

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
DES. NUMBER 1800984

The City of Washington and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have developed preliminary plans for a proposed roadway reconstruction project through the City of Washington in Daviess County, Indiana (Des. Number 1800984). The project begins approximately 0.04 mile west of the Business 50/SE 3rd Street Intersection and extends east to approximately 0.04 mile east of the Business 50/State Street Intersection, for a total length of approximately 1.56 miles.

The project proposes to reconstruct Business 50 and include two 10 to 12-foot wide travel lanes and a 12 to 13-foot wide two-way-left-turn-lane. From the western terminus to approximately 670 feet east of the Business 50/SE 21st Street Intersection, both sides of the roadway will be bordered by a 2-foot wide concrete gutter and 6-inch curb, and new storm sewer infrastructure and drain inlets will be installed to convey storm water drainage. East of the Business 50/SE 21st Street Intersection to the eastern terminus, a 7-foot wide usable shoulder will be provided, and new roadside ditches will be constructed along both sides of the roadway to convey storm water drainage. An 8 to 10-foot wide multiuse trail will be constructed along the north side of the roadway and a 6 to 8-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed along the south side of the roadway. Both the trail and sidewalk will extend between SE 3rd Street and SE 21st Street. Existing residential steps will be reconstructed, and intermittent retaining walls will be installed between SR 57 and SR 257 for construction of the multiuse trail and sidewalk. Existing traffic signals will be modernized or replaced. A new traffic signal may be installed at the Business 50/11th Street Intersection. The alignment of the State Street approach to Business 50 will be shifted southeast to align with the Bussard Road/CR 100 East intersection. As a result of this realignment, the commercial property located immediately west of the intersection will be relocated.

The maintenance of traffic will utilize phased construction. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Project stakeholders, including local school corporations and emergency services, will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to any construction. Construction of the project will require approximately 1.11 acres of permanent and 1.36 acres of temporary right-of-way. The estimated project cost is \$20,627,700 with federal and local funds to be used.

The FHWA and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have agreed the project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document. Preliminary design plans and the environment document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Washington Carnegie Public Library, 300 West Main Street, Washington, IN 47501.
2. City of Washington Mayor's Office, 200 Harned Avenue, Washington, IN, 47501. Please contact Debbie Neukam at 812-254-5575 or at dneukam@washingtonin.us.
3. RQAW website: <https://www.rqaw.com/public-documents/>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments on or before January 31, 2021. Please contact either (1) Nicholas Jahn, Project Manager, (203 Main Street, #102, Evansville, IN 47708, (812)-401-0303, or nrjahn@vsengineering.com) or (2) Jaime Byerly, environmental consultant (8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN, 46038, 317-588-1798, jbyerly@rqaw.com). In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact either (1) Nicholas Jahn, Project Manager, or (2) Jaime Byerly, environmental consultant. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact either (1) Nicholas Jahn, Project Manager, or (2) Jaime Byerly, environmental consultant.

This notice is published in compliance with the (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 INDOT *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.