FACT SHEET
for Tier 2, Section 6 (Martinsville to Indianapolis)
of the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Project
May 1, 2017

Project Activities

1. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to resume the environmental studies for I-69, Section 6 in October 2014. The environmental study begins with the NOI and concludes with a Record of Decision (ROD).

2. Notice of Survey letters were sent to property owners along State Road 37 (SR 37) in February 2015. Notice of Survey letters were sent to property owners near Alternatives B, D, K3 and K4 in July 2015. Notice of Survey letters were also sent out to Alternative C in summer 2016. Notice of Survey letters were sent out to property owners along SR 37, INDOT’s preferred alternative, in May 2017. Receipt of a Notice of Survey letter does not indicate a property will be impacted by the project. The intent of the Notice is to notify landowners that project staff may be near or on private property for the purpose of data collection.

3. Field activities in spring 2016 included assessing natural environmental characteristics, such as possible historic properties, wetlands, development patterns, waterways, and more. Since the release INDOT’s preferred alternative of using existing SR 37, field crews will be conducting survey work along SR 37 throughout 2017. Field staff will be wearing a brightly colored vest, regardless of time of day and will also carry project identification at all times.

4. The environmental studies will be part of an Environment Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS is a decision-making document that describes the process of assessing benefits and impacts of a proposed project. The document will include the consideration and discussion of reasonable alternatives, potential impacts and benefits, and the estimated cost. The Draft EIS, published in the first quarter of 2017, identified the preferred alternative. INDOT has selected two options for an interchange at Southport Road. The options are known as C4A and C4B. Public input will help INDOT determine which option is selected in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
The Final EIS and ROD, scheduled for approval in the first quarter of 2018, approves the selected alternative.

5. Purpose and need documents establish the basis for developing a range of reasonable alternatives and identifies performance measures that are used in the alternative evaluation. The Section 6 Purpose and Need is available online: http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/files/I69S6_Ch2_Purpose_and_Need.pdf

Alternatives

6. The 2004 Tier 1 decision selected a corridor that utilizes existing SR 37 corridor between Martinsville and Indianapolis as the new I-69. The Tier 1 decision allows INDOT to consider alternatives other than the SR 37 corridor in an effort to avoid significant impacts. During the first quarter of 2015, FHWA and INDOT conducted a scoping process to determine if alternatives outside the existing SR 37 corridor should be considered when evaluating alternatives. The scoping process concluded that additional alternatives outside the SR 37 corridor will be evaluated. Upgrading existing SR 37 to an interstate will be considered throughout the environmental study process.

7. The environmental studies for I-69 have followed a tiered (phased) process. In 2004, the decision of the Tier (Phase) 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concluded that I-69 should be constructed between Evansville and Indianapolis. The decision identified a preferred corridor. The entire corridor was divided into 6 sections. Tier (Phase) 2 environmental studies will focus on localized project goals and needs.

8. During the first quarter of 2015, INDOT received feedback from the public to consider 26 initial alternatives in addition to the SR 37 alternative. On May 18th, 2015, INDOT announced and presented 14 Conceptual Alternatives for further consideration. On June 30th, 2015, INDOT announced the advancement of five Preliminary Alternatives for further study and refinement. The five Preliminary Alternatives include alternatives C (existing SR 37), B, D, K3 and K4. On March 29th, 2016, INDOT and FHWA dismissed Preliminary Alternatives B, D, K3, and K4 from further consideration. Preliminary Alternative C (SR 37) was advanced as the Reasonable Alternative.

9. There were three options of proposed I-69 (known as alternatives C1, C2 and C3) within the SR 37 corridor. These different alignments include proposed locations of potential interchanges, overpasses/underpasses (grade separations) and local service access roads on the corridor.
10. INDOT released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on March 17, 2017. The DEIS contains INDOT’s preferred alternative and reasons for choosing C4 (combination of C1, C2, C3 alternatives) and the steps we have taken to reduce or eliminate the roadway’s impact on human and natural environmental assets within the corridor.

The preferred alternative will have 26 miles of new interstate highway, 31.8 miles of new access roads, 10 interchanges, 16 overpasses/underpasses, 67 new or rehabbed bridges, eliminate 14 traffic signals, generate $4.1 billion in economic impact over 20 years, reduce regional crashes by 1,300 every year, and reduce travel time from Martinsville to Indianapolis by 11 minutes.

