



I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis

Tier 2 Studies

Section 4

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Project managers to unveil first round of I-69 road alignments at Section 4 public meeting
INDOT seeks feedback on second tier of the I-69 Studies

Bloomington, Ind. - After months of planning and intense environmental and engineering studies, the public will get its first look at alignment drawings for Section 4 of the federally approved I-69 corridor at a public update meeting on June 16 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at AMVETS Post 2000 Gathering Hall, 5227 W. Airport Road in Bloomington. Section 4 of the I-69 corridor begins at U.S. 231 in Greene County and continues northeast to SR 37 near Victor Pike southwest of Bloomington.

The public is welcome to attend and encouraged to provide input on the alternatives using comment forms, discussions with team members, and after the formal presentation scheduled for 6:30 p.m. during an open microphone period.

"These preliminary alternatives mark a milestone in the project and will allow us to move forward in identifying a preferred alternative," said Bruce Hudson, project manager for DLZ Indiana, the engineering firm conducting the studies for Section 4. "Public input is an important part of the study. It will help us ensure the alignment of I-69 within the approved corridor is safe, efficient and environmentally sound."

The project team will use public feedback to re-examine initial alternatives and develop a set of revised alternatives to be presented in a second I-69 update meeting later this year.

Maps and aerial photos will be on display and open to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. Project team members including engineers, environmental scientists, planners, and INDOT representatives will be available to answer questions both before the formal presentation at 6:30 and afterward until 8:30 p.m.

In March 2004, the Federal Highway Administration approved the 142-mile I-69 corridor that will extend I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis. Section 4 is one of six sections in the corridor conducting studies. Section 4 project team members can be reached in the local project office at 812-334-8869.

The new highway is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vitality of Southwestern Indiana.

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