



LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed rehabilitation of the bridge carrying SR 62 over Laughery Creek, located approximately 205 feet west of the intersection of SR 62 and Cave Hill Road in Ripley County.

The purpose of this project is to provide a structure with an overall rating of at least 8 out of 9. A secondary purpose of this project is to meet the minimum design criteria for the clear roadway width of 34 feet 6 inches on the bridge. The need for this project arises from deterioration of the existing structure. The bridge deck and wearing surface are in serious condition. There is moderate to severe cracking in the bridge beams and wearing surface that are allowing water to penetrate the superstructure. This is causing additional water damage to the superstructure. The superstructure is in poor condition and exhibits advanced deterioration. Additionally, the bridge superstructure clear roadway width does not meet the current design standard of 34 feet 6 inches.

The project proposes to rehabilitate the existing bridge. The superstructure of the bridge will be replaced, including the bridge deck, beams, and guardrails. The new bridge superstructure will consist of semi integral end bents, concrete bridge railing, and guardrail transitions and will be approximately 37 feet 6 inches in width and will provide a clear roadway width of 34 feet 6 inches.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.848 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.005 acres of temporary right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project proposes phased construction and a detour route for truck traffic. Phased construction will be completed by leaving one side of the bridge open while the other side of the bridge is demolished and reconstructed. The official state detour route for trucks will be SR 50 and SR 129 and will be approximately 20.8 miles in length. A temporary traffic signal will be installed to facilitate traffic movement along the bridge. The entrance to the Old Mill Campground and Flea Market on the east side of the project bridge will be closed for the duration of construction. The existing alternate entrance to that property will remain open on SR 62 in the Town of Friendship. Access to local residences and businesses will be maintained. Maintenance of traffic will not include any temporary crossings or temporary roadways. 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 \$2,535,875 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, 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 at the following locations:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/4092.htm>

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed by calling Michael Halterman at 317-544-4996.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Michael J. Halterman, PE, 317-544-4996, mhalterman@usiconsultants.com on or before October 28, 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 Greg Carleton, PE, 812-524-3719, gcarleton@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.

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