

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

DES. NOS. 2400598 (Lead) & 2400599

The City of Carmel is developing plans for the proposed 116th Street Multi-Use Path Project (Des. Nos. 2400598 [Lead] & 2400599) in Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve connectivity between existing pedestrian facilities and decrease the potential for conflicts between pedestrians and motorists within the project area. The need for this project is due to the lack of pedestrian facilities in the project area, the missing connection between existing trails and sidewalks adjacent to the project termini, and the missing connection from 116th Street to Clay Center Elementary. The lack of sidewalks within the project area, as well as the lack of connectivity between existing sidewalks, requires pedestrians to share the roadway with motor vehicle traffic, which increases the potential for conflicts between pedestrians and motorists.

The project proposes to construct a 10-foot wide multi-use path along the north side of 116th Street, beginning 0.10 mile east of Hoover Road to 0.06 mile west of Spring Mill Road. An additional 0.29 mile segment will extend north along the west side of Clay Center Road from the 116th Street roundabout. Along both streets, the multi-use path will be separated from the roadway by a 3- to 10-foot wide vegetated buffer. Wood-faced guardrail will be installed where the buffer narrows to 3 feet on 116th Street near Williams Creek. The path will require modification to existing drainage structures or installation of new drainage structures. This includes work at an unnamed tributary to Center Creek, Clay Creek, and Will Creek. A new pedestrian bridge will also be installed at Williams Creek (Des. No. 2400599). American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps and crosswalks will be installed at Clay Center Road, Ditch Road, Williams Creek Drive, and Keaton Road. Along Clay Center Road a new mid-block crossing will be constructed approximately 0.29 mile north of the 116th Street roundabout. The mid-block crossing will connect to the existing path at Clay Center Elementary School and will include a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) with ADA-compliant push buttons. Stormwater improvements will include new curb and gutter and modifications to existing drainage structures to prevent roadway runoff from flooding the path.

The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 3.992 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 1.326 acres of temporary right-of-way. No relocations are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will consist of phased construction with detours. Access to all properties, both residential and commercial, will be maintained during construction. The MOT is anticipated to be in place for approximately 13 months, beginning Spring 2027 and continuing to Summer 2028.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$5,232,299 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 Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032
2. Online at the American Structurepoint, Inc. Website – www.structurepointpublic.com/116thstreet

Persons with limited internet access may request the project information be mailed, please contact Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580 or psamra@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 Preeti Samra, American Structurepoint Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or psamra@structurepoint.com on or before April 1, 2026.

In accordance with the ADA, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580 or psamra@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 Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580 or psamra@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.