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LEGAL NOTICE PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has developed preliminary plans for a proposed State Road (SR) 1 Small Structures Replacement and Drainage Improvement, 0.19 mile north of SR 67 to 2.66 miles north of SR 26 North Junction, in Jay County, with a total work length of 8.6 miles (DES 2200520). Thirty-three culverts will be replaced along with correcting isolated roadway flooding by installing one new culvert and restoring the roadside drainage along both sides of SR 1 at two locations. The project also includes drainage and ditch work which will occur between County Road (CR) W 150 S to CR W 200 S and from CR W 500 S to 400 feet south of CR W 500 S, and the mill and overlay of approach pavement and full depth pavement replacement over each culvert. Culvert replacements and drainage corrections will require between 4 to 10 feet depth of excavation.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan includes closing SR 1 to traffic and using SR 67, SR 167, SR 3, SR 18, and SR 26 as detours as well as utilizing single lane closures with flaggers. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Project stakeholders, including local school corporations and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction.

Construction of the project will require approximately 5.04 acres of new permanent right-of-way with an estimated total project cost of \$8,195,730. No temporary right-of-way will be needed. Every effort to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate project impacts will be made. The permanent right-of-way impacts will be for the small structures, ditch grading at CR W 500 S, and ditch grading between CR W 200 S and CR W 150 S. Proposed ROW widths along SR 1 are typically 30 feet from centerline, ranging from 30 feet to 50 feet along the project route. Federal and state funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project.

The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. No trees will be removed as a part of this project. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 0.0698 acre of permanent impacts and 0.1206 acre of temporary impacts to 14 wetlands. There are three streams within the project area; Unnamed Tributary (UNT) 1 to Brooks Creek, UNT 1 to Rustic Run, and Bit Run. There will be 71.5 linear feet of permanent impacts and 56.5 linear feet of temporary impacts to the three streams as a result of this project. The US Fish and Wildlife Service made a "may effect, not likely to adversely affect" the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), and/or the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) effect determination. Proposed impacts have been minimized to the extent practicable and cannot be avoided due to construction access needs and worker safety.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE are available for review at the following locations: 1) The INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 S Broadway St, Greenfield, IN 46140, 2) Jay County Public Library, 315 N Ship St., Portland, IN 47371, 3) Albany Community Library, 105 S. Broadway St., Albany, IN 47320, and 4) <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/greenfield-district-current-projects/>.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Erin Purdy, epurdy@kaskaskiaeng.com, 812-314-7041, 323 Main St, Suite E, Evansville, IN 47708 no later than

September 21, 2025. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Christine Williams, ChWilliams@indot.IN.gov, 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Christine Williams, ChWilliams@indot.IN.gov, 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140.

This notice is published in compliance with 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the 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 Manual approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.