



TO: Policy and Technical Committee Members
FROM: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Executive Director
SUBJECT: August Project Update
DATE: August 3, 2017

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

- [Lincoln Av, Green River Rd to Newburgh Rd](#): This project is proposed to include, pavement reconstruction, a continuous two-way left-turn lane, curbs, gutters, associated drainage facilities, and other roadway safety and bike/pedestrian accommodations. First Group Engineering was selected for the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases of the project. The INDOT-LPA agreement was fully executed and a Notice to Proceed issued to the consultant. (11/3/11; PE) Current estimates from the consultant show the project could be let for construction as soon as the spring of 2015. (3/1/12; PE) A public meeting was held on May 22, 2012. Comments received will be taken into account as the design proceeds. (6/7/12; PE)
- [Covert Av Road Diet](#): Project will reduce lanes from 4 to 3 and add bicycle and pedestrian facilities from US Highway 41 to I-69. United Consulting has been selected to perform PE and RW services and a scoping meeting was held March 25, 2014 (4/3/14) The BPW approved the PE contract with the consultant on September 25, 2014. (10/2/14) The consultant submitted Stage 1 plan design to the City for review. (7/9/15) A meeting was held with the consultant on December 15, 2015 to discuss the Stage 1 plan submittal. (1/4/16) Environmental document (Level 2 CE) was submitted to INDOT for review. (11/23/16) A preliminary field check was held January 11, 2017. Comments on the CE document were received and coordination on the revisions is ongoing. (2/14/17) Supplemental #2 to the Consultant contract was signed by the Board of Public Works 3/30/17. The supplemental added the right-of-way engineering, staking and appraisal problem analysis (APA) activities to the contract. (3/31/17) Right-of-way engineering is underway. (5/24/17) ***The Public Hearing was held July 25, 2017. All comments received by August 8th 2017 will be evaluated and addressed in the final environmental document. (7/25/17)***
- [Weinbach Av Road Diet](#): Project will reduce number of lanes from 4 to 3 and will improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations from south of SR 66/Lloyd Expressway to Pollack Avenue. VS Engineering has been selected to perform PE and RW services and a scoping meeting was held on March 25, 2014. (4/3/14) INDOT has issued authorization to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering contract. (10/2/14) The consultant is working with Evansville Water and Sewer Utility to address drainage concerns. (1/4/16) Preliminary Field Check was held February 2nd. (2/2/16) A public Hearing was held on July 14, 2016 and the consultant has requested the Public Hearing Certification from INDOT. (8/1/16) The environmental document was approved. (10/4/16) The right-of-way funding was approved and notice to proceed given to the consultant. (11/15/16) Right-of-way activities are underway. (2/14/17) Appraisals and review appraisals complete. (4/28/17) ***Offers have been made for all 37 parcels. (7/28/17)***
- [Washington Av-2nd St-Parrett St Area](#): Project will create a boulevard on Washington Ave from Parrett St to SE 2nd St with on-street parking, traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and context sensitive design elements. Right-of-way control at intersections will be reviewed. First Group Engineering was selected to perform preliminary engineering and right-of-way services and a scoping meeting was held March 27, 2014. (4/3/14) A kickoff meeting was held September 23, 2014 with all interested city departments to discuss the scope of services. (10/2/14) Preliminary Engineering underway. (11/6/14) A public meeting was held February 26, 2015 to discuss the preliminary design. The early coordination environmental document was received from the consultant on March 6, 2015. (4/2/15) A second public meeting was held April 30, 2015 to discuss the preliminary design. A Preliminary Field Check meeting was held May 1, 2015. (5/7/15) Alternatives analysis submitted to FHWA and SHPO for comments. (10/30/15) A December 4th meeting was held with FHWA, INDOT and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to discuss the Environmental Document. (11/30/15) The historical properties documentation submitted for review and comment. (5/27/16) The final Section 4(f) document was submitted to FHWA. (10/4/16) The environmental document was submitted to INDOT for approval. (11/11/16) The environmental document was approved. (2/16/17) ***Right-of-Way engineering is complete. (7/24/17)***

Changes in project status are ***highlighted.***

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

- [Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:](#)

