



I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 Studies

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INDOT to Open New I-69 Project Office in Indianapolis Public Invited to Open House on July 1, 2004

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is opening a local project office where area residents can meet with officials during the next phase of work on the Interstate 69 extension from Evansville to Indianapolis. The office, located in Indianapolis at 7550 South Meridian Street, Suite B, is one of six new facilities in the 142-mile project corridor.

“Community input and participation are key as the final highway alignment is determined,” said INDOT Commissioner J. Bryan Nicol. “The local office is the latest example of our long-standing commitment to encourage community involvement and ensure citizens are kept informed as the project moves forward.”

A special public open house will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2004, between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to tour the new facility and meet members of the project team. Persons can stop in to review maps of the project area and speak with representatives about specific areas of interest. Brochures and other handouts will also be available.

The local office will be performing comprehensive studies along the corridor between SR 39 (Martinsville) and I-465 (Indianapolis). The project manager for this section is Tim Miller, from HNTB. This phase of work is referred to as the Tier 2 Studies and each of the six sections is being independently studied over the next 18 to 36 months.

The project office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents can also reach the office by calling (317) 881-6408. Residents are encouraged to call before visiting to ensure appropriate staff is available to personally meet with them.

In March 2004, the Federal Highway Administration approved the 142-mile Evansville to Indianapolis corridor. The new highway is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana. It will prevent nearly 40,000 serious injuries and save travelers between Indianapolis and Evansville nearly an hour per round trip.

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