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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for the proposed State Road (SR) 22 Bridge and Road Reconstruction Project in the Town of Upland, Grant County, Indiana. The proposed undertaking is on SR 22 (also known as Main Street), from approximately 0.19 mile north of SR 26 (975 feet south of the entrance to Taylor University), to 1.74 miles north of SR 26 (Urban Street). This project includes a roadway project, a bridge project, and a streetscaping project along SR 22.

The preferred alternative for the roadway project will replace the existing pavement from approximately 975 feet south of the entrance to Taylor University to Urban Street. Existing sidewalks will be upgraded, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps will be installed or upgraded where needed. Existing guardrail will be upgraded. In order to promote positive drainage, the reconstructed roadway will have slight grade changes. Accordingly, existing drive and road approaches will be reconstructed as needed. Stormwater systems will be upgraded and replaced. This includes the replacement of curb, gutter, inlets, manholes, subgrade storm sewer pipes, driveway pipes, and two small structures. The preferred alternative for the bridge project will rehabilitate the existing SR 22 bridge over Central Railroad of Indianapolis (CERA) with a three-span continuous composite steel beam superstructure replacement. The bridge approaches will be widened and re-graded by as much as four feet higher to accommodate the new superstructure and to correct sight distance issues. The preferred alternative for the streetscaping project will install parking spaces, sidewalk bump-outs with ADA curb ramps, and upgraded lighting in downtown Upland, from the north bridge approach to Urban Street.

Construction of this project will require approximately 1.94 acres of permanent new right-of-way, approximately 5.60 acres of re-acquisition of existing apparent right-of-way, and approximately 0.50 acre of temporary right-of-way.

This project will impact 68 linear feet of a stream, 0.006 acre of wetlands, and approximately 3.31 acres of terrestrial habitat that is primarily maintained lawn. Impacts to trees will be limited to less than 0.5 acre of trimming/clearing, most of which are urban street trees. Additionally, there are *de minimis* and temporary occupancy impacts to the abutting public parks: Depot Park, Detamore Trailhead, and Memorial Park.

The maintenance of traffic includes a full bridge closure for up to twelve months, and an official detour using SR 22, I-69, and SR 26 will be provided. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders including the local school corporation and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$8,775,177. Federal, state, and local funds are to be utilized for the construction project.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 4 environmental document.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. Barton Rees Pogue Memorial Library, 29 W. Washington Street, Upland, IN 46989
2. INDOT Fort Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808
3. Online at the INDOT Fort Wayne District webpage: <https://www.in.gov/indot/4218.htm>
4. INDOT will mail project documents upon request. Call Dan Miller at (317) 616-4663 or call INDOT Toll Free at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848).

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Dan Miller, Parsons, (317) 616-4663, Daniel.J.Miller@parsons.com on or before Monday, August 16th, 2021.

In accordance with the ADA, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Fort Wayne District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Alex Lee, Parsons, (317) 616-1011, Alexander.Lee@parsons.com. 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 Fort Wayne District.

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 2021 INDOT *Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration.