



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

American Structurepoint, Inc., acting on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation, (INDOT) will hold a public information meeting for the State Road (SR) 7 Roadway Improvement project (Des. Nos. 2000230 and 2000276) **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.** The public information meeting will be held at Scipio Elementary School, located at 6320 State Highway 7, Scipio, Indiana. The doors to the venue will open by 5:30 p.m. on January 10, 2023. You can also view the public information presentation by going to this website <https://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr7> or calling Hannah Walker at (317) 547-5580 if you do not have internet access.

The purpose of the public information presentation is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the project. The project begins at the intersection of United States (US) 50 in North Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana. From this point, the project extends north and west along SR 7 for approximately 14.5 miles before terminating approximately 0.1-mile northwest of the intersection with US 31 in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana. The need for this project is evidenced by safety and mobility concerns. There are exemption areas where work would not occur along the corridor in places where shoulders have previously been widened, bridges improved, or final engineering has determined improvements are not warranted. The current scope of work would involve widening SR 7 through the project area to include 6-foot-wide shoulders. Additionally, in four locations the corridor would be widened from two travel lanes (one in each direction) to three lanes (one travel lane in each direction and an auxiliary lane). The auxiliary lane would consist of one additional travel lane in either the northbound or southbound direction. The auxiliary lane would not be continuous throughout the corridor and portions of the corridor would retain their existing typical roadway section. Intersection improvements and drainage improvements would be completed throughout the entire project.

It is anticipated that work along SR 7 would require the acquisition of approximately 38 acres of additional permanent and 9 acres of temporary right-of-way. Traffic would be maintained on the existing roadway during construction. Local detours may be necessary for closures of county roads, but have not yet been determined.

A Public Information Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on January 10, 2023 at Scipio Elementary School located at 6320 State Highway 7, Scipio, Indiana. For more information and to view the meeting presentation, exhibits, and provide comments on the proposed project at your convenience, you can also visit the following webpage <https://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr7>. All comments are requested by January 24, 2023.

With advance notice, the INDOT can provide special accommodation for persons with differing abilities, limited English speaking ability, and/or persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodations be needed please contact Hannah Walker, Staff Scientist, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or email [hwalker@structurepoint.com](mailto:hwalker@structurepoint.com) by January 3, 2023.

For any questions or comments, please contact Hannah Walker, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or email [hwalker@structurepoint.com](mailto:hwalker@structurepoint.com).