

# Pavement Replacement Project

State Road 109 in Town of Wilkinson  
Hancock County  
Des. No. 2100216

Indiana Department of Transportation  
Greenfield District



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# Welcome

## Agenda

- Purpose of the Meeting
- Public Comment Process
- Overview of Environmental Document
- Review of Project Design
- Right-of-Way
- Project Schedule

# How to Submit a Public Comment

- On-Site Tonight
  - Complete comment sheet and leave in comment box.
  - Scan QR Code for digital submission
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated, and given full consideration during the decision-making process.

# Project Development



Public Information  
Meeting

Public Hearing  
(June 2025)

Public Involvement  
Communicate Project  
Decision

# National Environmental Policy Act

## Impact

Requires that federal agencies consider the effects of their actions on surrounding natural, cultural and social environments

## Involvement

Requires the public be provided the opportunity to be involved and comment

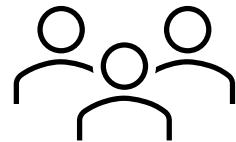
## Information

Requires that impacts be described in an environmental document

# Environmental Document

- Processed as a Level 2 Categorical Exclusion
  - Pavement Replacement Project, Town of Wilkinson
  - Historic resources “No Adverse Affect”
- Establishes the Purpose and Need for the proposed project.
- Evaluates possible alternatives, including a “Do Nothing” alternative as a baseline.
- Solicits public comment on environmental document and project design.
- Addresses and fully considers public comments as part of the decision-making process.

# Project Stakeholders



- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Section 106 Consulting Parties
- Community
- Elected Officials

# Purpose & Need

- **Need:**
  - Age-related distress of the roadway
  - Lack of ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities
  - Drainage deficiencies
  - Traffic safety issues
- **Purpose:**
  - Provide improvements along SR 109 through the Town of Wilkinson
    - Safe vehicular roadway, ADA compliant pedestrian crossings, and address drainage deficiencies
  - Secondary purpose of this project is to correct the poor angles and sight-distance deficiencies at selected intersections
    - SR 109 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street
    - SR 109 and CR 700/Station Street

# Elements of Environmental Document

- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Historic & Archaeological
- Community Impacts
- Floodplains
- Farmland
- Wetlands & Waterways
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Section 4(f)
- Section 6(f)

# No Impact Anticipated



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# Threatened & Endangered Species



Indiana Bat, USGS

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- No “suitable habitat” within 1,000 feet of project area
- Range-Wide Programmatic Informal Consultation for the Indiana Bat – “No Effect”
- Other species were listed that may be present within the project area:
  - Tricolored Bat, *Proposed Endangered* – “No Effect”

Tree removal will be minimized throughout the project corridor.



Tri-Colored Bat, USFWS

# Cultural Resources



House, "Contributing"

- Archaeological
  - No archaeological sites present.
- Historic Properties
  - Ten resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE).
    - Outstanding (2), Notable (1), Contributing (5), Not Rated (2)

# Cultural Resources



- Effect Finding:
  - “No Adverse Effect” to be published with local news outlets
  - State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with Finding on March 10, 2025
- Mitigative Measures
  - No removal of mature trees on historic properties
  - Mark plans as “Do Not Disturb” for contributing architectural elements

# Section 4(f) – US DOT Act of 1966

Prohibits the use of certain public and historic lands for federally funded transportation facilities unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative.

## Historic Properties:

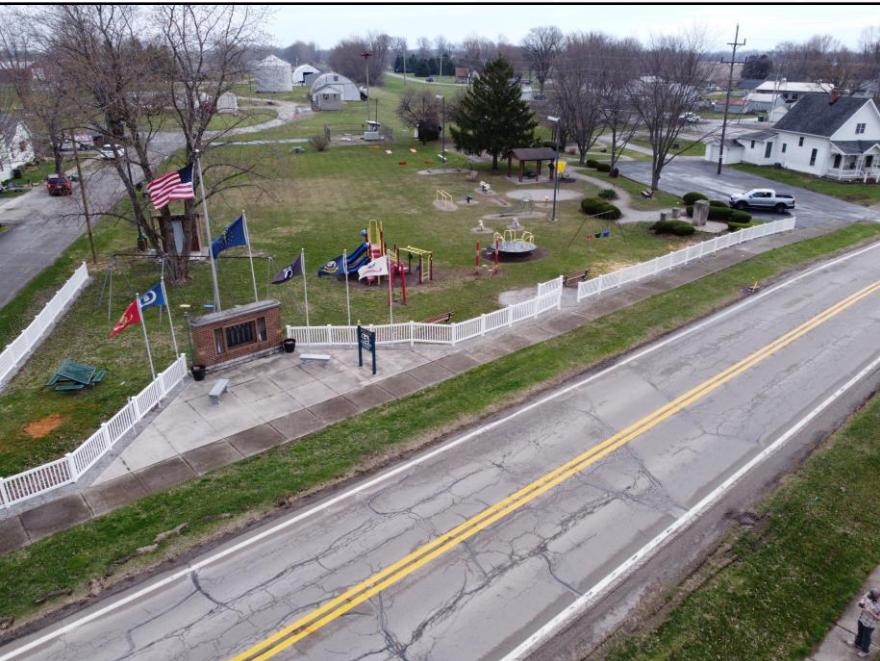
- Historic Buildings
- Section 4(f) is fulfilled under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) process.
- No Section 4(f) analysis required.



