FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Road	No./County:	US 41 / Vanderburgh County							
Desig	nation Number(s):	2000186	2000186						
Projec Descr	ct iption/Termini:	Intersection Improvement for US 41 at Washington Avenue, approximately 0.87 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and State Road (SR) 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway)							
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	Categorical Exclusion	, Level 3 – Re	equired Signatories:	INDOT ESD					
	Categorical Exclusion	, Level 4 – Re	equired Signatories:	INDOT ESD an	d FHWA				
	Environmental Assess	sment (EA) –	Required Signatorie	s: INDOT ESD	and FHWA				
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Appro	val								
	INDOT	Γ DE Signature a	and Date	IN	IDOT ESD Signature and Date				
Relea	FHW se for Public Involver	VA Signature an	d Date RF	10/11/2022					
		_	INDOT DE Initials	and Date	INDOT ESD Initials and Date				
Certif	ication of Public Invo	lvement	IND	OT Consultant Sc	ervices Signature and Date				
			IND	OT CONSUITABLE SE	civices Signature and Date				
INDOT I	DE/ESD Reviewer Signatur	e and Date:							
Name	and Organization of CE/EA	Preparer:		Christine Meado	or, HNTB Corporation				

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		Part I -	Public In	<u>volvement</u>			
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Discuss what public involvement activities (legal notices, letters to affected property owners and residents (i.e., notice of entry),

meetings, special purpose meetings, newspaper articles, etc.) have occurred for this project.

Notice of Entry

Notice of Entry letters were mailed to potentially affected property owners near the project area on July 13, 2020, notifying them about the project and that individuals responsible for land surveying and field activities may be seen in the area. A sample copy of the Notice of Entry letter is included in Appendix G, pages 1-2.

Section 106

To meet the public involvement requirements of Section 106, a legal notice of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) finding of "No Adverse Effect" was published in *The Courier & Press*, with circulation in and around Evansville, Indiana, on August 11, 2022, offering the public an opportunity to submit comment pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e), and 800.6(a)(4). The public comment period closed August 29, 2022. A second notice was published on September 14, 2022, offering another two week comment period for a total of a 30 day comments period. The affidavits of publication and text of the public notices appear in Appendix D, pages 151-152, and 156-157. No comments were received.

Open House and Other Public Involvement

The public Open House was held on June 29, 2022, at Benjamin Bosse High School (Appendix G, pages 3-7) in conjunction with the Public Hearing for the US 41 Pedestrian Bridge (Des. No. 1902709) project. A notice of the public open house and public hearing was published in *The Courier & Press* on June 13 and 21, 2022. The notice was emailed to the project stakeholders and public who had provided contact information at previous meetings. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) advertised the hearing on the INDOT Southwest Facebook page. The advertisement included a video of the pedestrian bridge and how to access the bridge and an announcement of the intersection project. The video posted on June 23, 2022, received approximately 44,800 views and the video re-posted on June 28, 2022, received approximately 468 views. Multiple local news media reposted the INDOT Facebook announcement, provided additional public notice of the hearing via social media, and covered the hearing itself.

Twenty-five people signed in at the public hearing/open house. The open house session offered the public an opportunity to review display boards and discuss the project with the project team, Appendix G, pages 16-24. A video of how to navigate the proposed intersection was also shown.

Comments on the US 41 Intersection Improvement, as well as any comments on the US 41 pedestrian bridge, were requested by July 18, 2022. Two written comments were collected at the hearing and are included in Appendix G, pages 25-26. Both comments were in support for the project.

Due to the level of public interest in the project, INDOT determined that the project does meet the minimum requirements described in the current *Indiana Department Transportation (INDOT) Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual*, which require the project sponsor to offer the public an opportunity to submit comments and/or request a public hearing. Therefore, a legal notice will appear in a local publication contingent upon the release of this document for public involvement. Hard copies of the document will be available locally for review as well as on the INDOT project website. This document will be revised after the public involvement requirements are fulfilled.

Public Controversy on Environmental Grounds

Discuss public controversy concerning community and/or natural resource impacts, including what is being done during the project to minimize impacts.

At this time, there is no substantial public controversy concerning impacts to the community or to natural resources. Two comments from residents of adjacent neighborhoods responded negatively to the project in response to the early coordination request. As noted above, there was a public open house and comments received at the open house were supportive of the project.

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Sponsor of	the Project:	INDC	DΤ		II	NDOT	District:	Vincennes
Local Name	e of the Facility:	US 4	1					
Fun	ding Source (<i>mai</i>	rk all that apply)	: Federal	X State X	Local *	Other*		
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County:	Vanderburgh	_	Municipalit	y: Evansville				
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Location

INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intend to proceed with an intersection improvement project at US 41 and Washington Avenue in the city of Evansville. This project will utilize state and federal funds. This intersection improvement is located on US 41, approximately 0.87 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway) in an urban portion of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. More specifically, the project is located in Sections 28 and 33, Township 6 South, Range 10 West in Knight Township (Appendix B, pages 1-3). The proposed project area begins approximately 0.25 mile south of US 41 and Washington Avenue and extends to approximately 0.25 mile north of on US 41 and Washington Avenue. The project also begins along Washington Avenue approximately 430 feet (0.08 mile) west of its intersection with US 41 and extends approximately 1,010 feet (0.19 mile) east along Washington Avenue (Appendix B, pages 8-17).

Existing Conditions

US 41 is an urban principal arterial and is part of the US National Highway System (NHS). Within the project limits, US 41 includes four 12-foot through lanes and two turning lanes of varying width, with no sidewalks. Currently, the intersection of US 41 and Washington Avenue consists of two northbound and two southbound US 41 lanes with a left-turn lane and right turn lane for each direction separated by a grassy median. Washington Avenue consists of two thru lanes in each direction and a left turn lane in each direction at the intersection. One westbound thru lane at the intersection was recently converted to a right turn only to improve pedestrian safety until the pedestrian bridge is constructed. Washington Avenue is an urban minor arterial, not on the NHS with sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The Hi-Rail Pedestrian Trail runs along the west side of US 41 adjacent to the project limits and connects to the sidewalks on the north and south side of Washington Avenue. South of Blackford Avenue, the Hi-Rail Trail is situated two to three feet west of the existing limited access right-of-way fence and swings west as it approaches the north side of Washington Avenue. This shift in the trail incorporates landscape plantings, a bench, and signage for the gas station and restaurant situated at this corner. Currently, pedestrian and bicycle traffic cross Washington Avenue on the west side of US 41 using an at-grade crosswalk with transverse pavement markings and cross US 41 on the north side of Washington Avenue using an at-grade crosswalk with transverse pavement markings, median refuge, and push button signals. There is no existing crosswalk on the south or east side of Washington Avenue at this intersection. Note there is a pedestrian curb ramp at the western end of the sidewalk in the southeast quadrant of the intersection; however, this curb ramp does not connect to a pedestrian crosswalk, nor does it have a receiving curb ramp on the north side of Washington Avenue (Appendix B, page 11).

The primary surrounding land use is residential and commercial, with Benjamin Bosse High School on the east side of US 41, north of Washington Avenue, contributing to a majority of the surrounding pedestrian/bicycle traffic.

Preferred Alternative

The proposed project includes construction of a Boulevard Left intersection at US 41 and Washington Avenue. The project will reduce conflict points by relocating left turns from all legs of the main intersection to median U-turns located approximately 700 feet north and south of Washington Avenue. This intersection type retains the east-west connectivity on Washington Avenue. The Boulevard Left intersection has fewer signal phases than other types of reduced conflict intersections and provides better mobility to eastbound-westbound traffic on Washington Avenue.

The project will also include directional signage, maintenance of drainage within the project extents, replacement of traffic signals at the existing intersection, and installation of new traffic signals at the median U-turns. Utilities may be relocated if in conflict with the project. There is no permanent or temporary right-of-way acquisition anticipated for this project (Appendix B, pages 8-17).

Another project to provide a pedestrian overpass of US 41 at this intersection (Des. No. 1902709) is expected to be constructed just prior or at the same time as the construction of the intersection improvement. The pedestrian bridge project includes the bridge, relocation of a portion of the Hi-Rail Trail, new lighting, and the removal of the existing crosswalk and pedestrian refuge. INDOT is preparing a separate environmental documentation and preliminary plans for the pedestrian bridge under Des. No. 1902709. Both the intersection improvement project and the pedestrian crossing project have independent utility; however, each project is being designed as though the other project is in place in order to avoid any conflicts between the two projects. It is anticipated that both projects will be constructed by one contractor under one construction contract. It is anticipated that the projects will be constructed in phases, with the bridge construction first.

Traffic on US 41 is anticipated to be maintained with two lanes of traffic with reduced width during construction. Short term lane closures on nights and weekends may be required. Any median crossing work will be constructed prior to closing the intersection to

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allow for movements to be open during construction. Pedestrian maintenance of traffic will be required. Maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the pedestrian bridge and the RCI projects will be coordinated as necessary. More information about the MOT plan is included in the MOT section of this document.

Logical Termini/Independent Utility

Project termini extend from approximately 1,000 feet north and south of Washington Avenue from the intersection of US 41 and Washington Avenue. These termini are logical, as they are rational end points for a transportation improvement including an area sufficient to construct the project, evaluate environmental impacts, and are of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope. This project has independent utility because it will be a reasonable expenditure of funds even if no additional transportation improvements are made, does not add project components that would require future efforts to complete, or rely on other projects to meet the project purpose and need.

The preferred alternative will meet the purpose and need of the project by eliminating conflict points within the intersection, improving safety.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Provide a header for each alternative. Describe all discarded alternatives, including the No Build Alternative. Explain why each discarded alternative was not selected. Make sure to state how each alternative meets or does not meet the Purpose and Need and why.

An Abbreviated Engineering Report, dated January 9, 2020, was prepared for this project. An excerpt of the report is located in Appendix I, pages 11-26. The report recommended conversion of this intersection to a median U-turn (MUT). A MUT would eliminate left-turns at the intersection by utilizing signalized U-turn access points on US 41. A loon would be necessary at each of the U-turn locations to allow trucks to make the turn (Appendix I, page 12).

The US 41 Intersection Analysis evaluated eight different intersection types, including two types of MUT intersections. Alternatives were evaluated to determine if they were feasible and reasonable given site characteristics, right-of-way, and existing geometry. To be considered feasible, an intersection would not require right-of-way acquisition and be compatible with the pedestrian crossing. The intersection alternatives were also evaluated to determine if they addressed the identified needs in a manner appropriate for the scale of the problem, if they improved or preserved the existing traffic safety and mobility performance, and if the intersection type would be considered viable in terms of traffic operations in the design year 2046. See Table 1 for reference to the eight alternatives evaluated (Appendix I, page 9).

Table 1: Initial Intersection Type Screening (from US 41 Intersection Analysis)

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Intersection Type	Feasible or Infeasible
Conventional intersection	
The existing configuration is a conventional intersection. The existing intersection could achieve better	r Infeasible
mobility with improvements (added left turn lanes) but would not be feasible because of right-of-way impacts	
Boulevard left (MUT)	
A boulevard left turn intersection will be further analyzed because it could address traffic operations and	l Feasible
safety needs at the intersection and can be constructed with little or no right-of-way.	
J-Turn/RCUT (MUT)	
An RCUT intersection will be further analyzed because it could address traffic operations and safety needs	s Feasible
at the intersection and can be constructed with little or no right-of-way.	
Roundabout intersection	
A roundabout intersection would not provide adequate capacity for the traffic on US	Infeasible
41. There would also be significant right-of-way impacts if a roundabout were constructed.	
Displaced left turn intersection/Jug-handle intersection/Quadrant roadway intersection	
A displaced left turn, jug-handle intersection, or quadrant roadway intersection would have significant right	- Infeasible
of-way impacts.	
Offset "T" intersection	
An offset "T" intersection is not feasible at this intersection because there would be significant right-of-way	Infeasible
impacts.	

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southern end o	of the project will	be abandoned in place by	filling with grout. Of	her buried stormwater	d concrete pipes (RCPs) at the pipes in the project area will be project area (Appendix B, pages
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MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT) DURING CONSTRUCTION:

Is a temporary bridge proposed? Is a temporary roadway proposed? Will the project involve the use of a detour or require a ramp of Provisions will be made for access by local traffic and so perovisions will be made for through-traffic dependent busing Provisions will be made to accommodate any local special Will the proposed MOT substantially change the environmentals there substantial controversy associated with the proposed Discuss closures and/or facilities (if any) that will be provided for maintern measures should be quantified to the extent possible, particularly with research.	osted. nesses. events or festivals. al consequences of the method for MOT? nance of traffic. Any kn	e action?	
wetlands. Any local concerns about access and traffic flow should be de Traffic on US 41 is expected to be maintained in both directions during contravel way. Washington Ave is to remain open during construction. Any intersection to allow for traffic movements to be open during construction. complete shoulder strengthening activities. The two lanes will be maintained.	nstruction. Most of the commedian crossing work w	vill be constructed price one lane in each direct	or to the closing of the
The closures/lane restrictions will pose a temporary inconvenience to travelin no significant delays are anticipated, and all inconveniences and delays will			ncy services); however,
ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND SCHEDULE:			
Anticipated Start Date of Construction: Spring 2023 *Project costs are reflective of total costs inclusive of the US 41 pedest improvement project. Note all local funds included in the TIP are alloca Note right-of-way costs listed are associated with the US 41 Pedestriar RIGHT OF WAY:	ted to the US 41 Pedestri	an bridge (Des. No. 19	
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Commercial	0	0	
Agricultural	0	0	
Forest	0	0	
Wetlands Other:	0	0	
Other:	0	0	
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Describe both Permanent and Temporary right-of-way and describe the (existing and proposed) should also be discussed. Any advance acquired suspected, and their impacts on the environmental analysis should be. The existing right-of-way along US 41 ranges from 130 feet to 176 feet wide / maintained grassed yard. The right-of-way on Washington Avenue is 70 fee grassed buffer. This project will occur within existing right-of-way. No per (Appendix B, pages 8-17). If the scope of work or permanent or temporary right-of-way amounts change the project of the project will be contexted introduction.	isition, reacquisition or discussed. within the project corridor the wide and consists of the the mannent or temporary response.	or and consists of existing roadway, si ight-of-way will be re	ng roadway and mowed dewalk, and occasional quired for this project.
District Environmental Section will be contacted immediately. This is page 8 of 26 Project name: US 41 Intersection Improve	ement	Date: Septe	ember 30, 2022

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<u>Part III – Identification and Evaluation of Impacts of the Proposed</u> <u>Action</u>

SECTION A - EARLY COORDINATION:

List the date(s) coordination was sent and all resource agencies that were contacted as a part of the development of this Environmental Study. Also, include the date of their response or indicate that no response was received.

