Creek Trail network, anticipating relocation to begin fall 2018.

The purpose of the S.R. 46 bridge replacement project is to provide a safe and structurally sufficient bridge to carry S.R. 46 over the Eel River. The purpose of the relocation of the existing S.R. 46 Bridge is to provide two pedestrian crossings along the planned Salt Creek Trail by incorporating the National Register-listed S.R. 46 Bridge in a manner that is consistent with the terms of the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement (Historic Bridge PA).

The environmental analysis documentation, including the resolution to public hearing comments, is available for public inspection during normal office hours at the following locations:

Brazil Public Library, 204 North Walnut Street, Brazil, Indiana 47834; Phone (812) 448-1981

Brown County Public Library, 205 Locust Lane, Nashville, Indiana 47448; Phone (812) 988-2850

Indiana Department of Transportation Crawfordsville District Office, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933; Phone (888) 924-6368

Indiana Department of Transportation Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, Indiana 47274; Phone (877)305-7611

INDOT website: Crawfordsville District page http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm; Seymour District page http://www.in.gov/indot/2706.htm

INDOT sincerely appreciates the community’s participation and interest in this project and looks forward to continuing engagement as this project advances towards construction.