

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For

Indiana Project  
Des. Numbers 1601072, 1901655, and 1901657  
US 36 Added Travel Lanes Project  
Avon, Hendricks and Marion Counties, Indiana

August 12, 2019, the Environmental Assessment (EA) was released for public involvement by the Federal Highway Administration. A public hearing was held on September 19, 2019.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Crawfordsville District propose to proceed with an added travel lanes project located on US 36, known locally as Rockville Road, through the Town of Avon in Hendricks and Marion counties, Indiana. The project limits on US 36 extend east from Shiloh Park Drive to approximately 1,500 feet east of Raceway Road, for a total length of approximately 1.1 miles. The termini for the project are logical because this portion of US 36 (i.e. between Ronald Reagan Parkway and Raceway Road) is, overall, a heavily congested portion of the US 36 corridor. Project limits extend approximately 1,500 feet east of Raceway Road to fully incorporate the proposed left-turn-lane for both east and westbound traffic at the US 36/Raceway Road Intersection. The project area is in a developed area surrounded by residential and commercial properties.

The preferred alternative will involve milling, resurfacing and widening the existing US 36 roadway. The proposed cross section will consist of one continuous 11-foot wide travel lane and two continuous 12-foot wide travel lanes with a discontinuous 11-foot wide right-turn-lane bordered by curb and gutter with a 2-foot offset for east and westbound directions. An 11-foot wide left-turn lane will be provided at each signalized intersection for east and westbound directions. The existing horizontal alignment of US 36 will remain unchanged. The profile grade will match the existing profile grade. Because of the widened roadway, drainage will be addressed.

The project will require approximately 0.20 acre of permanent right-of-way from commercial land; this right-of-way consists of maintained lawn. The commercial land is along US 36, primarily near the US 36/ Reagan Parkway Intersection and the

US 36/Raceway Road Intersection. The project will require approximately 0.45 acre of temporary right-of-way from commercial land for driveway reconstruction and grading. No relocations of people, businesses, or farms will take place because of this project.

The project meets the criteria for programmatic coordination under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Interim Policy for the Review of Highway Transportation Projects in Indiana dated May 29, 2013.

The project will impact approximately 897 linear feet of streams and approximately 0.13 acre of wetlands. Mitigation will likely be needed due to these impacts and will be finalized during the permitting process.

INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO), acting on behalf of FHWA, issued a No Adverse Effect finding on March 18, 2019. On April 12, 2019, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the No Adverse Effect finding. The Section 106 process is complete and the responsibilities of FHWA under Section 106 are fulfilled. There is no anticipated 4(f) use associated with the original project scope.

The FHWA has determined that this project, as identified in the Environmental Assessment and supplemental project information, will have no significant impact on the natural and human environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the environmental assessment and public hearing transcript that have been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of these documents.

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