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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 18, 2020, at the Benjamin Bosse High School Cafeteria located at 1300 Washington Avenue, Evansville IN 47714. The public meeting presentation and comment period will also be broadcast via the INDOT: Southwest (@INDOTVincennesDistrict) Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/INDOTVincennesDistrict/>, the INDOT Southwest (@INDOTSouthwest) Twitter page, or virtually via meeting invite. The purpose of the public meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the recommended pedestrian crossing of US 41 location and type. The doors will be open at 5:00 p.m. to give meeting participants time to view displays and talk to project representatives prior to the start of the meeting. The intent of the project is to improve pedestrian safety for individuals trying to cross US 41.

This project is located on US 41 at the intersection of Washington Avenue in Knight Township, Vanderburgh County, within INDOT's Vincennes District. The High-Rail Pedestrian Trail runs along the west side of US 41 within the project limits and connects to the sidewalks on the north and south side of Washington Avenue. Benjamin Bosse High School is located in the northeast corner of this intersection. A grade separated crossing is warranted at this location based on the safety concerns for pedestrian and bicycle traffic at the intersection. Two alternative structure configurations were considered, a below ground tunnel and a pedestrian bridge. Both options were considered at four locations within the project area; at East Chandler Avenue, at East Powell Avenue, at East Blackford Avenue, and the north side of the intersection of US 41 and Washington Avenue. Based on the preliminary Alternative Report and considering the project key factors and the comparative cost, a pedestrian bridge at Washington Avenue, is the recommended alternate. INDOT is seeking stakeholder and public input on this recommendation prior to proceeding with detailed design. A more detailed analysis of structure characteristics including structure type, span arrangement, and ramp layout will be evaluated as the next steps in early 2021.

At present, both state and federal funds are available for construction of the project. A Categorical Exclusion Level 2 or 4 document will be prepared for this project to fully evaluate the project impacts. Project materials are available to view at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2707.htm> or upon request.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed to them. Please contact Christine Meador, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204 or cmeador@HNTB.com or 317-636-4682 for information.

The in-person public meeting will include appropriate social distancing measures. Meeting attendees and the project team are required to wear masks per local ordinance and will practice

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social distancing. Attendees who do not have a mask will be provided one, and hand sanitation stations will be available. The public meeting presentation and formal comment period will also be broadcast live INDOT Southwest Facebook Live (@INDOTVincennesDistrict) and INDOT Southwest Twitter (@INDOTSouthwest), or virtually via WebEx, so that people may participate virtually. To request a link to the WebEx Meeting, email Christine Meador at cmeador@hntb.com.

In accordance with the “Americans with Disabilities Act”, if you have a disability or need assistance with accessibility to the above documents such as interpreters or readers, please contact Christine Meador, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204 or cmeador@HNTB.com or 317-636-4682 who can provide accommodations.

Comments will be accepted in writing via a comment form or verbally at the public meeting or via U.S. Postal Service or E-mail. Comments can be submitted to Christine Meador, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204 or cmeador@HNTB.com or INDOT’s Project Manager, Troy Arnold, Indiana Department of Transportation Vincennes District, 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591 or TArnold1@indot.IN.gov. Comments will be accepted through Friday December 4, 2020.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.” 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating: “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provide full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures were approved by the FHWA on August 16, 2012.