

I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 Studies Section 5

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Public to Get First Look at Preliminary Road Drawings on Wednesday INDOT Seeks Feedback on Second Phase of the I-69 Studies

Bloomington, Ind. – The public is invited to review the new preliminary road alignments and access alternatives for Section 5 of the federally approved I-69 corridor at a public update meeting on WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Liberty Church at 2010 Liberty Church Road just south of the S.R. 37 and S.R. 39 intersection in Martinsville.

Section 5 of the approved I-69 corridor begins at S.R. 37, near Victor Pike southwest of Bloomington, and continues along S.R. 37 to S.R. 39 near Martinsville. "Because this portion of I-69 involves upgrading an existing roadway, we are particularly interested in hearing public comments on the proposed access alternatives", said Wendy Vachet, project manager for Michael Baker Corp., the engineering firm conducting the studies for Section 5. "We have some important decisions to make in the coming months. Public input combined with our research will really help shape those decisions."

The public is encouraged to provide input on the drawings using comment forms, discussions with team members, and after the formal presentation scheduled for 6:30 p.m. during an open microphone period. The project team will use public feedback to re-examine initial alternatives and develop a set of revised alternatives to be presented in a second I-69 update meeting at a later date.

Maps and aerial photos will be on display and open to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. Project team members including INDOT representatives will be available to answer questions both before the formal presentation at 6:30 and afterward until 8:30 p.m.

In March 2004, the Federal Highway Administration approved the 142-mile I-69 corridor that will extend I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis. Section 5 is one of six sections in the corridor conducting studies. Significant information is available at the Section 5 project office located at One City Centre, Suite 108, in Bloomington. The office is open Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to visit, or call 812-355-1390. Additional information is available on the project web site www.i69indyevn.org or by e-mailing section5@i69indyevn.org

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