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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DES. NO. 2000020

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Northwest District will host a public hearing on November 20, 2025, at the Connection Center located at 1315 15th Street SE, DeMotte, IN 46310. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. CT for an open house where members of the public can review project plans and ask questions of the project team. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. CT followed by an opportunity to provide verbal comments for the public record. The project team will also be available for questions after the presentation and public comments conclude.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the State Road (S.R.) 10 and Interstate 65 (I-65) interchange improvement project (Des. No. 2000020) in DeMotte, Jasper County, Indiana. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the number of conflict points at the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange, as well as to improve the operating conditions at both the southbound and northbound ramp junctions of the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange by increasing the projected design year (2046) level of service (LOS) to D or better.

The project proposes to convert each of the two existing ramp junctions at the interchange of S.R. 10 and I-65 to single-lane roundabouts. The new roundabouts will require pavement removal and reconstruction, which will consist of full depth Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) patching, replacement of pavement markings, and removal of overhead signs. Curb and gutter will be installed and the existing guardrail within the project area will be removed and replaced to fit the roundabouts. Additionally, new permanent lighting and riprap drainage turnouts will be installed throughout the project area. No work will occur to the existing S.R. 10 bridge over I-65. The proposed construction of this project will occur within the existing right-of-way. No permanent or temporary right-of-way will be required for this project. The proposed project will not result in the relocation of businesses, residences, or farms along the project corridor.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will include a full closure of S.R. 10 between the southbound and northbound ramp junctions with detour routes. The southbound and northbound on and off-ramps will remain open during construction in a temporary right-in/right-out (RIRO) configuration. However, in order to cross I-65 along S.R. 10, traffic traveling northbound on I-65 or westbound on S.R. 10 will be detoured along I-65 northbound for approximately 11 miles to cross at the S.R. 2 over I-65 interchange, then directed south along I-65 back to S.R. 10. The northbound detour will be a total of 22 miles with an additional travel time of approximately 30 minutes. Traffic traveling southbound on I-65 or eastbound on S.R. 10 will be detoured along I-65 southbound for approximately 10 miles to cross at the S.R. 14 over I-65 interchange, then directed north along I-65 back to S.R. 10. The southbound detour will be a total of 20 miles with an additional travel time of approximately 25 minutes. Emergency vehicle access to I-65 will be maintained by completing a U-turn at the median breaks on either side of I-65. The MOT is scheduled to be in place for approximately nine months. Construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2026. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Project stakeholders including local school corporations(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to construction.

Both federal and state funding will be used. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to the natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations:

- 1. In-person at:
 - a. Roselawn Library, 4421 S.R. 10, Roselawn, IN 46372
 - b. INDOT Northwest District, 315 East Boyd Boulevard, LaPorte, IN 46350
- 2. Online at the INDOT Northwest District Website <u>bit.ly/I65SR10</u>

In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed upon request. Individuals seeking assistance in obtaining project materials may contact INDOT Customer Service at 1-(855) 463-6848 or visit www.indot4u.com.

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during, and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580, American Structurepoint Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or psamra@structurepoint.com. INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted on or before December 4, 2025.

Notice of Livestreamed Public Meeting/Hearing: In accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-2.9, INDOT is offering livestreams of all public meetings and hearings. You must register at the following link in order to participate in the livestream: bit.ly/I65SR10Livestream. During the hearing, comments from livestream attendees will only be accepted in written electronic format, not verbally. A recording of the livestream and the presentation will be posted on INDOT's website following the meeting/hearing. The livestream recording will also be available on the INDOT YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/@IndianaDOT). The recording will be available online for at least 90 days.

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation at the public hearing venue or on the livestream and/or access to project information, including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required, please contact INDOT at (855) 463-6848 or Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580 or psamra@structurepoint.com at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing for additional assistance.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1)) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program."; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the FHWA on July 7, 2021.