Hi Rail Corridor: DLZ Engineers received a Notice to Proceed for a contract in the amount of \$407,646. The contract is to be complete by the end of 2012. (11/3/11; PE) INDOT gave authorization to issue a Notice to Proceed on the design contract (1/5/12; PE) Design, including the required environmental study and right-of-way activities, is underway. The project is currently programmed for a March 4, 2015 letting. (12/5/13; D) A Preliminary Field Check was held January 23, 2014. (2/6/14; PE) The corridor was divided into 2-phases: the Hi-Rail corridor and the downtown connector. The Lochmueller Group has been selected to complete the design for the Hi-Rail corridor, and the Notice to Proceed was given on 6/19/15. (6/22/15) A Preliminary Field Check was held on 9/29/15. (9/29/15) Utility coordination is underway. (10/28/15) The Historic Properties Report (HPR) was submitted for INDOT review. (11/25/15) A draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) document was submitted for review and comment. (10/4/16) The environmental document was approved. (3/28/17) Utility coordination activities underway. (4/26/17) **Stage 3 plans submitted to INDOT July 31, 2017. (7/31/17)**

Garvin-Governor-Stringtown Corridors: Cripe Architects has completed the work elements included in the engineering, surveying and consulting services contract. The City will post a Request for Proposals for project development and design. (12/5/13; D)

Mid Levee Connection (Cardinal Dr, between Stringtown Rd & Heidelberg Av): Cripe Architects has completed the work elements included in the engineering, surveying and consulting services contract. (12/5/13; D) The Request for Proposals (RFP) for project development and design was posted by INDOT. Responses are due October 7, 2015 by 3:00 PM. (9/9/15) The Lochmueller Group has been selected to complete the design for the Mid Levee corridor, and the Notice of Authorization was given by INDOT. (4/4/16) Notice to Proceed was issued to the Consultant. (5/27/16) Survey complete and preliminary alignment and profile established. (7/25/16) A preliminary field check was held on September 23rd, 2016. (9/23/16) Preliminary pavement design submitted to INDOT. (11/15/16) Draft CE document submitted to INDOT for review and comment. (4/26/17) **Utility coordination is ongoing. (7/31/17)**

- [Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement:](#) This project will replace regulatory and street guide signs that do not meet the current MUTCD standards for retroreflectivity. The first phase of the project included an inventory of all regulatory and street guide signs. First Group Engineering was selected to fulfill the contract in the amount of \$764,100. (11/3/11) The Board of Public Works approved the INDOT-LPA contract August 23, 2012. (9/6/12; CN) INDOT approved the LPA agreement, and a Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor. (12/6/12; CN) Data collection concluded and the data was transferred to the city for review. (3/6/14) The sign installation portion of this project has been split into two phases and the letting date has been pushed back to allow additional federal funds to be programmed.

Phase 1 was let on July 8, 2015. Low bid \$347,960.14 received from Michiana Contracting, Inc. NTP issued 7/24/15. CN complete.

Phase 2 was awarded to Ragle Inc. for the low bid amount of \$448,760.39. The pre-construction meeting was held on November 3rd, 2016. (11/15/16) The project construction is 75% complete with contract completion estimated for August 2017. (5/2/17)

Phase 3 The request for proposals (RFP) has been posted for project design. (4/28/17)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

