



## **LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed bridge replacement project located on SR 58, approximately 3.35 miles west of I-65 in Ohio Township in Bartholomew County.

The purpose of this project is to sustain traffic flow and provide a hydraulically adequate structure with a minimum rating of at least 7 out of 10. The need for the project is evidenced by the deterioration and structural deficiencies of the existing bridge. The January 7, 2020, Inspection Report noted the deck as rated 6 out of 10 (satisfactory condition, minor deterioration), wearing surface as rated 6 out of 10 (satisfactory condition, minor deterioration), superstructure as rated 6 out of 10 (satisfactory condition, minor deterioration), substructure as rated 5 out of 10 (fair condition, minor section loss), and the channel/channel protection as rated as 7 out of 10 (bank protection needs minor repairs).

The project proposes to replace the existing bridge with a three-span continuous composite prestressed concrete box beam bridge, installation of new guardrail, installation of revetment riprap, and raising the profile of the existing roadway on both sides of the bridge structure. The new bridge will consist of spans measuring 37-feet, 46-feet, and 37-feet respectively with a clear roadway width of 31-feet, 4-inches. The bridge will consist of two 11-foot travel lanes with 5-foot shoulders on both sides of the roadway.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.895 acre of new permanent right-of-way and 0.026 acre of temporary right-of-way. No relocations of residents or businesses will be required for this project.

A finding of "No Adverse Effect" was determined from the Section 106 process for the Meyer's Grocery building, formerly known as the Red Men Lodge Number 524.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan proposes a full road closure of SR 58 with a detour. A state route detour utilizing I-65, SR 11, and SR 258 will be used during construction. The total length of the detour will be approximately 42 miles. Local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is March 2025.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$3.9 million which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. INDOT Seymour District Website: [seymour.indot.in.gov](http://seymour.indot.in.gov)
2. INDOT Seymour District Office, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, IN 47274
3. Strand Associates, Inc., 629 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Eric Brunn, P.E., Strand Associates, Inc., 629 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201, 812-372-9911, or [eric.brunn@strand.com](mailto:eric.brunn@strand.com) on or before May 13, 2022. 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 Seymour District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact INDOT Project Manager Chase Schneider at [chschneider@indot.in.gov](mailto:chschneider@indot.in.gov) or 812-524-3985. 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 the INDOT Project Manager Chase Schneider at [chschneider@indot.in.gov](mailto:chschneider@indot.in.gov) or 812-524-3985.

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* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.