

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

DES. NO. 1802973

The City of Gary has developed preliminary plans for a proposed 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Roadway Improvements project (Des. No. 1802973). The project is located along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Martin Luther King Boulevard to the northbound exit ramp of I-65, a distance of 0.53 mile, in Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

The project proposes to widen 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to include four 12-foot-wide travel lanes (two in each direction). Turn lanes and auxiliary lanes will be reconstructed to match the existing conditions. Full-depth pavement replacement will occur throughout the project. New 6-foot-wide sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and include ADA-compliant curb ramps. A new storm sewer system will also be installed, utilizing curb and gutter to collect storm water runoff. The project will also consist of a full-depth pavement replacement along Michigan and Texas Streets, where the streets intersect with 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The proposed construction of this project will require 1.93 acres of new permanent right-of-way and 0.01 acre of temporary right-of-way. No relocations are anticipated. The cost associated with this project is approximately \$4,015,000.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will require the closure of two lanes on one half of the road while maintaining one lane in each direction on the other half of the road. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. Construction is anticipated to occur between Spring 2024 and Spring 2025.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with CE document and other project documents are available for review at the following locations:

1. In-Person –  
Gary Public Library, Kennedy Branch, 3953 Broadway, Gary Indiana 46409
2. Online at the American Structurepoint Website –  
<https://www.structurepointpublic.com/15thave>

Persons with limited internet access may request the project information be mailed, please contact Meghan Hinkle at (317) 547-5580 or [mhinkle@structurepoint.com](mailto:mhinkle@structurepoint.com). A copy of the CE may also be mailed upon request.

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Meghan Hinkle, of American Structurepoint, Inc, 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, (317) 547-5580, or [mhinkle@structurepoint.com](mailto:mhinkle@structurepoint.com) on or before March 29, 2023.**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Meghan Hinkle at (317) 547-5580 or [mhinkle@structurepoint.com](mailto:mhinkle@structurepoint.com). 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 Meghan Hinkle at (317) 547-5580 or [mhinkle@structurepoint.com](mailto:mhinkle@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.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.