11. The Section 6 Preferred Alternative is based on a 400 foot footprint. The footprint will have minor refinements throughout the process until construction begins.


13. INDOT is committed to providing east-west connectivity through the use of interchanges, overpasses/underpasses and local service roads. Determining safe and efficient access is part of this process.

14. INDOT is currently evaluating advance warning implementation measures in the transition from Section 5 to Section 6. Construction in Section 5 is anticipated to be complete before Section 6 construction begins.

**Schedule/Budget**

15. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has not yet identified funding for construction of I-69 Section 6.

16. I-69 Section 6 will not be tolled.

17. An I-69 Section 6 construction schedule has not yet been established, but environmental studies for Section 6 Tier (Phase) 2 are anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2018.
Property Acquisition

18. Property acquisition will not begin in earnest until after the Record of Decision (ROD) is released from the FHWA. The ROD will be released in early 2018.

19. When properties are acquired for a project, INDOT offers fair market value.

20. To find out more about the property acquisition process, please visit the I-69 Section 6 website http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2345.htm under "Property Acquisition Process".

Public Involvement

21. INDOT hosted public information meetings on February 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 25\textsuperscript{th} in 2015 to solicit public input on whether alternatives outside the SR 37 corridor should be considered. Feedback from the meeting was evaluated during the development of the project’s Purpose and Need Statement and conceptual alternatives.

22. INDOT hosted a second round of Public Information Meetings in early 2015 on May 18\textsuperscript{th} at Center Grove North Middle School and on May 19\textsuperscript{th} at Martinsville High School. The purpose of those meetings was to present the draft Purpose and Need Statement and Conceptual Alternatives.

23. INDOT hosted a fourth quarter 2015 public information meeting in Perry Township, Indianapolis at Perry Meridian High School, Mooresville at Mooresville High School, and Martinsville at Martinsville High School on Nov. 30\textsuperscript{th}, Dec. 2\textsuperscript{nd}, and Dec. 3\textsuperscript{rd} respectively from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

As part of the project updates in the fourth quarter 2015 public meetings, INDOT released details of preliminary alternatives showing potential locations of interchanges, local access roads, and over/underpasses.

24. Public input during and after public meetings assisted INDOT with refining the five preliminary alternatives to SR 37 as the reasonable alternative.

25. INDOT held a second quarter 2016 public information meeting at Perry Meridian High School on April 4\textsuperscript{th} and Martinsville High School on April 5\textsuperscript{th} from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public meetings presented SR 37 as the reasonable alternative and provided alternative alignments of I-69 Section 6.

26. INDOT hosted a Real Estate Open House to discuss property acquisition and relocation processes to the public in August 2016. There were 229 attendees at Perry
27. As a commitment to its public outreach, INDOT has established a Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) and two Community Advisory Committees (CAC) for the Section 6 project. The SWG consists of technical staff from local municipalities whereas the CAC consists of members of a variety of organizations; such as Chambers of Commerce, staff from cities and counties, and representatives from local units of government. The SWG and CAC meet each quarter.

28. INDOT conducted Environmental Justice (EJ) outreach in November 2016. The EJ outreach consisted of sending surveys to residents and community based organizations to receive feedback from minority or low-income individuals and/or families who may not have had the opportunity to give feedback during INDOT’s regular scheduled meetings. Project update meetings were held as part of the EJ outreach. Two meetings were held in Martinsville, two meetings were held in Indianapolis, and one meeting was held in Waverly the week of November 14, 2016.

29. INDOT hosted two public hearings in 2017 on April 6th and April 10th at Perry Meridian High School and Martinsville High School, respectively. INDOT Real Estate staff attended the hearings to address property owners concerns about acquisition and relocations. More than 500 attendees were at the public hearings between both meetings.

Section 6 Office and Information

30. INDOT opened a Section 6 Project Office on April 6th, 2015 at 7847 Waverly Road, Martinsville, IN. The phone number is (317) 881-6408. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed on state holidays. INDOT and its project representatives staff the project office. The public can also email project representatives at section6pm@indot.in.gov.

31. Additional information on the project can be obtained at www.i69indyevn.org.

32. I-69 Section 6 is on social media. You can search for “I-69 Section 6” or visit the direct links:

   a. https://www.facebook.com/i69section6
   b. https://twitter.com/i69section6
33. I-69 Section 6 produces a quarterly newsletter. It can be found here: http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2344.htm.

34. The public can leave a comment on the I-69 Section 6 website. The comment form can be found here: http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm.