

**NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – South Market Street Roadway Reconstruction Project,
Rockville, Parke County, Indiana, DES # 1600821**

April 2022

The Town of Rockville held a public hearing in December 2021 for a proposed improvement project located along South Market Street in Rockville, Parke County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. 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.

The Preferred Alternative will consist of a 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, 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 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.

Additional details regarding the South Market Street Roadway Reconstruction Project (DES # 1600821) are available in-person at the Parke County Public Library (106 N Market Street, Rockville, IN 47872) and online via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/southmarket.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of Town of Rockville's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the Parke Heritage High School on December 15, 2021, **the Town of Rockville will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2023/2024**. Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, are available for public inspection at the Parke County Public Library and via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/southmarket. Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact Sarah Everhart, American Structurepoint, Inc., at 317-547-5580 or severhart@structurepoint.com.