



DES. # 2000131

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for the proposed slide correction project (DES. # 2000131) along State Road (SR) 66, approximately 1.35 and 0.90 miles west of SR 70 Junction (Jct); from 1.42 miles to 1.28 miles and from 0.98 mile to 0.90 mile west of SR 70 Jct in Spencer County.

The purpose of this project is to prevent further damage to the roadway and to reduce maintenance needs in the area. The need for the project stems from two overhead slides occurring off the westbound shoulder of SR 66. Both slides are causing pavement distresses, primarily in the shoulder with potential to extend into the westbound travel lane.

The project proposes to correct the overhead slides occurring off the westbound shoulder of SR 66 by cutting back areas of failed materials and mitigating the embankment slide by installing non-gravity, cantilever soldier-pile and lagging retaining walls. Some areas of roadway will require full depth patching. The shoulder work will consist of patching as needed and the installation of a 4-foot aggregate shoulder along the westbound lanes in front of the lagging retaining walls. A 15-inch corrugated metal pipe (driveway culvert) located approximately 5 feet from the westbound travel lane at the western end of the slide located 1.35 miles west of SR 70 will be removed and replaced with in-kind.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.56 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.35 acre of re-acquired right-of-way. Temporary right-of-way is not anticipated. No relocations or displacements will occur as a result of the project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes a road closure of SR 66 for approximately ten months. An official state route detour utilizing US 231 and SR 70 will be used during construction. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is February 2026.

The project will result in a total of 0.028 acre of wetland impacts and 1.15 acres of tree removal.

The cost associated with this bundled contract is approximately \$10,236,100 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-2 are available for review at the following locations:

1. Spencer County Public Library, Grandview Branch – 403 Main Street, Grandview, IN 47615
2. INDOT Vincennes District Office – 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591 - 1-855-463-6848

3. INDOT Vincennes District website – <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-vincennes-district/vincennes-district-projects/>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Kelsey Boss at Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715 or at (812)-759-4107 or at kelsey.boss@lochgroup.com on or before Thursday, March 6, 2025.

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 Lochmueller Group, Inc. for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Kelsey Boss at kelsey.boss@lochgroup.com or (812)-759-4107. 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 Lochmueller Group, Inc. at kelsey.boss@lochgroup.com or (812)-759-4107.

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 Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.