



DES. # 1901956

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is developing plans for an intersection improvement project at Raymond Street (St) and Post Road (Rd). The project is located approximately 9,260 feet east of I-465 in Warren Township, Marion County, Indiana. The existing intersection is a four-way stop with stop signs; the project proposes constructing a new single-lane roundabout at the existing intersection.

The need for this project is derived from an insufficient Level of Service (LOS) at the intersection of Post Rd and Raymond St, especially during peak hours of traffic. The purpose of the project is to reduce traffic congestion and accommodate future traffic volume of the existing intersection by increasing the overall LOS of the intersection.

The preferred alternative of the project proposes the construction of a single-lane roundabout at the existing intersection. Traffic lane widths will be 18 feet wide within the roundabout and 12 feet wide outside the roundabout. The center of the roundabout will include a 16.5-foot-wide concrete apron adjacent to the traffic lanes and sod within the innermost section of the roundabout. Integrated sidewalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant crosswalks will be installed at all four roundabout quadrants. Concrete medians will be constructed at the intersection approaches and will also include ADA compliant curb ramps and pedestrian crossings. Existing drainage structures within the vicinity of the intersection will be replaced to improve intersection drainage, particularly under the eastern and northern legs of the intersection. Riprap will be installed at the structure ends for erosion control. New gutters, curbside inlets, and turnouts adjacent to the roadway will allow for roadside drainage to collect and combine with storm sewers. Five residential driveways east, north, and south of the intersection will be reconstructed to tie into the new roadway pavement. New permanent lighting will be installed at the roundabout in each quadrant of the intersection. Temporary lighting may also be used during project construction.

The project requires approximately 2.969 acres of permanent right-of-way and approximately 0.132 acre of temporary right-of-way to be acquired for the construction of the new roundabout, incidental construction access, reconstruction of driveways, and the installation of riprap. No relocations of residents or businesses will be required for this project. Right-of-way will be acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (the Uniform Act). Project construction activities will cause an estimated 2.8 acres of soil disturbance, a total of 0.20 acre of tree clearing, and the relocation of several public utilities including a fire hydrant in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. Grading and reseeding will take place in the disturbed areas following project completion, as appropriate. Approximately 313 linear feet of total permanent stream impacts and approximately 0.005 acre of permanent wetland impacts will occur from this project. Mitigation for these stream and wetland impacts will likely be required, and the appropriate permits will be acquired.

Maintenance of Traffic for the project will include complete closure of the intersection of Raymond St and Post Rd during project construction. Traffic will be redirected along a detour route utilizing Troy

Avenue (Ave), Davis Rd, State Road (SR) 52/Brookville Rd, and Franklin Rd. The road is anticipated to remain closed for approximately one construction season, lasting up to seven months. The detour will be approximately 5.9 miles and add approximately nine minutes of travel time. Safety signage will be placed along the route and impacts to traffic will be minimal and temporary during construction. Provisions will be made for local traffic access for homes, services, and businesses and will be posted. School corporations, local officials, and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is Spring 2024. The cost associated with this project is approximately \$2.185 million which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction. Both federal and local funds are to be utilized for the project.

The FHWA and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

- SJCA Inc. Environmental Services Website (<https://sjcainc.com/services/environmental/>)
- Indianapolis Public Library, Warren Branch (9701 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46229)

Emergency Situation Guidance: During emergency situations, access to public viewing locations announced in this Notice of Planned Improvement may be limited or prohibited. Project documents may only be available on-line during emergency situations. The notice must offer the public the opportunity to request project documents to be mailed. The City of Indianapolis DPW or the project designers will mail project documents upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Shelby Lutz, SJCA Inc., at Shelby@sjcainc.com or 317-566-0629 on or before Saturday, November 26, 2022. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the Indianapolis DPW for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact the INDOT Project Manager, Hung Pham at HPham@indot.in.gov or 317-467-3984. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Hung Pham at HPham@indot.in.gov or 317-467-3984. Special accommodations related to accessibility and auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print can be provided upon request.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.”; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The *INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.