

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**Proposed Improvement to South Market Street in Rockville, Parke County****The Town of Rockville will host a public hearing on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the Parke Heritage High School, 506 N Beadle Street, Rockville, IN 47872, 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 South Market Street in Rockville, Parke County, IN. The purpose of the project is to address the failing pavement conditions and drainage issues, and to improve pedestrian accessibility and walkability through the project corridor.

As proposed, the project involves full depth reconstruction of the South Market Street roadway from approximately 2,614 feet south of US 36 to the intersection of US 36. The typical roadway section will consist of two 10-foot wide travel lanes (one northbound and one southbound) with 5-foot wide sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. From the southern project limits to Pennsylvania Street, 5-foot wide bike lanes would be installed along both sides of the roadway. New sidewalk will be installed along the west side of the roadway and existing sidewalk throughout the project area will be reconstructed.

At the courthouse square, along Market Street from High Street to the south approach of the intersection with US 36, the roadway section will be modified to include two travel lanes (one 13-foot wide northbound lane and one 12-foot wide southbound lane), separated by a 3-foot wide raised center curb with an 8-foot wide parallel parking lane between the raised center curb and the northbound lane. The travel lanes will be bordered by diagonal parking lanes (20-foot, 5 inch wide along the east side of the northbound lane, 18-foot, 5-inch wide along the west side of the southbound lane), curb and gutter, and sidewalks (12-foot, 3-inch wide along the west side and 8-foot wide along the east side). In addition to the improvements noted above, the existing curb and varying height step along the west side of the roadway and raised curb along the east side of the roadway will be replaced with a flush curb (zero-inch height). The travel lanes will be slightly sloped towards the center to direct stormwater flow along the raised concrete center curb (six-inch height) to the storm sewer. A mid-block ADA compliant crossing will be located at the courthouse. The retaining wall west of the courthouse lawn will be removed and replaced with a 6-inch curb and the west courthouse lawn will be graded.

The existing loose and/or crumbling brick pavement will be removed and be replaced with new brick pavers that are of a standard size, which is anticipated to be similar to or the same as the existing pavers (i.e. replaced in-kind). Pedestrian amenities including benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping will also be added. The project also includes additional improvements throughout the corridor that include utility upgrades (sanitary sewer and water), a new curb and gutter system, a new storm sewer system, ADA-compliant curbs on all corners with sidewalks, and lighting.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves full closure of South Market Street with detours. Timing of the closure will be coordinated with the Town of Rockville to accommodate special events. The official detour includes utilizing US 36, US 41 (Lincoln Road), and County Road (CR) 150 South (S). Access to all properties within and adjacent to the project limits will be maintained at all times during project construction. Access for pedestrians will also be maintained and adequate pedestrian detour routes will be provided as needed. The project will require approximately 1.001 acres of new permanent right-of-way, the reacquisition of 1.327 acres of apparent right-of-way and

0.496 acre of temporary right-of-way. No right-of-way will be acquired within the Rockville Historic District and no relocations are anticipated as part of the project.

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. Parke County Public Library, 106 N Market Street, Rockville, IN 47872
2. American Structurepoint, Inc. website: www.structurepointpublic.com/southmarket

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/southmarket).

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 Town of Rockville respectfully requests comments be submitted by December 31, 2021.**

With advance notice, the Town of Rockville 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 Town of Rockville 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 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 Wednesday, January 5th 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.