



## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – DES 2001161 & 2001565 Proposed Improvement of State Road (SR) 32 in Muncie, Delaware County

**The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the Ivy Tech Fisher Building, Multi-Purpose Room (Room F110), 345 South High Street, Muncie, IN 47305; the hearing will begin 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 32 in Muncie, Delaware County. The purpose of the project is to preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement, improve the existing curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and improve the mobility of pedestrians/bicycles through downtown Muncie.

As proposed, the project consists of a mill and overlay of SR 32 along with curb ramp improvements at select intersections to install ADA-compliant curb ramps. In addition, pedestrian push button modifications will be completed to meet current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards and signal infrastructure will be relocated to provide the necessary clearance for the installed ADA curb ramps where necessary. Signal modifications will be completed at nine intersections along SR 32, which will include signal head relocations.

From 0.12 mile west of Perdieu Road to Nichols Avenue, the existing four-lane typical section along SR 32 would be reduced to a three-lane typical section with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one in each direction) with a 16-foot-wide two-way left turn lane. From Nichols Avenue to Jackson Street, the roadway typical section will remain consistent with existing conditions. From the intersection with Kilgore Avenue and Jackson Street (SR 32 Eastbound) to the intersection with Main Street (SR 32 Westbound), the existing two-lane typical section along Jackson Street (SR 32 Eastbound) would be reduced to one approximately 11-foot-wide travel lane with a 5- to 6-foot-wide bike lane, a varying buffer separating the bike lane from the travel lane, and 8-foot-wide on-street parking where feasible. From the intersection with Kilgore Avenue and Main Street (SR 32 Westbound) to the intersection of Main Street (SR 32 Westbound) and Jackson Street (SR 32 Eastbound), the existing two-lane typical section along Main Street (SR 32 Westbound) would be reduced to one 10- to 16-foot-wide travel lane with a 5- to 7-foot-wide bike lane, a varying buffer separating the bike lane from the travel lane, and 8- to 11-foot-wide on-street parking. From the point where Main Street (SR 32 Westbound) merges with Jackson Street (SR 32 Eastbound) to approximately 0.2 mile east of the US 35 interchange, the roadway typical section of SR 32 will remain consistent with existing conditions.

The Maintenance-of-Traffic (MOT) plan for the project will consist of phased construction with at least one lane of traffic being maintained while the other is being constructed. The MOT will also require the closure of parking lanes throughout the project area and sidewalk closures at select intersections. Access will be maintained through the use of flaggers and signage. The project will require approximately 0.12 acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and no temporary ROW from residential and commercial properties. The project will not result in any relocations. Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and FHWA have agreed



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that this project poses minimal impact to the natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion, Level 2 (CE-2) environmental document has been prepared for the project. This document and project information can be mailed upon request. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations:

1. Carnegie Public Library, 301 East Jackson Street, Muncie, IN 47305
2. American Structurepoint, Inc. website: [www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie)

Project information, including the hearing presentation, will be available on-line via the American Structurepoint, Inc. website ([www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie)).

Public statements for the records 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: Lex Helms, at American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. E-mail: [ahelms@structurepoint.com](mailto:ahelms@structurepoint.com). **The INDOT respectfully request comments be submitted by December 21, 2022.**

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 Lex Helms, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240. E-mail: [ahelms@structurepoint.com](mailto:ahelms@structurepoint.com).

**In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please check the project website at [www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32muncie) or call Lex Helms, American Structurepoint, Inc. at (317) 547-5580 to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Monday, December 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm.**

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." Approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.