



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – I-65 Safety & Efficiency, Marion County, Designation No. 1400073

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) held a public hearing on July 24, 2024, for a proposed improvement project located along I-65 from 0.19 mile north of the I-65/I-465 Interchange to 0.05 mile north of the I-65/I-70 Interchange, in Marion County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. The purpose of the project is to reduce corridor congestion by providing a roadway that will meet level of service (LOS) D during peak hours for the design year, 2045; extend the life of the existing pavement by at least 10 years; provide drainage features that will meet current Indiana Design Manual (IDM) standards; extend the service life of the bridges within the project corridor by at least 10 years; provide a condition rating of at least 7 out of 9, or good condition for rehabilitated bridges; and improve pedestrian facilities by meeting current IDM standards.

The INDOT Preferred Alternative: The proposed preferred alternative for the I-65 mainline will add two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one northbound and one southbound), with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and approximately 7-foot-wide inside shoulders throughout the project area. The existing mainline pavement will be rehabilitated. The existing lighting, signage, and guardrail/barrier systems will be upgraded. Sidewalks will be improved and will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Underpass lighting will be improved by either installing new light fixtures or repairing existing light fixtures with light emitting diode (LED) products. There will be improvements made to 23 of the 25 bridges and to four of the six culverts within the project area. One noise barrier will be constructed along the east side of I-65, north of Hanna Avenue. Additional details regarding the I-65 Safety and Efficiency project are available via the project website at <https://i65safetyandefficiency.com/>.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of INDOT's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the Frederick Douglass SUPER School 19, 2020 Dawson Street, Indianapolis, IN. on July 24, 2024, **INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2025.** Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, will remain available for public inspection on-line via the project webpage at <https://i65safetyandefficiency.com/project-documents/>. Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact the INDOT Customer Service Center at 1-855-463-6848 or indot@indot.in.gov.

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