

## **LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT DES. NUMBER 2101716**

Vermillion County has developed preliminary plans for a proposed bridge replacement project in Vermillion County, Indiana (Des. Number 2101716). The project occurs on Bridge 37 (Structure Number 83-00037), which carries County Road (CR) 200 East over Norton Creek, located approximately 0.60 mile south of CR 900 South. The proposed work will extend approximately 254 feet south and 286 feet north of the center of the bridge for a total length of approximately 540 feet (0.10 mile).

The project proposes to replace all elements of the existing structure with a three-span, reinforced concrete slab bridge. The proposed structure will have a total length of approximately 103.5 feet, an out-to-out bridge floor length of 102.2 feet, a clear roadway width of 28 feet, an out-to-out coping width of 28.5 feet, and a skew of 45 degrees. This section of CR 200 East will be widened to include two 10-foot-wide travel lanes (one northbound and one southbound) with four-foot-wide shoulders to accommodate the new structure and meet current requirements. The existing bridge railings, approach guardrails, and guardrail transitions will be upgraded to meet current standards. Riprap will be placed, as needed.

Approximately 0.61 acre of permanent right-of-way will be needed. No temporary right-of-way will be needed. No relocations of residences or businesses will occur.

The maintenance of traffic will consist of closure and detour for this section of CR 200 East. The detour will utilize CR 800 South, State Road (SR) 63, and CR 1050 South. The detour length will be approximately 7 miles and will be in place for approximately 6 months. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is Fall 2026.

The estimated project cost is \$2,260,000 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction with both federal and local funds to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have agreed the project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans and the environmental document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Vermillion County Public Library, 385 East Market Street, Newport, IN 47966
2. Vermillion County Auditor's Office, 255 South Main Street, Newport, IN 47966
3. The Clark Dietz website: [www.clarkdietz.com/bridge-37-2101716/](http://www.clarkdietz.com/bridge-37-2101716/)

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Cameron Fraser, environmental consultant, at 8900 Keystone Crossing, Suite 475, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or at 317-808-3144, or [cameron.fraser@clarkdietz.com](mailto:cameron.fraser@clarkdietz.com). All comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2025.** In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request.

In accordance with the American and Disabilities Act (ADA), person and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact INDOT Crawfordsville District for arrangement and coordination or services. Please contact the INDOT Project Manager, Jessica Massing, at 765-978-1345, or [jmassing@indot.in.gov](mailto:jmassing@indot.in.gov). Additionally, accommodations can be made for any interested persons with Limited English Proficiency. 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 the INDOT Crawfordsville District.

This notice is published in compliance with the (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 period 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 *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the FHWA on August 16, 2012.