BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Public Meetings Scheduled for I-65 Safety and Efficiency Project



Two public meetings, one in-person and one virtual, are planned for early November to introduce an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project that will bring improvements to I-65 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. I-65 Safety and Efficiency is expected to reduce corridor congestion, improve traffic flow and improve safety along the corridor.

The public meetings will introduce the project and offer an opportunity for one-on-one conversations with members of the project team. The in-person meeting will be held at SENSE Charter School (1601 Barth Avenue) on **Tuesday, November 1 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. The virtual meeting will be the following day on **November 2 at 6:00pm**. Register for the virtual event at *bit.ly/l-65VirtualMeeting*.

The nearly 5-mile project corridor begins north of the I-465 interchange and ends just north of Fletcher Avenue near downtown Indianapolis. The project is expected to include added capacity using the existing shoulder, the widening of three bridges, the replacement of one bridge, pavement patching and resurfacing, and improvements to multiple drainage structures. I-65 will remain open to traffic during construction.

The Hanna Avenue bridge over I-65 is expected to be replaced as part of the project and will be able to accommodate a future pedestrian pathway. The northbound bridges over Naomi Street and E. Pleasant Run (North and South) parkways will be widened, and the northbound bridge over Morris/Prospect Street will be rehabilitated and widened.

The project is in the environmental and preliminary design stage. A public hearing is expected in the Fall of 2023 and will be followed by a formal comment period. Construction is expected to begin in 2025 and last up to two years.

Find more information at *I65SafetyandEfficiency.com*, including project information, maps, and FAQs. Project news and updates are shared on Facebook and Twitter, or sign up for updates by email on the project website or by texting "INDOT I65SandE" to 468311.

Letter from the President

Hello neighbors!

This month, please vote on the 8th! Last month, eleven candidates spoke at our monthly neighborhood meeting and shared their views on how they would represent Bates-Hendricks. It was great! Thank you candidates!

Our neighborhood has the privilege to make our voices known in many ways. You have a chance to vote based on what you heard from the candidates representing multiple citywide races, two separate state representative races, and in the race

for the brand new state senate district. Please head to the polls on November 8 BHNA President, James Bulow and cast your vote!

Also this month, please join us at the neighborhood meeting because we will have representatives from at least five different schools present to us on November 7! The schools will let neighbors know what they have to offer. Let your friends, family, and neighbors know about this opportunity to learn more about the schools that serve our community. Please bring your questions to learn about how you can help our community thrive.

Finally, in December, please join our neighborhood meeting for our annual holiday meal! The neighborhood will supply the main dishes and we ask that you bring a side or dessert to share – simple is great. We hope to see you there!

Indy DPW Announces 2022 Leaf Collection Dates

This year's leaf collection will begin in Bates-Hendricks on Tuesday, November 8 and end on November 29. Residents can leave up to 40 bags of leaves for pickup per week on their regularly scheduled collection day during the four-week collection period at no additional cost. While the week of the Thanksgiving holiday included in this season will operate on a sliding collection schedule, leaf collection service is expected to occur on the same day as each home's standard trash collection.

Place leaves in plastic bags at least three feet away from your trash cart by 7:00am on your normal trash day. For more information, visit www.indy.gov/activity/leaf-collection-season.

Get Ready for the Holidays in Bates-Hendricks!

'Tis the season to gather as a community, give thanks to our neighbors and spend time with those around us. Mark your calendar and join the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association for our upcoming holiday events:

- Neighborhood Holiday Potluck: Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm. Share a meal in lieu of our monthly neighborhood meeting. The neighborhood will provide the main dish; neighbors are welcome to bring a side dish, drinks, or desserts. Located at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street).
- Bates-Hendricks Holiday Party: Saturday, December 10 at 8:00pm. Put on your most festive and/or eclectic holiday sweater to sing karaoke, share a drink with a neighbor, and exchange some holiday sweets! Located at Bowhaus Tap Bar (1729 S. East Street).
- Santa Claus is Coming to Bates!: Tuesday, December 20 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their list and checking it twice to make their rounds of spreading cheer street by street in Bates-Hendricks. Bring your family, kids, and pets to the New Jersey Esplanade gazebo after their ride around the neighborhood for photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus (near 1526 New Jersey Street).

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Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment, and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 at 307 Lincoln Street at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at *bateshendricks.org*.



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Upcoming

- Nov 1, 2 Public Meetings Scheduled for I-65 Safety and Efficiency. See page 1 for details.
- **Nov 3 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at *www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling*.
- Nov 7 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, <u>James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street</u>). The Association meets on the first Monday of every month except holidays (then it's the second Monday). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- **Nov 8** Election Day, 6:00am to 6:00pm. You may vote at any Vote Center within county lines. View a list of polling places at *vote.indy.gov/Vote-Centers*. Visit *www.indy.gov/activity/find-a-sample-ballot* to download a sample ballot to see the candidates for your part of the neighborhood..
- **Nov 10 ROW Pleasant Run Meeting**, 5:00pm, location varies. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact *ROW@bateshendricks.org*.
- **Nov 12** 2nd Saturday Cleanup, 9:00am to 11:00am, Bauman Park (1868 Singleton Street). On the second Saturday of each month, we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood. Come join us!
- **Nov 14 Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting**, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. For more information, contact *QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org*.
- **Nov 15** Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at *www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup*.
- Nov 17 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- **Nov 19** Monthly Parent Meetup, 9:30am to 11:30am. Check *www.bateshendricks.org/parents* for the location. Join other downtown families for a monthly family-friendly event! All events are free unless noted in the event. Meetups are proudly hosted by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association but open to all families regardless of residency. Email questions to *Parents@bateshendricks.org*.
- **Nov 21 Events Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact *Events@bateshendricks.org* for more information.
- **Nov 21** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact *Marketing@bateshendricks.org* to join the meeting or for more information.
- **Nov 22** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.