# Section 4(f) cont.

## Other Section 4(f) Properties:

- Weir Cook Community Park
  - Public park and recreation area.
  - Permanent right-of-way totaling 0.001 ac. will be acquired from park property.
  - Access to the park and park facilities will not be restricted.
  - Considered a transportation enhancement exception
  - Official with Jurisdiction (Wilkinson Town Board President) gave concurrence March 14, 2025



# Alternatives

- **No Build or Do Nothing Alternative**
  - No expenditure of capital funds – utilize existing facility.
  - Result in deterioration of facilities.
  - Does not meet purpose of project.
  - Not prudent.
- **Preferred Alternative – Rehabilitate the existing roadway, drainage, pedestrian facilities, and address intersection safety deficiencies**
  - Meets Purpose and Need.
  - Feasible and prudent.

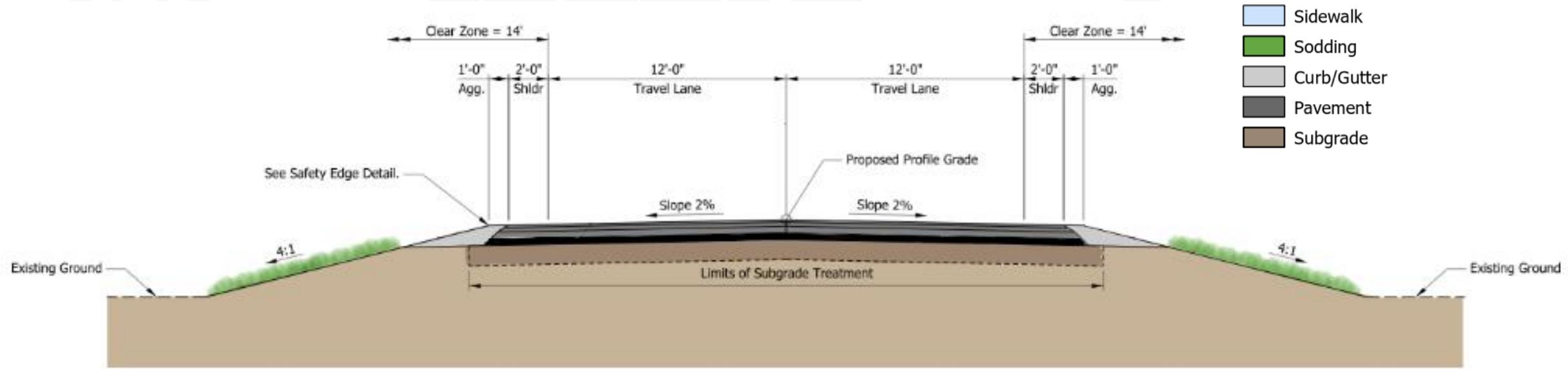


# Preferred Alternative

Rehabilitation of the existing roadway and improvement of drainage, pedestrian facilities, and intersection configuration.

