



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – (SR 45/46 Access Improvements, Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana and DES#1700198)

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The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Seymour District held a public hearing on June 7, 2022 regarding proposed improvements beginning 0.2 mile east of I-69 and extending east for 0.48 mile along SR 45/46 in Bloomington, Monroe County. The public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the project is to reduce the likelihood of more severe right-angle and left turn crashes by reducing the number of crossing conflict points along this stretch of SR 45/46 between W Stonelake Drive/N Monroe Street and to restore local connectivity to areas north of SR 45/46.

The INDOT Preferred Alternative includes access modifications along SR 45/46 to the existing intersections of W Stonelake Drive and N Monroe Street, as well as at the SR 45/46 overpass of W Arlington Road. The project will modify the intersection of N Monroe Street/W Stonelake Drive and SR 45/46 utilizing a reduced conflict intersection concept. Additionally, a new off ramp will be constructed for westbound traffic on SR 45/46 to W Arlington Road in the northeast quadrant of the W Arlington Road and SR 45/46 overpass.

Under this alternative, the existing access point of W Stonelake Drive and SR 45/46 will be permanently removed. A new access point on SR 45/46 will be constructed approximately 600 feet east of the existing W Stonelake Drive and SR 45/46 intersection and align with N Stonelake Drive. The typical section of N Stonelake Drive would include two 12-foot travel lanes with 6-foot shoulders. The typical section of N Monroe Street will also include two 12-foot travel lanes with 6-foot shoulders. Auxiliary left- and right-turn lanes will be added to SR 45/46 to accommodate the new traffic pattern at N Stonelake Drive and an auxiliary right-turn lane will be added to SR 45/46 to accommodate the new traffic pattern at N Monroe Street. The typical section along SR 45/46 will include four 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction) as well as two 12-foot left-turn lanes (one eastbound and one westbound) with 5-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders. Loons will be added at the minor approaches to allow for U-turns along SR 45/46. The loons are bump outs along the roadway, which will be constructed by widening the pavement of SR 45/46 to provide additional room for vehicles to complete the U-turn maneuver. The U-turn will be yield controlled; therefore, the loon has been designed to provide for an acceleration area before traffic merges onto SR 45/46. Additionally, a 5-foot sidewalk will be constructed to connect the existing sidewalk at the north end of the pedestrian bridge (P(45)46-53-06239) to the existing sidewalk located along the north shoulder of W Stonelake Drive, and a crosswalk will be constructed across W Stonelake Drive.

An additional 0.62 acre of permanent right-of-way and 0.02 acre of temporary right-of-way was added to the project after the CE document was released for public involvement to accommodate utility relocations, ensure adequate construction staging areas for the contractor, and grading adjustments. The total permanent right-of-way required for this project is 1.981 acres, and the total temporary right-of-way required for this project is 0.044 acre.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of INDOT's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at North Central Church of Christ on June 7, 2022, **INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2024.** Environmental analysis documentation, including response to comments submitted as part of the public hearing, will remain available for public inspection until (30 days from postings) at the following locations:

1. Online via the project webpage at <https://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr46-46access>.
2. In-Person at: Monroe County Public Library, 303 East Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana

Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact the INDOT Customer Service Center at 1-855-463-6848 or indot@indot.in.gov.