



DES. # 2100231

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay maintenance project along State Road (SR) 10 from 0.58 mile east of the west junction of SR 39 to the east junction of SR 39, in Wayne Township in Starke County.

The purpose of the project is to address the deterioration and restore the pavement, provide a ride quality with an International Roughness Index (IRI) value of less than 70, and extend the service life of this section of SR 10 by at least nine years.

The need for the project is due to the deteriorating condition of the pavement on SR 10. According to the Pavement Scoping Application Report last edited on January 15, 2021, the existing pavement on SR 10 between the west junction of SR 39 and the east junction of SR 39 is rutted, cracked, and potholed. According to INDOT's Pathway data the IRI for the pavement within the project area averages 114 (acceptable condition). The IRI is the standard method used to measure the smoothness or ride-quality of pavement by measuring the vertical movement of a vehicle's suspension as it travels over a section of road. A lower IRI value indicates a smoother road, while a higher value indicates a rougher road. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers pavement with an IRI rating of less than 95 to be in "good" condition, an IRI rating from 96 to 170 to be in "acceptable" condition, and an IRI rating exceeding 170 to be in "poor" condition.

The project proposes to remove 2.0 inches of existing pavement and replace it with 2.0 inches of HMA. Center line and shoulder rumble strips will be included in the new pavement. At the North Judson Trail crossing of SR 10, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant 10.0-foot-wide pedestrian crossing will be constructed. The ADA treatments will include detectable warning surfaces on the north and south sides of the crosswalk and 24.0-inch-wide white painted lines. INDOT Culvert No. CLV-010-075-45.65 (CLV-29637) will be replaced with a larger culvert (63-foot-long, 24-inch diameter) to improve drainage in the project area. Riprap will be placed at the north culvert outfall for scour protection. The Brightspeed fiber optic cable lines located underground along the north side of SR 10, in the vicinity of INDOT Culvert No. CLV-010-075-45.65, will be relocated to accommodate the new culvert. Sections of the approach guardrail for INDOT Structure No. 010-75-06886 A over Bogus Run will be removed and replaced.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.08 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.62 acre of re-acquisitioned right-of-way.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes closing the project section of SR 10 for approximately four to six months. An official state route detour utilizing SR 39, US 421, and SR 8 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 Fall 2026.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$1,488,000, which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. 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. North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library, 208 Keller Ave., North Judson, IN
2. North Judson Town Hall, 310 Lane Street, North Judson, IN
3. INDOT LaPorte District Office, 315 Boyd Blvd., LaPorte, IN (1-855-INDOT4U)
4. INDOT LaPorte District Website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/laporte-district-projects/>

Emergency Situation Guidance: During emergency situations, public viewing locations may be limited or prohibited as part of the Notice of Planned Improvement. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. The notice must offer the public the opportunity to request project documents be mailed. INDOT and/or the project sponsor will mail project documents upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Shawna DeGraff at sdegraff@indot.in.gov, or 219-214-3442, on or before November 13, 2025.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT LaPorte District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact **Shawna DeGraff at sdegraff@indot.in.gov, or 219-214-3442.** 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 LaPorte 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.