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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Proposed Improvement of U.S. 36, Marion County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Thursday, July 6 at Wayne Township Emergency Services Grand Hall at Westlake Gardens, 400 N. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46214. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the hearing begins at 5:30 p.m. Should inclement weather force a postponement of the public hearing, it would be rescheduled for the same time and location on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. (Please follow the Indiana Department of Transportation's official social media channels to learn of any postponement of the public hearing.)

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans as well as the Draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the roadway and bridge improvements on U.S. 36 (Rockville Road) from Raceway Road to the I-465 southbound ramps in Indianapolis, in Marion County. The purpose of this three-mile-long project is to increase safety and improve traffic operations throughout the project corridor, while replacing deteriorated infrastructure and meeting American Disability Act (ADA) standards. The improvements will address the project need based on greater-than-expected crash history, forecasted congestion and delay, deteriorating condition of the Shiloh Creek culvert, and lack of complete-and-ADA-compliant pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

As proposed, the preferred alternative involves reconstructing the road from two lanes in each direction to three lanes in each direction. The preferred alternative will provide dedicated left turn lanes by converting the outside shoulder to a third travel lane with new ADA-compliant pedestrian sidewalks/multi-use path and drainage improvements. The eastbound and westbound U.S. 36 bridges over the East Fork of White Lick Creek will be widened to the outside to accommodate the third added travel lane in each direction and the pedestrian/non-motorized facilities. The Shiloh Creek culvert will be replaced as part of this project.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for the project will require phased construction. A detour will not be necessary to complete the project. Travel lanes will be reduced to 11-foot wide, the two-way-left-turn-lanes will be reduced to 12-foot wide, and traffic will utilize the middle lane while construction occurs on the outside lanes and drainage system. Traffic will be shifted north to construct the eastbound widening, then shifted south to construct the westbound widening. Traffic will then be shifted to the outside lanes to construct the raised median. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

The project as designed will require approximately 0.207 acres of permanent new right-of-way, in addition to 0.366 acres of temporary right-of-way needed during construction. No relocations are anticipated as part of this project.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in early 2025 and continue through the end of 2027.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A CE document has been prepared for the project and includes information regarding community and environmental impacts related to the proposed project.

The environmental document and the preliminary designs are available to the public for review at the project sponsor website <https://www.modernrockville.com>. Hard copies of the documentation are available at the following locations:

1. The Wayne Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, located at 198 S. Girls School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46231.
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 S. Broadway Street, Greenfield, IN 46140. Contact information: Kyleigh Cramer, Public Relations Director, 317-864-3164 or krcramer@indot.in.gov
3. INDOT Crawfordsville District Office, 300 N. Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Contact information: Megan DeLucenay, Public Relations Director, 765-365-4347 or mdelucenay@indot.in.gov

The materials are accessible at each location through July 21, 2023. An INDOT public information meeting comment sheet will be available to fill out and mail.

In addition, the public may contact INDOT via a toll-free number, 855-INDOT4U (468-6848). Please mention Modern Rockville. Information on the project including CE document, is available online through the project sponsor's website, <https://www.modernrockville.com>

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: David Pluckebaum of Corradino LLC, 200 S. Meridian St., Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225, or emailed to dpluckebaum@corradino.com. **INDOT requests that those who wish to provide public statements for this project submit them by July 21, 2023.**

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. For assistance, please contact Adelle DuSold at adusold@indot.in.gov or 317-467-3431.

Emergency Situation Guidance: During emergency situations, pub-

lic viewing locations may be limited or prohibited as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. INDOT and/or the project sponsor will mail project documents upon request.

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.

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