Agency	Date Sent	Date Response Received	Appendix
Akin Park Neighborhood Association	July 9, 2021	July 13, 2021	Appendix C, page 9
Vanderburg Area Plan Commission	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Ballard Neighborhood Association	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood Association	July 9, 2021	July 19, 2021	Appendix C, page 10
BOSS, Inc.	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Bosse High School	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City Common Council - Ward 4	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville – Engineering	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville – Mayors Office	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville Parks and Recreation	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville Police Department	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville Transportation and Services	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE)	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Vanderburgh County Council	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Crossroads Community Baptist Church	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Deaconess Health System	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
astside Baptist Church	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
CHO Housing Corporation	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
conomic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Area Trails Coalition	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Bicycle Club	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Black Chamber	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Promise Zone, Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Metropolitan Planning Organization	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Promise Zone	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Vanderburgh School Corp.	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
ederal Highway Administration	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Greater Lincolnshire Neighborhood Association	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Frowth Alliance for Greater Evansville	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
anderburgh County Highway Department	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
IOLA Evansville	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
ndiana Department of Natural Resources	July 9, 2021	August 6, 2021	Appendix C, pages 5
NDOT Vincennes District Environmental Services	July 9, 2021	July 12, 2021	Appendix C, page 7
ndiana Department of Transportation – Environmental Services	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
ommunications Director, Indiana Department of Transportation	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
tilities and Railroads, Indiana Department of Transportation	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
idiana Department of Transportation - Cultural Resources	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
idiana Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation	July 9, 2021	July 9, 2021	Appendix C, page 4
idivisible Evansville	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
atino Chamber Alliance	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
vansville Department of Transportation and Services, Metropolitan Evansville Transit ystem (METS)	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
IAACP, Evansville Chapter	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
residents Neighborhood Association	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA
Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce	July 9, 2021	No Response Received	NA

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	gement – City of Evans	ville		July 9, 2021	No Response Received	
	ty Surveyor's Office			July 9, 2021	July 12, 2021	Appendix C, page 8
United Neighborho				July 9, 2021	No Response Received	
	ty Board of Commission	ners		July 9, 2021	No Response Received	
	ty Engineers Office			July 9, 2021	No Response Received	
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	t of Environmental Man	nagement via wehform		July 9, 2021	August 9, 2021	Appendix C, pages 11-17
	and Water Survey, via			July 9, 2021	August 9, 2021	Appendix C, pages 18-20
All applicable re	commendations are	e included in the E	nvironmenta	l Commitments sect	ion of this CE docum	nent.
SECTION B - I	ECOLOGICAL RI	ESOURCES:				
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Streams,	Rivers, Watercou	ırses & Other Juri	sdictional F	eatures		
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	County Endar response lette date, no plant vicinity." An	esktop review and the RFI repongered, Threatened and Rare or dated August 6, 2021 (Apport or animal species listed as st INDOT 0.5-mile bat review within 0.5-mile of the project	(ETR) Specie endix C, pages tate or federally occurred on J	s List has been 5-6), the Nat y threatened,	en checked. Accord ural Heritage Progr endangered, or rare	ing to the IDI am's Databas have been rep	NR-DFW earling has been of the occurrence of the	arly coordination checked, and "To cur in the project
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Protection Pr there no karst did not indica moderate liqu sand and grav	esktop review, the project is land the top features identified within or a feature that karst features exist in the faction potential and that the rel resources. There are no act to Response from IGWS was considered.	oo map of the proj djacent to the proj the project area (e project is protective or abandoned	ect area (Append ject area. In the ea (Appendix C, pag ted by a levee. The mineral resource	ix B, page 3) rly coordinatings 18-20). There is high page extraction si	and the RFI rep ion response da ne IGWS respo otential for bed ites documented	poort (Appendix E, page 3), ted August 9, 2022, IGWS onse indicated that there is drock resources, as well as d in the area (Appendix C,
SECTION C	- OTHER RESOURCES					
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If Y	project located in the St. Jose 'es, is the FHWA/EPA SSA M 'es, is a Groundwater Assess	OU Applicable?	quifer (SSA):		Yes	No X
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Water Wells						
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floodplain as	na Department of os.dnr.in.gov/appsphp/fdms determined from approved I within the guidelines for the control of	/) was accessed IDNR floodplai	n maps (App	endix F, page 5). Th	This project in this area is pro	tected by a levee. Therefo
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Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

Evansville Historic Preservation Commission

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO)

Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation

Historic Southern Indiana

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office

Old Evansville Historic Association

Preservation Alliance of Evansville

Presidents Neighborhood Association

Vanderburgh County Commissioners

Vanderburgh County Highway Engineer

Vanderburgh County Highway Superintendent

Vanderburgh County Historian

Vanderburgh County Historical Society

Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor of Evansville

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Shawnee Tribe

United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians

The following responses were received from the August 2, 2021, correspondence:

On September 9, 2021, SHPO staff responded to the ECL and indicated that a dual review had commenced for the project (Appendix D, pages 66-68). The Dual Review process evaluates projects under both Section 106 and state law historic preservation law concurrently.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe responded to the ECL on October 4, 2021, accepting consulting party status. In addition, they stated, "...should this project inadvertently discover an archeological site or object(s) we request that you immediately contact the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, as well as the appropriate state agencies (within 24 hours). We also ask that all ground disturbing activity stop until the Tribe and State agencies are consulted. Please note that any future changes to this project will require additional consultation" (Appendix D, page 69).

No further responses were received regarding the ECL.

Archaeology:

A qualified professional archaeologist reviewed the proposed project area and determined the proposed intersection improvement project in Vanderburgh County will not likely affect archaeological resources due to the project setting. The project will be within existing disturbed right-of-way. Furthermore, the soils throughout the project area have likely been disturbed by earth moving associated with a series of construction and demolition episodes occurring around the intersection during the late twentieth and early twenty first centuries, as well as previous maintenance and improvements to the intersection itself and the installation and maintenance of buried utilities. Surficial evidence of these disturbances was noted during a visual inspection of the project area.

The project area does not appear to have been previously surveyed for archaeological resources. However, according to the State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Database (SHAARD), two previously recorded archaeological sites (12Vg1824 and 12Vg1825) are located within or adjacent to the project area. Site 12Vg1824 is a historic industrial site associated with machinist, elevator, and hot water apparatus manufacturing operations. Site 12Vg1825 is a historic lumber mill site. Both sites were recorded by researchers at Indiana State University. Based solely on historic map data and given the extent of subsequent disturbances at this location, it is unlikely that any intact archaeological deposits associated with these sites remain.

A review of historic map data revealed that an abandoned interurban line may transect the project area. This line followed Washington Avenue, running east and west, and is mapped within the roadway. It was established by the Evansville Railroad Company in 1866 and operated until 1939. At the time of abandonment, the line was owned by Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. An abandoned segment of the Illinois Central Railroad also transects the project area, extending north south along the west side of US 41. What

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remained of the track bed at this location has been repurposed as a trail for cyclist and pedestrian use.

Given the disturbed character of the project area and its correspondingly low potential to contain intact archaeological deposits, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed without additional archaeological study.

On September 9, 2021, SHPO staff stated, "In terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the SHPO, it is our understanding that portions of the proposed project area lie within portions of two previously recorded industrial archaeological sites--12-Vg-1824 (a historical industrial site associated with machinist, elevator, and hot water apparatus manufacturing operations) and 12-Vg-1825 (a historical lumber mill site)--and within portions of an abandoned interurban line (Evansville Railroad Company/Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co.; established in 1866, and operated until 1939) and an abandoned segment of the Indiana Central Railroad. However, it is our understanding, from the submission and from additional/clarifying information contained in the September 8, 2021, e-mail message from Andy V. Martin (CRA, Inc.) to Wade T. Tharp (Indiana DNR-DHPA) that modern development (i.e., recent building construction, utilities installation, and grading related to road and ditch construction) within the areas of the previously recorded industrial archaeological sites are likely to have negatively affected the integrity of any extant archaeological deposits." (Appendix D, page 66-67).

Historic Properties:

In August 2021, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. (CRA) conducted a site visit of the APE and documented all above-ground resources that will be 50 years of age or older at the time of project letting (2024). The APE was investigated for the existence of any buildings, structures, objects, or districts listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP.

A Historic Property Report (HPR) was completed and sent to consulting parties on December 13, 2021. CRA recommended that the Lincolnshire Historic District (NR-0908) continue to be listed in the NRHP Criteria A and C for its significance relating to architecture, commerce, and community planning and development. CRA also recommended the Akin Park Historic District (IHSSI No. 163-196-430) as eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A and C as it illustrates a planned and meticulously designed neighborhood in Evansville during the early to mid-twentieth century with excellent examples of early and mid-twentieth century architectural styles shown on locally designed residences (Appendix D, pages 72-76).

The SHPO responded to the HPR in a letter dated January 7, 2022. They concurred with the recommendation that the Akin Park Historic District was eligible for listing in the NRHP and that the Lincolnshire Historic District remains eligible for listing in the NRHP. Additionally, they also stated, "In regard to the residential area north of Washington Avenue, bounded on the west by South Kerth Avenue, on the north by East Gum Street and on the east by US 41 that was evaluated to determine its potential as a mid-century historic district, we agree with the conclusions of the HPR that this area is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under the Residential Planning and Development in Indiana, 1940-1973 Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF). However, we have taken note of the nearby Bayard Park Historic District (NR-0756), which was listed in the NRHP on June 27, 1985, but is located outside of this project's area of potential effects. In reviewing the area surrounding the district, we believe that if the nomination for the Bayard Park Historic District was ever updated and its period of significance expanded, it is probable that its eastern boundary would be extended farther to the east. However, for the purposes of the dual review of this undertaking, we agree that the Lincolnshire Historic District and the Akin Park Historic District are the only historic properties located within the project's APE" (Appendix D, page 77).

No further responses were received regarding the HPR.

The Lincolnshire Historic District (NR-0908) was listed in the NRHP in 1989 under Criteria A and C for its significance relating to commerce, community planning and development, and architecture with a period of significance between 1913 and 1940. The district contains 97 "contributing" and 22 "noncontributing" resources that are a mix of Tudor and Colonial Revival commercial and residential properties from the early to mid-twentieth century, some of which were designed by Anderson & Veatch, an Evansville design firm Publicly owned resources within the district include Benjamin Bosse High School (IHSSI No. 163-196-41045), "Outstanding;" and Enlow Field (IHSSI No. 163-196-41044), "Outstanding."

Akin Park Historic District (IHSSI No. 163-196-430) is an excellent example of community planning and development in Evansville during the early to mid-twentieth century. The architecturally diverse residences represent the desire to have a fashionable, well-planned residential neighborhood utilizing local architects. Approximately 190 previously surveyed resources range from "contributing" to "outstanding," and are set within an urban landscape dotted with mature trees. The district also contains approximately 21 "noncontributing" resources. The resources are a mix of single-family and multifamily dwellings along with Akin Park. The district features an array of architectural styles such as Craftsman Bungalows, Colonial Revival, Contemporary, Tudor Revival, and vernacular.

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The Akin Park Historic District is recommended eligible under Criterion A as it illustrates a planned and meticulously designed neighborhood in Evansville during the early to mid-twentieth century. Evidence of a planned neighborhood include the boulevards and centrally located park of which the residential neighborhood is centered around.

The Akin Park Historic District is also recommended eligible under Criterion C. The district features a cohesive collection of representative structures that embody the distinctive characteristics of early and mid-twentieth century architectural styles with original materials and forms along with locally designed residences.

The project intends to reconfigure the existing intersection of US 41 and Washington Avenue using a Boulevard Left intersection, along with new directional signage, and the installation of new traffic signals at the median U-turn locations. The intersection will be visible from the Lincolnshire Historic District and the Akin Park Historic District, but it will not alter the districts' ability to convey their significance relating to architecture, commerce, and community planning and development.

Overall, the proposed project will have minimal visual effects to the Lincolnshire Historic District and its "outstanding" structure, Enlow Field, or the Akin Park Historic District. The overall historic integrity of the districts will remain. The districts will still maintain their association with architecture, community planning and development, and commerce as the resources themselves will not be altered.

Documentation Finding:

According to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) "An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the NRHP in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association."

According to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) the criteria of adverse effect do not apply. The proposed project will not alter the Lincolnshire Historic District's setting as none of the activities associated with the project occur within the district, only adjacent to it. The traffic signals and signage located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41 will be replaced in-kind with modern materials of approximately the same height. Replacement in-kind of modern materials will not affect the district's setting as a form of these utilities has existed at the intersection for over 50 years. Additionally, a Boulevard Left intersection will result in the construction of two U-turns and the addition of traffic signals at each U-turn, eliminating the left-turn lanes for northbound and southbound lanes of US 41, also near, but not within the historic district.

Work associated with the alteration of the intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41 will be minimally visible from the historic district, as the work will occur at or near surface grade or will involve the replacement of existing more visible items, such as traffic signals and signage. The traffic signals and signage will be replaced in-kind with modern materials of approximately the same height in approximately the same location. New traffic signals will be placed at each median U-turn and will be suspended from strain poles located within the grassed right-of-way between the edge of pavement and the right-of-way fence. However, the work will not alter the district's ability to convey its significance.

The proposed project will not alter the Akin Park Historic District's setting as none of the activities associated with the project occur within the district. The traffic signals and signage located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41 will be replaced inkind with modern materials of approximately the same height. Replacement in-kind of modern materials will not affect the district's setting as a form of these utilities has existed at the intersection for over 50 years. Additionally, a Boulevard Left intersection will result in the construction of two U-turns and the addition of traffic signals at each U-turn, eliminating the left turn lanes for northbound and southbound lanes of US 41, also near, but not within the historic district.

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On August 3, 2022, SHPO staff responded to the Finding of Section 800.11 finding of No Adverse Effect (Appendix D, pages 153-155). They indicated their concurrence with "the INDOT's July 21, 2022, Section 106 finding of "No Adverse Effect" on behalf of FHWA for this federal undertaking. Furthermore, since there will be no adverse impact to Lincolnshire Historic District (NR-0908) or the Akin Park Historic District (IHSSI# 163-196-43001-213), we have determined, pursuant to 312 IAC 20-4-11.5(f), that with a finding of "No Adverse Effect" under 36 C.F.R. 800, a certificate of approval from the Review Board is not necessary. Accordingly,

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located on the Bosse High Sc public recreation school and the	Benjamin Bosse High School is an outstanding resource within the Lincolnshire Historic District and is a publicly owned high school located on the northeast corner of US 41 and Washington Avenue. Enlow Field is the football stadium associated with the Benjamin Bosse High School. These resources are considered Section 4(f) resources as part of the Lincolnshire Historic District. There is no public recreational use of the high school or Enlow Field that would qualify for protection under Section 4(f). Public access to the school and the recreational fields is limited, and Enlow Field, including the parking lot, is gated and locked prohibiting public access except during specific times.									
<u>Hi-Rail Trail</u>										
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	tion in TIP (if applicable):			Page 40					
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Date R	FI concurrence by INDOT S	SAM (if applicable): Jan	uarv 14. 2022	

Include a summary of the potential hazardous material concerns found during review. Discuss in depth sites found within, directly adjacent to, or ones that could impact the project area. Refer to current INDOT SAM guidance. If additional documentation (special provisions, pay quantities, etc.) will be needed, include in discussion. Include applicable commitments.

Based on a review of GIS and available public records, a RFI was completed on January 13, 2022, by HNTB (Appendix E, pages 1-9). One State Cleanup Site, five Underground Storage Tank (UST) sites, one Voluntary Remediation Program, eight Leaking Underground Storage (LUST) Sites, two Institutional Controls site, and 13 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Facilities are located within 0.5 mile of the project area.

One (1) State Cleanup site could affect the project area. Clayton's 1 (AI #40425) is located at 1400 Washington Avenue at the northeast corner of Washington Avenue and Lodge Avenue, approximately 0.15 mile east of the project area. Although not mapped in the GIS layer, this site is also a Voluntary Remediation Program site. The site was used as a dry-cleaning facility from sometime prior to 1956 until 1982. Contaminants of Concern (COCs), including tetrachloroethylene (TCE) and its degradation products, were discovered in November 2008 during a limited subsurface investigation. According to the First Quarter 2021 Groundwater Monitoring Report (Troy Risk, Inc., April 8, 2021), the dissolved chlorinated solvent plume is widespread on and off-site, extending several blocks southwest of the site. The groundwater flow is to the southwest and the depth of groundwater varies between 8 and 17 feet below ground surface. The contaminate plume for vinyl chloride is noted extending from the site at Washington Avenue and Lodge Avenue southwest to just east of Henning Avenue and north of Madison Avenue which is approximately 0.1 mile east of the project. If de-watering will be utilized, then coordination with INDOT SAM will occur before RFC.

One NPDES facility, Benjamin Bosse High School, is located adjacent to the project area. The permit is in effect and expires May 8, 2022. An early coordination letter was sent to Benjamin Bosse High School on July 9, 2021. No response was received.

