

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Proposed Improvement along CR 600 West – Segment B in Hancock County

Hancock County will host a virtual public information meeting on January 21, 2021, the information meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. The information on how to access the virtual public information meeting is posted at <https://hancockcoingov.org/hancock-county-indiana-highway-department>

The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to view and offer feedback on current preliminary design plans to reconstruct and add travel lanes for 1.6 miles from approximately 500 feet south of County Road 400 North to 900 feet north of County Road 500 North. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce current and future congestion, increase mobility, improve stormwater drainage, improve mobility across railways, limit access along County Road 600 West, improve safety and provide connectivity from north to south across Hancock County.

The proposed roadway will provide two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a center 14 foot turn lane bordered by curb/gutter and asphalt multi-use paths (8 foot west side and 10 foot east side) behind the curb. Roundabouts will be constructed at County Road 600 West's intersections with County Road 400 North, Airport Road, at a new Precedent development located approximately 1,200 feet south of County Road 500 North, and County Road 500 North.

Traffic will be maintained by using staged-construction techniques. Thus, one lane in each direction will be open at all times during construction. Impacts to public facilities or services will be minimized by the maintenance of traffic plan and phased construction. The local fire department, police stations, emergency services, and schools will be updated prior to changes for their planning purposes. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Hancock County officials will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible.

The project will require approximately 8.7 acres of permanent new right-of-way and 1.2 acre of temporary right-of-way, in addition to some temporary right-of-way needed during construction. The project will require the relocation of five residences. The acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR 24 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended. Relocation resources are available to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination. No person displaced by this project will be required to move from a displaced dwelling unless comparable replacement housing is available to that person.

Federal and local funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved for this project on October 7, 2013 and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on April 9, 2014. After approval of the EA and FONSI, additional improvements were determined to be required for Segment B. Modifications to the project include additional intersection improvements and multi-use paths.

Preliminary design information is available to view prior to the information meeting at the following location:

- 1) <https://hancockcoingov.org/hancock-county-indiana-highway-department>

With advance notice, Hancock County will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the information meeting process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, Hancock County 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 Michael Oliphant, United Consulting (317) 895-2585.