**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION DES 1173430 AND 2100131**

American Structurepoint, Inc. acting on behalf of the City of Portage, will convene a Public Open House for the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement Project (Des. Nos. 1173430 and 2100131) on **Monday April 10, 2023 from 5 to 7pm at the Portage City Hall- Council Chambers located at 6070 Central Avenue Portage, Indiana 46368.** The purpose of the open house is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review the project and discuss with the project team. **Comments are due no later than May 10, 2023.**

The purpose and need of the project is to address inadequate safety conditions for both pedestrians and motorists along the corridor, and to address the stormwater drainage issues. The Central Avenue Roadway Improvement project (Des. No. 0901928) is an approximate 2.08-mile corridor beginning at County Line Road and extending east to Willowcreek Road. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 was prepared for the overall project (County Line Road to Willowcreek Road, Des. No. 0901928) and approved by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) on February 27, 2012.

Since the approval of the overall project in 2012, no portion has been constructed and the overall project has been broken into four phases for construction and funding purposes. This document is intended to provide an update to the project’s status and the anticipated schedule of the first two phases. The first two phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2) of the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement project (Des. No. 1173430) is an approximate 0.53-mile corridor beginning at Brandt Street and extending east to Peach Street. An Additional Information (AI) document was approved for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project on January 5, 2022. The current projects will be constructed in two consecutive phases. Phase 1 (Des. No. 2101214), located in the center of the proposed project, would move to construction first. Phase 2 (Des. No. 2100131) consists of two working areas on either end of Phase 1 would move to construction one year later. Phase 1 of the project begins 100 feet north of Willowdale Road and extends east before terminating 250 feet west of Swanson Road (Des. No. 2101214). Phase 1 also includes the replacement of Porter County Bridge 1007 (Des. No. 21011670). The western portion of Phase 2 (Des. No. 210131) begins 100 feet west of Brandt Street and extends east to 100 feet north of Willowdale Road. The eastern portion of Phase 2 begins 250 feet west of Swanson Road and extends east to 300 feet east of Peach Street.

An Informational Packet and Plan Set are now available to be viewed online at the following website regarding the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement project:

<https://www.structurepointpublic.com/centralavenue>.

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