- [Columbia – Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek:](#) The County is reviewing the Preliminary Engineering proposals received January 5th for the rehabilitation of the bridge. (1/26/16) INDOT reviewed the selection documents and gave approval to begin contract negotiations with the consultant. (2/23/16) Consultant – LPA contract has been fully executed. (5/27/16) The funding request was submitted to INDOT for processing. (6/30/16) The consultant was given notice to proceed on July 18, 2016. (7/18/16) A preliminary field check was held September 8, 2016. (9/28/16) Three design exceptions were submitted to the Commissioners for approval at the November 1, 2016 meeting. (11/1/16) The bridge inspection report, including the level 1 design exception, was submitted to INDOT. (11/15/16) Utility coordination work is underway. (1/3/17) Work on the environmental document is proceeding. (1/12/17) The scour report was submitted to INDOT on 4/14/17. (4/24/17) Preliminary plans were submitted to INDOT June 27, 2017. (6/27/17)
- [Green River Rd, Kansas Rd to Boonville New Harmony Rd:](#) Project will widen Green River Rd between Kansas Rd and Boonville New Harmony Rd to 3 lanes. The preliminary field check was held November 5th, 2014. (12/4/14) The Stage 2 design package was submitted to INDOT on January 25, 2015 for review and approval. (2/5/15) The draft categorical exclusion was submitted to INDOT on February 10, 2015 for review and approval. (4/2/15) A Public Design Hearing was held on August 6, 2015. (8/6/15) Draft final CE document submitted to INDOT for review. Right-of-way engineering underway. (10/28/15) The INDOT/LPA contract was signed by the Commissioners on 11/24/15. (12/1/15) The mitigation permit process is underway. (7/21/16) Two right-of-way offers have been accepted. Twenty-nine parcels are in appraising. Mitigation site locations are being evaluated. (1/3/17) **Twenty-seven parcels have been cleared. The Consultant is preparing the appropriate forms for permitting applications. (7/28/17)**

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

- [Newburgh Rivertown Trail:](#) Phase 3A – (B. Gene Aurand Trailhead to Pollack Av/Old SR 662 intersection): The estimated cost of construction is listed as \$650,000. (11/3/11; PE) This project has tentatively been added to INDOT's letting list for construction on October 9, 2013. (10/4/12; PE) A Notice to Proceed with the design was issued to the RW Armstrong on December 12, 2012. (1/3/13; PE) A Preliminary Field Check meeting was held April 18, 2013. (4/4/13; PE) The consultant is finalizing utility coordination details received during the Preliminary Field Check meeting. The letting date for the project has been pushed back to July 9, 2014. (6/6/13; PE) Utility coordination

continues. (8/1/13; U) Letting date pushed back to September 2, 2015. (12/4/14) The Town Council signed an updated contract for funding with INDOT on December 11, 2013. (1/8/14; U) Preliminary right-of-way services are underway. (2/6/14) Right-of-way engineering is being finalized with property appraisals expected in this month. (6/5/14) Still waiting on property appraisals. An update to the environmental document has been completed and submitted for review. (2/5/15) Appraisals for ROW acquisition have been reviewed and the town is proceeding with contacting the affected property owners with offers. (4/2/15) Pavement design has been approved. (6/29/15). The Town Council signed the second supplemental to the PE contract on 2/14/16. Right of way activities are ongoing. (5/9/16) Per the request of the Town of Newburgh, the letting date has changed from 1/19/17 to 1/18/18. The Town is preparing the request for proposals for the construction inspection contract. (1/3/17) The Town Council signed the third supplemental to the PE contract on 2/22/17. Three condemnations have been filed. (4/28/17) **The Consultant is working on a master encroachment agreement with Vectren. The geotechnical report has been approved. (6/26/17)**

- **Newburgh Sign Replacement**: Replace all regulatory and street guide signs to meet the MUTCD standards of retroreflectivity. The estimated cost of the project is \$68,738. An RFP for PE and CE was posted on INDOT's website on June 10, 2014 with a response date of July 9, 2014. (7/3/14) INDOT approved the scoring of the RFP and negotiations have begun with Beam, Longest & Neff (BLN). (10/2/14) Information collected by TransMap, including retroreflectivity data, has been forwarded to Newburgh. (6/23/15) The Town Council signed the PE contract and the funding request was submitted to INDOT for processing. (4/6/16) Notice of Authorization has been issued by INDOT. (5/9/16) The project was let for bid on November 16th, 2016 and received a low bid from Michiana Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$80,697.18. (11/17/16) A preconstruction meeting was held on March 21, 2017. The contractor will start work in May. The completion date is 6/30/17. (3/23/17) **Project is complete. (8/1/17)**

