

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

DES. NO. 2201630

Hancock County, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), is developing plans for the proposed S CR 600 W Roadway Reconstruction Project (Des. No. 2201630) located along S CR 600 W from W CR 600 S to W Stinemyer Rd, near New Palestine, Hancock and Shelby Counties, Indiana.

The project proposes to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of S CR 600 W and W Stinemyer Road. Additionally, S CR 600 W will be widened from the existing two, 10-foot wide lanes to two, 12-foot wide lanes (one northbound and one southbound) with 8-foot wide shoulders (2-foot paved and 6-foot earthen). The existing roadway alignment will be shifted between 20 to 36 feet east, away from Little Sugar Creek to provide a 16- to 20-foot wide clear zone along the western shoulder of S CR 600 W. Additionally, the existing culvert (County No. SC-3) which conveys Sugar Run beneath S CR 600 W will be replaced. The existing channel of Sugar Run will be excavated to remove silt buildup. In addition to replacement of SC-3, three unnumbered county culverts will be replaced and one new culvert will be installed. These pipes will work in conjunction with new roadside ditches and riprap drainage chutes to perpetuate existing flow through the project area and convey stormwater from the new roadway towards adjacent streams.

The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 4.86 acres of new permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.56 acres of temporary ROW. No relocations are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will include a full closure with a detour via W CR 600 S, S CR 800 W, and US 52 throughout construction. Access to all properties within and adjacent to the project limits will be maintained throughout construction. The MOT is anticipated to be in place for approximately one year, beginning in Spring of 2028 and continuing to Spring of 2029.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$9,306,870 which includes design, right-of-way, and construction costs. Both federal and local funding will be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE 2 are available for review at the following locations:

1. In-person at the Hancock County Highway Department, 921 Osage St., Greenfield, IN 46140
2. Online at the American Structurepoint, Inc. Website – www.structurepointpublic.com/cr600

Persons with limited internet access may request the project information be mailed, please contact April Pape at (317) 547-5580 or apape@structurepoint.com. A copy of the CE 2 may also be mailed upon request to interested persons.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of April Pape, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or apape@structurepoint.com on or before September 5, 2026.

In accordance with the ADA, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact April Pape at (317) 547-5580 or apape@structurepoint.com for the arrangement and coordination of services. 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 April Pape at (317) 547-5580 or apape@structurepoint.com.

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 *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.