



DES. # 2200045

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Intersection Improvement at U.S. 24 and C.R. 600 E in Cass County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on September 30, 2025, at the McHale Performing Arts Center in Logansport Community High School - 1 Berry Lane School Grounds, Logansport, IN 46947. The hearing presentation will begin at 6 p.m. ET. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for an open house where members of the public can learn more about the project and ask questions of the project team.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the intersection of U.S. 24 and County Road (C.R.) 600 East (E) in Cass County. The purpose of this project is to reduce the potential for “Left Turn, Right Turn or Angle” collisions. The need for this project stems from the high frequency and severity of crashes associated with vehicles attempting to cross paths at the intersection. Crash data for an analysis period from 2020 to August 2025 documented 43 crashes at the intersection, including 19 fatal or incapacitating crashes.

As proposed, the project involves replacing the existing intersection with a reduced conflict intersection to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes associated with vehicles attempting to cross paths, as collisions involving vehicles turning left or going straight on intersecting roads would be eliminated. This project would include:

- Construction of two median U-turns approximately 800 ft. on either side of the existing intersection with paved acceleration/deceleration lanes
- Removal of the existing left turn lanes, median crossover, and flashing traffic signal
- Installation of new lighting and signage
- Addition of new stormwater drainage pipes beneath the roadway

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves phased lane and shoulder closures on U.S. 24, with one through lane open in each direction at all times. MOT details will be presented during the public hearing. C.R. 600 E will remain open, and access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will not require any new permanent or temporary right-of-way.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to the natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information are available to view at the following locations:

1. Logansport-Cass County Public Library; 616 E. Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947; (574) 753-6383

2. INDOT Northwest District Office; 315 E. Boyd Boulevard; LaPorte, IN 46350; 855-INDOT4U (463-6848)
3. Hanson Professional Services Inc; 6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46278; (317) 293-9024
4. INDOT Northwest District webpage (bit.ly/US24CR600ECassCounty)

A project webpage has been created to ensure project information is available online via the INDOT Northwest District page (bit.ly/US24CR600ECassCounty).

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to Marie Spitler, Hanson Professional Services Inc., 6510 Telecom Drive Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Email espitler@hanson-inc.com.
INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by October 13, 2025.

Notice of Livestreamed Public Hearing: In accordance with Indiana Code 5-13-1.5-2.9, INDOT is offering livestreams of all public meetings and hearings. You must register in advance to participate in the livestream. The registration link can be found on the project webpage: bit.ly/US24CR600ECassCounty. Livestream audience comments will only be accepted in electronic form, not verbally.

A recording of the livestream and presentation will be posted on the project webpage on the INDOT Northwest website after the hearing and will be available for at least 90 days. The livestream recording will also be available on the INDOT YouTube page.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation at the public hearing venue or on the livestream and/or access to project information, including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required, please contact INDOT at (855) 463-6848 or Jackie Hockaday, INDOT Northwest District, at jhockaday@indot.in.gov or (574) 601-9352 at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing for additional assistance.

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 450.212(a)(7) stating: "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."; and 3) the *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* approved by the FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.