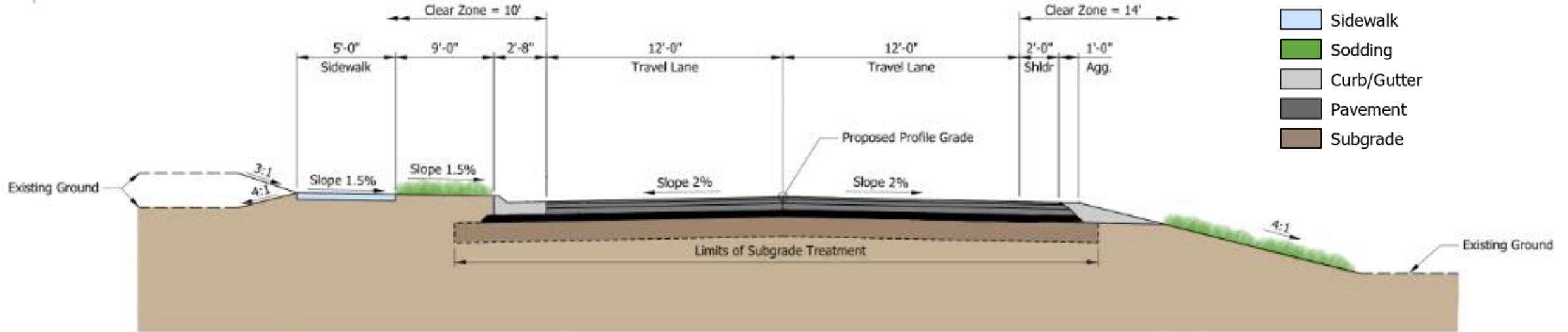
- Existing roadway: Two lane highway with 12 ft. wide travel lanes, 2 ft. wide shoulders, and 4 ft. wide sidewalks
  - Full-depth reconstruction of roadway,
  - Paved shoulders,
  - Improve stormwater drainage,
  - Install ADA facilities,
  - Sidewalk reconstruction, and
  - Improved sight distance and geometry at two intersections

# Proposed Project Typicals



For areas with no proposed sidewalk.

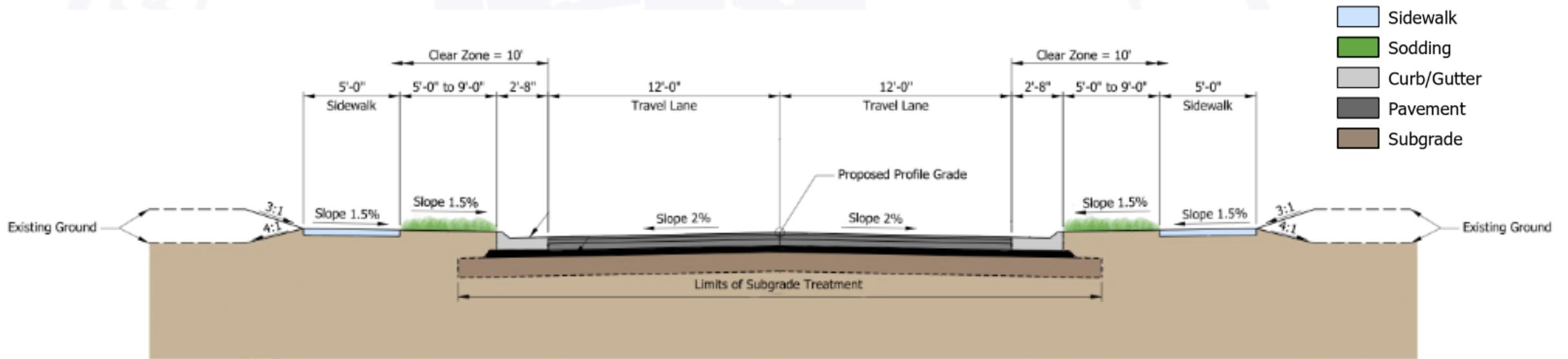
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For areas with proposed sidewalk on one side of the road.  
(left or right)

Sidewalks will be improved to 5 ft. wide and match the backline of the existing sidewalk.

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For areas with proposed sidewalk on both sides of the road

