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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

DES NO 2100034

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Vincennes District is developing plans for proposed intersection improvements located at the intersection of State Road (SR) 45 and SR 445, in Greene County, Indiana.

The need for this project is based upon safety conditions at the SR 45 intersection with SR 445. According to the Road Safety Assessment Report, dated January 8, 2021, the existing intersection has a higher-than-average crash severity, with an Index of Crash Cost of 2.08 (average is 1.0), between 2017 and 2019. There were 14 crashes that occurred at the intersection between 2017 and 2019. Of the 14 crashes, five were fatal and incapacitating, one was non-incapacitating, and eight caused property damage. The purpose of this project is to improve safety by possibly reducing the number and severity of crashes at this location by utilizing intersection design technology to reduce vehicle speed at this location.

The preferred alternative is to install a single-lane roundabout with added intersection lighting at the intersection of SR 45 and SR 445. The project scope includes 1.5 inches of milling and a 1.5-inch overlay within the project footprint, the installation of a mountable center island and approach islands, and some roadway patching during roundabout construction, as necessary. The curb and gutter on the approaches around the island and the splitter islands may encourage a reduction in speed of vehicles at this location. Several drainage inlets with manholes will be installed around the perimeter of the roundabout and along the approaches throughout the project area to facilitate drainage. Existing traffic signals will be removed, and new permanent lighting will be installed in all quadrants of the project area.

No temporary or permanent impacts to water resources will be required. Approximately 0.321 acre of terrestrial habitat will be impacted, due to construction of the new roundabout, installation of associated drainage structures around the perimeter of the roundabout and along the approaches, and grading. No tree clearing will be required for this project. Avoidance is not practicable and no mitigation is anticipated. Impacts have been minimized to the greatest extent possible by utilizing the minimum amount of riprap necessary, installing temporary erosion control measures around construction limits, revegetating bare areas after project completion, and directing temporary lighting away from suitable bat habitat.

The project will occur within existing right-of-way (ROW). No permanent or temporary ROW will be required for this project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) will require full closures of SR 45 and SR 445 and a detour utilizing SR 48, SR 43, and SR 54, and SR 45. The detour length is approximately 20.7 miles and is anticipated to last for approximately 3 months. Access to all adjacent 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 Spring 2026.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$1,339,000.00 for construction. INDOT has agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

1. INDOT Vincennes District Office (3650 Old US Highway 41, Vincennes, Indiana 47591)
2. Burgess and Niple, Inc. Website (<https://www.burgessniple.com/content/indot/2100034/>)
3. Eastern Branch Public Library (1153 East State Road 54, Bloomfield, Indiana 47424)

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and /or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Ruth Hook, 251 N. Illinois St., Suite 920, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Ruth.hook@burgessniple.com, or Clancy Sturgeon, 3650 S. US Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591, cjsturgeon@indot.in.gov, on or before August 1, 2025. Project documents can be mailed 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 project team for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Ruth Hook, 317.237.2752 x7771, Ruth.hook@burgessniple.com. 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 Ruth Hook, 317.237.2760 x7771, Ruth.hook@burgessniple.com.

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.