

I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 Studies

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Project managers to unveil I-69 access points between Martinsville and Indy INDOT will seek feedback at October 11 public meeting

Martinsville, Ind. – After months of planning and environmental and engineering studies, the Indiana Department of Transportation will give the public its first look at access alternatives for the federally approved "Section 6" corridor of I-69 at an October 11 public meeting.

The meeting, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St., Martinsville, will focus on the corridor of I-69 that begins at S.R. 39 near Martinsville and ends at I-465 in Indianapolis. In Section 6, I-69 will closely follow the existing path of S.R. 37, with access provided by a series of interchanges and access roads.

The public is welcome to attend the October 11 meeting, and to provide feedback during the public comment period.

"It's great to be able to show the public some options for how they will access or get across the new highway," said Tim Miller, project manager for HNTB, the firm conducting the Section 6 studies. "We're trying to narrow down to one exact alignment that works best with these communities and their needs. Comments on the access options help us learn those needs. Public comments combined with our studies will help us ensure I-69 is safe, efficient and environmentally sound."

Planners will use public feedback to re-examine the highway access alternatives and develop a set of revised drawings to be presented in a second I-69 update meeting.

At the meeting, maps of the area will be on display beginning at 5:30 p.m., and engineers and other experts working on the project will be available to answer questions both before and after the formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will be followed by a public comment period and additional time to view the displays until 8:30 p.m.

About I-69

In March 2004, the Federal Highway Administration approved the entire 142-mile I-69 corridor that will extend I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis. Section 6 is one of six sections of the selected corridor. The new highway is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vitality of Southwestern Indiana.