## FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Road No./County:	13th Street and 8th Avenue / Vigo County
Designation Number(s):	1900842 (Lead, Bridge) and 1801932 (Road)
Project Description/Termini:	New bridge and roadway reconstruction to elevate 8th Avenue and 13th Street over CSX Railroad / 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue: from approximately 180 feet west of 12 <sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 115 feet east of 14 <sup>th</sup> Street; 13 <sup>th</sup> Street: from approximately 95 feet south of 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to approximately 25 feet south of Beech Street

	Categorical Exclusion, Level 2 – Required Signatories: INDOT DE and/or INDOT ESD
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 3 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA
Х	Environmental Assessment (EA) – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA
	Additional Investigation (AI) – The proposed action included a design change from the original approved environmental document. Required Signatories must include the appropriate environmental approval authority

## Approval

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October 3, 2024 Date

KARSTIN MARIÉ CARMANY- GEORGE	Digitally signed by KARSTIN MARIE CARMANY-GEORGE Date: 2024.10.03 15:32:34 -04'00'
FHWA Signature	

Date

**Certification of Public Involvement** 

INDOT ES/District Env. Reviewer Signature:

Cindy Mauro October 3, 2024

Name and Organization of CE/EA Preparer:

Ryan L. Scott / Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.

County Vigo

Route 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

# Part I – Public Involvement

Every Federal action requires some level of public involvement, providing for early and continuous opportunities throughout the project development process. The level of public involvement should be commensurate with the proposed action.

Does the project have a historic bridge processed under the Historic Bridges PA\*? If No, then:

Opportunity for a Public Hearing Required?

 Yes
 No

 X
 X

\*A public hearing is required for all historic bridges processed under the Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement between INDOT, FHWA, SHPO, and the ACHP.

Discuss what public involvement activities (legal notices, letters to affected property owners and residents (i.e. notice of entry), meetings, special purpose meetings, newspaper articles, etc.) have occurred for this project.

Notice of Entry letters were mailed to potentially affected property owners near the project area on July 11, 2019 and October 26, 2020 notifying them about the project and that individuals responsible for land surveying and field activities may be seen in the area. Sample copies of the Notice of Entry letters are included in Appendix G, pages 1 to 3.

To meet the public involvement requirements of Section 106, a legal notice of FHWA's finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on November 20, 2021, offering the public an opportunity to submit comments pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). The public comment period closed 30 days later on December 20, 2021. The text of the public notice and the affidavit of publication appear in Appendix D, pages 44 and 45. No comments or responses were received as a result of the publication of this notice.

Subsequent to the above-referenced efforts, it was determined that a first addendum to the archaeological investigation was needed to cover additional project areas extending beyond the limits originally studied. Upon completion of the first addendum, an updated finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on March 18, 2023, offering the public an opportunity to submit comments pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). The public comment period closed 30 days later on April 17, 2023. The text of the public notice and the affidavit of publication appear in Appendix D, pages 58 and 59. No comments or responses were received as a result of the publication of this notice.

A second addendum to the archaeological investigation was determined to be needed because of additional land acquisition resulting from property owner negotiations. Upon completion of the second addendum, an updated finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" is being published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on April 26, 2024, offering the public an opportunity to submit comments pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). A copy of the public notice is included in Appendix D, page 81. Any public comments received on or before May 26, 2024, will be included in the final environmental documentation for the project along with a copy of the affidavit of publication.

A public information meeting was held at the Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club on August 17, 2021, for the proposed project. Notice of this open house was sent to all adjoining property owners on August 2, 2021 (see Appendix G, page 4). The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the current project plans and gather their input and feedback. Approximately 60 people attended the open house which included property owners, business owners, and local government members, members of INDOT, and the project design team. After the formal presentation of the proposed project, the public was given the opportunity to provide feedback and ask the design team questions. Public comment forms were also provided to those in attendance for submittal to the design team after the meeting. Overall, positive feedback received from the public included improved traveling conditions that would result from the proposed roadway grade separation over the railroad. Potentially negative community impacts discussed included the loss of front access and on-street parking to some properties, increased difficulty in access and maneuverability for large delivery trucks to some properties, and the potential loss of business for some commercial properties during construction when access will be limited, and detours are utilized. Property owners who are likely to be relocated by the project indicated that they are receptive to the idea of relocation. A copy of the presentation and related materials from the public information meeting are included in Appendix G, pages 4 to 29.

