

## **INDOT Public Hearings Office:**

The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Public Hearings Office recognizes the importance of involving the public in the exchange of information when providing transportation facilities and services to best meet the state's transportation challenges. Therefore, it is the charge of INDOT's Public Hearings Office to promote public involvement opportunities and information exchange activities in planning, developing, designing, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation projects. INDOT's Public Hearings Office strives to diligently provide opportunities for early and continuing involvement of the public in developing transportation plans, programs, projects, and provide complete public information, timely public notice, and public access to key decisions.

INDOT's Public Hearings Office defines public involvement as two-way communication aimed at providing information to the public and incorporating the views, concerns, and issues of the public in the transportation decision-making process. In addition, the Office of Public Hearings is responsible for ensuring all applicable federal and state laws/regulations are adhered to regarding public involvement and participation activities for federal and state funded projects. These activities may include but are not limited to; (1) Public Hearings, (2) Public Information Meetings or Public Open House Sessions, (3) publishing legal notices to solicit public input, (4) maintaining our public hearings website event calendar, (5) the Public Hearings Office List Serve and other activities geared towards keeping the public and project stakeholders throughout the State of Indiana informed in regards to transportation projects. For additional information regarding INDOT's Public Hearing Office or perhaps INDOT's Public Involvement Procedures, please contact INDOT's Public Hearings Office using the contact information below.

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