

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**DES. #s 2301604, 2301680, and 2301681****Proposed Improvement to Nucor Road in Montgomery County**

Montgomery County will host a public hearing on Wednesday August 13, 2025, at the Montgomery County Government Center; 1580 Constitution Row-Room E109. The doors will open at 5:30 PM to give participants time to view displays and talk to the project team. The formal hearing portion will begin with a presentation at 6:00 PM followed by an opportunity for verbal statements. At the close of the formal hearing portion, team members will be available until 7:30 PM to explain the displays and answer questions.

The need for the project is due to the steep grade on Nucor Road approaching U.S. 136, increasing traffic along Nucor Road, and the deteriorating condition of the existing bridge over Walnut Fork Sugar Creek. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow at the intersection by smoothing out the roads profile and Nucor Road traffic operations at the intersection, as well as bring the bridge over Walnut Fork Sugar Creek up to an acceptable condition.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on preliminary design plans for improvements to Nucor Road at U.S. 136 in Montgomery County. The project will extend along Nucor Road from 0.05 mile north of C.R. 150 S to 0.18 mile north of C.R. 100 S and along U.S. 136 from 0.23 mile west of Nucor Road to 0.15 mile east of Nucor Road.

The proposed project involves conversion of the existing 4-way stop-controlled intersection into a grade-separated intersection. The new intersection will raise Nucor Road above U.S. 136 and provide access via an on-ramp (Des. No. 2301604). A new bridge will be constructed to carry Nucor Road above U.S. 136 (Des. No. 2301681). The grade separation at the intersection will also include replacement of the bridge carrying Nucor Road over Walnut Fork Sugar Creek (Des. No. 2301680).

The project requires approximately 10.14 acres of permanent right-of-way, 0.20 acres of temporary right-of-way, and a 2.4-acre perpetual easement for flood mitigation. One occupied residence was relocated in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, with all resources provided without discrimination and only after comparable housing was available. The project will result in 79 linear feet (0.007 acre) of temporary impacts to jurisdictional streams. The project will impact a total of 13.23 acres of terrestrial habitat. The total tree clearing acreage for the project is anticipated to be 3.1 acres.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will be implemented in multiple phases. Temporary traffic shifts will allow construction on different sections of Nucor Road, with a full closure of U.S. 136 for up to 60 days during bridge construction. A signed detour using S.R. 32, I-74, and S.R. 75 will be in place. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2026.

The cost of the project, including engineering, ROW, and construction, is estimated at \$22,004,065. Federal and local funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. A

Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project, which is available to view, along with preliminary design plans, at the following locations:

Montgomery County Department of Engineering: 1580 Constitution Row.

Crawfordsville District Public Library- 205 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Project materials can be accessed on the county webpage <https://www.montgomerycounty.in.gov>, including the public hearing presentation. Persons with limited internet access may visit the locations listed above or contact the project team to request project information by mail:

Lochmueller Group, Attn: Samantha Beaupre, 3502 Woodview Trace, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46268, (317) 334-6828, or SBeaupre@lochgroup.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 Samantha Beaupre with Lochmueller Group, using the contact information above. **We respectfully request that all comments be submitted by 5:00 PM ET, Wednesday August 27, 2025.**

With advance notice, Montgomery County will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process, including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In addition, Montgomery County 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 Samantha Beaupre with Lochmueller Group using the contact information above.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1)) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7), states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary," approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.