A Legal Notice of Planned Improvement, offering the public the opportunity to provide comments and request a public hearing, was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on January 21 and 28, 2022, and mailed directly to adjacent property owners on

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January 19, 2022. The comment period ended on February 4, 2022, with no comments or requests for a public hearing received. Copies of the public hearing certification request letter, legal notice and publisher's claim, and direct mailing list are included in Appendix G, pages 30 to 36.

The project is being processed as an Environmental Assessment (EA). Per the current *INDOT Public Involvement Manual* the project is required to hold a public hearing. Upon release of the EA for public involvement, a legal advertisement will be placed in a local publication notifying the public of the public hearing and availability of the EA for review. Public outreach efforts for the hearing will include direct mailings of the legal advertisement to all affected property owners via Certified Mail to ensure delivery and posting of the legal advertisement at local churches and parks near the project area. Additionally, the public hearing will be held at a venue close to the project area and scheduled for a day and time that is convenient to the public. The public will be provided a 30-day comment period. Following the public hearing, if determined appropriate, a request for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be submitted to FHWA. All comments received during this period will be addressed and attached to the FONSI request. If any comments require a change to the EA, an Additional Information document may be prepared and approved by FHWA prior to the submission of the FONSI request to FHWA. The preparation of the FONSI by FHWA will indicate the NEPA process for this project has been completed. Once the NEPA process is completed, a public notice announcing the availability of the FONSI will be advertised in local publications of general circulation.

### Public Controversy on Environmental Grounds

Discuss public controversy concerning community and/or natural resource impacts, including what is being done during the project to minimize impacts.

At this time, there is no substantial public controversy concerning impacts to the community or to natural resources.

# Part II - General Project Identification, Description, and Design Information

Sponsor of the Project:	INDOT	INDOT District:	Crawfordsville
Local Name of the Facility:	13 <sup>th</sup> Street and 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue		
Funding Source (mark all that	apply): Federal X State X Local X	Other*	
*If other is selected, please ide	entify the funding source:		

## PURPOSE AND NEED:

The need should describe the specific transportation problem or deficiency that the project will address. The purpose should describe the goal or objective of the project. The solution to the traffic problem should NOT be discussed in this section.

### Need:

The need for this project is due to the high level of vehicular crossing blockage from train traffic on CSX Railroad. Since the railroad tracks are oriented diagonal to the street grid, each passing train stops traffic in all four directions (north/south along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and east/west along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue). According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory (FRAHRC) data (https://fragis.fra.dot.gov/GISFRASafety/), an average of 23 trains per day travel through the project area. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes long, which results in vehicular crossings being blocked by train traffic for approximately 16% of the day. Train traffic delays also have a negative impact on emergency response times in this area of Terre Haute, including routes to and from Union Hospital, which is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue approximately 0.38 mile west of the project area. Also, FRAHRC data (https://fragis.fra.dot.gov/GISFRASafety/) shows that there has been a total of 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two (2) fatalities. In addition, no designated pedestrian crosswalks exist at either of the railroad crossings.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to eliminate delays for motorists and emergency services at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossings of CSX Railroad due to train traffic, eliminate the potential for train-vehicle collisions at these crossings, and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety through the area.

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County Vigo	Route	Route13th Street and 8th AvenueDes.				s. No1900842 & 1801932		
PROJECT DESCRIPTIO	N (PREFERRED ALTI	ERNATIVE):						
County: Vigo		Municipality:	Terre Haute					
Limits of Proposed Work:	8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue from appro Street; 13 <sup>th</sup> Street from Beech Street							
Total Work Length:	0.52 Mile(s)		Total Work Area:	4.38	Acre(	(s)		
If yes, when did the Acceptability?	ess Document (IAD) <sup>1</sup> requ FHWA provide a Determi uired; a copy of the appro- the IAD.	nation of Engine	<b>.</b>		Yes <sup>1</sup> Date: HWA with	No X n a request for		

Describe location of project including township, range, city, county, roads, etc. Existing conditions should include current conditions, current deficiencies, roadway description, surrounding features, etc. Preferred alternative should include the scope of work, anticipated impacts, and how the project will meet the Purpose and Need. Logical termini and independent utility also need discussed.

