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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
I-469 at US 24 Interchange Modification Phase 2

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at New Haven High School, 1300 Green Road, New Haven, Indiana, 46774. Attendees should enter at Door 1. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow participants time to view project displays and speak with project representatives. To accommodate those unable to attend in person, the public hearing presentation and comment session will also be broadcast live on the INDOT Northeast Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/INDOTNortheast/>.

This public hearing will be in-person and include appropriate COVID-19 safety measures. Masks and sanitation stations will be made available for attendees.

This public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the current preliminary design plans for the proposed modification of the interchange at I-469 and US 24 in Allen County, New Haven, Indiana.

The purpose of the I-469 at US 24 Interchange Modification project is to improve safety and overall interchange functionality. This project will also enhance the regional transportation network and implement the commitment made in the Fort to Port Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD.)

The project area is located at the west end of the existing I-469 interchange in New Haven, Indiana. The project is specifically located in Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 13 East; and Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 14 East in Adams and Jefferson Townships. The west half of the interchange will be modified to create a full-cloverleaf interchange design. This includes the removal of the existing signal west of I-469. Existing ramps in the southwest quadrant will be reconstructed as needed. The project will include new roadway construction, a new detention basin, regrading of existing ditches, new culverts, new lighting, and new signage.

The preferred alternative for this project is the construction of a cloverleaf interchange that will not only provide full, free-flowing interchange access but also be compatible with Phase I improvements. Reconstruction will only occur on the west side of the interchange. This includes removal of the existing signal west of I-469 and converting the ramps into a full cloverleaf type interchange. US 24 westbound to I-469 southbound and I-469 southbound to Rose Avenue movements will be added. The existing ramps in the southwest quadrant will be reconstructed as needed. Permanent lighting will be added as needed.

The existing bridges and a portion of the existing ramps will be re-used. This alternative also has lower utility impacts and avoids the transmission lines affected by other alternatives.

The 36-inch drainage culvert under Rose Avenue (CLV-002-152.42), approximately 600 feet from the intersection of Rose Avenue and Linden Road is in deteriorated condition and will be replaced in kind with this project. This pipe conveys stormwater from the north side of Rose Avenue south to the roadside drainage system for Rose Avenue and US 24.

Project construction is anticipated to begin in the Winter of 2023.

This project will be constructed in three (3) phases. In Phase 1, the existing number of lanes will be maintained by shifting traffic onto the shoulders. This will allow for the construction of I-469 southbound to westbound Rose Avenue and US 24 westbound to the I-469 southbound ramps. Existing traffic patterns at the ramp intersection will be maintained during this phase. Phase 2 construction will modify I-469 southbound to eastbound US 24 and eastbound Rose Avenue to I-469 southbound. Rose Avenue to I-469 southbound traffic will be maintained. The construction of the I-469 southbound to eastbound US 24 ramp will require the existing ramp to be closed. Traffic will be rerouted onto the newly constructed I-469 southbound to eastbound US 24 ramp. Work along US 24 and in the US 24 median will be completed in Phase 3. All newly constructed ramps, along with one lane in each direction on US 24, will remain open. Signs and sign structures that conflict with the phasing will be covered or relocated as necessary. Shoulder strength will be analyzed as part of the geotechnical investigation.

The I-469 and US 24 Interchange Modification project will require approximately 15 acres of permanent right-of-way. This will include residential, agricultural, forested, and wetland property in the quadrant of the interchange. No temporary right-of-way or relocations will be required for this project.

This project will be constructed using both state and federal funds. To meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Additional Information (AI) document has been prepared for the I-469 and US 24 Interchange Modification project. Preliminary design plans, along with the AI document, are available for review at the following locations:

- INDOT Fort Wayne District Website <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-fort-wayne-district/i-469us-24/>
- INDOT Ft. Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN, 46808, Phone # 855-INDOT4U (463-6848)
- New Haven Branch Library, 648 Green St, New Haven, IN, 46774, Phone #: (260) 421-1345

Project information, including the environmental document, can be mailed to interested persons by contacting Christine Meador at cmeador@HNTB.com or 317-917-5338. Written requests can also be mailed to her attention c/o HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Public statements will be recorded as part of this public hearing. Comments may be limited due to time constraints. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing, and all written comments submitted before, 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 should be sent to Kelly Scott kescott@HNTB.com or mailed to Kelly Scott, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted Friday, March 17, 2022.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups who require project information in alternative languages or formats should contact Kelly Scott at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or by calling 317-636-4682.

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.