



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DES. # 2200074 et al.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is developing plans for proposed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian facilities along both sides of U.S. 31 from County Line Road to Thompson Road (Des. # 2200074, 2200075, 2200076, 2200077) as well as a traffic signal project at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Shelby Street (Des. # 2301252) in Marion and Johnson Counties.

The need for the project stems from the lack of safe non-motorized access to the existing transit facilities and to essential commercial, educational, medical, and public use facilities along U.S. 31 between County Line Road and Thompson Road. An additional need stems from the traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Shelby Street reaching the end of its service life. The purpose of this project is to provide appropriate ADA compliant facilities for pedestrians to safely access the local transit system and essential services within the corridor. An additional purpose is to modernize the existing traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Shelby Street to ensure it meets current design standards.

The proposed project will construct ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps along both sides of U.S. 31 from County Line Road to Thompson Road (Des. # 2200074, 2200075, 2200076, and 2200077). The project will also include minor drainage improvements, the relocation of utility poles, and upgrading traffic signals with pedestrian heads/pushbuttons. Curb removal and replacement will occur at select locations. The existing storm sewer will be upgraded to accommodate the additional impervious surface created by the addition of sidewalks throughout the corridor. Ditch regrading may be necessary. Retaining walls and pedestrian rails will be installed to avoid impacts to existing culverts and waterways. A total of 16 IndyGo bus stop bump outs will be added along the project area.

Additionally, the proposed traffic signal work at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Shelby Street (Des. # 2301252) will include modernizing the signal with new strain poles for the signal heads along US 31 as well as utilizing a cantilever structure and ground-mounted signal head for the signal heads along Shelby Street.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.95 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.38 acres of temporary ROW. Approximately 0.006 acre of wetland impacts and 0.25 acre of tree clearing are anticipated. No relocations will occur.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will involve phased construction and temporary lane closures during construction. Due to the lack of pedestrian facilities throughout the corridor, there is no pedestrian MOT anticipated with the exception of the U.S. 31 and County Line Road intersection. 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 2026 and will last through the 2027 construction season.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$13,897,979, which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The 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:

1. Indianapolis Public Library – Southport Branch (2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227)
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office (32 S. Broadway Street, Greenfield, IN 46140) 1-855-INDOT4U
3. <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/greenfield-district-current-projects/>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to Lochmueller Group, attention to Ashley Taylor, Environmental Specialist, 1690 Broadway Street, Building 19, Suite 410, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46802, at (260) 399-3621, or via email at Ashley.Taylor@lochgroup.com on or before April 11th, 2025. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

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 Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Hung Thai Pham at (317) 467-3984 or at hpham@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 Greenfield District.

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.