WARRICK COUNTY

- **Bell Road, Highpoint Dr to Telephone Rd**: Project includes road widening with storm drainage system and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. A consulting firm has been selected for contract negotiations. (1/27/16) Clark Dietz has been selected to develop the plans for the project. Notice of authorization has been given by INDOT. (4/28/16) A Scoping meeting was held on May 24th. (5/24/16) The topographic survey and the preliminary pavement investigation were completed in July. Environmental and preliminary design work are underway. (7/20/16) The early coordination packets were distributed. (11/15/16) Draft Historical Properties and Archaeological reports are complete and were distributed to the reviewing agencies. (2/27/17) The Preliminary Field Check was held on May 17, 2017. (5/17/17) **The draft environmental document was submitted to INDOT on July 7, 2017 for review and comment. (7/26/17)**
- **Lincoln Avenue (Warrick County)**: This project will widen the roadway to an improved two lane facility to enhance safety. The County has contracted BLA to update the design and proceed with the project development. A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. Design Approval was granted by INDOT on January 4, 2006.
Phase 3 (east of Bell Rd to Lenn Rd): A public open house meeting was held Thursday, August 14, 2014. (8/7/14) The environmental AI (Additional Information) document has been approved and the right-of-way activities are underway. (6/30/15) . Draft pavement design is complete. (10/26/15) A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised for CE. (4/25/16) INDOT gave the County approval to begin contract negotiations for CE. (6/30/16) Stage 3 plans are complete. (7/22/16) American Structurepoint was awarded the CE contract. (9/28/16) The project was let for bid on November 16th, 2016 and received a low bid from JBI Construction in the amount of \$6,072,995. (11/17/16) A Preconstruction meeting was held on January 12. (1/10/17) Utility relocation work is on-going. (4/5/17) Road reconstruction work has begun. (6/27/17)

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- **Oak Grove Road (Warrick County)**: Oak Grove Road will be widened from I-164 to SR 261, to a four-lane facility. A Scoping meeting was held on October 26, 2004. The survey work is complete. (2/1/07; PE) Stage 1 design plans were submitted to INDOT for approval on August 27, 2008. (10/2/08; PE) The preliminary design plans have been reviewed by INDOT for the entire project. (2/5/09; PE) A public hearing was held November 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m..
Phase 3 (East of Hickory View Rd. to SR 261) - The supplemental for R/W Engineering and Final Design has been approved, and the consultant is working to schedule a public information meeting later this summer. (6/30/15) An Open House has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30PM at J.H. Castle Elementary School. (8/27/15) Right-of-way engineering is underway. (10/26/15) The RW services agreement has been executed and notice to proceed has been issued to the consultant. (4/25/16) Right-of-way activities are continuing with 42 properties secured. (1/17/17) Pavement Design revisions were made and submitted to INDOT 4/13/17. (4/25/17) **Fifty-two (52) parcels have been acquired and 2 parcels are in condemnation. Project is currently scheduled for letting on November 15, 2017. (7/26/17)**
- **Warrick Trails SRTS**: This project will consist of approximately 1.34 miles of trails that will connect Castle Elementary, Castle North Middle School, Castle High School, Castle South Middle School and surrounding neighborhoods. A consulting firm has been selected for contract negotiations. (1/27/16) An interlocal agreement between the Warrick School Corporation and the County Commissioners has been executed. The INDOT-LPA contract has been fully executed. (1/3/17) The Consultant contract has been executed. (1/23/17) The design consultant received notice to proceed on 2/11/17. (2/14/17) A kick-off meeting was held on 4/4/17. (4/5/17) The survey is complete.

Environmental work is underway. (4/27/17) **Preliminary design plans are in development. (7/28/17)**