### **Location**

The undertaking is located on 8th Avenue roughly between 12th Street and 14th Street, and on 13th Street roughly between 6th Avenue and Beech Street in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County. The project is also located in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Terre Haute, Indiana quadrangle. See location maps in Appendix B, pages 1-3.

### **Existing Conditions**

8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a two-lane Major Collector that runs in an east/west direction and crosses CSX Railroad at-grade approximately 165 feet east of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The typical cross section of 8<sup>th</sup> Street consists of one (1) 17-foot wide eastbound through lane and one (1) 12-foot wide westbound through lane bordered on both sides by concrete curb and gutter, 5-foot-wide grass buffer strips, and 4-foot-wide concrete sidewalks.

13<sup>th</sup> Street is a two-lane Minor Collector that runs in a north/south direction and crosses CSX Railroad at-grade approximately 275 feet south of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The typical cross section of 13<sup>th</sup> Street consists of two (2) 17.5-foot wide through lanes (one in each direction) bordered by 2-foot wide, paved shoulders, concrete curb and gutter, 7-foot-wide grass buffer strips, and 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalks.

Land use in the area is mixed residential, commercial, and light industrial, with one public recreational park (Spencer Park) also present near the east terminus of the project (see Appendix B, page 3). CSX Railroad runs in a northeast/southwest direction and intersects both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street at-grade, which results in train traffic delays that have negative impacts on vehicular mobility and emergency response times and presents a safety issue related to vehicle/train collisions.

### Preferred Alternative

The project will construct a new bridge to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 116-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 115-foot long single-span bridge, will be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge will have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23.3 feet and consist of concrete bulb teebeams. Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls will be installed in the northeast, northwest and southwest quadrants of the bridge, and 3:1 earthen side slopes will be utilized in the southeast quadrant in order to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street will be relocated to the north of its current location in order to maintain access to a railroad museum off of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street will be permanently closed, and the pavement will be removed (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). See Appendix B, page 4 for a depiction of the proposed roadway changes. Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities.

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The typical cross sections of the roundabouts will consist of a 50-foot-wide grass center bordered on both sides by a integral concrete curb, a 12-foot-wide concrete truck apron, a 2-foot-wide rolled concrete curb and gutter section, and a 16-foot-wide Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) through lane. New permanent lighting will be installed at the roundabouts, as well as on the bridge and approaches.

The immediate approaches to the roundabouts along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will include raised concrete splitter islands to separate each direction of traffic. The typical cross sections for these splitter island sections will consist of a variable width raised concrete median bordered on both sides by variable width (14 feet to 17.75 feet) through lanes, 2-foot-wide concrete shoulders and 5.6-foot-wide raised concrete sidewalks and 1-foot-wide concrete railing.

The remaining approaches within the project limits along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will consist of two (2) 12-foot-wide through lanes, one (1) in each direction, bordered by 2.6-foot-wide concrete curb and gutter sections, variable width (0-foot to 8.2-foot) grass buffer strips and variable width (4-foot to 5.8-foot) concrete sidewalks.

The project requires approximately 5.91 acres of permanent ROW acquisition taken from all four (4) quadrants of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and consisting of 5.2 acres of commercial property and 0.71 acre of residential property. Permanent ROW acquisition includes excess land areas for the residential and commercial parcels on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets. The excess land areas are remnant parts of parcels not actually needed for highway construction but are being included in the acquisition offers. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW along the west side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street north of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, along the north side of Plum Street east of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and along the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. All proposed permanent and temporary ROW acquisitions described above will utilize the MAP-21 early acquisition process.