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PERMITS CHECKLIST	
Permits (mark all that apply)	Likely Required
Army Corps of Engineers (404/Section10 Perm Nationwide Permit (NWP) Regional General Permit (RGP) Individual Permit (IP) Other IN Department of Environmental Management (401/Rule 5) Nationwide Permit (NWP) Regional General Permit (RGP) Individual Permit (IP) Isolated Wetlands Rule 5 Other IN Department of Natural Resources Construction in a Floodway Navigable Waterway Permit Other Mitigation Required US Coast Guard Section 9 Bridge Permit Others (Please discuss in the discussion below	X
project will be constructed at the same time as the US 4	on Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit, formerly Rule 5. However, the 1 RCI project, which will also involve ground disturbance. Therefore, then Control Permit if both projects together meet the permit impact threshold
	gencies are included in the Environmental Commitments section of the ditions of the permit will be requirements of the project and will supersed
t is the responsibility of the project sponsor to identify a	and obtain all required permits.
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS	
all commitments and include the name of agency/organiuld be numbered.	ization requesting/requiring the commitment(s). Listed commitments

- If the scope of work or permanent or temporary right-of-way amounts change, the INDOT Environmental Services Division (ESD) and the INDOT District Environmental Section will be contacted immediately. (INDOT ESD and INDOT District)
- 2. It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to notify school corporations and emergency services at least two weeks prior to any construction that would block or limit access. (INDOT ESD)
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Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds

	PCE	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4 ¹
Section 106	Falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	"No Historic Properties Affected"	"No Adverse Effect"	-	"Adverse Effect" Or Historic Bridge involvement ²
Stream Impacts ³	No construction in waterways or water bodies	< 300 linear feet of stream impacts	≥ 300 linear feet of stream impacts	-	USACE Individual 404 Permit4
Wetland Impacts ³	No adverse impacts to wetlands	< 0.1 acre	-	< 1.0 acre	≥ 1.0 acre
Right-of-way ⁵	Property acquisition for preservation only or none	< 0.5 acre	≥ 0.5 acre	-	-
Relocations ⁶	None	-	-	< 5	≥ 5
Threatened/Endangered Species (Species Specific Programmatic for Indiana bat & northern long eared bat)*	"No Effect", "Not likely to Adversely Affect" (With select AMMs ⁷)	"Not likely to Adversely Affect" (With any AMMs or commitments)	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"	Project does not fall under Species Specific Programmatic 8
Threatened/Endangered Species (Any other species)*	Falls within guidelines of USFWS 2013 Interim Policy or "No Effect"	"Not likely to Adversely Affect"	-	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"
Environmental Justice	No disproportionately high and adverse impacts	-	-	-	Potential ⁹
Sole Source Aquifer	No Detailed Groundwater Assessment	-	-	-	Detailed Groundwater Assessment
Floodplain	No Substantial Impacts	-	-	-	Substantial Impacts
Section 4(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any ¹⁰
Section 6(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any
Permanent Traffic Alteration	None	-	-	-	Any
Noise Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	Yes
Annual Level	No	-	-	-	Yes ¹¹
 Approval Level District Env. (DE) Env. Serv. Div. (ESD) FHWA 	Concurrence by DE or ESD	DE or ESD	DE or ESD	DE and/or ESD	DE and/or ESD; and FHWA

¹ Coordinate with INDOT Environmental Services Division. INDOT will then coordinate with the appropriate FHWA Environmental Specialist.

² Any involvement with a bridge processed under the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement.

³ Total permanent impacts to streams (linear feet) and wetlands (acres).

⁴US Army Corps of Engineers Individual 404 Permit

⁵ Total permanent and temporary right-of-way. This does not include reacquisition of existing apparent right-of-way.

⁶ If any relocations are within an area with a known or suspected Environmental Justice (EJ) or disadvantaged population, or has greater than 5 relocations, a conversation with FHWA, through INDOT ESD, is needed to confirm NEPA classification and outreach plan for the project.

⁷ Avoidance and Mitigation Measures (AMMs) determined by the IPAC determination key to be required that are not tree AMMs, bridge AMMs, or structure AMMs.

⁸ Projects that do not fall under a Species Specific Programmatic and results in a "Likely to Adversely Affect". Other findings can be processed as a lower-level CE.

⁹ Potential for causing a disproportionately high and adverse impact.

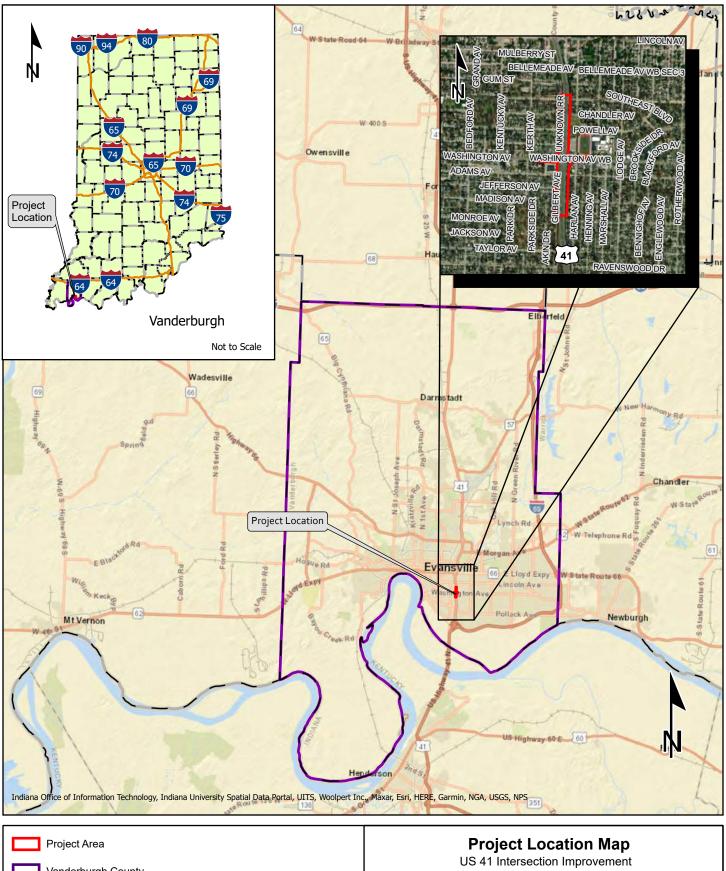
¹⁰ Section 4(f) use resulting in an Individual, Programmatic, or *de minimis* evaluation. The only exception is a *de minimis* evaluation for historic properties (Effective January 2, 2020). If a historic property *de minimis* and no other use, mark the *None* column.

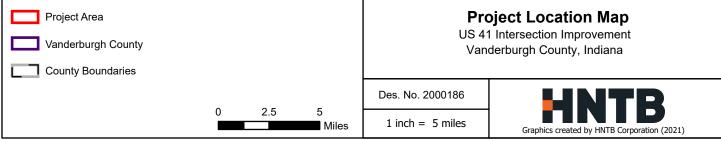
¹¹ Hot Spot Analysis and/or MSAT Quantitative Emission Analysis.

^{*} Includes the threatened/endangered species critical habitat

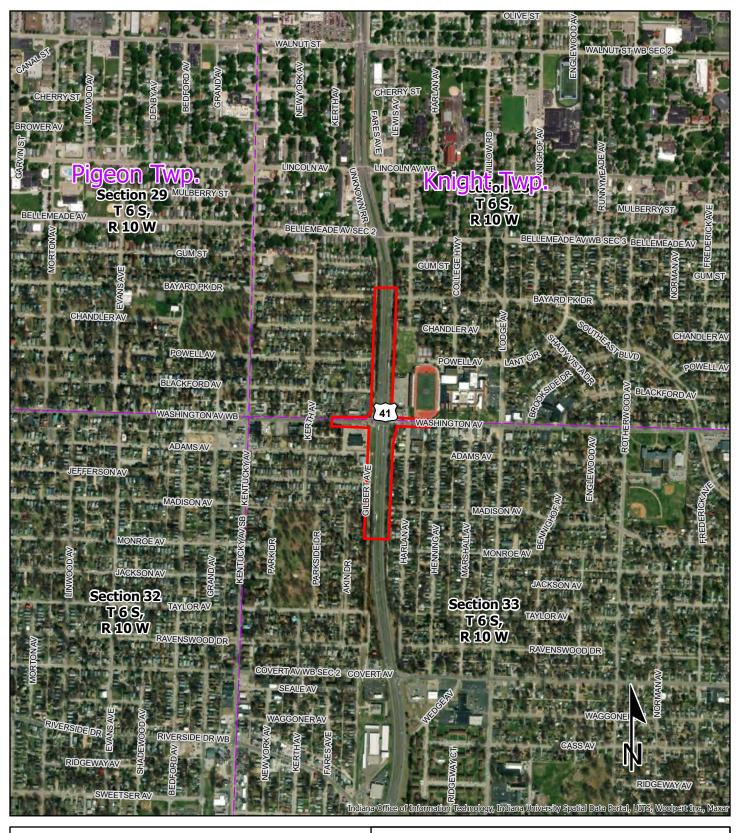
Note: Substantial public or agency controversy may require a higher-level NEPA document.

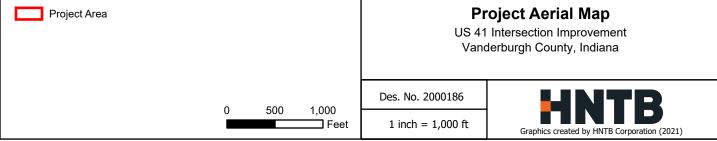
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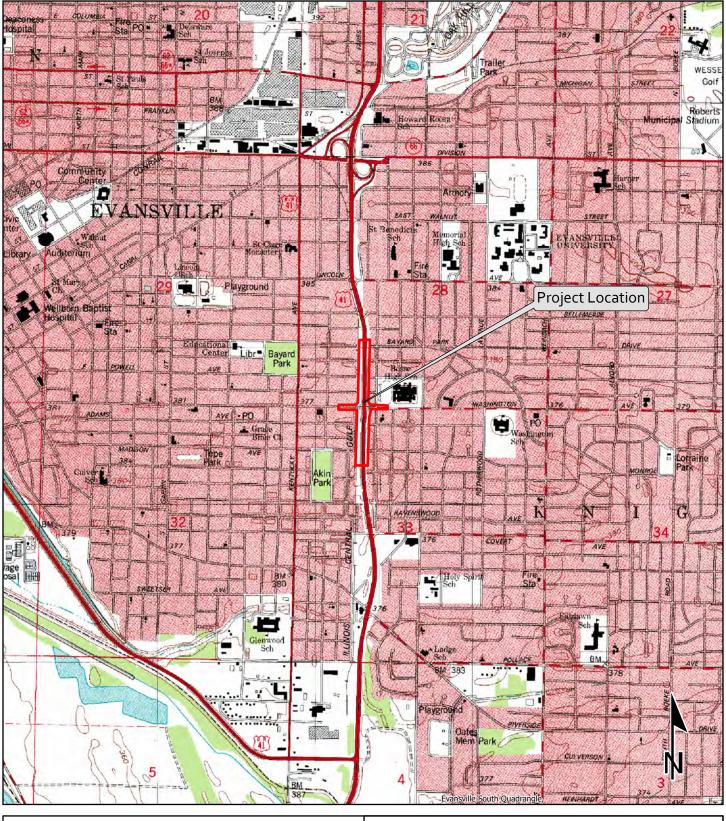


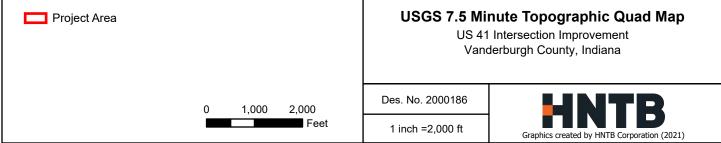
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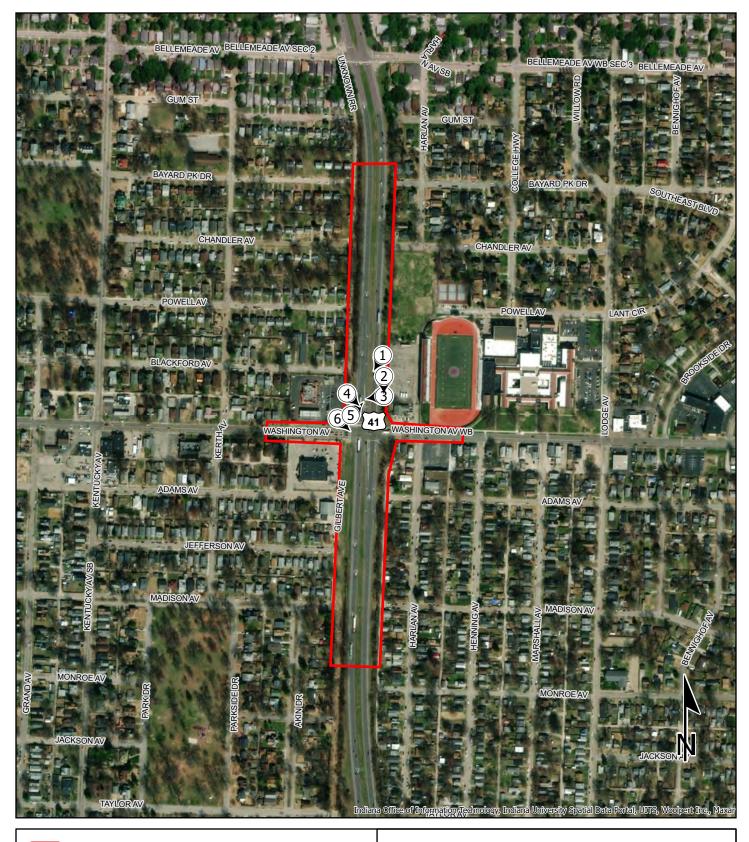


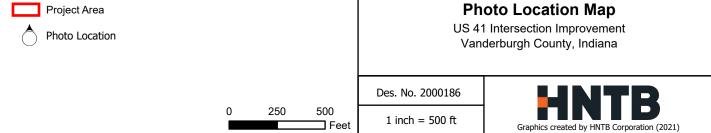
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1. Looking southwest at intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41



2. Looking south at the intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41 $_{\mbox{\footnotesize Appendix B, Page 5 of 17}}$



3. Looking west across US 41 from 175 feet north of Washington Avenue



4. Looking southeast at intersection of Washington Avenue and US 41 $_{\mbox{\footnotesize Appendix B, Page 6 of 17}}$



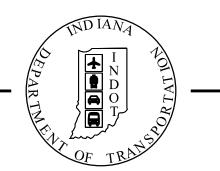
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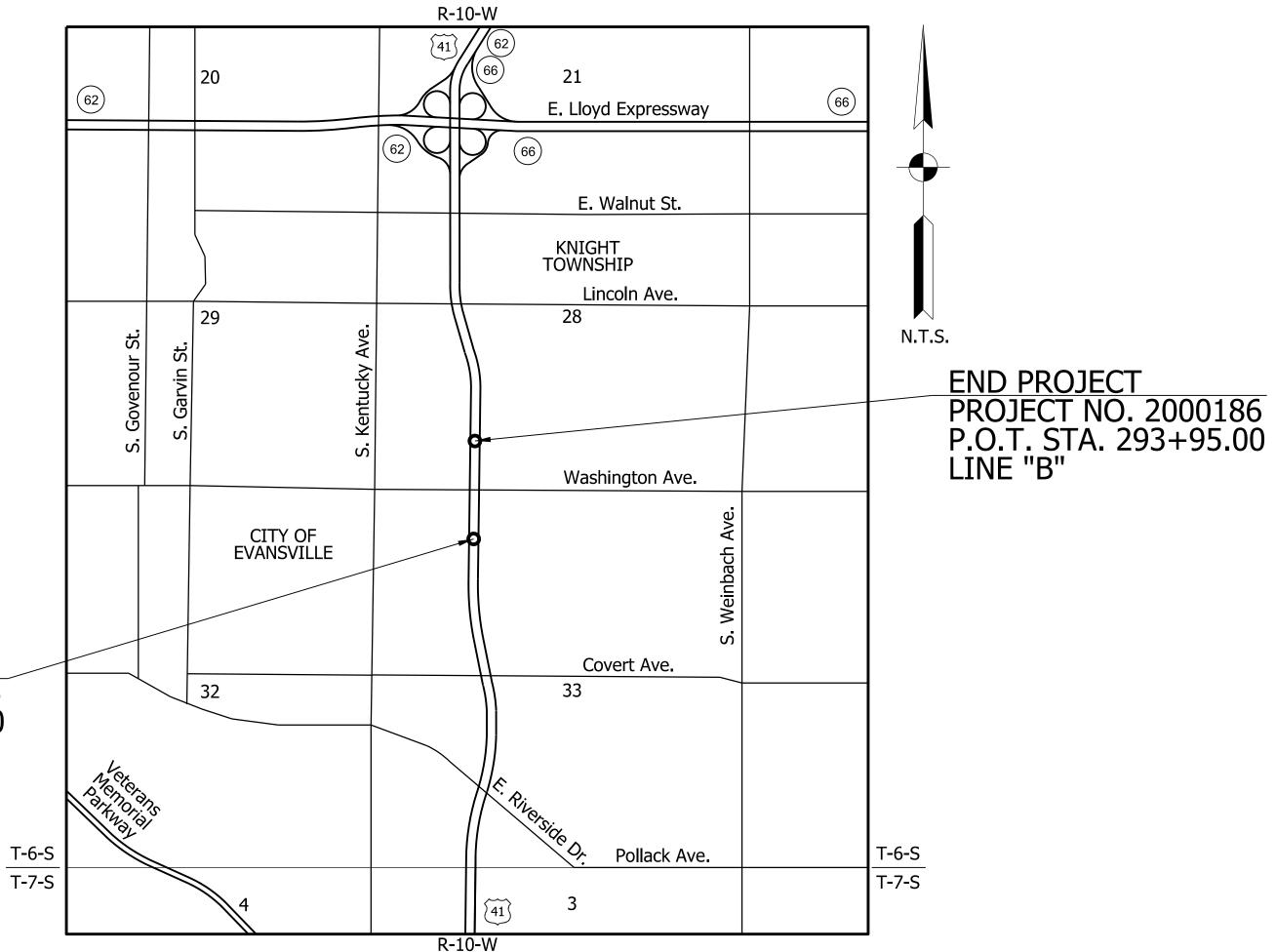
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CITY OF EVANSVILLE, KNIGHT TOWNSHIP,

