



DES. # 2000161

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Intersection Improvement Project, SR 32 and CR 925 W (Main Street) in Madison County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Lapel High School, 1850 S 900 W Lapel, IN 46051. Guests should use door No. 1 to enter the school. The hearing will begin at 5:30 pm, with a presentation and hearing at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the State Road (SR) 32 and CR 925 W (Main Street) Intersection Improvement Project (DES. # 2000161) in Madison County. The need for this project is due to the above average crash severity at the existing intersection. The purpose of the project is to reduce or eliminate the right angle and rear-end crashes and therefore reduce the number of injury crashes.

As proposed, this project will replace the existing two-way stop control intersection with a single lane roundabout. The approach alignments will be curved to facilitate traffic calming approaching the circulatory roadway. Proposed roadway elements include 12-foot travel lanes with a mix of open and curbed shoulders. A central island and truck apron will be provided, as well as exterior truck aprons to facilitate turning movements. Additionally, drainage improvements will include the construction of a drainage basin at the northwest quadrant of the intersection. Utility relocations for utility poles will be required at the corners of the existing intersection. Intersection improvements will also include new lighting, pavement markings, signage, and landscaping to better delineate the revised approaches at the intersection. The project will require approximately 2.0514 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW), and approximately 0.1820 acre of temporary ROW. Anticipated impacts include 0.9 acre of tree removal affecting terrestrial habitat. Since the project will disturb at least one acre of soil, a Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) will be required. Proposed excavation along the project corridor includes the removal of the existing roadway and roadbed to a depth of approximately 2.5 feet; a drainage system with pipes and structure depths ranging from 4 to 6 feet deep; and excavation to install lighting foundations at a depth of 8 feet. Every effort to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate project impacts will be made.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project will require phased construction utilizing temporary signals along SR 32 to allow for partial lane closures with a detour. The detour will include SR 13, CR 925 W, and CR W 100 S during Phase I; and Main St. and Old SR 13 during Phase II, adding as much as 3.68 miles of commuter travel. No pedestrian MOT is planned due to the absence of existing pedestrian facilities at the intersection. The detours will remain for the duration of construction for the project, approximately one construction season. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials, and project stakeholders to minimize potential disruptions and impacts.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to the natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view at the following locations:

1. Lapel Branch Library – 610 Main Street Lapel, IN 46051
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway Greenfield, IN 46140; 855-INDOT4U (463-6848)
3. INDOT Greenfield District Website <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/>

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, IN 47715 or by email at Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Thursday, December 5, 2024.**

The proposed action does not impact properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a “No Historic Properties Affected” finding for the project due to the fact that no historic properties are present within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are also being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(d) is available for inspection at the locations listed above. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT’s Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents>. This documentation serves as the basis for the “No Historic Properties Affected” finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 812.759.4179, e-mail: Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com, or by mail at 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, IN 47715 no later than Thursday, December 5, 2024

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc. at 812-759-4179 or at Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.” 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: “Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.” approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.