INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



DES. # 1400249

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Improvement Roadway Rehabilitation in Warren County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Pine Village Christian Church, located at 207 S Jefferson St, Pine Village, IN, 47975, the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the SR 26 Roadway Rehabilitation project in Warren County. The purpose of the project is to prolong the life of the existing pavement, provide lateral structural pavement support via paved shoulders, and replace inadequate drainage culverts along SR 26 in Warren County from US 41 to approximately 700 feet east of the Warren/Tippecanoe County Line. In addition, the project will improve ADA access, address drainage concerns, and improve truck turning radii at the SR 26/SR 55 South Junction within the Town of Pine Village.

The public hearing will adhere to State of Indiana Department of Health (ISDH) health and safety guidelines including face coverings, implementing social distancing practices, and providing hand sanitizer. A limited supply of face masks will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Attendees are encouraged to adhere to ISDH guidelines and safety protocols.

As proposed, the project includes modifying and/or replacing culverts, roadway patching, roadway resurfacing, and widening of the roadway. In the Town of Pine Village, the proposed improvements include improved drainage infrastructure, ADA-compliant curb-ramps, and intersection/parking improvements.

The MOT will be utilized a combination of detours and phased construction to complete the work over two construction seasons. The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan will be discussed at the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 66 acres of permanent new right-of-way, in addition to some temporary right-of-way needed during construction.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. Project materials are available to view at https://www.in.gov/indot/4276.htm. n addition, the environmental document and preliminary design plans will be available for review at the following locations:

1. Pine Village Community Center, 206 S Main St, Pine Village, IN 47975. The document will be available to view Monday through Friday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please contact Nancy Kochell (765) 585-9941 prior to arrival to verify someone is in the office.



3. INDOT Crawfordsville District Office: 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, Toll Free: 855-INDOT4U (463-6848)

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed to them. Please contact Dustin Quincy, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., 201 S. Capitol Ave., Suite 490, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225 or dquincy@infrastructure-eng.com or (317) 281-0443 for information.

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, 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 may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to INDOT's Project Manager, Arshad Ahmed, Indiana Department of Transportation Crawfordsville District, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or arAhmed@indot.in.gov or (765) 361-5258 or to Dustin Quincy, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., 201 S. Capitol Ave., Suite 490, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225 or dquincy@infrastructure-eng.com or (317) 281-0443. INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by June 23, 2021.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Arshad Ahmed at ArAhmed@indot.in.gov or (765) 361-5258.

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please contact Dustin Quincy at dquincy@infrastructure-eng.com or (317) 281-0443 to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for a later date and the public comment period would be extended.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012.