INDOT

- **US Highway 41, I-69 to Boonville-New Harmony Rd:** This project includes the resurface and full depth patching of the asphalt and concrete pavement from I-69 to Boonville-New Harmony Rd including the ramps at the Diamond Avenue interchange. This project was originally scheduled for letting in February 2016 and was going to begin north of the Lloyd Expressway interchange, but upon review of upcoming bridge projects on US 41 south of I-69 and the expected conflicts with traffic moving through this area, the section of 41 between I-69 and the Lloyd was added. (1/27/16) Construction began on the south end, between Virginia St and I-69; the contractor is currently working on patching. (6/30/16) Paving is complete from Virginia St. south to I-69. The outside lanes from Lynch to Virginia will be completed this week and the contractor will go to nighttime operations starting next week to complete patching in the center lane. Ramps at Diamond are complete. (10/4/16) Construction on the section from Lynch Rd. north is underway. (4/4 /17)
- **US Highway 41 - Fix for 41: I-69 Interchange to Ohio River Bridges:** This bi-state project includes the rehabilitation of seven US 41 bridges, 3 in Kentucky and 4 in Indiana, and pavement rehabilitation between the bridges. The design of the 3.8-mile construction zone will enable two lanes of traffic in each direction to remain open. Some temporary lane restrictions may be experienced in off peak hours. Public information meetings were held May 24th and 25th 2016 and a presentation was made to the EMPO Policy Committee on September 1, 2016. The project was awarded to E&B Paving, Inc. for \$26,765,349.90. (2/21/17)
- **SR 61 Connector, Boonville:** This project proposes the construction of a new two-lane facility connecting SR 61 west of Boonville with SR 61 north of Boonville to alleviate traffic congestion through downtown Boonville and provide through truck traffic on SR 61 with a more direct travel route. Corradino, LLC was selected to perform the Engineering Assessment (EA) and Engineering Scoping Study and prepare the actual design including surveying, design plans, and right of way services. A kickoff meeting was held on December 12, 2007 and the first Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held on February 11, 2008. A public information meeting was held on March 6, 2008, with a second public information meeting following on August 26, 2008. The third (CAC) meeting was held on March 4, 2009. The committee focused their review on Alternatives 3-1 and 3-2. The project was removed from the Major Moves funded project list and will be required to compete for traditional funding sources. Construction of this project is not expected until 2017. A public hearing was held on January 27, 2011. Comments were accepted regarding the preferred alternative route, as well as the proposal to include roundabouts at three of the proposed intersections (SR 61 & New Harmony Rd; New Harmony Rd & Eskew Rd; and Eskew Rd & Millersburg Rd). (2/3/11; E) In June, 2011, INDOT accepted additional public comment regarding the proposal to include roundabouts at three intersections along the proposed. (8/4/11; E) The project has been split into two phases to resolve geotechnical concerns regarding fill material placed in certain areas of the project. (7/3/14)
 - Phase 1** – (Millersburg/Eskew Rd - SR 62): This phase includes a grading package and a railroad crossing reconstruction project. It was let for bid December 10, 2014 and the contract for construction was awarded to Blankenberger Brothers Inc. of Cynthiana, IN for a low bid of \$2,266,474.70. (2/5/15) Construction is complete. (1/27/16)
 - Phase 2** – (SR 62 to existing SR 61): Construction of the roadway is currently scheduled for letting on September 2, 2015. The roadway is expected to be open for traffic by December, 2016. Project was let for bid on September 2, 2015 and was awarded to Force Construction Co. Inc. for the low bid amount of \$17,265,996.69. (9/10/15) Notice to proceed has been issued and the pre-construction meeting was held on 10/15/15. (11/4/15) Tree clearing and utility relocation work is underway. (1/27/16) Work continues on the bridge over Carter-Traylor Ditch; deck pour is planned for mid-July. The contractor is working on building up the sub-base on either side of Eskew Rd, just north of Millersburg Rd. (6/30/16) Bridge work is nearly complete. The contractor is laying asphalt and preparing to pour curb from the roundabout at Millersburg Rd. south to the bridge and is installing structures from Millersburg Rd. north to Boonville-New Harmony Rd. Utility relocations are nearing completion. (10/4/16) New Harmony Rd. between Eskew and SR 61 was closed to thru traffic on 4/3/2017 and will remain closed for 3-4 weeks while three new small structures are being installed. The Intersection of New Harmony Rd. and SR 61 was closed June 12, 2017 for a maximum of 60 days. (6/28/17)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **SR 66 and Casey Road:** The intersection improvement project is in the early stages of project development. The project proposes to lengthen the eastbound left turn lane to provide more storage and deceleration length. The lengthening will require removing a portion of the curbed median, with two drain inlets, and paving the area. No new right-of-way will be required. The early coordination packets have been distributed. (1/3/17) The District held a Preliminary Field Check for the project. (5/23/17)

