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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DES# 1400075 - Clear Path 465 - I-465/I-69 Interchange Modification and Added Travel Lanes project in Indianapolis, Marion County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, starting at 4:30 pm at the Fort Harrison Conference Center, 6002 N Post Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216. The doors will be open at 4:00 pm. There will be presentations at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. The capacity of each presentation may be limited to allow for social distancing. Project team members will wear face masks, and project exhibits will be spaced more than 6 feet apart. Hand sanitizer will be available, and attendees are required to wear masks per the July 9, 2020 mandate by Marion County. Disposable face masks will be provided if attendees do not bring their own masks.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on preliminary design plans and environmental documentation for the proposed I-465/I-69 Interchange Modification and Added Travel Lanes project, also known as the “Clear Path 465” project, located on the northeast side of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. The project includes added travel lanes on I-465 from the White River Bridge (approximately 2.4 miles west of I-69) to Fall Creek Road (approximately 2.15 miles south of I-69). Additionally, portions of Binford Boulevard and I-69 will be reconstructed between East 71st Street, I-465, and East 86th Street to accommodate a modified I-465/I-69 interchange configuration.

The need for the Clear Path 465 project stems from insufficient capacity that causes backups during the peak hours and safety concerns due to a high volume of crashes within the project area. The purpose of the Clear Path 465 Project is to improve overall traffic operation by increasing capacity to meet an acceptable level of service, and to improve safety.

This project will require approximately 14.076 acres of permanent right-of-way and 4.222 acres of temporary right-of-way, mostly from commercial properties and undeveloped land. A total of seven buildings will be acquired and demolished, and four businesses will be relocated. Natural resource impacts include 9,716 linear feet of streams, 6.09 acres of wetlands, and 20.49 acres of trees, 8.99 of which is considered “suitable summer habitat” for federally protected bat species. There is no adverse effect to cultural resources. The results of noise analyses recommended a total of seven noise barriers to mitigate noise impacts.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2022 and expected to last year-round through 2024. Construction will be phased and completed off-line as much as possible to minimize traffic impacts. The number of phases, the order of construction, and the construction durations will be refined during final design.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. An Environmental Assessment document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation is available to view at the following locations:

1. Clear Path 465 Project website - www.in.gov/indot/3654.htm
2. Glendale Branch Library - 6101 N Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220
3. Nora Branch Library - 8625 Guilford Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46240
4. Parsons Office - 101 W Ohio St, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204
5. INDOT Greenfield District – 32 S Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140

Masks must be worn at the repositories. Used equipment at libraries must be flagged (provided) for cleaning.

Verbal statements will be accepted during a public comment session at the public hearing for the official public record immediately following the formal presentation. Verbal comments may be restricted to time limitations based on the number of speakers. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written and verbal comments submitted prior to, during, and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in a subsequent environmental documentation. Comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period in the following ways:

1. Clear Path 465 Project website - www.in.gov/indot/3654.htm
2. Clear Path 465 email address - clearpath465@indot.in.gov
3. Parsons Office – Parsons, Attention Dan Miller, 101 W Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN 46204
4. INDOT Toll Free Number: 855-INDOT4U (463-6848) (Please mention Clear Path 465)

The public comment period for the EA began on September 30, 2020 and will end on October 29, 2020. INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted utilizing the options noted above by October 29, 2020.

In addition to the public hearing, a virtual public information meeting will be conducted by the Clear Path 465 Project Team on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm. The presentation will be conducted via WebEx, an online meeting platform. The presentation will be identical to the in-person public hearing presentation. Written comments will be accepted during the presentation and included in the official record. Verbal statements will be reserved for the public hearing. A link to access the online presentation and instructions can be found at www.in.gov/indot/3654.htm.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and with advance notice, INDOT will coordinate accommodations for persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids including, but not limited to sign language interpretation, alternative format documents and other ADA supportive services. In addition, and in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, INDOT will coordinate accommodation for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids and/or supportive services including, but not limited to alternative format documents and other services as needed. Should accommodation be required please contact Dan Miller of Parsons Daniel.j.miller@parsons.com, 101 W Ohio Street, Suite 2121, Indianapolis, IN, (317) 616-4663.

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. Current INDOT Public Involvement guidance, in response to COVID-19, can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/4039.htm>.