

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Des. No. 1900096

US 31 Limited Access Upgrade from SR 38 to 286th Street, Hamilton County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. There will be an open house from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, then a presentation from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm followed by the opportunity to provide public comment. The hearing will be held at the Remnant Coffee Shop, located at 101 W. Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana. Parking is available at a lot on E. Main Street at S. East Street, the Arcadia Town Hall lot, grass parking along the adjacent train tracks, and on-street parking near the coffee house.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the environmental document, the 800.11(e) documentation for Section 106, and the current preliminary design plans for the U.S. 31 Limited Access Project in Hamilton County. The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic accidents along US 31 while maintaining local access by providing interchanges and overpasses at select locations.

Attendees are advised that adherence to CDC and Hamilton County Health Department guidelines as related to COVID-19 are required. A limited supply of face coverings will be available for use upon entry.

The project proposes to analyze all existing cross streets to U.S. 31 along the corridor for conversion either to cul-de-sacs (east and west of U.S. 31), new overpasses, or new interchanges. Initial considerations for cross streets within the project area are provided in the tables below.

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Intersecting Roadway	Initial Considerations for Intersection Treatments	Notes	Funding Year
216th Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Part of Subject Study	FY 2023
226th Street	Proposed Overpass	Part of Subject Study	FY 2023
236th Street	Proposed Interchange	Project of Independent Utility	FY 2022
241st Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Project of Independent Utility	FY 2022
246th Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Part of Subject Study	FY 2024
256th Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Part of Subject Study	FY 2024
266th Street	Proposed Overpass	Part of Subject Study	FY 2024
276th Street	Proposed Interchange	Part of Subject Study	FY 2022
281st Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Part of Subject Study	FY 2022
286th Street	Closed Median and Allow Right-turn in and Right-turn out only	Part of Subject Study	FY 2022

The proposed project area is approximately 7.5 miles long. The project will require approximately 390.39 acres of permanent right-of-way and approximately 16.16 acres of temporary right-of-way. It is anticipated there will be nineteen residential relocations and five commercial relocations.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project is under development, however no major restrictions on US 31 mainline are anticipated. Where new overpass bridges are proposed for construction, traffic will be detoured along cross streets where new overpass bridge construction is proposed. Cross streets that are to be turned into cul-de-sacs will experience a permanent traffic alteration. Proposed interchange areas will utilize phased construction to maintain traffic. Initial stages of construction expected to begin in Summer 2022. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

A link to the video of the public hearing presentation will be posted to the project website via the project sponsors web page <https://www.in.gov/indot/4277.htm> on September 28, 2021. In addition, this web page contains project information, including frequently asked questions and responses.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. An Environmental Assessment document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation is available to view at the following locations:

1. U.S. 31 Limited Access Upgrade Website <https://www.in.gov/indot/4277.htm>
2. INDOT Greenfield District – 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, Indiana 46140
3. Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. – 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
4. Hamilton North Public Library – 209 W. Brinton Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034
5. Sheridan Public Library – 103 W. 1st Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069
6. Atlanta Public Library – 100 South Walnut Street, Atlanta, IN 46031

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period in the following ways

1. BF&S Office, ATTN: Neal Bennett, 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or bfsenviron@bfsengr.com
2. INDOT Greenfield District, ATTN: Jennifer Beck, INDOT Senior Project Manager, 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140, or jbeck@indot.in.gov.
3. INDOT Toll Free Number: 855-INDOT4U (468-6848) Mention U.S. 31 Limited Access in Hamilton County, IN

The public comment period for the EA began on September 13, 2021, and will end on October 13, 2021. INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted utilizing the options noted above by October 13, 2021.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and with advance notice, INDOT will coordinate accommodations for persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids including, but not limited to sign language interpretation, alternative format documents and other ADA supportive services. In addition, and in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, INDOT will coordinate accommodation for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids and/or supportive services including, but not limited to alternative format documents and other services as needed. Should accommodation be required please contact Neal Bennett of BF&S at bfsenviron@bfsengr.com, 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN, (317) 713-4615.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021