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

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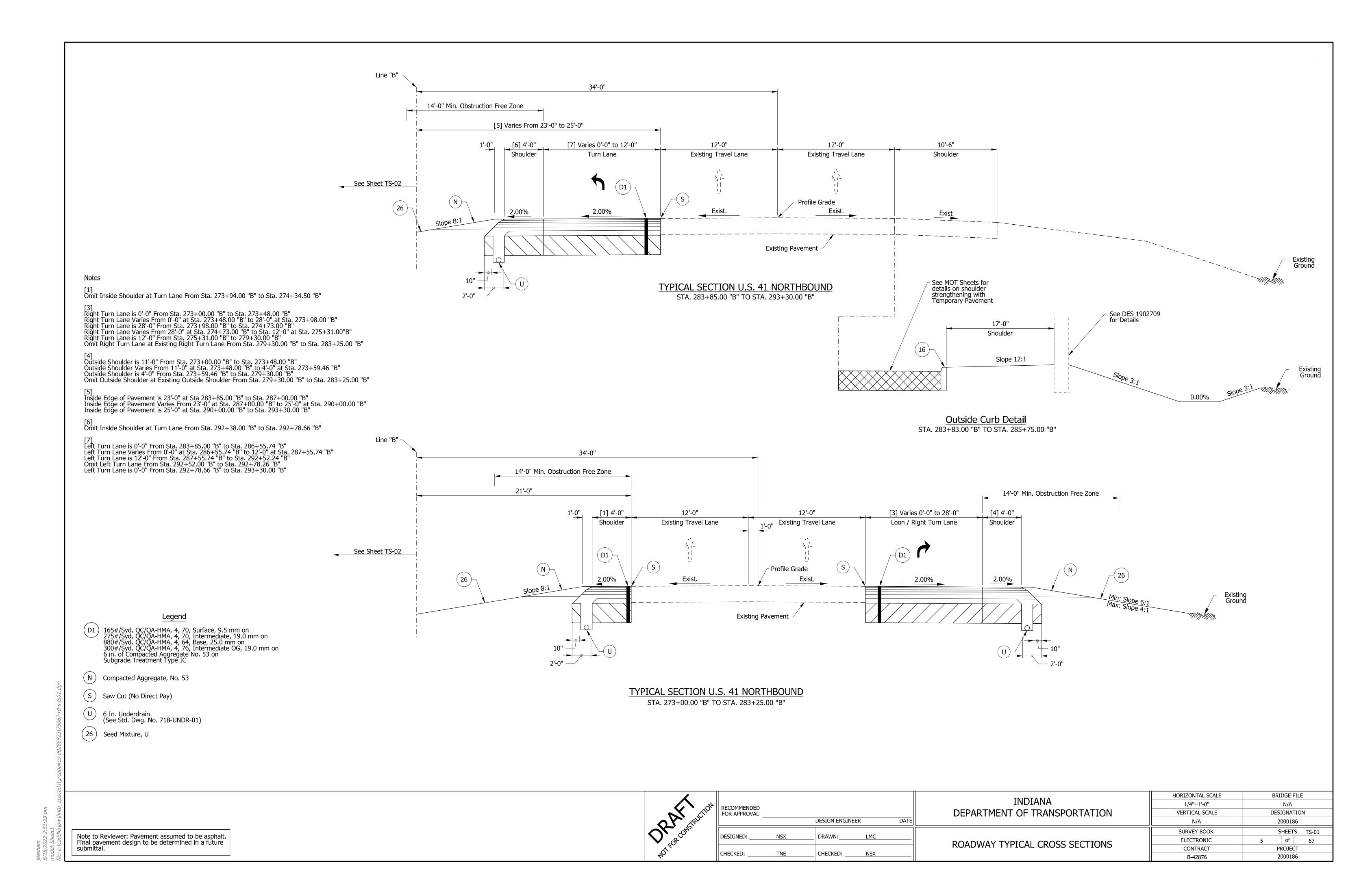
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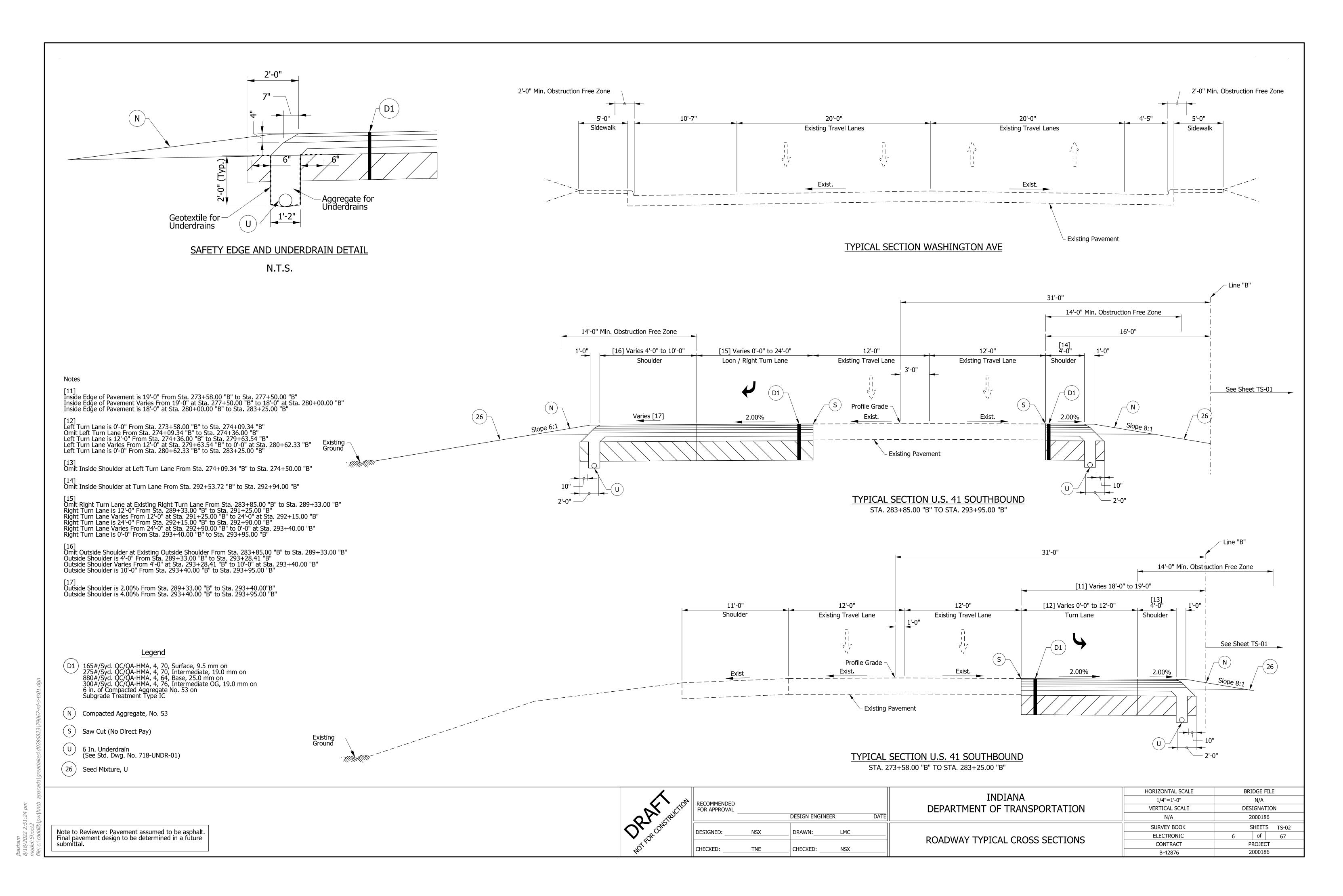
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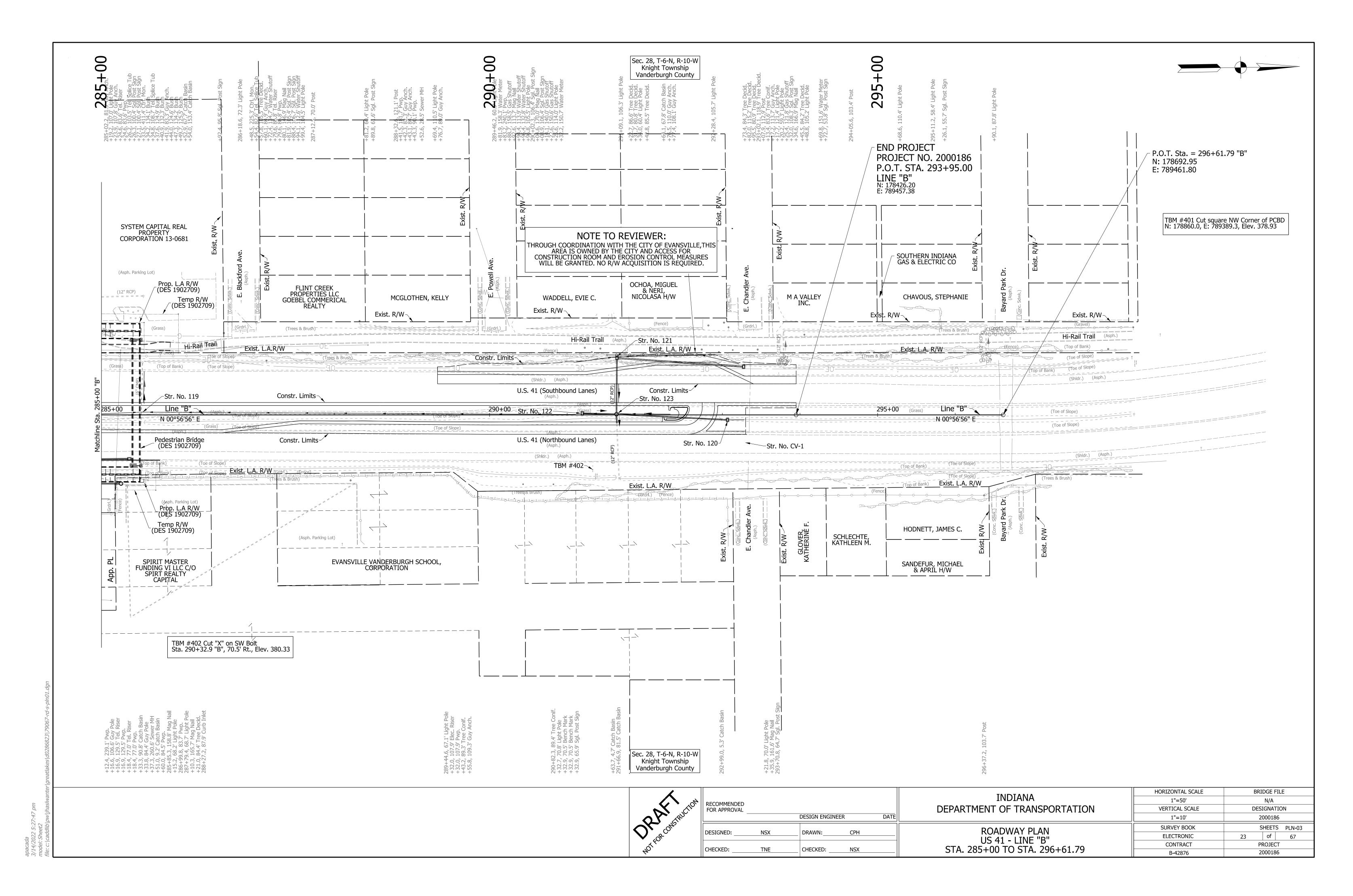
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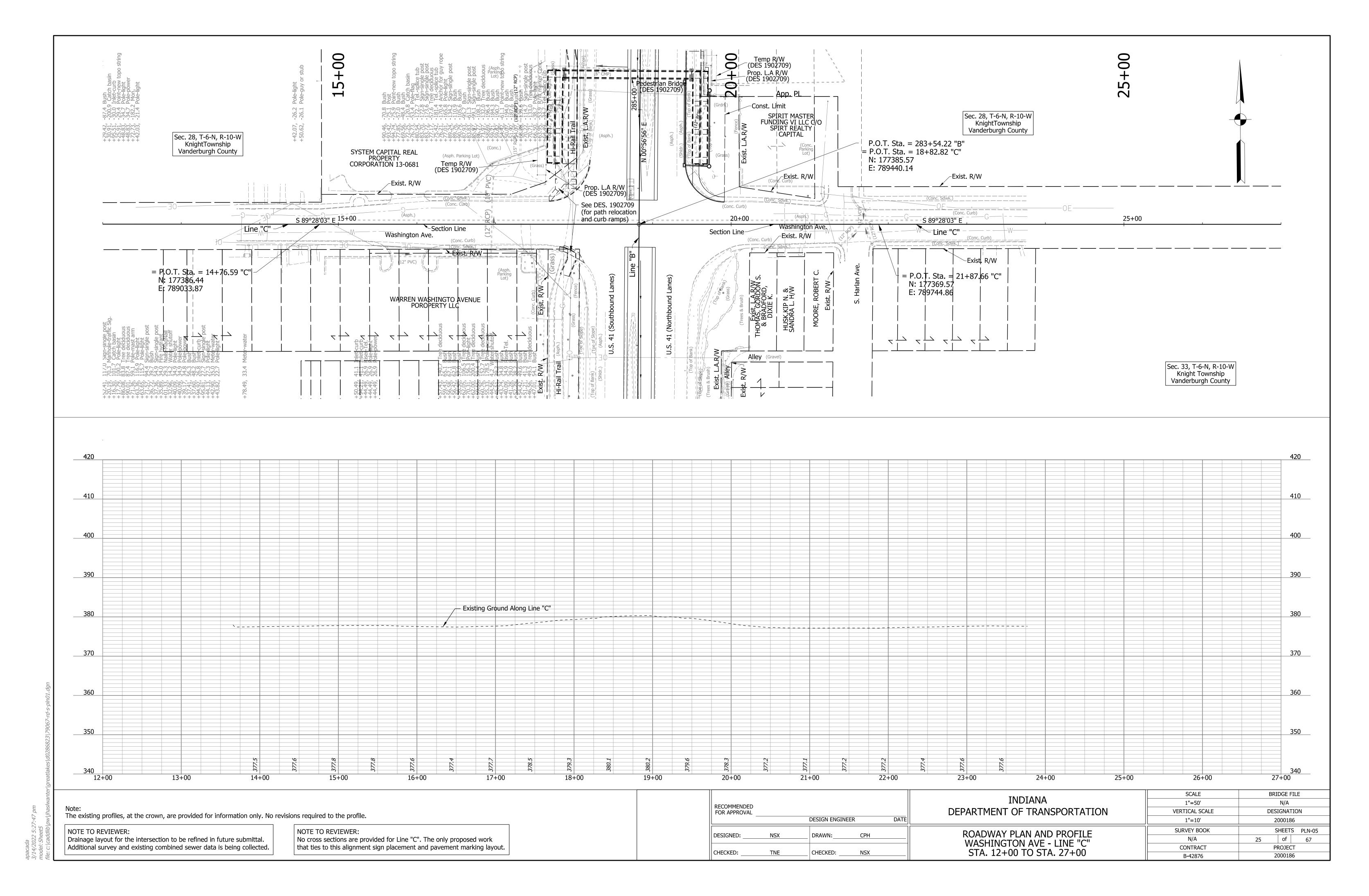


