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September 17, 2020

RE: Bridge No. 040-67-01838C, US 40 over Sallust Branch of Mill Creek (Des. No. 1601094)
Public Hearing – Project Information Packet

Dear Concerned Citizens, Local Residents, and Elected Public Officials:

Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation's public hearing regarding the US 40 Bridge Project over the Sallust Branch of Mill Creek in Putnam County, Indiana.

The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for this project. There are several ways your comments may be presented this evening and following tonight's public hearing. You may submit comments in the following manner:

1. You may verbally express your concerns here tonight during the public comment session held after the formal presentation. **All statements will be recorded and transcribed in order to be included in the official public hearing transcription.**
2. You may complete a comment sheet (attached) and submit using one of the following methods.
 - a. Return it an INDOT representative attending the public hearing.
 - b. Mail it to Joe Dabkowski at RQAW, 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN 46038.
 - c. Email it to jdabkowski@rqaw.com. If a comment is emailed, we will respond acknowledging its receipt.

Should you choose to submit comments by mail, please have them postmarked by October 1, 2020.

All comments submitted will become part of the transcript and be addressed in subsequent project documentation, along with the verbal comments presented here tonight.

All substantial comments received will be evaluated and responded to in writing within subsequent project documentation. The documentation will address all concerns raised during the public hearing process and describe the final decisions reached following careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

Thank you for your participation in the public involvement process for this project.



Hearing Agenda

1. Hearing Called to order (5:30 PM)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Introduction of Project Team
 - c. Hearing Purpose
 - d. Overview of Environmental Documentation and Public Hearing

2. Project Information
 - a. Project Development Process
 - b. Purpose & Need
 - c. Environmental Studies
 - d. Historic Bridge Information
 - e. Project Alternatives Considered

3. Review of Design Information
 - a. Preferred Alternative
 - b. Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)
 - c. Right-of-Way, Cost, & Schedule

4. Next Steps
 - a. Project Resource Locations
 - b. Communication of Project Decisions
 - c. Project Contacts

5. Public Comment Session

6. Informal Session



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Project Location:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Crawfordsville District is proceeding with a federal aid bridge project along US 40 0.5 mile west of SR 75 in Jefferson Township, Putnam County, Indiana. The project involves Bridge No. 040-67-01838C (Des. No. 1601094), which carries US 40 over the Sallust Branch of Mill Creek.

Project Description:

The existing structure is a single-span reinforced concrete cast-in-place structure constructed in 1921. Additions were built on the structure in 1938. The bridge was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), per the INDOT Statewide Historic Bridge Inventory. The inventory also designated the structure as a “Select” bridge, meaning that it is a good candidate for preservation. The procedures outlined in Stipulation III.A of the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Management and Preservation of Indiana’s Historic Bridge (Historic Bridges PA) have been followed. Per the Historic Bridges PA, a Purpose and Need statement and Alternatives Analysis were developed.

The bridge is listed in the *Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory* as a Select Bridge. This designation means it is suitable for preservation and considered eligible due to its significance as a “Crossing built to serve Main Market No. 3 and represents ISHC’s early development to the state highway system and pre-World War II widening to serve as a U.S. Highway.”¹ Designated as a Select Bridge also means the bridge must be preserved when using funds from the FHWA. Because the bridge is considered Select in status, the project must follow the conditions set forth in the *Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement*. An Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis (HBAA) was prepared by RQAW on July 9, 2019 and an addendum issued on April 21, 2020. In addition to the “Do Nothing” alternative, the HBAA evaluated an alternative that included the rehabilitation of the bridge for continued vehicular use meeting Secretary of Interior’s Standards for rehabilitation. This alternative was advanced as the preferred alternative. A description of what this alternative involves follows.

The existing structure would be repaired, preserved and maintained for vehicular use in a way that does not adversely affect the bridge’s historic features. Such activities include the structure’s beams being patched and fiber-wrapped to strengthen deteriorated beams and prevent future deterioration. The substructure (abutments) and railing will also be patched with pneumatically placed mortar. Additionally, rip rap will be placed along the banks. In order to access the substructure for repairs and placing rip rap, a temporary haul road will be in the northeast quadrant of the bridge and a temporary cofferdam and pump around will be used.

Purpose and Need:

The need for the project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing structure. If deterioration is allowed to continue on this structure, it will eventually lead to failure and not perpetuate a crossing on US 40 over Sallust Branch Mill Creek.

¹ Mead & Hunt Architecture, Inc., “Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory - Volume 2: Listing of Historic and Non-Historic Bridges” (Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Department of Transportation, 2009).



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The purpose of this project is to provide a structurally sufficient and hydraulically adequate structure that perpetuates vehicular traffic crossing at this location.

Right-of-Way (ROW):

This project will occur within existing ROW. No permanent or temporary ROW will be required for this project.

Schedule:

- Public Comments Due: October 1, 2020
- Finalize Environmental Document: October 2020
- Finalize Design: 2020
- Contractor Award of Project (Letting): January 2021
- Construction Begins: Spring 2021

Cost:

The construction cost is estimated to be \$600,000.

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT):

The MOT for the project will require phased construction. Temporary lane closure and one lane traffic over East and West bound bridges will allow for continued use during construction. Access to properties within the project limits will be maintained at all times during construction. The MOT will be implemented per the Indiana Design Manual guidelines.

Project Resource Location:

The project design plans and environmental document are currently available for in-person public review at the following locations:

Putnam County Public Library
103 E. Poplar Street
Greencastle, Indiana 47933

RQAW
8770 North Street, Suite 110
Fishers, Indiana 46038
jdabkowski@rqaw.com
(317) 588-1759

You are also encouraged to visit the project webpage (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>) to learn more about this project and review the project documents, including design plans and environmental document.

