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## **PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Intersection Improvement at U.S. 30 and C.R. 500 East in Whitley County**

**DES# 1600515**

**The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coesse Elementary School, Cafeteria, Enter Door 1, 2250 S 500 E, Columbia City, Indiana 46725. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans for a U.S. 30 intersection improvement at County Road 500 East (CR 500 E), located in Whitley County.**

The intent of the project is to improve safety by eliminating the CR 500 E left-turn and crossing movements at the U.S. 30 location. The preferred alternative proposes to convert the existing at grade intersection to Median U-Turn configurations east and west of the intersection to complete what would ordinarily be a direct left-turn or through movement from CR 500 E onto U.S. 30. The preliminary plans for the Median U-turns will be designed to provide sufficient turning radius for vehicles and trucks. Under this alternative, traffic along U.S. 30 will continue to operate unimpeded and will maintain full access for left and right turning movements onto the county road system. Dedicated lanes will be included on US 30 to allow for queuing and deceleration at the U-turn locations. For more information regarding Median U-turns please go to <https://www.in.gov/indot/3392.htm>.

The project will not require the acquisition of any right of way. Maintenance of traffic will require single lane closures with outside shoulder work to be completed prior to median construction. Access to properties will be maintained at all times during construction. Disruption of emergency services and school bus routes may occur during construction, however notification activities will take place should access become impeded and/or restricted. Presently, state and federal funds will be utilized for the construction of the project.

The environmental document and preliminary design plans are available to view prior to the public hearing at the following locations:

1. Peabody Public Library, 1160 E SR 105, Columbia City, IN 46725
2. INDOT Fort Wayne District at 5333 Hatfield Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
3. Hearings Examiner, Room N642 of the IGCN, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216, Phone # 317-234-0796

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 in regard to the project may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204. E-Mail: [rclark@indot.IN.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.IN.gov)



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