



DES. # 2001940

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed small structure replacement project (DES. # 2001940) on State Road (SR) 65 over an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Indian Creek, 6.5 miles south of the SR 56 junction in Gibson County.

The purpose of the project is to correct the deficiencies of the existing structure, to provide a structure with a condition rating of seven (good) or better and reset the useful service life of the culvert. The need for the project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing culvert (CV 065-026-41.24). According to the September 8, 2022, INDOT Culvert Inspection Report, the mid span of the pipe is exhibiting severe corrosion with 100% section loss and holes at the invert which are allowing water to flow beneath the pipe. The structure was given an overall condition rating of five (fair). Condition ratings range from zero to nine, with a rating of zero applied to structures in failed condition and a rating of nine applied to structures in excellent condition.

The project proposes to replace the existing small structure with a 5.5-foot diameter by 85-foot-long smooth wall pipe. There will be full depth pavement replacement over the structure and mill and overlay extending approximately 200 feet north of the culvert and 190 feet south of the culvert. Class 1 riprap will be placed at the upstream end and Class 2 riprap will be placed at the downstream end.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.88 acre of new permanent right-of-way. No temporary right-of-way is needed for this project. No relocations or displacements will occur as a result of this project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes a road closure for approximately three weeks. An official state route detour utilizing U.S. 41, SR 56, and SR 65 will be used during construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is October of 2024.

The project will result in a total of 153 linear feet of stream impacts to two unnamed tributaries to Indian Creek. A total of 0.26 acre of tree removal is anticipated.

The cost associated with this bundled contract is approximately \$2,262,411 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE-2 are available for review at the following locations:

1. Princeton Public Library – 124 Hart Street, Princeton, IN 47670
2. INDOT Vincennes District Office: 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591

3. INDOT Vincennes District website – <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-vincennes-district/>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Kenan Lochmueller at Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715 or at (812)-759-4177 or at kenan.lochmueller@lochgroup.com on or before Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Lochmueller Group, Inc. for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Kenan Lochmueller at kenan.lochmueller@lochgroup.com or (812)-759-4177. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Kenan Lochmueller, Lochmueller Group, Inc. at kenan.lochmueller@lochgroup.com or (812)-759-4177.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.”; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.