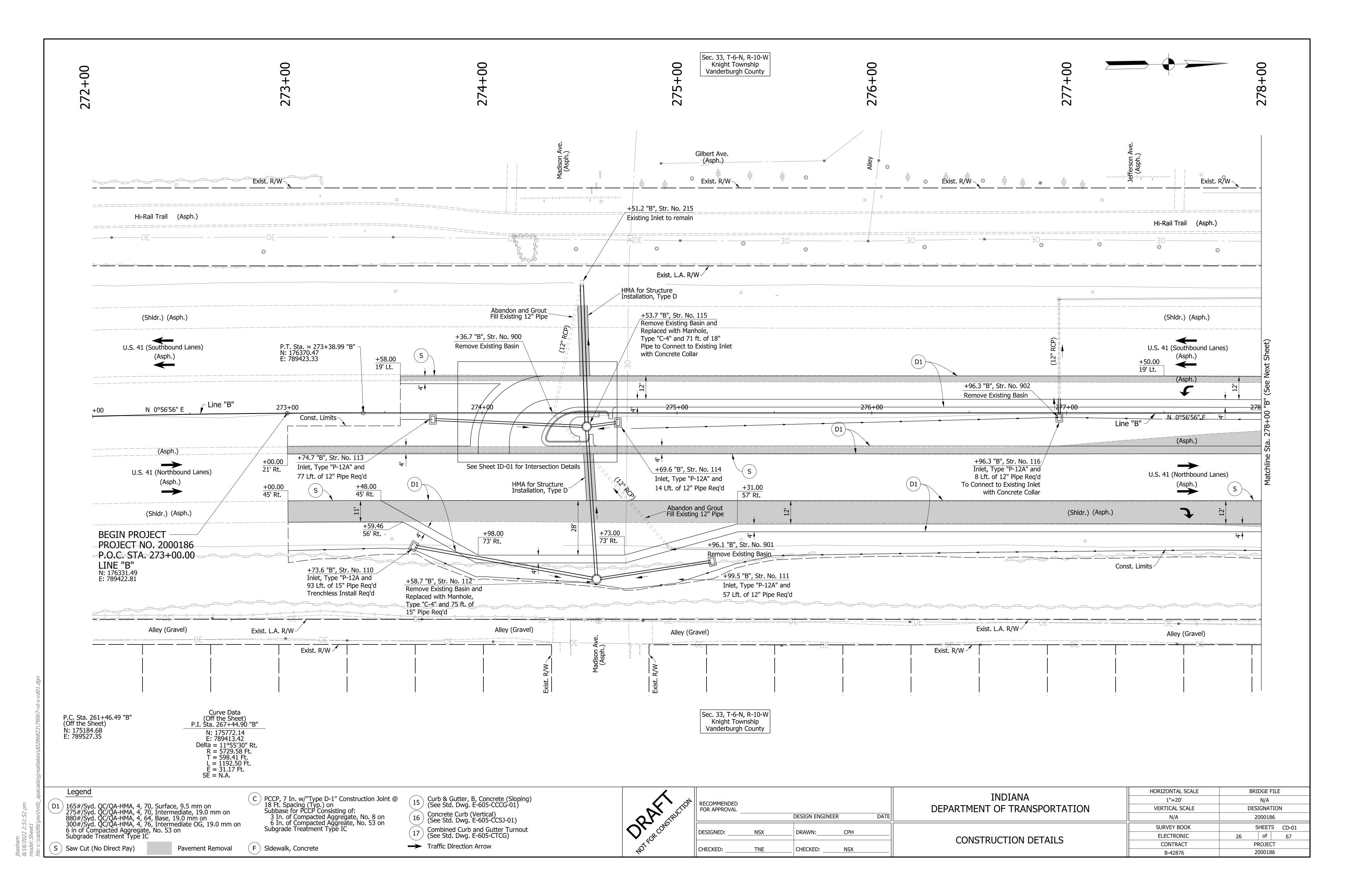


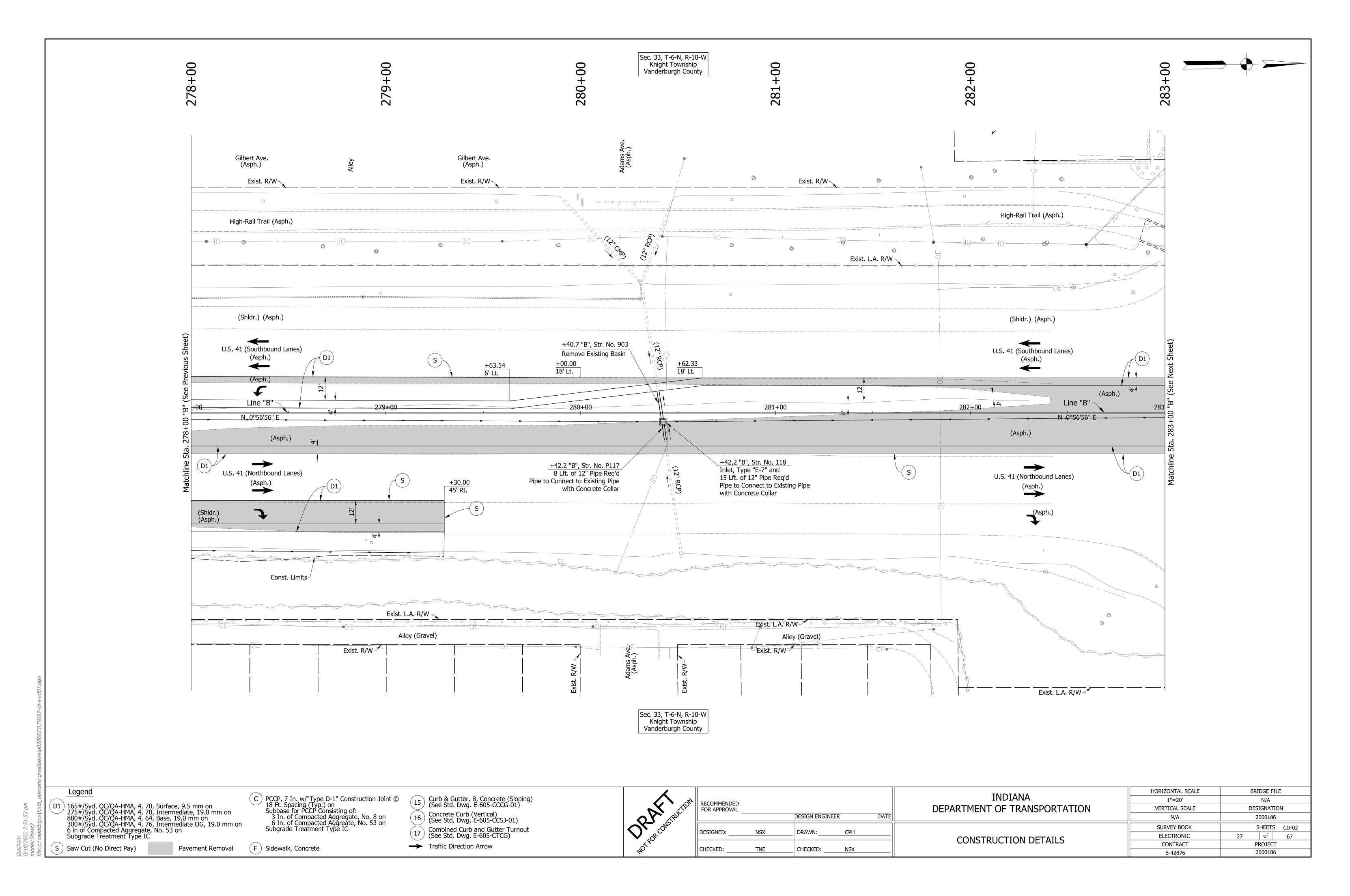
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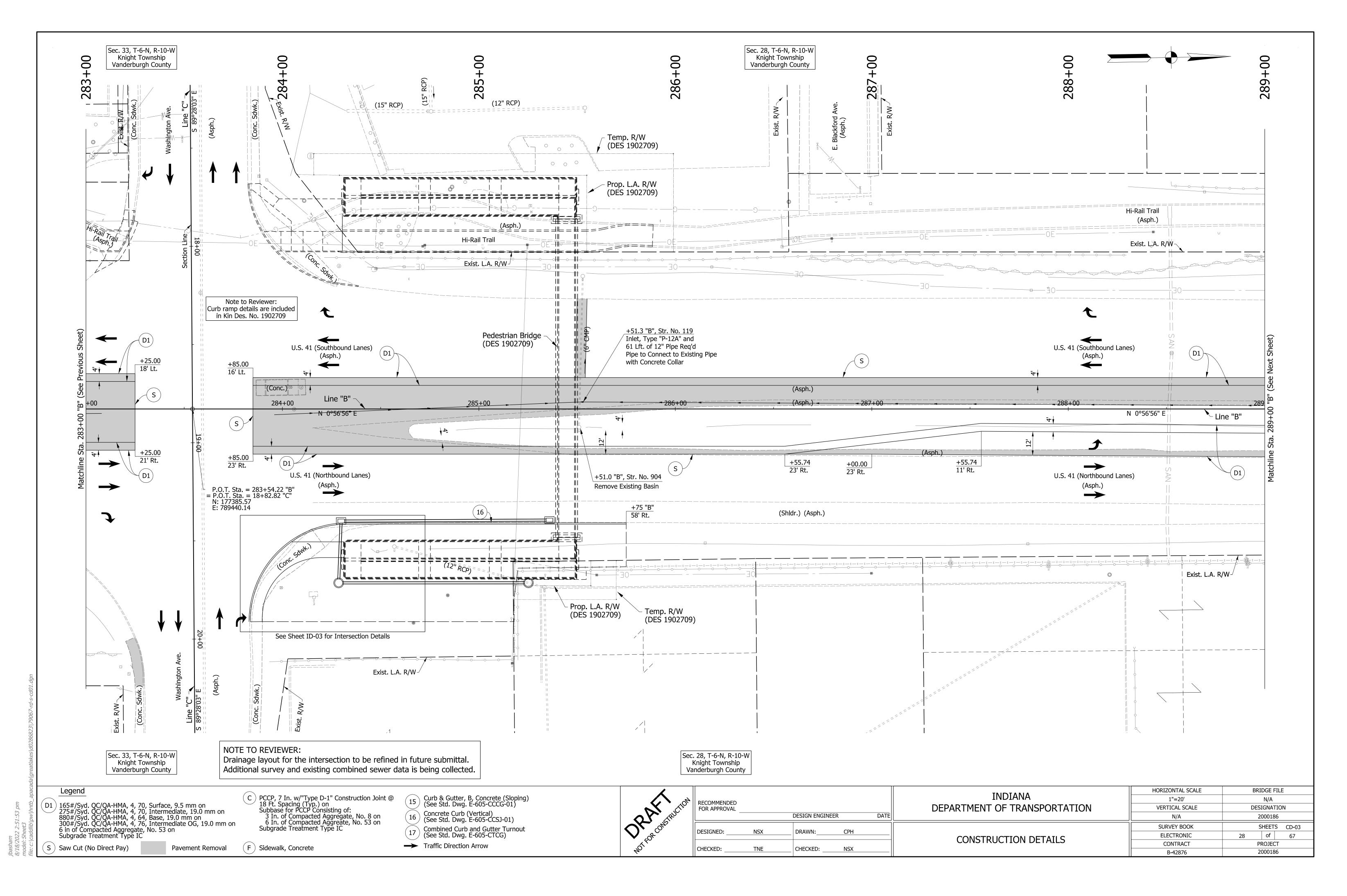
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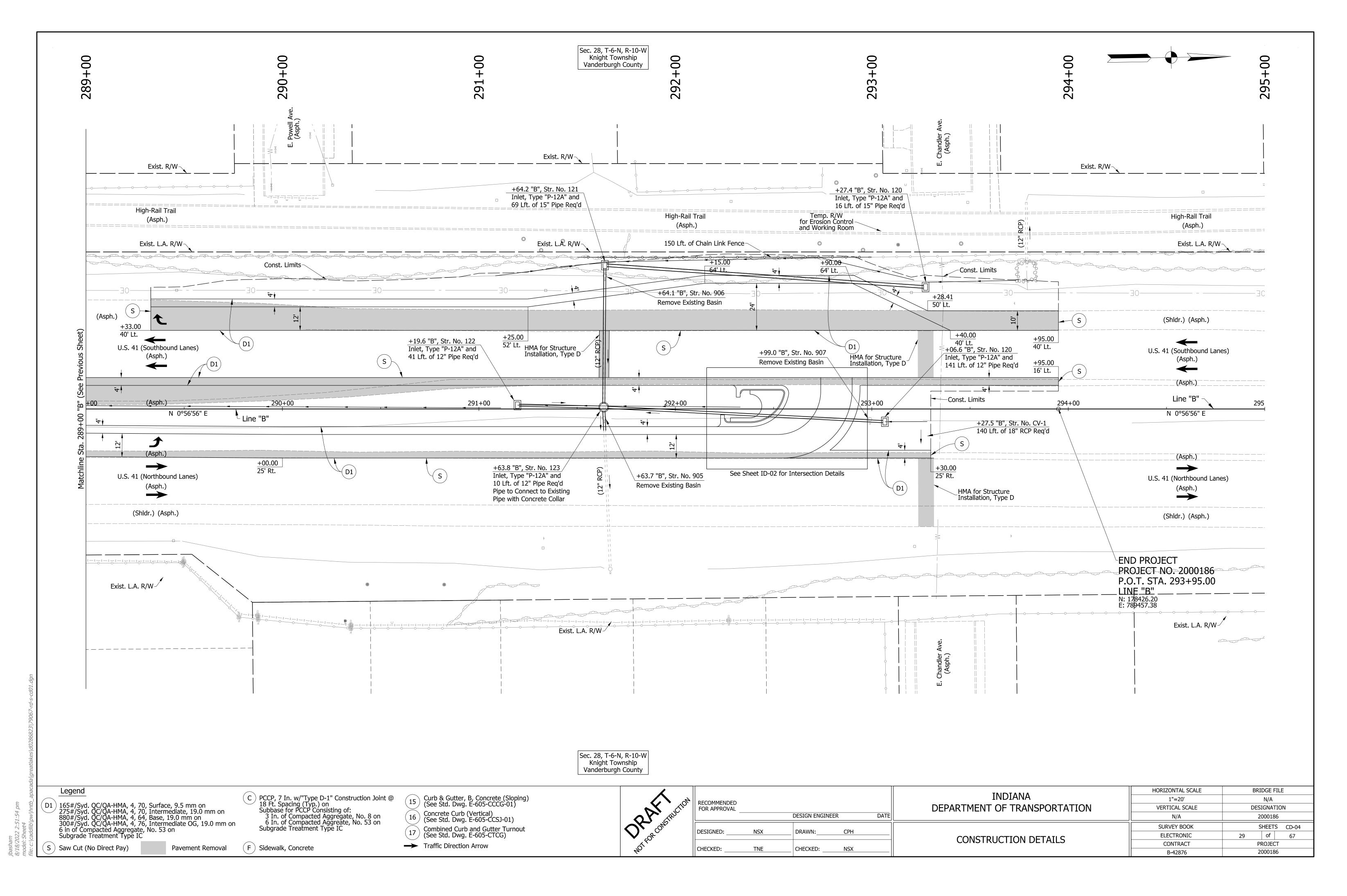












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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

100 North Senate Avenue Room N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

July 9, 2021

Early Coordination Mailing List

Re: Early Coordination Letter

DES #2000186

Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement

US 41 at Washington Avenue Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Early Coordination Mailing List:

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intend to proceed with a project involving the construction of a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) at US 41 and Washington Avenue, approximately 1.00 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway) in the city of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana. This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process. We request comments from you within your area of expertise regarding any potential environmental or community effects associated with this proposed project. **Please use the above designation number and description in your reply.** We will incorporate your comments into a study of the project's environmental effects.