Project plans are included in Appendix B, pages 12 to 25. Please note that Des. No. 1900362, which was included with early project correspondence and documentation, has been removed from this project.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project will require full closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue during construction. A detour route will be composed of an outer loop of streets: Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. Traffic approaching the project area will be detoured to this loop in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. Please refer to the MOT section of this document for additional information regarding traffic maintenance.

The preferred alternative meets the purpose and need for the project by eliminating vehicular and emergency service delays along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue resulting from train traffic, eliminating potential vehicle/train collisions at the existing at-grade crossings, and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety through the area.

The termini along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue are considered logical because they are the minimum distances of approach work required to meet the criteria included in the INDOT Design Manual for changes in horizontal and vertical roadway alignments. This project has independent utility by meeting the purpose and need without relying on other projects to eliminate vehicular and emergency service delays at these at-grade intersections with the CSX railroad.

## OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Provide a header for each alternative. Describe all discarded alternatives, including the No Build Alternative. Explain why each discarded alternative was not selected. Make sure to state how each alternative meets or does not meet the Purpose and Need and why.

### No Build Alternative

This alternate proposes that no work take place while leaving all elements of the at-grade railroad crossings in place. No funds would be expended. This alternative would result in no improvements to the surrounding area as delays to motorist and first responders would continue to occur, and the safety of the motoring public at these crossings would not be addressed. This alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and, therefore, has been dismissed from further consideration.

### **Maintain Existing Horizontal Alignments Alternative**

This alternative proposes to construct two (2) new bridges, one (1) to carry 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad and one (1) to carry 13<sup>th</sup> Street over CSX Railroad, while maintaining the existing horizontal alignments on both roadways. This alternative would require a 228-foot-long bridge to carry 13<sup>th</sup> Street over CSX Railroad, and a 138-foot-long bridge to carry 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad. This alternative would result in the closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Railroad Street, and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and the closure of 12<sup>th</sup>

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Street, Garfield Avenue, Plum Street and two alleys at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These roadway closures exceed the number of closures resulting from the preferred alternative. Approximately 4,000 feet of MSE wall would be required to accommodate the grade changes and minimize the project limits. While this alternative would improve safety and vehicular mobility by separating the current at-grade roadway/railroad crossings, it would cost nearly \$7,000,000 more than the preferred alternative due to an additional bridge being required. Therefore, this alternative was dismissed from further consideration.

## The No Build Alternative is not feasible, prudent or practicable because (Mark all that apply)

It would not correct existing capacity deficiencies;

It would not correct existing safety hazards;

It would not correct the existing roadway geometric deficiencies;

It would not correct existing deteriorated conditions and maintenance problems; or It would result in serious impacts to the motoring public and general welfare of the economy.

Other (Describe): It would not address delays experienced by the motoring public and emergency services.

## **ROADWAY CHARACTER:**

If the proposed action includes multiple roadways, complete and duplicate for each roadway.

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The project will require temporary closure of pedestrian access through the 13th Street and 8th Avenue intersection.

• East/west pedestrian travel along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, will be temporarily disrupted. Approximately 0.4 mile will be added to a through trip during disruption utilizing Ash Street to the north of the project area.

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# Indiana Department of Transportation

Sufficiency Rating:

BRIDGES AND/OR SMALL STRUCTURE(S):

If the proposed action includes multiple structures, complete and duplicate for each bridge and/or small structure. Include both existing and proposed bridge(s) and/or small structure(s) in this section.

Structure/NBI Number(s): TBD

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(New Bridge over CSX Railroad)

N/A (Rating, Source of Information)

	Existing		Proposed	
Bridge/Structure Type:	N/A		Composite Prestressed Conc	rete Bulb-Tee
Number of Spans:	N/A		1 @ 115.0 feet	;
Weight Restrictions:	N/A	ton	HS 25 1	ton
Height Restrictions:	N/A	ft.	N/A 1	it.
Curb to Curb Width:	N/A	ft.	18.0 (both directions)	ít.
Outside to Outside Width:	N/A	ft.	67.5	ít.
Shoulder Width:	N/A	ft.	2.0 (curb offsets; both	it.
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Describe impacts and work involving bridge(s), culvert(s), pipe(s), and small structure(s). Provide details for small structure(s): structure number, type, size (length and dia.), location and impacts to water. Use a table if the number of small structures becomes large. If the table exceeds a complete page, put it in the appendix and summarize the information below with a citation to the table.

