

Notice of Public Information

The City of Portage, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) intends to proceed with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement project (Des. No. 1173430, Parent Des. No. 0901928) in Portage, Porter County, Indiana.

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 projects 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>.

The purpose of the informational packet is to update the public and interested parties on the proposed project and to receive comments, concerns, and suggestions. **Submit comments to the project team via the contact information below by March 23, 2022.** Comments regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement project may be sent to Cameron Schuler, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 or by email at cschuler@structurepoint.com. If a physical copy of the materials is required, please contact Cameron Schuler of American Structurepoint (317) 547-5580, cschuler@structurepoint.com by March 23, 2022.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities requiring assistance and/or accommodation related to accessibility to project documents, are encouraged to contact Cameron Schuler of American Structurepoint, Inc., (317) 547-5580, cschuler@structurepoint.com by March 23, 2022. Persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring assistance related to accessing project documents are also encouraged to contact the project team. Persons representing an ADA and/or LEP population are encouraged to contact the project team with regard to coordinating services such as language, visual and audio interpretation services.

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 necessary" approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012.