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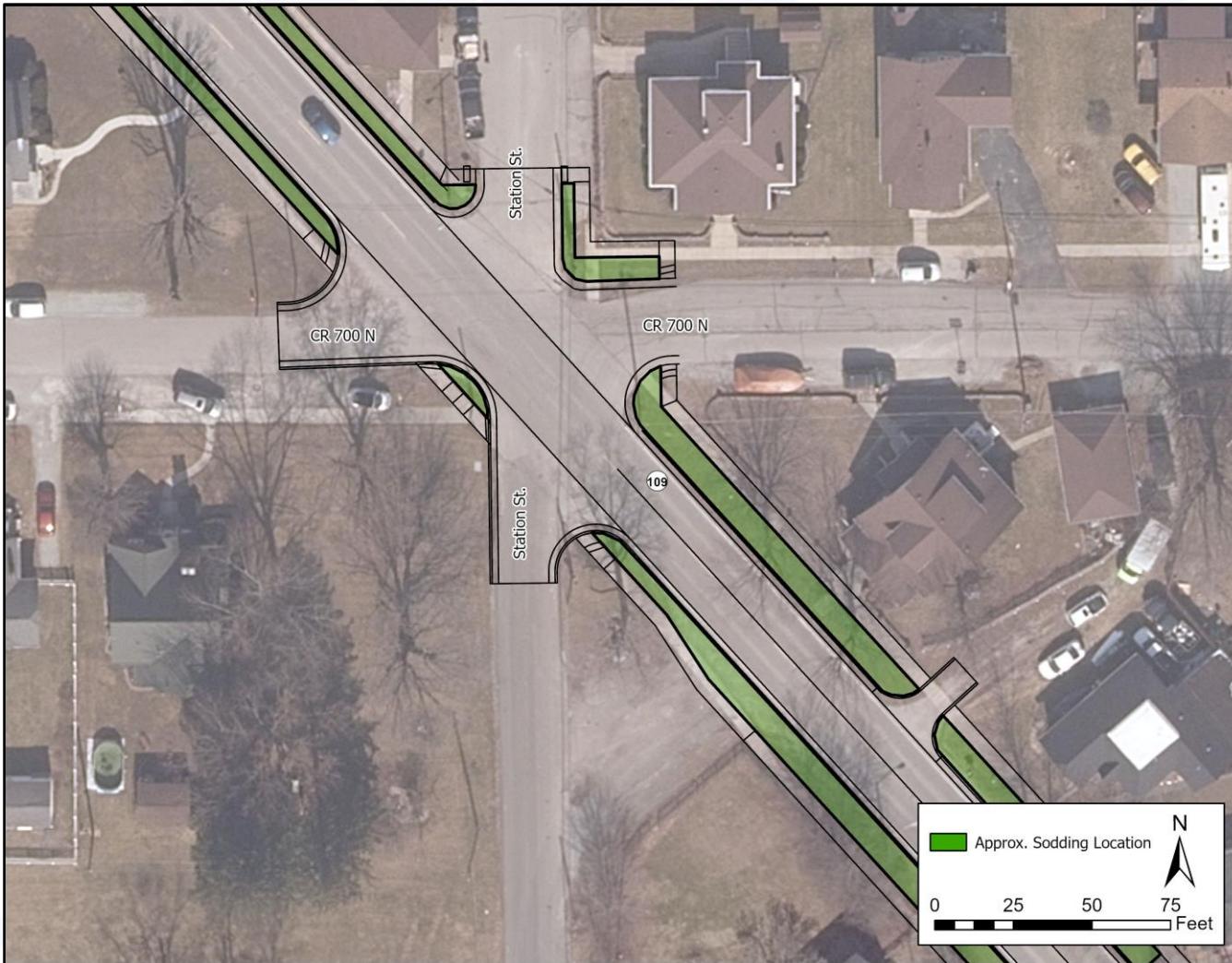
## Preferred Alternative Cont...