Project Location: This project is located on US 41, approximately 1.00 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62, in Evansville in Vanderburgh County. More specifically, the project is located in Sections 28 and 33, Township 6 South, Range 10 West in Knight Township.

Existing Conditions: US 41 is an urban principal arterial and is part of the US National Highway System (NHS). Within the project limits, US 41 includes four lanes in each direction including two 12 foot through lanes, one left turn only lane, and one right turn lane. Washington Avenue is an urban minor arterial, not on the NHS and was recently restriped to included three lanes in each direction including one left only, one through, and one right only lane.

The High-Rail Pedestrian Trail runs along the west side of US 41 within the project limits and connects to the sidewalks on the north and south side of Washington Avenue.

Purpose and Need: The need for the project is based on the existing crash rates and safety concerns with this intersection. Between 2016 and 2018, there were 15 Fatal and/or Incapacitating Crashes, 15 Non-Incapacitating and Possibly Injury Crash and 85 Property Damage Only Crashes; which make this intersection a "high crash" location. The purpose of this project is to improve the safety of the intersection.

Proposed Project: The proposed project includes construction of a Reduced Conflict Intersection at US 41 and Washington Avenue, approximately 1.00 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62. The project will reduce conflict points at the intersection by considering eliminating left turns in the intersection and evaluating through movements of Washington Avenue across US 41. Details will be finalized during design; however, preliminary studies have shown the use of a boulevard left to be a feasible solution. The project will also include directional signage, maintenance of drainage within the project extents, and replacement of traffic signals. Utilities may be relocated if in conflict with the project.

Right-of-Way: The project will likely require the acquisition of right-of-way; however, the exact location and amount of right-of-way required is still being determined at this time. It is anticipated that less than 0.5 acre of right-of-way will be required. HNTB will perform utility coordination to verify location of surrounding utilities for potential relocation.

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT): Any median crossing work will be constructed prior to closing the intersection to allow for movements to be open during construction. US 41 will be reduced to one-lane in each direction during construction. Pedestrian maintenance of traffic will be required.

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Surrounding Resources: Land use in the vicinity of the project is primarily residential and commercial business. Bosse High School is located at the northeast corner of US 41 and Washington Street. School property extends along the east side of US 41 from Washington Avenue north to Chandler Avenue. The project is located within the city of Evansville.

An evaluation of natural resources in the project study area did not identify any waters and wetlands. This project qualifies for the application of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) range-wide programmatic informal consultation for the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. The USFWS Information, Planning, and Consultation System (IPaC) will be utilized to determine the project's potential to affect the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat.

Comments Request: You are asked to review this information and provide any comments you may have relative to the anticipated effects of the project on areas which you have jurisdiction or special expertise. Please send your comments to Christine Meador, HNTB Corporation, at cmeador@hntb.com or 317-917-5338. Should we not receive your response within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter, it will be assumed that your agency feels that there will be no adverse effects incurred as a result of the proposed project. However, should you find that an extension to the response time is necessary; a reasonable amount may be granted upon request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Christine Meador, HNTB Corporation, at cmeador@hntb.com or 317-917-5338 or Troy Arnold, INDOT Project Manager, at TArnold1@indot.IN.gov or (812) 895-7348. Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,

HNTB CORPORATION

Christa & Merda

Christine Meador Senior Project Manager

Attachments have been removed to avoid duplication. For reference to graphics, see Appendix B.

Attachments: Fig

Figure 1: Project Location Map Figure 2: Project Area Aerial

Figure 3: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quad Map

Figure 4: Photo Location Map Figure 5: Photos of Project Area

Cc: Troy Arnold, INDOT Dan Thatcher, HNTB Tabitha Eynert, HNTB

Early Coordination List

Terry Brooks, President, Akin Park Neighborhood Association
Ronald S. London, Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Greg Schulten, President, Ballard Neighborhood Association
Stephanie Gibson, President, Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood Association
William Payne, BOSS, Inc.
Aaron Huff, Principal, Bosse High School
Alex Burton, Council Member, City Common Council - Ward 4
Steve Schaefer, Deputy Mayor, City of Evansville
Brent Schmitt, City Engineer, City of Evansville
Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor, City of Evansville
Brian Holtz, Executive Director, City of Evansville Parks and Recreation
Police Chief, City of Evansville Police Department
Todd Robertson, Executive Director, City of Evansville Transportation and Services
Cliff Weaver, Agency Director, City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency
Gale Brocksmith, Director of Planning and Corporate Affairs, Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE)

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Amy DeVries, Lead Organizer, Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment

Teri Lukeman, County Council Executive Assistant, County Council

Tim Hobbs, Pastor, Crossroads Community Baptist Church

Jared Florence, Vice President Business Development, Deaconess Health System

Eastside Baptist Church

Chris Metz, Executive Director, ECHO Housing Corporation

Greg Wathen, President and CEO, Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

Lorie Van Hook, Executive Director, Evansville Area Trails Coalition

Kevin Otolski, President, Evansville Bicycle Club

William Payne, Evansville Black Chamber

Jim Wood, President & CEO, Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau

Kelley Coures, Executive Director, Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development

Kelley Coures, Evansville Promise Zone Liaison, Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development

Shokouhzadeh Seyed, Executive Director, Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Pamela Drach, Deputy Director, Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Silas Matchem, Director, Evansville Promise Zone

David Smith, Superintendent, Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.

Kari Carmany-George, Environmental Specialist Vincennes District, Federal Highway Administration

Betsy Pruitt, President, Greater Lincolnshire Neighborhood Association

Andrea Lendy, President, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville

Scott Wischer, Superintendent, Highway Department

Daniela Vidal, President, HOLA Evansville

Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Rvan Falls, INDOT Vincennes District Environmental Services

Ronald Bales, Environmental Services Division, Indiana Department of Transportation

Jason Tiller, Communications Director, Indiana Department of Transportation

William Plant, Utilities and Railroads, Indiana Department of Transportation

Anuradha Kumar, Historian, Indiana Department of Transportation - Cultural Resources

Julian Courtade, Chief Airport Inspector, Indiana Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation

Karen Reising, President, Indivisible Evansville

Brant Flores, Chairman, Latino Chamber Alliance

Interim Director Evansville Department of Transportation and Services, Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS)

Gerald Arnold, President, NAACP, Evansville Chapter

Brent Jackson, President, Presidents Neighborhood Association

Tara Bareny, President and CEO, Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Karen Barnhill, Storm Water Coordinator, Storm Water Management

Jeff Mueller, Vanderburgh County Surveyor, Surveyor's Office

Brent Jackson, President, United Neighborhoods of Evansville

Jeff Hatfield, President, Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners

John Stoll, County Engineer, Vanderburgh County Engineers Office

Dave Wedding, Sheriff, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office

National Park Services

US Department of Housing & Urban Development

Grace of Christ Church

Indiana Department of Environmental Management, via webform

Indiana Geological Survey, via webform

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From: Courtade, Julian
To: Christine Meador

Subject: RE: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - US 41 and Washington Ave. Des. No. 2000186

Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 2:48:01 PM

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Christine -

I reviewed the Early Coordination Letter and found no issues with any surrounding airspace or public-use airports. This is due to the project meeting the required glideslope criteria from the nearest public-use facility according to 14 CFR Part 77 – Safe, efficient use, and preservation of the navigable airspace.

If any object will exceed 200 ft in height regardless of location, the object will need to be airspaced with the FAA 45 days prior to construction through the OEAAA portal below.

https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/searchAction.jsp

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Julian L. Courtade

Chief Airport Inspector

100 North Senate Ave, N758-MM Indianapolis, IN 46204

Cell: (317) 954-7385

Email: icourtade@indot.in.gov



From: Christine Meador < CMeador@HNTB.com>

Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 1:43 PM

To: Courtade, Julian <JCourtade@indot.IN.gov>; Fowler, Rusty <RFOWLER@indot.IN.gov>

Subject: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - US 41 and Washington Ave. Des. No.

2000186

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State of Indiana **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Fish and Wildlife**

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-23889 Request Received: July 9, 2021

HNTB Corporation Requestor:

Christine Meador

111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200 Indianapolis, IN 46204-5178

US 41 and Washington Avenue reduced conflict intersection improvement, about 1.00 **Project:**

mile south of SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway), Evansville; Des #2000186

County/Site info: Vanderburgh

> The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not

have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory **Regulatory Assessment:**

programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.

The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. Natural Heritage Database:

To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered.

or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

The measures below should be implemented to avoid, minimize, or compensate for Fish & Wildlife Comments:

impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources:

1. Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue) and legumes as soon as possible upon completion; low endophyte tall fescue may be used in the ditch bottom and side slopes only.

2. Minimize and contain within the project limits all tree and brush clearing.

3. Do not cut any trees suitable for Indiana bat or Northern Long-eared bat roosting (greater than 5 inches dbh, living or dead, with loose hanging bark, or with cracks, crevices, or cavities) from April 1 through September 30.

4. Appropriately designed measures for controlling erosion and sediment must be implemented to prevent sediment from entering the stream or leaving the construction site; maintain these measures until construction is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized.

5. Seed and protect all disturbed streambanks and slopes not protected by other methods that are 3:1 or steeper with erosion control blankets that are heavy-duty, biodegradable, and net free or that use loose-woven / Leno-woven netting to minimize the entrapment and snaring of small-bodied wildlife such as snakes and turtles (follow manufacturer's recommendations for selection and installation); seed and apply mulch on all other disturbed areas.

6. Plant five trees, at least 2 inches in diameter-at-breast height, for each tree which is removed that is ten inches or greater in diameter-at-breast height.

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State of Indiana DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Fish and Wildlife

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

Contact Staff:

Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Fish & Wildlife
Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4080 if we can be of further assistance.

Christie L Stanifer Date: August 6, 2021

Christie L. Stanifer Environ. Coordinator Division of Fish and Wildlife From: Falls, Ryan G

To: <u>Christine Meador</u>; <u>Christine Meador</u>

Cc: <u>Tabitha Enyart; Dan Thatcher; Arnold, Troy; Susan Harrington</u>

Subject: RE: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - US 41 and Washington Ave. Des. No. 2000186:

Vincennes EC Response

Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 3:58:13 PM

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Christine Meador,

Our scoping document has the termini at 0.87 mile south of the SR 62/66 intersection. Please use that termini in future documents along with stating Washington Ave.

The early coordination list was quite extensive. I want to thank you for compiling the list and reaching out to so many parties.

At this time, our office has no comment on this project. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to early coordination.

Ryan Falls

Capital Program Management-Senior Environmental Manager Supervisor

Indiana Department of Transportation 3650 South US Highway 41 Vincennes, IN 47591

Email: rfalls@indot.IN.gov

Cell: 812-582-1387



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From: Christine Meador < CMeador@HNTB.com>

Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 1:16 PM

To: Christine Meador < CMeador@hntb.com>

Cc: tenyart <tenyart@HNTB.com>; Dan Thatcher <DThatcher@HNTB.com>; Arnold, Troy

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Subject: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - US 41 and Washington Ave. Des. No.

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Linda Freeman VANDERBURGH COUNTY SURVEYOR

Room 325 Civic Center Complex 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Evansville, IN 47708-1880 Phone (812) 435-5210 Fax (812) 435-5023

Mrs. Christine Meador Senior Project Manager HNTB Corporation 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200 Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 12, 2021

Regarding:

Early Coordination Letter

Des. No. 2000186

U.S. 41 at Washington Avenue Reduced Conflict Intersection

Improvement

City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Meador,

The Vanderburgh County Surveyor has reviewed the Early Coordination Letter, dated July 9, 2021 regarding the Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement at U.S. 41 and Washington Avenue. The Vanderburgh County Surveyor does not have any section corners perpetuated within this proposed study area, nor does this project appear to affect any Vanderburgh County legal drain.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact our office at the above letterhead address or phone number.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Freeman

Vanderburgh County Surveyor

Cc: File-INDOT

 From:
 Erin Hobgood

 To:
 Christine Meador

 Subject:
 Des No 2000186

Akin Park Neighborhood Association

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 3:31:47 PM

Hello,

I'm writing in regards to the Des No 200186 (as referenced in the subject line) for the intersection of Washington Ave and US Highway 41. I'm very sorry to see the plans for the intersection do away with left-hand turns. This intersection is a busy intersection, and we definitely do need change. However, the lights were just changed about 4+ months ago on the Washington side so there's a left-turn lane, a straight lane, and a right-hand turn lane and people still aren't comprehending the change. Doing away with left turns will only confuse people even more or send them elsewhere like to Covert or Bellemeade (which already doesn't allow left turns and yet still has people confused and still trying to turn left) or Lincoln Ave. Furthermore, the city is cutting down the size of Covert from 4 lanes to 2. As someone who lives between Washington and Covert, I barely drive Covert anymore because of the inconvenience, and I'm sure I'm not the only one making that choosing Washington in favor of Covert. Once complete, I can assure you there will be more traffic at Washington – traffic that is even more confused and not paying attention to the right-turn only intersection you are trying to change this into.

Furthermore, Highway 41 is just a mess here in Evansville. There's no way around saying how bad the road is. Perhaps if more intersections were like this, people might understand, but you're not proposing changing all intersection, you're changing one intersection. As I stated before, the intersection at Bellemeade and 41 is barely paid attention to. Now you plan on doing this to intersection that's one of the main thoroughfares to get to not only Bosse High School but Washington Middle School. This is doing to be a disaster that we will finance. *If you're not going to actually fix 41 the way it shoulder be fixed, save our money*, simply install a pedestrian bridge which everyone in our neighborhood agrees that we need.

Regards,

Erin Hobgood

Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood Association

From: Stephanie Gibson <ollanza18@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:05 PM

To: Christine Meador

Subject: Re: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - US 41 and

Washington Ave. Des. No. 2000186

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Ooooh Ms. Meador,

The parties involved in this proposal are clueless as to the practicality of this band- aid solution.

I beseech u and at least two other people to come to Evansville and watch the madness of the first attempt at remedying this hostile thoroughfare.

I would add that someone from the affected area be an additional part of your observation party. At this present time the turn left arrow light for N. bound traffic only holds for 2 car lengths after that approx. 2-3 more cars will proceed on the red arrow while the Eastbound through traffic and Southbound right turn lanes proceed.

SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION and THIS MADNESS IS ALREADY EVIDENT.

In this post pandemic mean environment there is no reason to expect a traffic guard or a student traveling home (after the primary release from school time) would not be dodging vehicles who MUST make their turns.

The same madness holds true and is worse on the West bound traffic side of US 41N and Washington. Smh; the madness begins just as the vehicles cross Boeke (say bakee), drivers either rufuse or are unaware until the last minute that through traffic must channel into the middle lane.

Driver attempts to "break the line" choke the right turn lane, creating hostile drivers missing the light & the drivers following the signage are equally frustrated at the folk who are attempting to break the line and at the same time creating a boundoggle of backed up traffic!!

This is not safe, right, or feasible. It would seem like the parties in Indy are ignoring the severity of our plight.

A crosswalk has been needed for well OVER a decade. I fear the value of our youth is not deemed a worthy investment.

You have my contact information and I've shared this plan with our neighborhood association. They too were aghast at the proposed solution mentioned in the body of your document.

I do await a reply and a better proposal for all parties affected.

