

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
DES. NUMBER 1700091

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for an added auxiliary lanes project in Putnam County, Indiana (Des. Number 1700091). The project is located along US 231 from approximately 0.27 mile north of I-70 to approximately 1.05 miles north of I-70, for a total length of 0.78 mile. A portion of the project will take place along CR 800 South, extending from approximately 0.10 mile west of the US 231 intersection to approximately 0.03 mile east of the US 231 intersection, for a total length of approximately 0.13 mile.

The project proposes to add 11-foot wide turn lanes on US 231 at the following locations: one southbound left turn lane at the High Street intersection; one northbound left turn lane at the PEI Pipeline Service entrance; one northbound left turn lane and one northbound right turn lane at the CR 800 South intersection; and one southbound left turn lane and one southbound right turn lane at the CR 800 South intersection. The project will also add one 12-foot wide acceleration lane with a 10-foot wide paved shoulder on northbound US 231 and one 12-foot wide acceleration lane with a 10-foot wide paved shoulder on southbound US 231, each extending from CR 800 South where they will merge into the existing travel lanes. At the intersection of US 231 and CR 800 South, the profile grade will be increased to reduce the existing slope. A raised concrete median on US 231 will be constructed for the entire length of the project. The roadside ditches and roadside slopes will be regraded along the project area. Drive culverts and cross culverts will be installed at various locations within the project area.

The maintenance of traffic plan will utilize phased construction on US 231 to allow continued two-way traffic flowing to and from Cloverdale and surrounding areas. The east-leg of CR 800 South will remain open during construction, allowing traffic to and from US 231. The west-leg of CR 800 South will be closed at the US 231 intersection for approximately 2 to 4 weeks during construction. Access to adjacent facilities along CR 800 South to the west of US 231 will be provided. Local detours utilizing adjacent roadways will be used to guide drivers back to US 231 in either direction. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction.

Approximately 2.59 acres of permanent right-of-way and approximately 0.07 acre of temporary right-of-way will be needed for this project. No residences or businesses will be relocated as part of this project. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$3,578,047 with federal and state funds to be used. The construction for this project is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2022.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed the project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans and the environment document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Cloverdale Town Hall, 154 South Main Street, Cloverdale, IN 46120
2. Putnam County Public Library, 103 East Poplar Street, Greencastle, IN 46135
3. RQAW website: <https://www.rqaw.com/public-documents/>
4. INDOT website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Dylan Sievers, RQAW Roadway Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1739, or at dsievers@rqaw.com on or before January 12, 2021. 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 Dylan Sievers, RQAW Roadway Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1739, or at dsievers@rqaw.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 Dylan Sievers, RQAW Roadway Department, at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, at 317-588-1739, or at dsievers@rqaw.com.

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.