The project involves the construction of a new bridge to carry 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 116foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 115-foot long, single-span bridge, will be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge will have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23.3 feet and consist of concrete bulb tee-beams.

There will be no involvement with existing bridges, culverts, pipes, or small structures.

# MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT) DURING CONSTRUCTION:

	Yes	No
Is a temporary bridge proposed?		Х
Is a temporary roadway proposed?		Х
Will the project involve the use of a detour or require a ramp closure? (describe below)	Х	
Provisions will be made for access by local traffic and so posted.	Х	
Provisions will be made for through-traffic dependent businesses.	Х	
Provisions will be made to accommodate any local special events or festivals.		Х
Will the proposed MOT substantially change the environmental consequences of the action?		Х
Is there substantial controversy associated with the proposed method for MOT?		Х

Discuss closures and/or facilities (if any) that will be provided for maintenance of traffic. Any known impacts from these temporary measures should be quantified to the extent possible, particularly with respect to properties such as Section 4(f) resources and wetlands. Any local concerns about access and traffic flow should be detailed as well.

The MOT for the project will require full closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue during construction. A detour route will be composed of an outer loop of streets: Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. The proposed detour will add 2.4 miles to a through trip along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 2.0 miles to a through trip along 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Traffic approaching the project area will be given the option to detour this loop in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. See Appendix B, page 16 for MOT plans.

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 North/south pedestrian travel along 13th Street, between 3rd Avenue and Beech Street, will also be temporarily disrupted. Approximately 0.34 mile will be added to a through trip during disruption utilizing 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the west of the project area.

New sidewalks are included in the proposed project design and will be perpetuated in front for homes that remain after construction. Included as a firm commitment for the project, the City of Terre Haute plans to improve alleys and alley connectivity to enhance residential and business access adjacent to the project area. This work will occur prior to construction of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements for maximum benefit.

The Terre Haute Transit Utility (THTU) operates a bus route loop that follows 13<sup>th</sup> Street through the project area. Stops along this route include 1<sup>st</sup> Street south of the project area, Plum Street within the project area, and Buckeye Street north of the project area. The bus stop at Plum Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be impacted during construction as well as the transit route using 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The Plum Street intersection is being relocated to the north and regraded, so access during construction in this area would not be prudent. The project sponsor has coordinated with the THTU regarding the project, and strategies to minimize impacts to bus service in the area have been established. The THTU will continue to operate along the 13<sup>th</sup> Street route north and south of the project area and will include a demand/response area around the roadway closure during construction so that riders can contact the THTU to let them know that they need to be picked up. Riders would then be informed where an acceptable pickup location would be so that the bus can retrieve the rider and then return to its original route for the rest of the loop. According to the THTU, this method for serving riders in need has been successfully used in the past for other road closures. THTU will announce this plan through their website and local media, hold a public meeting to inform riders, and post flyers on the bus used for this route prior to any closures to make sure that the riders are aware of the changes.

The closures/lane restrictions will pose a temporary inconvenience to traveling motorists (including school buses and emergency services); however, no significant delays are anticipated, and all inconveniences and delays will cease upon project completion.

# ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND SCHEDULE:

Engineering:	\$	5.800.539*	(FY 2022)	Right-of-Way:	\$	5,800,000	(FY 2024)	Construction:	\$ 21.401.434	(FY 2026)
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\*Please note: The Professional Engineering (PE) cost estimate is not shown in the STIP (Appendix H, page 4). This estimate was obtained by subtracting right-of-way (RW) and construction (CN and CE) costs from the total estimated project cost.

Anticipated Start Date of Construction: Fall 2025

## **RIGHT OF WAY:**

	Amount (acres)					
Land Use Impacts	Permanent	Temporary				
Residential	0.710	0.043				
Commercial	5.200	1.167				
Agricultural	0.000	0.000				
Forest	0.000	0.000				
Wetlands	0.000	0.000				
Other:	0.000	0.000				
TOTAL	5.910	1.210				

Describe both Permanent and Temporary right-of-way and describe their current use. Typical and Maximum right-of-way widths (existing and proposed) should also be discussed. Any advance acquisition, reacquisition or easements, either known or suspected, and their impacts on the environmental analysis should be discussed.

