

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING / OPEN HOUSE – DES# 1900096 and DES # 1900097

U.S. 31 Limited Access Upgrade from S.R. 38 to 286th Street, Hamilton County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting / open house for the proposed project on **April 21, 2021** at the East Union Christian Church, 1711 East 296th Street, Atlanta, IN 46031. Two (2) sessions will be held in order to accommodate all interested persons while promoting current guidelines for social distancing. The first session will begin with a pre-recorded video presentation by INDOT and their hired design consultant from 4:00-4:30 PM, followed by an open house from 4:30-5:30PM. The second session will begin with a re-showing of the pre-recorded video from 5:30-6:00 PM, followed by an open house from 6:00-7:00PM. Attendees are advised that face coverings and adherence to CDC guidelines for social distancing are required. A limited supply of face coverings will be available for use upon entry.

The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review the current preliminary plans for the project, speak informally with INDOT and design consultant representatives, ask questions and provide feedback. The primary purpose of this project is to reduce traffic accidents along US 31 while maintaining local access by providing interchanges and overpasses at select locations.

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 2021
241st Street	Proposed Cul-de-sac	Part of Subject Study	FY 2024
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. Right-of-Way acquisition will be required, but the amount is not currently known. It is anticipated there will be some commercial and/or residential relocations.

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.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses more than minimal impact to the natural environment. Therefore, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document is currently being prepared for this study.

A link to the video of the public information meeting presentation will be posted to the project website via the project sponsors web page <https://www.in.gov/indot/4277.htm> on April 21, 2021. In addition, this web page contains project information, including frequently asked questions and responses.

Conversations will not be recorded as part of the public information meeting / open house proceedings. The public is encouraged to provide statements regarding the project utilizing one or more of the following methods: fill out the enclosed comment form and return it to the design consultant (contact information provided below); fill out a comment form at the public information meeting and leave it with the design consultant or INDOT staff members (at any of the project information stations); call or email Neal Bennett, Environmental Manager for the project, at 317-713-4615 or nbennett@bfsengr.com or Jennifer Beck, INDOT Senior Project Manager, 317-525-4995 or jbeck@indot.in.gov.

Please RSVP to Neal Bennett at the phone number or email address listed above if you plan to attend one of the public meeting sessions. An RSVP is requested for planning purposes in accordance with CDC guidelines, but is not required for entry.