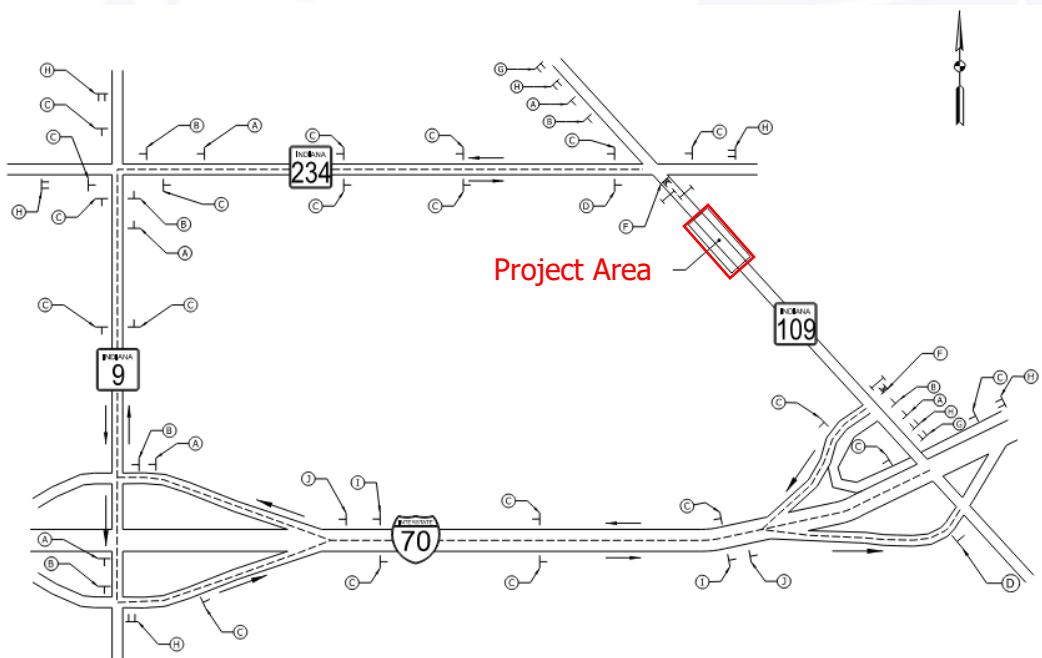
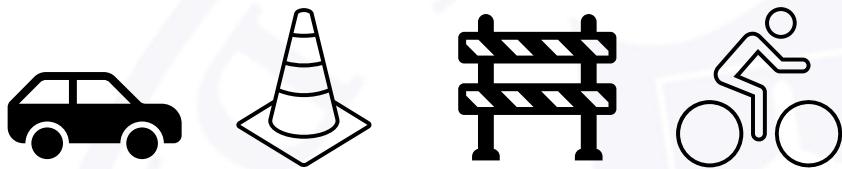
- Paved Shoulders: mountable curb to accommodate farm equipment
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street Intersection: Sight distance and geometry
  - Realign 1<sup>st</sup> Street to make a T-intersection
  - Terminate G Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - Removed areas will be sodded
- CR 700/Station St. Intersection: Access control and pedestrian improvements

# SR 109 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street



# SR 109 and CR 700 N/Station St.





# Maintenance of Traffic

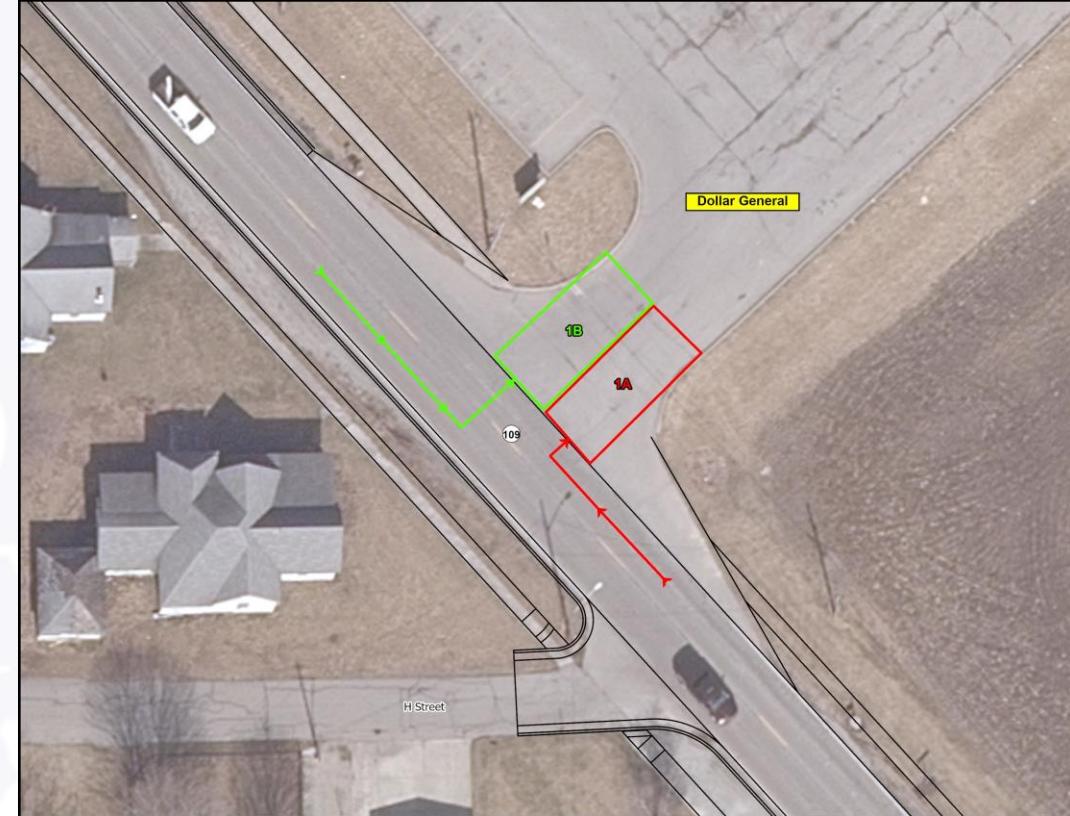
- Road closure with official detour
  - SR 234, SR 9, and I-70
  - 25 travel miles
- Local traffic will be maintained
  - Phased along SR 109
  - One travel lane and one pedestrian lane
  - Access to residential and commercial properties will be maintained