**Please note:** The right-of-way (ROW) totals above have increased from the totals reported in previously completed project documentation including the Early Coordination Letter (Appendix C, pages 1 and 2), Section 106 documentation (Appendix D,

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pages 2, 4, 14, 26, 33 and 45), Red Flag Investigation (Appendix E, pages 2 and 6), Ecological Evaluation Form (Appendix F, page 1), and Legal Notice of Planned Improvement (Appendix G, pages 31 and 34), which included 3.073 acres of permanent ROW and 0.034 acre of temporary ROW. This increase is due in part to added excess land (remnant parts of parcels not needed for highway construction but counted as permanent ROW) for the residential and commercial parcels on the south side of 8th Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets, and an increase in permanent and temporary ROW from the commercial parcel on the immediate SW quadrant of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and 13<sup>th</sup> St intersection. At the request of INDOT's Cultural Resources office, these excess land areas were investigated in the first addendum to the archaeological investigation (see Cultural Resources section of this document) since they will be acquired as new ROW. No other amendments to previous environmental investigations were completed since the excess land areas are remnant parts of previously studied parcels that are located outside of the proposed construction limits. The city will convert excess land into public use greenspace to eventually be transferred to the Terre Haute Parks Department for future care and maintenance. Along with the excess land acquisition described above, additional permanent ROW from two commercial properties and one residential property was added to the project because of property owners' requests to become "total takes". One of the commercial properties is located on the north side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue immediately east of the CSX Railroad and the other is in the northwest quadrant of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. The residential property is located in the southwest quadrant of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection with 12<sup>th</sup> Street. At the request of INDOT's Cultural Resources office, these areas were investigated in the second addendum to the archaeological investigation (see Cultural Resources section of this document) since they will be acquired as new ROW. No other amendments to previous environmental investigations were completed since the "total takes" are located outside of the proposed construction limits. The remaining increases in permanent and temporary ROW totals are due to small adjustments in ROW linework refinement over many parcels.

The project requires approximately 5.91 acres of permanent ROW acquisition taken from all four (4) quadrants of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and consisting of 5.2 acres of commercial property and 0.71 acre of residential property. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW along the west side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street north of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, along the north side of Plum Street east of 13th Street, and along the south side of 6th Avenue west of 13th Avenue, consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. All proposed permanent and temporary ROW acquisitions described above will utilize the MAP-21 early acquisition process. Offers to property owners have been made; however, the acquisition process for these properties will not be completed, and payments and entitlements to property owners will not be issued until after the environmental approval process is complete. Based on ROW negotiations completed to date, all the property owners appear to be willing sellers.

The existing ROW width along 13<sup>th</sup> Street is 64 feet (32 feet either side of the roadway centerline). The proposed typical and maximum ROW widths along 13<sup>th</sup> Street are 65 feet and 200 feet, respectively.

The existing ROW width along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street is 50 feet (25 feet either side of the roadway centerline). The existing ROW width along 8th Avenue east of 13th Street is 64 feet (32 feet either side of the roadway centerline). The proposed typical and maximum right-of-way widths along 8th Avenue are 65 and 200 feet, respectively.

If the scope of work or permanent or temporary right-of-way amounts change, the INDOT Environmental Services Division (ESD) and the INDOT District Environmental Section will be contacted immediately.

# Part III – Identification and Evaluation of Impacts of the Proposed Action

## **SECTION A - EARLY COORDINATION:**

List the date(s) coordination was sent and all resource agencies that were contacted as a part of the development of this Environmental Study. Also, include the date of their response or indicate that no response was received.

