

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**Proposed Improvement at Five Points Intersection in Decatur, Adams County**

The City of Decatur will host a public hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 172 North 2nd Street, Decatur, IN 46733, 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 the Five Points Intersection (Adams Street, Winchester Street, Mercer Avenue, and South 2nd Street) in Decatur, Adams County. The purpose of the project is to improve the mobility of vehicles and pedestrians, reduce vehicle conflict points, and improve the existing curb ramps to meet ADA standards at the intersection.

As proposed, the project involves reconstructing the existing five-legged intersection to a five-legged single-lane roundabout. The roundabout will have single entry and exit lanes for all roadway approaches. The center of the intersection will be shifted approximately 34-feet to the southwest to avoid impacts to historic properties in the remaining corners of the intersection. The roundabout typical section will consist of one 15-foot wide travel lane with curb and gutter, a 6-foot wide sidewalk, an 8-foot wide truck apron, and a 68-foot wide raised center island. The design of the roundabout will accommodate larger vehicles such as buses.

Decorative lighting and landscaping will also be installed around the roundabout. Concrete splitter islands will be constructed at all approaches for channelization except for the east approach of Adams Street. Instead, the existing curb ramp will be extended south to provide channelization. Marked pedestrian crosswalks will be added at all approaches of the intersection and pedestrian refuge islands will be constructed at the approaches with concrete splitter islands. Additionally, ADA compliant curb ramps will be constructed

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves full closure of the intersection during construction with local detours established to route traffic around the closure. MOT details will be presented during the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. The City of Decatur will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 0.178-acre of permanent new right-of-way from a gas station in the southwest corner between Adams Street and Winchester Street. This acquisition will result in the relocation of the gas station.

Federal and local funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) 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. Adams County Public Library Decatur Branch, 128 S 3rd St, Decatur, IN 46733
2. City Hall, 172 North 2nd Street Decatur, IN 46733
3. American Structurepoint, Inc. website: www.structurepointpublic.com/fivepoints

A project webpage will be created prior to the public hearing to ensure project information, including the hearing presentation, is available on-line via the American Structurepoint, Inc. website (www.structurepointpublic.com/fivepoints).

Attendees are advised the face coverings and adherence to CDC guidelines for social distancing are recommended.

Public statements for the record 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: Sarah Everhart, at American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. E-mail: severhart@structurepoint.com. **The City of Decatur respectfully requests comments be submitted by December 31, 2021.**

With advance notice, the City of Decatur 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, the City of Decatur 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 Sarah Everhart, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. E-mail: severhart@structurepoint.com.

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please visit the project website (www.structurepointpublic.com/fivepoints) or call Sarah Everhart, 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 Thursday, December 16th 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.