

Legal Notice
of
Public Hearing
Des. No. 1601094

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Thursday September 17, 2020, at the Stilesville Fire Station (8353 N Hendricks St., Stilesville, IN 46180), the hearing doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 5:30 p.m.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed. The capacity of the presentation is limited to 20 people to allow for social distancing. Project team members will wear face masks, chairs and project exhibits will be spaced six feet apart. Hand sanitizer will be available, and attendees are to wear face masks per the Governor's executive order.

In addition to the public hearing at the Stilesville Fire Station, INDOT is providing a virtual opportunity to watch the public hearing presentation live online. The presentation will be conducted via Zoom, an online meeting platform, with the Meeting ID: 857 2020 1702 or at the online address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85720201702>. Additionally, a link to access the public hearing presentation virtually and instructions can be found on the project website at <http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>. Finally, the presentation can be heard over the phone by dialing +1 646 876 9923 and using the Conference ID: 857 2020 1702#.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document, the 800.11(e) documentation for Section 106, and current preliminary design plans for the proposed bridge project located on US 40 over Sallust Branch of Mill Creek in Putnam County, Indiana, approximately 0.5 mile west of SR 75. The purpose of the project is to continue providing the public with a structure that perpetuates vehicular crossing on US 40 over Sallust Branch of Mill Creek at current safety standards and requirements for at least 25 years with a structurally sufficient structure.

The project proposes to rehabilitate Bridge No. 040-67-01838C, NBI No. 013740. The preferred alternative proposes to repair, preserve, and maintain the existing structure for vehicular use in a way that does not adversely affect the historic features of the bridge. The proposed project includes patching and fiber-wrapping the deteriorated beams to prevent further deterioration, patching the remaining substructure (abutments and wing walls) and existing railing with pneumatically placed mortar, and placing riprap along the banks. The unsound concrete in the beams, abutments, and wing walls will be removed and replaced with new concrete.

The project will take place within existing INDOT right-of-way and will not require the purchase of permanent or temporary right-of-way. The maintenance of traffic (MOT) will involve temporary lane closures to allow US 40 to remain open during construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2021.

The Bridge No. 040-67-01838C, NBI No. 013740 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). As part of the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory project, the bridge was determined to be Select.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The proposed project does not involve

any properties eligible for the National Register aside from the subject bridge. This project will result in “no historic properties affected” under Section 106. The INDOT, on behalf of the FHWA will be issuing a “no historic properties affect” finding for the project. In accordance with the NHPA, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a) (4), the documentation of “no historic properties affected” specified in 36 CFR 800.11 (e) is available for inspection electronically by accessing INDOT’s Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents>. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact RQAW, ATTN: Kyle Boot, 8770 North Street, Ste. 110, Fishers, IN 46038, 317-588-1762, or kboot@rqaw.com.

The FHWA and the INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 4. At present, both state and federal funds are anticipated for construction of the project with the total cost estimated at approximately \$600,000. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this document. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information are available to view prior at the following locations:

- Online INDOT Crawfordsville District <http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>
- Putnam County Public Library, 103 E. Poplar St., Greencastle, IN 46135

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact RQAW, ATTN: Joe Dabkowski, 8770 North St. Ste. 110, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 588-1759, or jdabkowski@rqaw.com. Requests must be received prior to September 17, 2020.

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: RQAW, ATTN: Joe Dabkowski, 8770 North St. Ste. 110, Fishers, IN 46038, or jdabkowski@rqaw.com, or to Richard Gilyeat, INDOT Project Manager at INDOT Crawfordsville District, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or RGilyeat@indot.IN.gov. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by October 1, 2020.**

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 accommodation be required please contact Richard Gilyeat, INDOT Project Manager at INDOT Crawfordsville District, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or RGilyeat@indot.IN.gov.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.” 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: “Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary” approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012.