



**DES. # 1900296**

## **LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed slide correction project (DES. # 1900296) located on State Road (SR) 58, 3.56 miles west of the SR 446 junction in Lawrence County.

The purpose of the project is to correct the erosional slide along the section of roadway affected by the slide, resulting in improved mobility along SR 58. According to the July 28, 2022 Abbreviated Engineer's Assessment, the need for the project stems from the erosional slide occurring in a meandering stream, Unnamed Tributary (UNT) 2 to Leatherwood Creek, adjacent to the westbound lane of SR 58. The erosion from the stream is causing the edge of the pavement and roadside embankment to deteriorate and fail in multiple locations. Maintenance has re-established the pavement; however, the stream continues to erode the existing foreslope along the westbound lane, causing additional pavement issues.

The preferred alternative will reconstruct the existing UNT 2 to Leatherwood Creek in various locations that have eroded the existing roadside embankment and shoulder. The reconstructed stream will generally consist of a 2:1 foreslope, 4-foot ditch bottom, and 2:1 backslope and consist of Class 1 Riprap. This corrective measure will be implemented in six locations along the westbound shoulder. UNT 2 will remain in place with no work required outside of those limits. The shoulder will be reconstructed to a 6-foot width and consist of aggregate throughout the construction limits. The existing roadway surface will be milled and overlaid with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement throughout the construction limits. There will be 50-100 feet of incidental construction on both ends of the project to ensure proper tie-ins into the existing road shoulder and UNT 2. Pavement patching will also be included as a result of excavation occurring along the edge of the pavement where previous patching has occurred by maintenance.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.49 acres of new permanent right-of-way. No temporary right-of-way will be needed. No relocations or displacements will occur as a result of this project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will require a road closure with an official detour. The detour will utilize SR 37, US 50, and SR 446. 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 Spring 2024.

A total of 0.10 acre of tree removal is anticipated. The project is anticipated to impact approximately 1,221 linear feet of streams. No impacts to wetlands or open water features will occur as a result of this project. This project has been bundled with seven other projects under contract R-42199. The cost associated with all eight bundled projects is approximately \$13,277,782 which includes right-of-way, preliminary engineering, and 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 are available for review at the following locations:

1. Bedford Public Library: 1323 K Street, Bedford, IN 47421
2. INDOT Vincennes District Office: 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591
3. INDOT Vincennes District website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm>

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Holly Hume at Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715, or [hhume@lochgroup.com](mailto:hhume@lochgroup.com), or 812-759-4107 on or before Thursday, October 6, 2022.** In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

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 Holly Hume at [hhume@lochgroup.com](mailto:hhume@lochgroup.com) or 812-759-4107. 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 Holly Hume, Lochmueller Group, Inc. at [hhume@lochgroup.com](mailto:hhume@lochgroup.com) or 812-759-4107.

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 Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.