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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Public Hearing to present the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed U.S. 36 added travel lanes, 4.26 miles west of west leg of I-465 to 3.0 miles west of the west leg of I-465, located in Hendricks and Marion Counties.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing <u>beginning at</u> 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the Bridgeport Elementary School, 9035 West Morris Street, Indianapolis, IN 46231. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the EA environmental document and related materials for the U.S. 36 (Rockville Road) enhancements. The U.S. 36 project is located from 1500 feet east of Raceway Road to Shiloh Park Drive, in Avon, Indiana. The doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. in order to view displays and talk to the representatives prior to the start of the hearing.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic congestion and enhance safety. The preferred alternative will provide added travel lanes in both directions on U.S. 36 within the project limits. In addition the current two-way left-turn lane will be replaced with a median and therefore limit left turns only to the dedicated traffic signals.

An estimated 0.2 acre of right of way will be required for the project with no relocations anticipated. The maintenance of traffic is proposed to allow two lanes open in each direction through the area of construction. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

The EA includes information regarding community and environmental impacts related to the proposed project. The environmental document and the preliminary designs are available to view prior to the public hearing at the project website https://www.in.gov/indot/3968.htm and hard copies of the documentation at the following locations:

- 1. Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 North Avon Ave., Avon, IN 46123
- 2. INDOT Crawfordsville District at 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 46140
- 3. Hearings Examiner, Room N642 of the IGCN, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216, Phone # (317) 234-0796

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INDOT is soliciting comments on the EA document for the U.S. 36 project and encourages the community to attend and participate. The official public comment period for the EA will end on October 4, 2019. INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted during this time.

Verbal statements will be accepted during a public comment session for the official public record immediately following the formal presentation. Verbal comments may be restricted to time limitations based on the number of speakers. In addition, written comments in regard to the projects may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. E-Mail: mwright@indot.in.gov

With advance notice, INDOT can provide special accommodation for persons with disabilities and/or limited English speaking ability and persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodation be needed please contact Rickie Clark, Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601, or email rclark@indot.in.gov preferably by Thursday, September 12, 2019.

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. INDOT, Mary Wright, Public Hearings Examiner, Phone # (317) 234-0796,