On Fri, Jul 9, 2021, 12:15 PM Christine Meador < CMeador@hntb.com> wrote:

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Date

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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Indiana Department of Transportation Troy Arnold 3650 US 41 Vincennes , IN 47591

HNTB Corporation

4967 West 14th Street Indianapolis , IN 46224

To Engineers and Consultants Proposing Roadway Construction Projects:

RE: The proposed project includes construction of a Reduced Conflict Intersection at US 41 and Washington Avenue, approximately 1.00 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62. The project will reduce conflict points at the intersection by considering eliminating left turns in the intersection and evaluating through movements of Washington Avenue across US 41. Details will be finalized during design; however, preliminary studies have shown the use of a boulevard left to be a feasible solution. The project will also include directional signage, maintenance of drainage within the project extents, and replacement of traffic signals. Utilities may be relocated if in conflict with the project.

This letter from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) serves as a standardized response to enquiries inviting IDEM comments on roadway construction, reconstruction, or other improvement projects within existing roadway corridors when the proposed scope of the project is beneath the threshold requiring a formal National Environmental Policy Act-mandated Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. As the letter attempts to address all roadway-related environmental topics of potential concern, it is possible that not every topic addressed in the letter will be applicable to your particular roadway project.

For additional information on specific roadway-related topics of interest, please visit the appropriate Web pages cited below, many of which provide contact information for persons within the various program areas who can answer questions not fully addressed in this letter. Also please be mindful that some environmental requirements may be subject to change and so each person intending to include a copy of this letter in their project documentation packet is advised to download the most recently revised version of the letter; found at: http://www.in.gov/idem/5283.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/5283.htm).

To ensure that all environmentally-related issues are adequately addressed, IDEM recommends that you read this letter in its entirety, and consider each of the following issues as you move forward with the planning of your proposed roadway construction, reconstruction, or improvement project:

WATER AND BIOTIC QUALITY

1. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that you obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) before discharging dredged or fill materials into any wetlands or other waters, such as rivers, lakes, streams, and ditches. Other activities regulated include the relocation, channelization, widening, or other such alteration of a stream, and the mechanical clearing (use of heavy construction equipment) of wetlands. Thus, as a project owner or sponsor, it is your responsibility to ensure that no wetlands are

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disturbed without the proper permit. Although you may initially refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory maps as a means of identifying potential areas of concern, please be mindful that those maps do not depict jurisdictional wetlands regulated by the USACE or the Department of Environmental Management. A valid jurisdictional wetlands determination can only be made by the USACE, using the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual.

USACE recommends that you have a consultant check to determine whether your project will abut, or lie within, a wetland area. To view a list of consultants that have requested to be included on a list posted by the USACE on their Web site, see USACE Permits and Public Notices (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp) (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp) (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp) and then click on "Information" from the menu on the right-hand side of that page. Their "Consultant List" is the fourth entry down on the "Information" page. Please note that the USACE posts all consultants that request to appear on the list, and that inclusion of any particular consultant on the list does not represent an endorsement of that consultant by the USACE, or by IDEM.

Much of northern Indiana (Newton, Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, LaGrange, Steuben, and Dekalb counties; large portions of Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Noble, Allen, and Adams counties; and lesser portions of Benton, White, Pulaski, Kosciusko, and Wells counties) is served by the USACE District Office in Detroit (313-226-6812). The central and southern portions of the state (large portions of Benton, White, Pulaski, Kosciosko, and Wells counties; smaller portions of Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Noble, Allen, and Adams counties; and all other Indiana counties located in north-central, central, and southern Indiana) are served by the USACE Louisville District Office (502-315-6733).

Additional information on contacting these U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) District Offices, government agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands, and other water quality issues, can be found at http://www.in.gov/idem/4396.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4396.htm). IDEM recommends that impacts to wetlands and other water resources be avoided to the fullest extent.

- 2. In the event a Section 404 wetlands permit is required from the USACE, you also must obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the IDEM Office of Water Quality Wetlands Program. To learn more about the Wetlands Program, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm).
- 3. If the USACE determines that a wetland or other water body is isolated and not subject to Clean Water Act regulation, it is still regulated by the state of Indiana. A State Isolated Wetland permit from IDEM's Office of Water Quality (OWQ) is required for any activity that results in the discharge of dredged or fill materials into isolated wetlands. To learn more about isolated wetlands, contact the OWQ Wetlands Program at 317-233-8488.
- 4. If your project will involve over a 0.5 acre of wetland impact, stream relocation, or other large-scale alterations to water bodies such as the creation of a dam or a water diversion, you should seek additional input from the OWQ Wetlands Program staff. Consult the Web at: http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm) for the appropriate staff contact to further discuss your project.
- 5. Work within the one-hundred year floodway of a given water body is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water. The Division issues permits for activities regulated under the follow statutes:
 - IC 14-26-2 Lakes Preservation Act 312 IAC 11
 - IC 14-26-5 Lowering of Ten Acre Lakes Act No related code
 - IC 14-28-1 Flood Control Act 310 IAC 6-1
 - IC 14-29-1 Navigable Waterways Act 312 IAC 6
 - IC 14-29-3 Sand and Gravel Permits Act 312 IAC 6

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IC 14-29-4 Construction of Channels Act No related code

For information on these Indiana (statutory) Code and Indiana Administrative Code citations, see the DNR Web site at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/9451.htm (http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/9451.htm) . Contact the DNR Division of Water at 317-232-4160 for further information.

The physical disturbance of the stream and riparian vegetation, especially large trees overhanging any affected water bodies should be limited to only that which is absolutely necessary to complete the project. The shade provided by the large overhanging trees helps maintain proper stream temperatures and dissolved oxygen for aquatic life.

- 6. For projects involving construction activity (which includes clearing, grading, excavation and other land disturbing activities) that result in the disturbance of one (1), or more, acres of total land area, contact the Office of Water Quality Watershed Planning Branch (317/233-1864) regarding the need for of a Rule 5 Storm Water Runoff Permit. Visit the following Web page
 - http://www.in.gov/idem/4902.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4902.htm)

To obtain, and operate under, a Rule 5 permit you will first need to develop a Construction Plan (http://www.in.gov/idem/4917.htm#constreq (http://www.in.gov/idem/4917.htm#constreq)), and as described in 327 IAC 15-5-6.5 (http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00150 [PDF] (http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00150.PDF), pages 16 through 19). Before you may apply for a Rule 5 Permit, or begin construction, you must submit your Construction Plan to your county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) (http://www.in.gov/isda/soil/contacts/map.html (http://www.in.gov/isda/soil/contacts/map.html)).

Upon receipt of the construction plan, personnel of the SWCD or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will review the plan to determine if it meets the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5. Plans that are deemed deficient will require re-submittal. If the plan is sufficient you will be notified and instructed to submit the verification to IDEM as part of the Rule 5 Notice of Intent (NOI) submittal. Once construction begins, staff of the SWCD or Indiana Department of Environmental Management will perform inspections of activities at the site for compliance with the regulation.

Please be mindful that approximately 149 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) areas are now being established by various local governmental entities throughout the state as part of the implementation of Phase II federal storm water requirements. All of these MS4 areas will eventually take responsibility for Construction Plan review, inspection, and enforcement. As these MS4 areas obtain program approval from IDEM, they will be added to a list of MS4 areas posted on the IDEM Website at: http://www.in.gov/idem/4900.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4900.htm).

If your project is located in an IDEM-approved MS4 area, please contact the local MS4 program about meeting their storm water requirements. Once the MS4 approves the plan, the NOI can be submitted to IDEM.

Regardless of the size of your project, or which agency you work with to meet storm water requirements, IDEM recommends that appropriate structures and techniques be utilized both during the construction phase, and after completion of the project, to minimize the impacts associated with storm water runoff. The use of appropriate planning and site development and appropriate storm water quality measures are recommended to prevent soil from leaving the construction site during active land disturbance and for post construction water quality concerns. Information and assistance regarding storm water related to construction activities are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices in each county or from IDEM.

- 7. For projects involving impacts to fish and botanical resources, contact the Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife (317/232-4080) for addition project input.
- 8. For projects involving water main construction, water main extensions, and new public water supplies, contact the Office of Water Quality Drinking Water Branch (317-308-3299) regarding the need for permits.
- 9. For projects involving effluent discharges to waters of the State of Indiana, contact the Office of Water Quality Permits Branch (317-233-0468) regarding the need for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- 10. For projects involving the construction of wastewater facilities and sewer lines, contact the Office of Water Quality Permits Branch (317-232-8675) regarding the need for permits.

AIR QUALITY

The above-noted project should be designed to minimize any impact on ambient air quality in, or near, the project area. The project must comply with all federal and state air pollution regulations. Consideration should be given to the following:

1. Regarding open burning, and disposing of organic debris generated by land clearing activities; some types of open burning are allowed (http://www.in.gov/idem/4148.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4148.htm)) under specific conditions. You also can seek an open burning variance from IDEM.

However, IDEM generally recommends that you take vegetative wastes to a registered yard waste composting facility or that the waste be chipped or shredded with composting on site (you must register with IDEM if more than 2,000 pounds is to be composted; contact 317/232-0066). The finished compost can then be used as a mulch or soil amendment. You also may bury any vegetative wastes (such as leaves, twigs, branches, limbs, tree trunks and stumps) onsite, although burying large quantities of such material can lead to subsidence problems, later on.

Reasonable precautions must be taken to minimize fugitive dust emissions from construction and demolition activities. For example, wetting the area with water, constructing wind barriers, or treating dusty areas with chemical stabilizers (such as calcium chloride or several other commercial products). Dirt tracked onto paved roads from unpaved areas should be minimized.

Additionally, if construction or demolition is conducted in a wooded area where blackbirds have roosted or abandoned buildings or building sections in which pigeons or bats have roosted for 3-5 years precautionary measures should be taken to avoid an outbreak of histoplasmosis. This disease is caused by the fungus Histoplasma capsulatum, which stems from bird or bat droppings that have accumulated in one area for 3-5 years. The spores from this fungus become airborne when the area is disturbed and can cause infections over an entire community downwind of the site. The area should be wetted down prior to cleanup or demolition of the project site. For more detailed information on histoplasmosis prevention and control, please contact the Acute Disease Control Division of the Indiana State Department of Health at (317) 233-7272.

2. The U.S. EPA and the Surgeon General recommend that people not have long-term exposure to radon at levels above 4 pCi/L. (For a county-by-county map of predicted radon levels in Indiana, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm).)

The U.S. EPA further recommends that all homes (and apartments within three stories of ground level) be tested for radon. If in-home radon levels are determined to be 4 pCi/L, or higher, EPA recommends a follow-up test. If the second test confirms that radon levels are 4 pCi/L, or higher, EPA recommends the installation Des. No. 2000186

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of radon-reduction measures. (For a list of qualified radon testers and radon mitigation (or reduction) specialists visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/pdfs/radon_testers_mitigators_list.pdf (http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/pdfs/radon_testers_mitigators_list.pdf).) It also is recommended that radon reduction measures be built into all new homes, particularly in areas like Indiana that have moderate to high predicted radon levels.

To learn more about radon, radon risks, and ways to reduce exposure visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/radon.htm (http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/radon.htm), http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm), or http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html (http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html).

3. With respect to asbestos removal: all facilities slated for renovation or demolition (except residential buildings that have (4) four or fewer dwelling units and which will not be used for commercial purposes) must be inspected by an Indiana-licensed asbestos inspector prior to the commencement of any renovation or demolition activities. If regulated asbestos-containing material (RACM) that may become airborne is found, any subsequent demolition, renovation, or asbestos removal activities must be performed in accordance with the proper notification and emission control requirements.

If no asbestos is found where a renovation activity will occur, or if the renovation involves removal of less than 260 linear feet of RACM off of pipes, less than 160 square feet of RACM off of other facility components, or less than 35 cubic feet of RACM off of all facility components, the owner or operator of the project does not need to notify IDEM before beginning the renovation activity.

For questions on asbestos demolition and renovation activities, you can also call IDEM's Lead/Asbestos section at 1-888-574-8150.

However, in all cases where a demolition activity will occur (even if no asbestos is found), the owner or operator must still notify IDEM 10 working days prior to the demolition, using the form found at http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/44593.pdf (http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/44593.pdf).

Anyone submitting a renovation/demolition notification form will be billed a notification fee based upon the amount of friable asbestos containing material to be removed or demolished. Projects that involve the removal of more than 2,600 linear feet of friable asbestos containing materials on pipes, or 1,600 square feet or 400 cubic feet of friable asbestos containing material on other facility components, will be billed a fee of \$150 per project; projects below these amounts will be billed a fee of \$50 per project. All notification remitters will be billed on a quarterly basis.

For more information about IDEM policy regarding asbestos removal and disposal, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4983.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4983.htm).

- 4. With respect to lead-based paint removal: IDEM encourages all efforts to minimize human exposure to lead-based paint chips and dust. IDEM is particularly concerned that young children exposed to lead can suffer from learning disabilities. Although lead-based paint abatement efforts are not mandatory, any abatement that is conducted within housing built before January 1, 1978, or a child-occupied facility is required to comply with all lead-based paint work practice standards, licensing and notification requirements. For more information about lead-based paint removal visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/19131.htm (http://www.in.gov/isdh/19131.htm).
- 5. Ensure that asphalt paving plants are permitted and operate properly. The use of cutback asphalt, or asphalt emulsion containing more than seven percent (7%) oil distillate, is prohibited during the months April through October. See 326 IAC 8-5-2, Asphalt Paving Rule

(http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/T03260/A00080.PDF (http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/T03260/A00080.PDF)).

- 6. If your project involves the construction of a new source of air emissions or the modification of an existing source of air emissions or air pollution control equipment, it will need to be reviewed by the IDEM Office of Air Quality (OAQ). A registration or permit may be required under 326 IAC 2 (View at: www.ai.org/legislative/iac/t03260/a00020.pdf (http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/t03260/a00020.pdf).) New sources that use or emit hazardous air pollutants may be subject to Section 112 of the Clean Air Act and corresponding state air regulations governing hazardous air pollutants.
- 7. For more information on air permits visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4223.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4223.htm), or to initiate the IDEM air permitting process, please contact the Office of Air Quality Permit Reviewer of the Day at (317) 233-0178 or OAMPROD atdem.state.in.us.

LAND QUALITY

In order to maintain compliance with all applicable laws regarding contamination and/or proper waste disposal, IDEM recommends that:

- 1. If the site is found to contain any areas used to dispose of solid or hazardous waste, you need to contact the Office of Land Quality (OLQ)at 317-308-3103.
- 2. All solid wastes generated by the project, or removed from the project site, need to be taken to a properly permitted solid waste processing or disposal facility. For more information, visit http://www.in.gov/idem/4998.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4998.htm).
- 3. If any contaminated soils are discovered during this project, they may be subject to disposal as hazardous waste. Please contact the OLQ at 317-308-3103 to obtain information on proper disposal procedures.
- 4. If PCBs are found at this site, please contact the Industrial Waste Section of OLQ at 317-308-3103 for information regarding management of any PCB wastes from this site.
- 5. If there are any asbestos disposal issues related to this site, please contact the Industrial Waste Section of OLQ at 317-308-3103 for information regarding the management of asbestos wastes (Asbestos removal is addressed above, under Air Quality).
- 6. If the project involves the installation or removal of an underground storage tank, or involves contamination from an underground storage tank, you must contact the IDEM Underground Storage Tank program at 317/308-3039. See: http://www.in.gov/idem/4999.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4999.htm).

FINAL REMARKS

Should you need to obtain any environmental permits in association with this proposed project, please be mindful that IC 13-15-8 requires that you notify all adjoining property owners and/or occupants within ten days your submittal of each permit application. However, if you are seeking multiple permits, you can still meet the notification requirement with a single notice if all required permit applications are submitted with the same ten day period.

Should the scope of the proposed project be expanded to the extent that a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required, IDEM will actively participate in any early interagency coordination review of the project.

Meanwhile, please note that this letter does not constitute a permit, license, endorsement or any other form of approval on the part of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding any project for which a copy of this letter is used. Also note that is it the responsibility of the project engineer or consultant using this letter to ensure that the most current draft of this document, which is located at http://www.in.gov/idem/5284.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/5284.htm), is used.

Signature(s) of the Applicant

I acknowledge that the following proposed roadway project will be financed in part, or in whole, by public monies.

