



Lead DES. # 1900308

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Improvements on SR 62/Lloyd Expressway from Posey/Vanderburgh County Line to Rosenberger Avenue and from Rosenberger Avenue to Wabash Avenue in Evansville and Vanderburgh County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at City View at Sterling Square, 210 N Fulton Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710. The hearing will begin at 5:30 pm, with a presentation at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to improve SR 62 (locally known as the Lloyd Expressway) from the Posey/Vanderburgh County Line to Rosenberger Avenue and from Rosenberger Avenue to Wabash Avenue in Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

Des. No. 2001917 is planned to improve SR 62 from the Posey/Vanderburgh County Line to Rosenberger Avenue. The primary purpose for improvements along this section of SR 62 is to address, as a coordinated network, the safety performance of the SR 62/McDowell Road, SR 62/Middle Mount Vernon Road, SR 62/Felstead Road, SR 62/Schutte Road, SR 62/Boehne Camp Road, and SR 62/Red Bank Road intersections by reducing the number of crashes. Additionally, the purpose is to improve rideability and reduce the amount of maintenance required to maintain the improved rideability by extending the time between patching repairs to 20 years. The need for the project stems from existing high traffic volumes experienced by this section of SR 62 which have resulted in congestion at intersections and safety concerns including an above normal number of crashes.

The following Des. Nos. are included in this project: 2001917, 2100041, 1900262, 1900258, 1900260. Des. No. 2001917 involves removal and replacement of pavement along SR 62 within the project area. The proposed improvements include entrance and exit ramp reconfiguration, ditch grading, culvert replacement, culvert lining, underdrain replacement and construction, median drainage and inlet replacement and construction, storm sewer and inlet replacement, raised median construction, additional turn lanes, guardrail replacement and construction, and new and replacement signage and pavement markings.

Des. No. 2100041 will involve intersection improvements including lane reconfiguration, installation and lengthening of turn lanes, and modifications to existing signage at SR 62 and McDowell Road.

Des. No. 1900262 will involve intersection reconfigurations and improvements including lengthening and modification of existing turn lanes and replacing/adding signage and pavement markings at SR 62 and Schutte Road.

Des. No. 1900258 will involve intersection improvements including the addition of turn lanes and lengthening of turn lanes, improved pavement markings and signage, and replacement of the existing traffic signal equipment at SR 62 and Boehne Camp Road.

Des. No. 1900260 will involve intersection improvements including lane reconfiguration, lengthening of turn lanes, replacement of the existing traffic signals and installation of new traffic signals in turn lanes at SR 62 and Red Bank Road.

Approximately 0.662 acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.143 acre of temporary ROW will be required for the Des. No. 2001917 project. Impacts associated with this project include 2.1 acres of tree clearing, 419 linear feet of stream impacts, and approximately 0.01 acre of permanent wetland impacts.

A separate project, Des. No. 1900308, is planned to improve SR 62 from Rosenberger Avenue to Wabash Avenue. The primary purpose for improvements along this section of SR 62 is to reduce the total number of crashes and improve the traffic capacity to a desired Level of Service (LOS) C at the SR 62/Rosenberger Avenue, SR 62/St. Joseph Avenue, and SR 62/Wabash Avenue intersections. Additionally, the purpose is to improve the condition of the bridges between Rosenberger Avenue and Wabash Avenue to a condition rating of at least 7 (good) or better. The need for the project stems from existing high traffic volumes experienced by this section of SR 62 which have resulted in significant queuing, delays, and congestion issues causing safety concerns, such as above normal number of crashes, and from the deteriorated condition of the existing bridges along this section of SR 62.

The following Des. Nos. are included in this project: 1900308, 1900264, 1900263, 2000187, 1602258, 1500041, and 1600060. As proposed, Des. No. 1900308 involves road reconstruction along SR 62 within the project area. The proposed improvements include an added travel lane, entrance and exit ramp reconfiguration, relocations, and closures, as well as closure of select local cross streets to improve traffic flow. Drainage improvements along with streetlight, signage, and pavement marking replacement will also be included as part of this project.

Des. No. 1900264 will involve intersection improvements including lane reconfiguration, lengthening of turn lanes, and modifications to existing traffic signals at SR 62 and Rosenberger Avenue.

Des. No. 1900263 will involve intersection improvements including lengthening the existing dual left turn lanes and adding new dual right turn lanes at SR 62 and St. Joseph Avenue.

Des. No. 2000187 will involve intersection improvements including improved pavement markings and signage, as well as new signal equipment and pedestrian facilities at SR 62 and Wabash Avenue.

Des. Nos. 1602258, 1500041, and 1600060 will involve the replacement of the SR 62 bridges over Carpentier Creek, CSX/Evansville Western RR, and Tekoppel Avenue, respectively.

Approximately 0.51 acre of permanent ROW and 0.62 acre of temporary ROW will be required for the Des. No. 1900308 project. Impacts associated with this project include 3.1 acres of tree clearing, 1,043 linear feet of stream impacts, and approximately 0.08 acre of permanent wetland impacts. Due to noise impacts associated with this project, a sound barrier will likely be placed along the southside of eastbound SR 62 and the Barker Avenue exit ramp from Tekoppel Avenue to Barker Avenue.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024. The vehicular Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the projects involves lane restrictions/closures and official detours. Pedestrian MOT for the projects will involve sidewalk closures with detours at select locations. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. INDOT will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of these projects. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that these projects pose minimal impact to the natural environment. Two Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental documents have been prepared for these projects. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations:

1. Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) Red Bank: 120 S Red Bank Road, Evansville, IN 47712
2. Lochmueller Group Office: 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, IN 47715
3. INDOT Vincennes District Office: 3650 South US Hwy 41, Vincennes, IN 47591, 855-INDOT4U (463-6848)
4. Project Website: <https://thelloyd4u.com>
5. Project documents can be mailed upon request. Contact Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group at (812) 759-4179 or Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com; Matthew Bullock, INDOT at (812) 830-9683 or mbullock1@indot.in.gov; or INDOT at 855-INDOT4U

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 Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, IN 47715 or by email at Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Wednesday, October 11, 2023.**

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required, please contact Nicole Minton, Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Road, Evansville, IN 47715 or by email at Nicole.Minton@lochgroup.com.

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