# Local Maintenance of Traffic



- Phased Construction
  - One lane will be used as a one-way travel lane for local traffic
  - Construction will occur on other travel lane and sidewalk
  - Pedestrian traffic will be accommodated utilizing existing and temporary sidewalks
- Local Access
  - Residential and commercial drives will have temporary aggregate to maintain access
  - Phased construction allows local traffic to commute through the town

# Local Maintenance of Traffic



Access to residential and commercial properties will be maintained throughout project construction

# Right-of-Way

- This project will require 1.109 acre of right-of-way
  - Permanent: 0.904 acre
  - Temporary: 0.140 acre
  - Re-acquired: 0.065 acre
- Consists of residential and commercial properties
- Sidewalks will be improved to 5 ft. wide and match the backline of the existing sidewalk.

# Project Schedule

ENVIRONMENTAL  
DOCUMENT  
COMPLETE  
SUMMER 2025

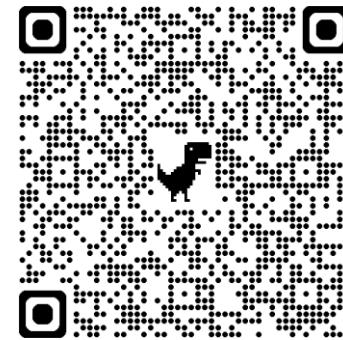
LETTING  
FEBRUARY 2026

PHASED  
CONSTRUCTION  
BEGINS  
SPRING 2026

# Project Resource Locations

INDOT Greenfield District Website

<https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/>

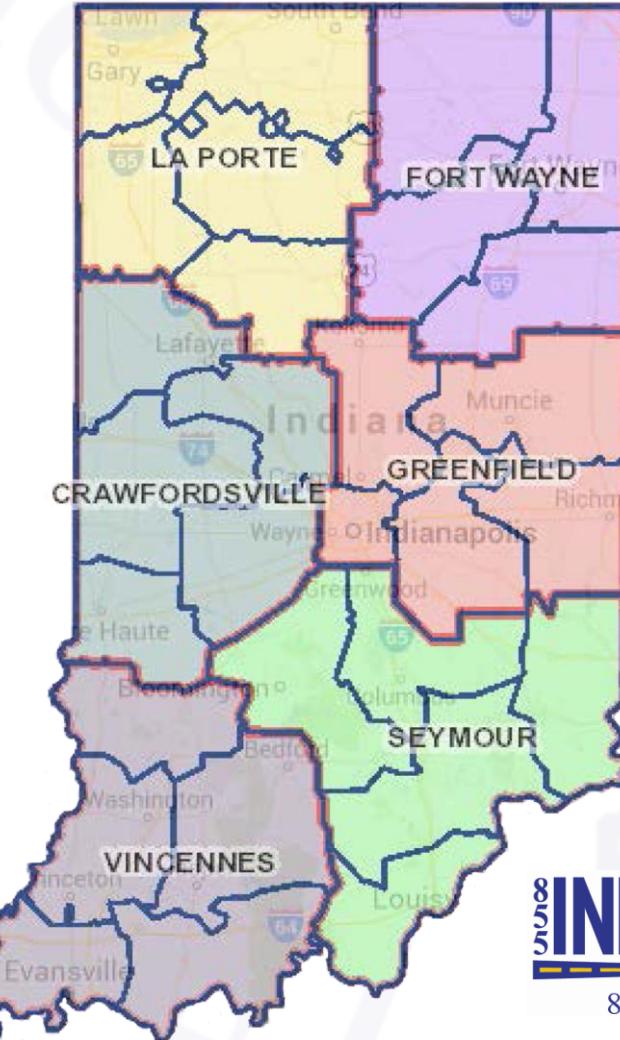


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