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We'd Like to Hear From You

The project team is committed to keeping the residents and business owners in Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass Counties informed about this project. If there are subjects you would like to hear more about, please contact the public involvement team through:

**Aimee Bennett at
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Representatives Available for Community Meetings

If your small group or organization would like a brief presentation or Q&A session about the SR25 Hoosier Heartland project, please contact the Public Involvement Director:

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Project Update

**SR25 Hoosier Heartland
Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass Counties
DES# 9802920**

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All eight contracts in segment one have successfully let. Two of those eight contracts are complete and open to traffic including the CR1000E and the CR625E overpasses. The remaining six contracts are in various stages of construction.

Segment two and segment four have nearly completed right-of-way engineering and the appraisal process should begin soon for those parcels that are required for right-of-way. A detailed alignment of segment four can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Segment three has nearly completed the right-of-way acquisition phase, and the portion of segment three near Clymers known as 3C is under construction.

A Community Advisory Committee has been active for this project and includes representatives from the following groups: City of Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, City of Delphi, Carroll County, City of Logansport, Cass County, Hoosier Heartland Coalition, Logansport Memorial Hospital, Liberty Township, Jackson Township, Logansport EDF, Carroll County EDC, Cass County Chamber of Commerce, Delphi Canal Association, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Town of Camden, Logansport Police Department, Congressman Donnelly's office, Carroll County Area Plan Commission, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission, Logansport Community Schools, Cass County EMA, and Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department.

Access to information about the SR25 Hoosier Heartland project is now available to list-serve subscribers. A link to this subscription is available on the home page of the project website: <http://www.in.gov/indot/div/projects/sr25study>.

Questions and Answers

Q: How is right-of-way acquired by INDOT?

A: Log on to www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/realprop/index.html

Q: What happens if my house or business must be removed from the new right-of-way?

A: Log on to www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/rights/index.html





Right-of-way Process

The right-of-way process begins when the project team starts the right-of-way engineering. Right-of-way engineering consists of preparing title work (history), surveying, and preparing plats and legal descriptions of the property needed to be purchased for a specific project.

Appraising can start as soon as the right-of-way engineering for that parcel is ready. If the value of a property to be purchased is anticipated to be below \$10,000 the appraiser is not required to contact the owner.

Appraisals are based on current fair market value which is determined through the appraisal process by evaluating local real estate sales of similar properties. The appraisals are sent for review and when approved, are used to establish the agency's just compensation to be offered to the property owner.

Under Indiana law the property owner has thirty (30) days once they have received their offer packet to consider the offer and address any questions they may have with the buyer assigned to their parcel. If the property owner reaches an agreement with the state, then the property is conveyed to the state and payment is made to the lien holders/property owners of each individual parcel.

The state will make every effort to reach an agreement during negotiation. The owner may provide other evidence such as their own appraisal for consideration of a different value.

If an agreement cannot be reached between the state and the property owner, the state may initiate condemnation proceedings in the local courts. The court will appoint three appraisers to determine a value of the acquisition. If there is still a disagreement over that amount a jury trial is possible.

If you are displaced from your residence or business through the right-of-way acquisition process, a relocation specialist will be assigned to assist you in locating a replacement property. The relocation specialist will have the required knowledge about federal relocation assistance to answer specific questions and provide additional information you may need to help you relocate successfully.

The relocation specialist will conduct an interview with the displacee(s). Relocation services and payments according to your eligibility will be explained at this time. This is your opportunity to ask questions and be sure you fully understand the rights and benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act. The Relocation Specialist will provide displacee(s) with comparable properties along with a written determination of the amount of replacement housing payment for which you may qualify. Transportation will be offered to inspect housing referrals if needed.

The displacee(s) will be entitled to moving cost reimbursement based on actual expenditure or a fixed moving cost schedule if you choose to move yourself. Qualifying expenses may include packing and unpacking, disconnecting and reconnecting household appliances, temporary storage of personal property, and transfer of utilities. Certain limitations and requirements may apply and can be explained by your relocation specialist.

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