Ear	arly coordination letters were sent on June 4, 2021 (Appendix C, pages 1 to 4).						
	Agency	Date Sent	Date Received	Appendix			
	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	May 20, 2021	June 2, 2021	Appendix C, pages 5 to 7			
	Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife	May 20, 2021	June 18, 2021	Appendix C, pages 28 and 29			
	National Park Service	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A			

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Natural Resources Conservation Service	May 20, 2021	June 10, 2021	Appendix C, page 30
INDOT Office of Aviation	May 20, 2021	May 21, 2021	Appendix C, page 31; Indicated there are no issues with any surrounding airspace or public use airports
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
INDOT Utilities & Railroads	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County Surveyor	May 20, 2021	June 9, 2021	Appendix C, pages 32 to 35; Provided maps and information regarding existing and potential Section Corners and Subdivision Corners in the project area
Vigo County Highway Superintendent	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County Sheriff	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Mayor of Terre Haute	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
City of Terre Haute Police Chief	May 20, 2021	May 24, 2021	Appendix C, page 36; Acknowledged receipt of ECL; no comments
Wastewater Department, City of Terre Haute	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
City of Terre Haute, Water & Soil Department, NRCS	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County EMS	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
City of Terre Haute Council	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
City of Terre Haute Park Board	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County Board of Commissioners	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County Council	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Maryland Community Church-12 Points	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Church of Christ	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Hamilton Center	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
IDEM Office of Land Quality	May 20, 2021	June 28, 2021	Appendix C, page 37
IDEM Proposed Roadway Construction Letter	May 20, 2021	June 14, 2021	Appendix C, pages 38 to 44
Indiana Geological and Water Survey	May 20, 2021	June 2, 2021	Appendix C, pages 45 to 47
IDEM Wellhead Proximity Determinator	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Vigo County School Corporation	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
The Bridge Church	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
First Spiritual Church	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A
Union Hospital	May 20, 2021	No Response	N/A

The Vigo County Surveyor's Office response, which identifies section corners and subdivision corners near the proposed project, was forwarded to the designer on August 24, 2021. The designer will determine if any of the features identified by the Surveyor's Office will be impacted by the project as design progresses. If impacts will occur, then a Unique Special Provision may need to be developed and included with the contract documents.

All applicable recommendations are included in the Environmental Commitments section of this CE document.

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## SECTION B – ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

					Presence	<u>Impa</u> Yes	<u>cts</u> No
Federal State Na Nationw Outstand	<b>Vivers, Watercour</b> Wild and Scenic R atural, Scenic or Re ide Rivers Inventou ding Rivers List for le Waterways	ivers ecreational Rivers ry (NRI) listed	dictional F	eature			
Fotal stream(s) in p	oroject area:	0.0 Lir	near feet	Total	impacted stream(s):	0.0	Linear feet
Stream Name	Classification	Total Size in Project Area (linear feet)	Impacto linear fe		Comments (i.e. location, f US, appendix reference)	low direction, I	ikely Water of the

 N/A
 N/A
 N/A
 N/A

 Describe all streams, rivers, watercourses and other jurisdictional features adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if the streams or rivers are listed on any federal or state lists for Indiana. Include if features are subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and

mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial map of the project area, and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages 1 to 6), there are no streams, rivers, watercourse, or other jurisdictional features within the 0.5 mile search radius. This number was confirmed by the site visit on August 7, 2019, by Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. (BF&S). No streams, rivers, watercourses, or other jurisdictional features are present within or adjacent to the project area, therefore, no impacts are expected.

	Presence	Im	pacts
Open Water Feature(s)		Yes	No
Reservoirs			
Lakes			
Farm Ponds			
Retention/Detention Basin			
Storm Water Management Facilities			
Other:			

Describe all open water feature(s) identified adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if features are subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial map of the project area, and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages 1 to 6), there is one (1) open water feature within the 0.5 mile search radius. This number was confirmed by the site visit on August 7, 2019, by BF&S. No open water features are present within or adjacent to the project area; therefore, no impacts are expected.

			Presence	Imp	acts
				Yes	No
Wetlands					
Total wetland area:	0.0	Acre(s)	Total wetland area impacted:	0.0	Acre(s)

(If a determination has not been made for non-isolated/isolated wetlands, fill in the total wetland area impacted above.)