Project Description

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With my signature, I do hereby affirm that I have read the letter from the Indiana Department of Environment that appears directly above. In addition, I understand that in order to complete that project in which I am interested, with a minimum of impact to the environment, I must consider all the issues addressed in the aforementioned letter, and further, that I must obtain any required permits.

Date: 8/29/2022		
Signature of the INDOT Project Engineer or Other Responsible Agent	Troy Arnold	
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	Troy Arnold	



Organization and Project Information

2000186 **Project ID:** Des. ID: 2000186

Project Title: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection

Name of Organization: HNTB Corp. Requested by: Christine Meador

Environmental Assessment Report

- 1. Geological Hazards:
 - Moderate liquefaction potential
 - 0.2% Annual Chance Protected by Levee
- 2. Mineral Resources:
 - Bedrock Resource: High Potential
 - Sand and Gravel Resource: High Potential
- 3. Active or abandoned mineral resources extraction sites:
 - None documented in the area

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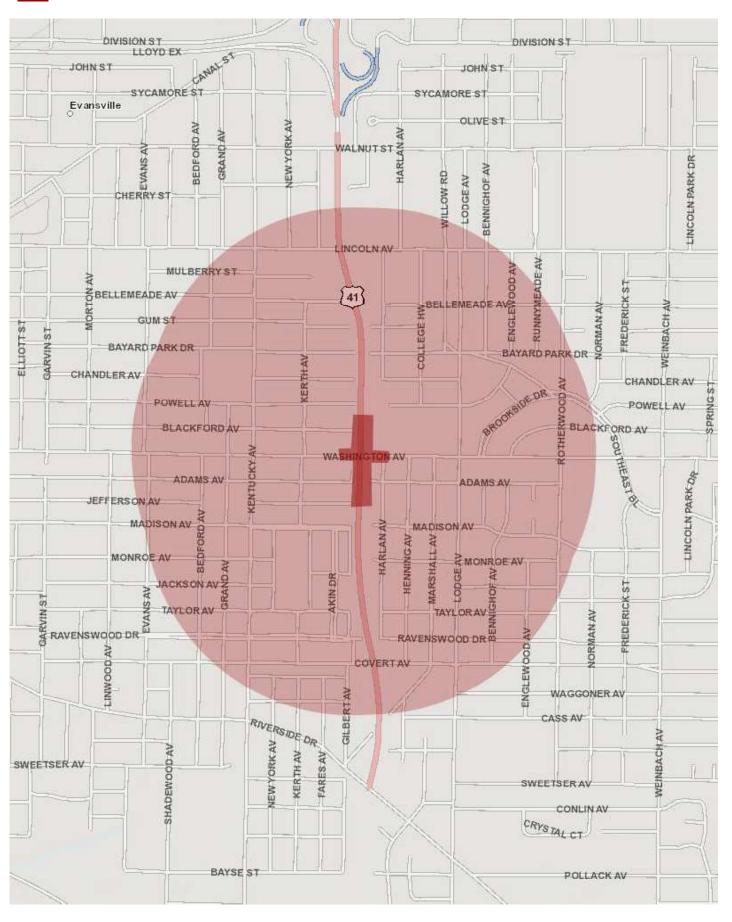
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- https://maps.indiana.edu/metadata/Geology/Seismic Earthquake Liquefaction Potential.html
- https://maps.indiana.edu/metadata/Geology/Industrial Minerals Sand Gravel Resources.html
- https://maps.indiana.edu/metadata/Hydrology/Floodplains_FIRM.html
- https://maps.indiana.edu/metadata/Geology/Bedrock Geology.html



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http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/section7/s7process/step1.html

In Reply Refer To: September 02, 2021

Consultation Code: 03E12000-2021-SLI-1466

Event Code: 03E12000-2021-E-09084

Project Name: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement (Des. 2000186)

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed

project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached species list identifies any federally threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project. The list also includes designated critical habitat if present within your proposed project area or affected by your project. This list is provided to you as the initial step of the consultation process required under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, also referred to as Section 7 Consultation.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service if they determine their project "may affect" listed species or critical habitat.

Under 50 CFR 402.12(e) (the regulations that implement Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act) the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally. You may verify the list by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/ at regular intervals during project planning and implementation and completing the same process you used to receive the attached list. As an alternative, you may contact this Ecological Services Field Office for updates.

Please use the species list provided and visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3 Section 7 Technical Assistance website at - http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/index.html. This website contains step-by-step instructions which will help you determine if your project will have an adverse effect on listed species and will help lead you through the Section 7 process.

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For all wind energy projects and projects that include installing towers that use guy wires or are over 200 feet in height, please contact this field office directly for assistance, even if no federally listed plants, animals or critical habitat are present within your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project.

Although no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act, be aware that bald eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq*), as are golden eagles. Projects affecting these species may require measures to avoid harming eagles or may require a permit. If your project is near an eagle nest or winter roost area, see our Eagle Permits website at http://www.fws.gov/midwest/midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html to help you determine if you can avoid impacting eagles or if a permit may be necessary.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Indiana Ecological Services Field Office 620 South Walker Street Bloomington, IN 47403-2121 (812) 334-4261

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Project Summary

Consultation Code: 03E12000-2021-SLI-1466

Event Code: Some(03E12000-2021-E-09084)

Project Name: US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement (Des. 2000186)

Project Type: TRANSPORTATION

Project Description: This project is located on US 41, approximately 0.87 mile south of the

intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway) in an urban portion of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. The primary surrounding land use is residential and commercial, with Bosse High

School on the east side of US 41, north of Washington Avenue.

The project will include the construction of a reduced conflict intersection at US 41 near Washington Avenue. The project will reduce conflict points at the intersection by considering the elimination of left turns in the intersection and evaluating through movements of Washington Avenue across US 41. Details will be finalized during design; however, preliminary studies have shown the use of a boulevard left to be a feasible solution. The project will also include directional signage, maintenance of drainage within the project extents, and replacement of traffic signals.

There are narrow corridors of urban trees located in and along the US 41 right-of-way fences on the east and west side of US 41, both north and south of the intersection. These trees are not suitable for bat habitat. Up to six trees growing in the fence row could be cleared. The project will install new lighting, and temporary lighting may also be needed during construction.

An email inquiry with INDOT Vincennes District Environmental Staff on June 9, 2021, concluded that a review of the USFWS database did not indicate the presence of endangered bat species in or within 0.5 mile of the project area.

The project is scheduled for construction beginning during spring and summer of 2023 and concluding by fall 2024.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@37.96303399999999,-87.5429324016153,14z

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Counties: Vanderburgh County, Indiana

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Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an
office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of
Commerce.

Mammals

NAME STATUS

Indiana Bat Myotis sodalis

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949

Northern Long-eared Bat *Myotis septentrionalis*

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

• Incidental take of the NLEB is not prohibited here. Federal agencies may consult using the 4(d) rule streamlined process. Transportation projects may consult using the programmatic process. See www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045

Insects

NAME STATUS

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*

Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

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Subject: Consistency letter for the 'US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement (Des. 2000186)' project (no current TAILS record) under the revised February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects

within the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat.

To whom it may concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your request to verify that the **US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement (Des. 2000186)** (Proposed Action) may rely on the revised February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects within the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat (PBO) to satisfy requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat.884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Based on the information you provided (Project Description shown below), you have determined that the Proposed Action will have <u>no effect</u> on the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) or the threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). If the Proposed Action is not modified, **no consultation is required for these two species.**

For Proposed Actions that include bridge/structure removal, replacement, and/or maintenance activities: If your initial bridge/structure assessments failed to detect Indiana bats, but you later detect bats during construction, please submit the Post Assessment Discovery of Bats at Bridge/Structure Form (User Guide Appendix E) to this Service Office. In these instances, potential incidental take of Indiana bats may be exempted provided that the take is reported to the Service.

If the Proposed Action may affect any other federally-listed or proposed species and/or designated critical habitat, additional consultation between the lead Federal action agency and this Service Office is required. If the proposed action has the potential to take bald or golden eagles, additional coordination with the Service under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act may also be required. In either of these circumstances, please advise the lead Federal action agency accordingly.

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The following species may occur in your project area and **are not** covered by this determination:

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus Candidate

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Project Description

The following project name and description was collected in IPaC as part of the endangered species review process.

Name

US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement (Des. 2000186)

Description

This project is located on US 41, approximately 0.87 mile south of the intersection of US 41 and SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway) in an urban portion of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. The primary surrounding land use is residential and commercial, with Bosse High School on the east side of US 41, north of Washington Avenue.

The project will include the construction of a reduced conflict intersection at US 41 near Washington Avenue. The project will reduce conflict points at the intersection by considering the elimination of left turns in the intersection and evaluating through movements of Washington Avenue across US 41. Details will be finalized during design; however, preliminary studies have shown the use of a boulevard left to be a feasible solution. The project will also include directional signage, maintenance of drainage within the project extents, and replacement of traffic signals.

There are narrow corridors of urban trees located in and along the US 41 right-of-way fences on the east and west side of US 41, both north and south of the intersection. These trees are not suitable for bat habitat. Up to six trees growing in the fence row could be cleared. The project will install new lighting, and temporary lighting may also be needed during construction.

An email inquiry with INDOT Vincennes District Environmental Staff on June 9, 2021, concluded that a review of the USFWS database did not indicate the presence of endangered bat species in or within 0.5 mile of the project area.

The project is scheduled for construction beginning during spring and summer of 2023 and concluding by fall 2024.

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Determination Key Result

Based on the information you provided, you have determined that the Proposed Action will have no effect on the endangered Indiana bat and/or the threatened Northern long-eared bat. Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required for these two species.

Qualification Interview

- 1. Is the project within the range of the Indiana bat^[1]?
 - [1] See Indiana bat species profile

Automatically answered

Yes

- 2. Is the project within the range of the Northern long-eared bat^[1]?
 - [1] See Northern long-eared bat species profile

Automatically answered

Yes

- 3. Which Federal Agency is the lead for the action?
 - *A)* Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- 4. Are *all* project activities limited to non-construction^[1] activities only? (examples of non-construction activities include: bridge/abandoned structure assessments, surveys, planning and technical studies, property inspections, and property sales)
 - [1] Construction refers to activities involving ground disturbance, percussive noise, and/or lighting. $N_{\rm O}$
- 5. Does the project include *any* activities that are **greater than** 300 feet from existing road/rail surfaces^[1]?
 - [1] Road surface is defined as the actively used [e.g. motorized vehicles] driving surface and shoulders [may be pavement, gravel, etc.] and rail surface is defined as the edge of the actively used rail ballast.

No

- 6. Does the project include *any* activities **within** 0.5 miles of a known Indiana bat and/or NLEB hibernaculum^[1]?
 - [1] For the purpose of this consultation, a hibernaculum is a site, most often a cave or mine, where bats hibernate during the winter (see suitable habitat), but could also include bridges and structures if bats are found to be hibernating there during the winter.

Νo

7. Is the project located **within** a karst area?

No

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- 8. Is there *any* suitable^[1] summer habitat for Indiana Bat or NLEB **within** the project action area^[2]? (includes any trees suitable for maternity, roosting, foraging, or travelling habitat)
 - [1] See the Service's <u>summer survey guidance</u> for our current definitions of suitable habitat.
 - [2] The action area is defined as all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action (50 CFR Section 402.02). Further clarification is provided by the national consultation FAQs.

No

9. Does the project include wetland or stream protection activities associated with compensatory wetland mitigation?

No

10. Does the project include slash pile burning?

No

11. Does the project include *any* bridge removal, replacement, and/or maintenance activities (e.g., any bridge repair, retrofit, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation work)?

No

12. Does the project include the removal, replacement, and/or maintenance of *any* structure other than a bridge? (e.g., rest areas, offices, sheds, outbuildings, barns, parking garages, etc.)

No

- 13. Will the project involve the use of **temporary** lighting *during* the active season? *Yes*
- 14. Is there *any* suitable habitat **within** 1,000 feet of the location(s) where **temporary** lighting will be used?

No

15. Will the project install new or replace existing **permanent** lighting?

Yes

16. Is there *any* suitable habitat **within** 1,000 feet of the location(s) where **permanent** lighting will be installed or replaced?

No

17. Does the project include percussives or other activities (**not including tree removal**/ **trimming or bridge**/**structure work**) that will increase noise levels above existing traffic/ background levels?

No

18. Are *all* project activities that are **not associated with** habitat removal, tree removal/ trimming, bridge and/or structure activities, temporary or permanent lighting, or use of percussives, limited to actions that DO NOT cause any additional stressors to the bat species?

Examples: lining roadways, unlighted signage, rail road crossing signals, signal lighting, and minor road repair such as asphalt fill of potholes, etc.

Yes

19. Will the project raise the road profile **above the tree canopy**?

No

20. Is the location of this project consistent with a No Effect determination in this key? **Automatically answered**

Yes, because the project action area is not within suitable Indiana bat and/or NLEB summer habitat and is outside of 0.5 miles of a hibernaculum.

21. Is the temporary lighting portion of this project consistent with a No Effect determination in this key?

Automatically answered

Yes, because the lighting will be more than 1,000 feet from the nearest suitable habitat

22. Is the permanent lighting portion of this project consistent with a No Effect determination in this key?

Automatically answered

Yes, because the lighting will be more than 1,000 feet from the nearest suitable habitat

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Determination Key Description: FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Consultation For Transportation Projects Affecting NLEB Or Indiana Bat

This key was last updated in IPaC on April 22, 2021. Keys are subject to periodic revision.

This decision key is intended for projects/activities funded or authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and/or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which may require consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the threatened **Northern long-eared bat** (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

This decision key should <u>only</u> be used to verify project applicability with the Service's <u>February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects</u>. The programmatic biological opinion covers limited transportation activities that may affect either bat species, and addresses situations that are both likely and not likely to adversely affect either bat species. This decision key will assist in identifying the effect of a specific project/activity and applicability of the programmatic consultation. The programmatic biological opinion is <u>not</u> intended to cover all types of transportation actions. Activities outside the scope of the programmatic biological opinion, or that may affect ESA-listed species other than the Indiana bat or NLEB, or any designated critical habitat, may require additional ESA Section 7 consultation.

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From: Falls, Ryan G

To: Susan Harrington

Cc: Christine Meador; Wright, Kristy

Subject: RE: IPaC Concurrence - US 41 Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvement - Des 2000186 - No Effect

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After review of DES 2000186, the document's finding of no effect has been deemed sufficient. The Official Species List and Consistency Letter are all now immediately available for your use. It is suggested that these documents be downloaded at this time. This concludes the IPaC phase of coordination with the Vincennes environmental office.

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From: Mayer, Ryan J.
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Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:20:44 PM

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2000186 - EWSU Water Verification & Conflict Analysis Markups.pdf

2000186 - EWSU Water Record Drawings.pdf

Mr. McCort,

In response to your Verification & Conflict Analysis Request letter dated October 10, 2021, please see the attached reduced set of plans with mark-ups for the referenced project. The mark-ups indicate where assets are missing (magenta) or correct (blue). For the missing information, I have also attached any record drawings from historic projects or mapping resources we have on file to further support the GIS mapping provided at the Initial Notice response. The surveyed surface features of the water system are difficult to clearly identify on the plan and profile sheets (11-15) due to the larger scale, but several valves, hydrants, and only small portions of located water mains are visible on Sheets 16-19.

There are no conflicts noted for the set of plans provided or anticipated based upon the scope of work planned. EWSU has a fire hydrant on the SW corner of US 41 & Washington Avenue, but it is outside of the work limits. All identified valves also appear to be outside of any pavement improvements. Once the plans are further developed with the missing information added, I can review again to determine what, if any, conflicts are present. Please let me know if you need additional information from me at this stage. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Verification and Conflict Analysis of Proposed Improvement Project Des. No. 2000186

Dear Mr. Mayer,

Our firm has been assigned the task of utility coordination for the project referenced above by the Indiana Department of Transportation. In accordance with 105 IAC 13-3-2(a) and 105 IAC 13-3(a), we are asking you to verify the location of your existing facilities and for you to review the plans and identify any conflicts between your facilities and the proposed improvement project Des. No. 2000186 on U.S. 41 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. Please see the attached letters and preliminary plans for more information relative to this project.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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