

Section 2

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NEWS ADVISORY

INDOT Seeks Public Input on Final I-69 Alignment

Public hearing to review environmental impacts for Section 2 of I-69

PETERSBURG, Ind. — The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will conduct a public hearing regarding the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Section 2 of the I-69 corridor on Thursday, March 19, 2009, from 5 to 9 p.m. (CST) at Pike Central High School, 1810 East SR 56.

Section 2 runs between SR 64 near Oakland City through Gibson, Pike, and Daviess counties to US 50 east of Washington. During the hearing, INDOT and the consulting firms that conducted the environmental studies and engineering assessment for Section 2 will present the preferred alternative, which is based on months of research and study.

The preferred alignment was chosen over other alternatives based on impacts to resources such as farmland and the local road network as well as feedback gathered from public information meetings. After public review, INDOT will refine the preferred alignment and submit a final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Section 2 to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is anticipated that FHWA will then issue an authorization to proceed with federally funded design and construction of the project.

WHAT:	I-69 Public Hearing
WHEN:	Thursday, March 19, 2009 5 – 9 p.m.
WHERE:	Pike Central High School 1810 East State Road 56 Petersburg, Ind.

In March 2004, FHWA approved the 142-mile I-69 corridor from Indianapolis to Evansville. The new highway is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vitality of Southwestern Indiana.

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