



DES. # 1602277

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed SR 39 small structure replacement, 2.14 miles south of SR 250 in Jackson County.

The purpose of this project is to improve the hydraulic efficiency and safety of the stream crossing. The need for the project is evidenced by the large drift across the west end of the existing structure and the absence of shoulders and sloped embankments along the roadway.

The project proposes to replace the existing structure with a new reinforced concrete box structure. The roadway will have 2 - 10-foot lanes and 2-foot paved shoulders.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.87 acre of permanent right-of-way. No displacements of residences or businesses are involved with the project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes closing SR 39 for approximately 60 days. An official state route detour utilizing SR 250, US 31 and SR 256 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 Spring 2022.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$696,200 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, 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 on the following website:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/2706.htm>

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed by calling Eric Brunn at (812) 372-9911.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Eric Brunn, (812) 372-9911, eric.brunn@strand.com, on or before May 22, 2020.

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 Rickie Clark, (317) 232-6601, rclark@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 the INDOT Office of Public Involvement.

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.