KYTC

- **US 60, KY 425/Henderson By-Pass to Waverly:** US 60 from the Henderson by-pass to Waverly, Kentucky in Union County will be reconstructed from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway. A new Corydon by-pass will be constructed as part of this project. The design, right-of-way, utilities, and construction of the section from the Henderson By-pass to Corydon and the Corydon By-pass, are included in the KYTC Six Year Plan. (2/1/07; E) The Environmental Assessment was approved by FHWA on July 26, 2007. The KYTC scheduled two public hearings to view the alternatives for this project. The environmental review resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) which was approved and signed by the FHWA. (5/3/12; E)
 - Henderson Community College to KY 425:** A one mile section of the roadway is moving forward to the design phase. (9/5/13; D) A Preliminary Line and Grade meeting was held June 5, 2014. TIP Amendment (9/4/14) Utility coordination is underway. (2/24/16) Work on

the right-of-way phase is underway. (4/25/16) The project is scheduled for letting in November 2016. (9/29/16) Project was let for bid November 18th, 2016 with the low bid received from Hazex Construction. (11/22/16) Construction is underway. (4/5/17)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- [KY 2183 - KY 1539](#): This project is designed to improve the intersection alignment.(2/2/12; PE) Funding for design has been requested. (PE; 2/7/13) Funding for the design of this project was authorized by KYTC on February 2, 2013. (5/2/13; PE/D) **Anticipate a design team meeting to be held in August or September. (8/1/17)**
- [US Highway 41 & KY 812/Airline Rd](#): This intersection improvement will add dedicated right and left turn lanes and upgrade the current traffic signal. Funding for design has been requested. (PE; 2/7/13) Funding for the design of this project was authorized by KYTC on February 2, 2013. (5/2/13; PE/D) Design is underway. (9/5/13; D) A statewide consultant has been requested. (2/5/15) A preliminary Line and Grade meeting was held 12/1/15. (12/1/15) Phase II work has begun. (1/26/16) Final design has started. (9/29/16) A joint inspection meeting is scheduled for June 6th after which the project will move into the right-of-way phase. (5/25/17) **Utility coordination underway. (8/1/17)**
- [US Highway 41 & Wolf Hills Rd](#): This intersection project will make any necessary improvements including widening and realigning. Additionally, the southbound left turn lane on US 41 will be lengthened. Funding for design has been requested. (PE; 2/7/13) Funding for the design of this project was authorized by KYTC on February 28, 2013. (5/2/13; PE/D) Design is underway. (9/5/13; D)
- [US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge](#): Replacement project of the bridge at Spottsville, KY over the Green River. Stantec has been awarded the design contract for this project. (12/5/13; D) A Preliminary Line & Grade meeting was held February 2, 2015. (2/5/15) A public meeting was held on August 25, 2015. (8/31/15) A Phase II design kick-off meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016. (1/26/16) Right-of-way plans have been submitted. Appraisals are underway. (5/25/17) **A right-of-way informational meeting is planned for late September. (8/1/17)**

