

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING US 50 intersection improvement project in Dillsboro from Front St. to Short St.

DES. # 1800225

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Dillsboro Community Center (9824 Central Ave, Dillsboro, IN 47018). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with a presentation at 6 p.m. The purpose of the public information meeting is to inform the public and offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the proposed project which will reconfigure two intersections along U.S. 50 within the town limits of Dillsboro, in Dearborn County, into reduced conflict intersections (RCIs), the first at Front Street and the second at Short Street. The purpose of the project is to enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and reduce crash frequency. The need for the project is to reduce the number of right-angle crashes resulting in injuries/fatalities along US 50 at these intersections.

As proposed, the project involves widening the roadway to add turn lanes to facilitate reduced conflict intersections. In addition, pedestrian improvements are proposed to allow ADA compliant at-grade crossings of US 50 at both Short and Front Streets.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves limiting traffic to a lane in each direction during construction phasing. MOT details will be presented during the public information meeting. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will not require temporary or permanent right-of-way.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. Project materials will be available on the INDOT Seymour District web page prior to and following the meeting: <u>seymour.indot.in.gov</u>.

Written questions or comments may be submitted to Dustin Quincy, Infrastructure Engineering Project Manager, at <u>dquincy@infrastructure-eng.com</u>. Please send all comments by end of business on February 3, 2022. You may also contact INDOT at 855-463-6848; <u>INDOT4U.com</u>; <u>INDOT@indot.in.gov</u>.

With advance notice, INDOT 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, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodations be required please contact Greg Prince, INDOT Seymour District Project Manager, 812-524-3783, gprince@indot.in.gov.

