



DES. # 1800182

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a roadway improvement project on State Road (SR) 14, from the intersection of SR 14 and United States (US) 35 in the Town of Winamac to the intersection of SR 14 and SR 17, for a total length of approximately 9.5 miles. The project is located in Monroe and Harrison Townships in Pulaski County and in Union Township, Fulton County.

The purpose of this project is to improve the SR 14 roadway condition and increase the usable service life by up to 20 years, to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access within identified areas, and address deterioration of several drainage structures within the project limits. The need is due to the deteriorated roadway condition of SR 14 and drainage structures and lack of ADA compliance within identified areas.

The preferred alternative for this project will consist of milling the existing mainline and shoulder asphalt four (4) inches in depth and repaving from the north junction of US 35 to the west side of the Tippecanoe River at West Oak Drive located approximately 0.64 mile east of US 35. Full depth reclamation (FDR) with minor structure overlay will occur at West Oak Drive to SR 17. Roadway and shoulders will match existing dimensions. The existing public road approaches, private drives, commercial development drives, agricultural field entrances, and mailbox approaches will be milled and paved within the existing right of way in accordance with current INDOT standards.

Two large culverts will be replaced. One structure is a 48-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) with a 55-foot barrel length that carries Leidendecker Ditch under SR 14, approximately 1,540 feet west of the intersection of SR 14 and CR 300 E. The second structure is 54-inch diameter CMP 124 linear feet in length that carries Breckenridge Ditch under SR 14, approximately 96 feet west of the intersection of SR 14 and CR 400 E. Twenty-four (24) small drainage structures will also be replaced under driveways, field entrances, roadway approaches, and SR 14. Existing street signs will be replaced, guardrails will be adjusted, and end treatments upgraded as needed, and upgrades to the curb ramps in the northwest and southwest quadrants of the SR 14 and Riverside Drive intersection will be made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The project requires approximately 4.43 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) along SR 14, located around the drainage structures that will be replaced. The project also requires approximately 0.010 acre of temporary ROW from residential properties for the curb ramp replacements.

The maintenance of traffic for the project will require a full closure of SR 14 between SR 35 and SR 17. The MOT will utilize US 35, SR 10, and SR 17. The roadway will be open to local traffic only, with access to all properties within the project area being maintained during construction. Signage will be placed along these roadways to notify motorists of the construction area and guide them along the detour. The total length of the detour is 32.3 miles, with 22.8 additional travel miles due to the detour. The detour will remain in place

for one construction season. School corporations, local officials, and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. Construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2023.

The construction cost is estimated at \$8,427,599, with 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. Permanent impacts to Breckenridge Ditch and Leidendecker Ditch total approximately 244.55 linear feet for the replacement of the two (2) large structures under SR 14. Temporary impacts to these features total approximately 21.01 linear feet for access to the structures for construction. A total of approximately 0.0052 acre of wetlands will be permanently impacted and a total of approximately 0.043 acre of temporary impacts will occur to the wetlands. A total of approximately 0.243 acre of tree clearing is anticipated for this project due to the replacement of the drainage structures.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

- INDOT LaPorte District Website, www.laporte.indot.in.gov
- INDOT LaPorte District Office, 315 E. Boyd Blvd., LaPorte, IN 46350
- Pulaski County Public Library, 121 S. Riverside Drive, Winamac, IN 46996

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed; please contact Erin Mulryan, 317-566-0629, or emulryan@sjcainc.com. A hard copy of the CE document can be mailed to interested parties upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Erin Mulryan, Director of Environmental Services, SJCA Inc, 9102 N. Meridian St, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260, 317-566-0629, or emulryan@sjcainc.com, on or before November 4, 2021.

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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact INDOT Project Manager Amber Thomas at 219-325-7494 or via email at athomas2@indot.in.gov. 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 INDOT Project Manager Amber Thomas at 219-325-7494 or via email at athomas2@indot.in.gov.

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 *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.