I-469 at U.S. 24 Interchange Modification

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Welcome

• Rickie Clark, INDOT Office of Public Involvement
• Purpose/explanation of public hearing
• Public hearing format
• Visit our sign-in table
• Informational handouts
• Submitting comments for public record/hearings transcript
• Project display area – informal open house session
I-469 at U.S. 24 Interchange Modification

- Introduction of INDOT Project Team
  - Project Management
  - Public Involvement
  - Fort Wayne District – INDOT Regional Office
  - Environmental Services
  - Real Estate
  - HNTB Corporation
    - Engineering, Design & Environmental Analysis Team
- Recognition of elected and local public officials
- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- A public hearing notice was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- A copy of presentation and project documentation is available on-line via INDOT website
- Legal notice publishing:
  - Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
    - April 25th and May 2nd
Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Allen County
- Cities of Fort Wayne and New Haven
- Elected & Local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations
Project Selection
Early Coordination

Environmental phase begins
Purpose & Need
Develop alternatives

Preliminary design phase
Release environmental document for public review and comment

Additional work to finalize environmental document and project design

Real Estate Acquisition
Construction

Public Hearing

Communicate project decision
Environmental Document

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

• Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
• NEPA is a decision-making process
  • Purpose and Need
  • Alternatives Screening
  • Identify a Preferred Alternative

• Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document
  • What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  • How can impacts be avoided?
  • Can impacts be minimized?
  • Mitigation for impacts?

• Environmental documentation released for public involvement
  • Solicit public input/engage project stakeholders during development of proposed a project and/or consideration of a proposed action
  • Released for public involvement April 2017
  • Is available for review via several public repositories
Environmental Analysis

• Right-of-way
• Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
• Floodplains
• Endangered Species
• Farmland
• Cultural Resources (Historic/Archaeological)
• Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)

• Air Quality
• Noise
• Community Impacts
• Environmental Justice
• Hazardous Materials
• Permits
• Mitigation
• Public Involvement
• Commercial Development
Project Resource Locations

• INDOT Fort Wayne District Office
  5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808
  • Toll Free 1-866-227-3555
  • Neinformation@indot.in.gov
  • http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm
  • Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for Northeast Indiana

• Allen County Public Library — 648 Green Street, New Haven, IN 46774; Phone (260) 421-1345

• INDOT Office of Public Involvement
  100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Phone (317) 232-6601
  rclark@indot.in.gov
• **Purpose**
  - Improve overall safety of the interchange
  - Upgrade existing facility to a full and free flowing interchange as recommended by INDOT in 2002 during Fort to Port environmental process
  - Enhance regional transportation network

• **Need**
  - Delay and queuing at the interchange
  - Reduce number of crashes at the interchange
  - Commitment was made to upgrade interchange and provide a free flowing connection between I-469 and U.S. 24

• **Following a screening process and resource agency coordination, 5 interchange configurations are under consideration**
  - These 5 interchange configurations are improvement to the Preferred Alternative selected in the FEIS.
  - Alternative 4a identified as the best improvement.
  - Alternative 4a will be completed in two phases.
Existing Interchange

• I-469 at U.S. 24 interchange constructed in 1992
• Interchange serves a portion of eastern Allen County as point of entry into interstate system
• Approximately 40,000 vehicles per day use this interchange
• Existing interchange has a partial cloverleaf configuration with loop ramps in the northeast and southwest quadrants
Existing Interchange
Alt. 1-Fort To Port Flyover (Alt. 13 Modified)
Alt. 2- Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp East of Substation
Alt. 3- Partial Cloverleaf with Trumpet Ramp East of Substation
Alt. 4a (Preferred) - Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp West of Substation and over I-469
Alt. 4b-Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp West of Substation and under I-469
Alt. 4a (Phase I)-Partial Cloverleaf
Maintenance of Traffic

- Maintenance of Traffic to be divided into 3 phases

  - **Phase I**
    - Construct new ramp for northbound I-469 to eastbound U.S. 24

  - **Phase II**
    - Reconstruct the three existing interchange ramps, U.S. 24 westbound to I-469 northbound, the I-469 southbound to U.S. 24 westbound, and the I-469 northbound to U.S. 24 westbound
    - Rehabilitation of the I-469 over U.S. 24 bridge begins

  - **Phase III**
    - Continue I-469 over U.S. 24 bridge rehabilitation

- **During construction**
  - Traffic to be shifted between I-469 northbound and southbound lanes to accommodate 2 lanes of traffic on I-469
  - Traffic to be shifted on U.S. 24 to accommodate construction of the I-469 southbound to U.S. 24 westbound and the I-469 northbound to U.S. 24 westbound ramps
Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 1

• Phase 1 (Blue on graphic)
  • Construct new I-469 NB to U.S. 24 EB Ramp
  • Full Intersection to remain open
Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 2

• Phase 2 (Orange on graphic)
  • Open newly constructed I-469 NB to U.S. 24 EB ramp
  • Detour I-469 NB to Rose Avenue
  • Construct new loop ramps for:
    • I-469 NB to Rose Avenue
    • U.S. 24 EB to I-469 NB
    • Rehab outside halves of bridge over U.S. 24
  • Construct U.S. 24 WB to I-469 NB ramp
    • U.S. 24 movement to I-469 NB to remain open during construction
Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 2 Detour

• I-469 NB to Rose Avenue Detour
  • I-469 NB traffic to S.R. 37 Interchange
  • S.R. 37 West
  • I-469 SB to Rose Avenue
Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 3

• Phase 3 (Green on graphic)
  • Newly constructed loops for I-469 NB to Rose Avenue and U.S. 24 EB to I-469 NB to be open to traffic.
  • Rehab inside/median portion of I-469 bridge over U.S. 24.
Real Estate
Real Estate Acquisition Process

• "Uniform Act of 1970"
  - All federal, state and local governments must comply
  - Requires an offer for just compensation

• Acquisition Process
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations

• INDOT Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners

• Right-of-way
  - Permanent ROW: 29 acres
    - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from legal land owner, becomes land owned by INDOT
  - Temporary ROW:
    - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction related activity
    - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction
  - Relocation:
    - Proposal includes 3 residential relocations
      - 2 in the southeast quadrant
      - 1 in the northeast quadrant
Project Schedule

• Public Hearing: 5/10/17

• Public comments requested by COB 5/26/17

• INDOT review and consideration of public comments – 2017
  • Finalize environmental documentation
  • Final design
  • Communication project decision

• Real estate acquisition – 2018

• Construction: 2019
Submit Public Comments

• Submit public comments using the options described on first page of information packet:
  • Public Comment Form
  • Via e-mail
  • Participating during public comment session via microphone
  • Verbal comments recorded and transcribed for inclusion into public hearings transcript

• **INDOT respectfully request comments be submitted by Friday, May 26, 2017**

• All comments submitted will become part of public record, entered into transcript, reviewed, evaluated and given consideration during decision making process.
Next Steps

• Public and project stakeholder input
  • Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet

• INDOT review and evaluation
  • All comments are given full consideration during decision-making process
  • Address comments, finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design

• Communicate a decision
  • INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
  • Work through local media, social media outlets; paid legal notice
  • Make project documentation accessible via repositories

• Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team
  • Fort Wayne District Office
    • 1-866-227-3555 Neinformation@indot.in.gov
  • Office of Public Involvement
    • 317-232-6601 rclark@indot.in.gov
Thank You

• Please visit with INDOT project officials following the public comment session

• Project Open House
  • Project maps, displays, real estate acquisition table, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
  • INDOT Fort Wayne District page http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm
  • Neinformation@indot.in.gov