



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DES. # 1900268, 2000217, 1900292, and 1900317

SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Intersections Improvements at Vann Avenue, Stockwell Road, Burkhardt Road and Cross Pointe Boulevard, Vanderburgh County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at Crescent Room at Milestones at 621 S Cullen Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715. The hearing will begin at 6:00

p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans and the environmental document for the State Road (SR 66) / Lloyd Expressway Intersection Improvement Projects in Vanderburgh County. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and project team members will be available before and following the formal hearing procedure.

The projects are located in the City of Evansville along SR 66/Lloyd Expressway from approximately 1.8 miles east of US 41 to the I-69 interchange. The purpose of the project at the intersections of SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Vann Avenue and Stockwell Road is to reduce the rate of crashes at both intersections and improve traffic flow at SR66/Lloyd Expressway and Stockwell Road. The purpose of the improvement project at the intersections of SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Burkhardt Road and Cross Pointe Boulevard is to reduce the rate of crashes at both intersections and to improve traffic flow.

The SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Vann Avenue intersection is signalized. There are dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes onto Vann Avenue in both directions. The SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Stockwell Road intersection is also signalized. SR 66/Lloyd Expressway has dedicated right-turn slip lanes onto Stockwell Road, as well as left-turn lanes in each direction. The preferred alternative will reconfigure both intersections to remove left turns. At SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Vann Avenue, the preferred alternative will remove the traffic signals and convert the intersection to a right-in/right-out intersection. The preferred alternative at Stockwell Road will convert the traditional signalized intersection to a hybrid displaced left-turn intersection that includes both a displaced left-turn and a boulevard left-turn.

The SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Burkhardt Road intersection is signalized. At this intersection, SR 66/Lloyd Expressway has three through lanes, one right-turn and two left-turn lanes. The SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Cross Pointe Boulevard intersection is signalized. At this intersection, SR 66/Lloyd Expressway has three through lanes, one right-turn and one left-turn lane in each direction. East of this intersection, the southbound I-69 off ramp merges with westbound SR 66/Lloyd Expressway as a free-flowing auxiliary lane that becomes the right-turn slip lane for Cross Pointe Boulevard. Also, the southbound I-69 on ramp begins 835 feet east of Cross Pointe Boulevard and diverts traffic from eastbound SR 66/Lloyd Expressway to southbound I-69. There are no signals associated with these ramps. The preferred alternative will reconfigure both intersections to modify the existing left-turns and reconfigure the I-69 southbound on and off ramps. At the intersection of SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Burkhardt Road, the project will convert the signalized intersection to a displaced left-turn intersection with bypass right-turn lanes. This design will maintain all existing movements through the intersection. The preferred alternative will also modify the southbound I-69 off ramp from a free-flowing intersection to a signalized intersection. A traffic signal will be added to control westbound SR 66/Lloyd Expressway traffic and the off-ramp traffic. The existing ramp will be reconstructed approximately 600 feet east and will be tapered to become a two-lane ramp at the SR 66/Lloyd Expressway intersection. Additionally, the eastbound SR 66/Lloyd Expressway to southbound I-69 on ramp will be reconstructed approximately 700 feet east.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2024. The proposed maintenance of traffic plans include phased construction that will allow at least two lanes of eastbound and westbound traffic along SR 66/Lloyd Expressway to remain open at all times. Maintenance of traffic details will be presented during the public hearing. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, public transit, local school corporation officials, and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

At the SR 66/Lloyd Expressway and Vann Avenue intersection, the preferred alternative will permanently alter the traffic patterns by removing the traffic signals and left turns; and installing a median along SR 66/Lloyd Expressway

through the intersection. The preferred alternative for the improvements at SR 66/Lloyd at Vann Avenue and Stockwell Road will also impact approximately 2.57 acres of terrestrial habitat, including up to 0.5 acre of tree clearing, and 0.080 acre of wetlands. The project will not impact historical or other cultural resources. This project will occur mostly within existing right-of-way. It requires a total of 0.6 acre of additional permanent right-of-way, consisting of strips from previously developed commercial properties. No temporary right-of-way is proposed.

The preferred alternative for the intersections of SR 66/Lloyd Expressway at Burkhardt Road and Cross Pointe Boulevard will impact approximately 3 linear feet of an unnamed stream, and approximately 0.65 acre of wetlands. Additionally, approximately 8.5 acres of terrestrial habitat will be disturbed by this project; less than 0.5 acre of this area will involve tree clearing. The project will not impact historical or other cultural resources. This project will require approximately 0.77 acre of permanent right-of-way and approximately 0.05 acre of temporary right-of-way.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of these projects. INDOT and FHWA have agreed that these projects pose minimal impacts to the natural environment. Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental documents have been prepared for the projects. The public hearing serves as the opportunity for the public to comment on both the environmental documents. All comments collected before, during, and after the hearing through March 22, 2023 will be taken into consideration.

The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view at the following locations:

1. McCollough Library, 5115 Washington Avenue, Evansville, 47715
2. Lochmueller Group, 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, 47715
3. INDOT Vincennes District Office: 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591
4. Project Website: <https://thelloyd4u.com>
5. Project documents can be mailed upon request. Contact Juliet Port, Parsons, (317) 616-4693, Troy Arnold, INDOT, (812) 890-9047 or INDOT at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848).

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: David Goffinet, Lochmueller Group, 6200 Vogel Road or email dgoffinet@lochgroup.com. **INDOT requests comments be postmarked by Wednesday, 22, March, 2023, to be included as part of the public hearing record.**

With 7 (seven) days advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearing's process including services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) including language interpretation services and document conversion. To request accommodation, please contact David Goffinet, Lochmueller Group, 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville 47715 or email dgoffinet@lochgroup.com.

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please contact Juliet Port, Parsons, at (317) 616-4693, email: juliet.port@parsons.com, or Troy Arnold, INDOT Project Manager, Vincennes District Office, email: TArnold1@indot.IN.gov, to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled, and the public comment period would be extended.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "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 provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The 2021 INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual approved by the FHWA.