I-69 Corridor

- [I-69 Indiana](#):
Evansville to Indianapolis (SIU #3) Additional information found at www.i69indyevn.org.
Section 1 – (I-64 to Oakland City) – Open to traffic November 2012
Section 2 – (Oakland City to US 50 near Washington, IN) – Open to traffic November 2012
Section 3 – (US 50 near Washington to US 231 near Crane) – Open to traffic November 2012
Section 4 – (US 231 near Crane to SR 37 near Bloomington) – Opened to traffic December 9th, 2015.
Section 5 – (SR 37 near Bloomington to Martinsville, IN) Project under construction. Estimated completion of Section 5 construction is May 2018. (2/13/17)
Section 6 - (Martinsville to Indianapolis) – INDOT hosted three public meetings 11/30/15, 12/2/15 and 12/3/15 to collect additional public comment for the refinement of the five preliminary alternatives. In March 2016, INDOT announced that the route following State Road 37 between Martinsville and Indianapolis best meets the I-69 performance measures while minimizing cost and impacts to the human and natural environment. (7/6/16) INDOT hosted open house meetings on August 15th and 16th in Indianapolis and Martinsville. INDOT real estate and Section 6 staff were available to provide information on the project. (8/8/16) INDOT will host two public hearings on the Section 6 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) - on Thursday, April 6 and Monday, April 10. Each meeting will begin with an open house followed by a formal presentation and public-comment period in the school auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. (3/17/17)
- [I-69 Ohio River Crossing](#):
I-64, Indiana to E.T. Breathitt (Pennyrile) Parkway, Kentucky (SIU #4) - The KYTC, INDOT and Vanderburgh County sponsored a corridor study to determine the location of the I-69 corridor through the Evansville MPO study area. In February, 2004, INDOT and KYTC submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for review and comment. Of the four alternatives evaluated, this document identifies Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative. Public Hearings on the DEIS were held on March 16, 2004 in Henderson and on March 17, 2004 in Evansville. KYTC has amended the Evansville MPO's "Transportation Improvement Program" (TIP) to include funding for a financial study of funding options for the I-69 Ohio River crossing from Evansville to Henderson. A meeting was held September 6, 2006 with the consultant HNTB, KYTC, INDOT, FHWA and the MPO to determine the steps necessary to meet the required January signing of the FEIS. (9/7/06; E) On June 30, 2016, Indiana Gov. Pence and Kentucky Gov. Bevin signed a memorandum of agreement to take the next steps in the advancement of the project development. The MOA authorizes INDOT to publish a request for proposals (RFP) seeking a firm to begin the environmental review. (6/30/16) The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the NEPA document preparation was posted on 8/25/16 with a response due date of 9/13/16. (8/25/16) Five Letters of Interest were received and the first round of a two round scoring process is complete. Four firms have been short listed for further evaluation. Final selection is expected the week of November 7th. (10/5/16) The INDOT and KYTC have selected the professional services team led by Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. to complete preliminary design and the environmental review for the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project. (11/15/16) A notice of intent (NOI) for the EIS was published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2017 and the Section 106 Early Coordination letter was sent to consulting parties on April 25, 2017. The ORX project offices officially opened in Evansville and Henderson on June 27, 2017. **Open House format meetings were held on July 31 and**

August 1, 2017. Following a presentation that reviewed the short list of corridors, members of the public were encouraged to visit information stations and ask questions or make comments. Comment cards were available as well.

▪ **I-69 Kentucky:**

E.T. Breathitt (Pennyrile) Parkway to I-24 near Eddyville (SIU #5) – This path will follow the E.T. Breathitt Parkway from a new interchange to I-24 near Eddyville, KY over the existing Western Kentucky Parkway. An “existing conditions” study was completed in March of 2005. The results of a study to prioritize improvements needed to upgrade the E.T. Breathitt and Wendel H. Ford parkways to interstate standards were presented at three public meetings held in November and December, 2007 by KYTC. An \$11.93 million contract was awarded to Hall Contracting of Kentucky for improvements to the I-69 corridor through Hopkins, Webster and Henderson counties in Kentucky; Contract completion date set for August 1, 2015. These improvements are designed to bring the existing roadway up to interstate standards. (7/3/14) On November 16th, 2015, the Governor and various Officials including FHWA officially unveiled the I69 designation of the Pennyrile Parkway from Hopkins County to Henderson County. I 69 runs from I 24 near Eddyville to what is currently KY 425 in Henderson County. Part of KY 425 will become US 41 and US 41 will be rerouted along the remaining portion of the Pennyrile parkway that did not become I69 in Henderson County. (12/1/15)

Design Development Process for Federal Aid Projects

Indiana

Planning (P)
 Engineers Report/Project Development (PE)
 Grade Review Plans (~25% complete) (D)
 Preliminary Field Check Plans & Meeting
 Draft Environmental Document Approval
 Public Hearing Plans & Meeting (~55% complete)
 Environmental Document Approval (E)
 Final Design Study Report & Hearing Plans
 Design Approval (~69% complete)
 Right-of-Way Engineering/Acquisition (ROW)
 Final Plan Submittal
 Final Check Prints (~95% complete)
 Final Tracings
 Bid Letting (CN)
 Construction (CN)

Kentucky

Planning
 Intermediate or Scoping Study
 Select Design Consultant
 Pre-Design Meeting
 Preliminary Line & Grade Inspection
 Draft Environmental Document Approval
 Public Hearing
 Design and Environmental Approval
 Drainage Inspection and Submittal
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 Final Plan Review
 Bid Letting
 Construction

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