Wetland No.	Classification	Total Size (Acres)	Impacted Acres	Comments (i.e. location, likely Water of the US, appendix reference)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Wetlands (Mark all that	apply)	<b>Documentation</b>	ESD Approva	al Dates		
Wetland Determination Wetland Delineation USACE Isolated Wat						
Improvements that will not result in any wetland impacts are not practicable because such avoidance would result in (Mark all that apply and explain): Substantial adverse impacts to adjacent homes, business or other improved properties; Substantially increased project costs; Unique engineering, traffic, maintenance, or safety problems; Substantial adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts, or The project not meeting the identified needs.						

Describe all wetlands identified adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts (both permanent and temporary) will occur to the features identified. Include if features are subject to federal or state jurisdiction. Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on the desktop review, the aerial map of the project area, and the RFI report (Appendix E, pages 1 to 6), there are no wetlands within the 0.5 mile search radius. This number was confirmed by the site visit on August 7, 2019, by BF&S. No wetlands are present within or adjacent to the project area; therefore, no impacts are expected.

			Presence	<u>Imp</u> Yes	<u>acts</u> No	
Terrestrial Habitat			X	X		
Total terrestrial habitat in project area:	2.26	Acre(s)	Total tree clea	ring:	0.33	 Acre(s)
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Describe types of terrestrial habitat (i.e. forested, grassland, farmland, lawn, etc.) adjacent or within the project area. Include whether or not impacts will occur to habitat identified. Include total terrestrial habitat impacted and total tree clearing that will occur. Discuss measure to avoid, minimize, and mitigate if impacts will occur.

Based on a desktop review, a site visit on August 7, 2019, by BF&S, the aerial map of the project area (Appendix B, page 3), there is mowed grass habitat with street-side trees within the project area. An Ecological Evaluation was completed on August 7, 2019, by BF&S that documented the project terrain, terrestrial wildlife, local species information, and soil information for the project area (Appendix F, pages 1 to 7). The dominant vegetation within the project area includes northern red oak (Ouercus rubra), sugar maple (Acer saccharum), and black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia) in the overstory with various mowed grasses in the herbaceous layer, including Kentucky bluegrass (Poa pratensis). Approximately 2.26 acres of mowed grass areas will be impacted, and approximately 0.33 acre of trees will be removed, to construct the project.

Early coordination letters were sent to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife (IDNR-DFW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on May 20, 2021.

The IDNR-DFW responded to early coordination in a letter dated June 18, 2021 (Appendix C, C28 - C29). In their response, they did not provide any information pertaining to unique or high-quality terrestrial habitats that may be present in the area. However, they did provide recommendations for minimizing impacts to wildlife and botanical resources. In summary, IDNR-DFW recommended street tree impacts be minimized to the greatest extent possible, and that a mitigation plan for unavoidable tree developed according to their Habitat Mitigation guidelines (http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/20200527-IRimpacts be 312200284NRA.xml.pdf). The project is anticipated to remove approximately seven (7) trees that are 10 inches in diameter-atbreast height or greater. If possible, the project will replace each of these impacted trees by planting 5 trees that are 2 inches in diameter-at-breast height within the proposed ROW, per IDNR's Habitat Mitigation guidelines.

The USFWS responded to early coordination via email on June 2, 2021 (Appendix C, C5 - C6). They provided standard recommendations to minimize impacts that are listed in the Environmental Commitments section of this document. One pertinent suggestion is to avoid clearing trees or understory vegetation outside of the construction zone boundaries.

All applicable agency recommendations are included in the Environmental Commitments section of this CE document.

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	rotected Species ederally Listed Bats Information for Planni Section 7 informal cor Section 7 formal cons	sultation completed	(IPaC cannot be	e completed)	ed X	No X X
De	etermination Received	for Listed Bats from	USFWS:	NE	NLAA X	LAA
Of	ther Species not inclu Additional federal spe State species (not bird	cies found in project		• •	Yes     DNR)	No X X
Mi	<b>igratory Birds</b> Known usage or prese State bird species bas				Yes	No X X

Discuss IDNR coordination and species identified. Describe USFWS Section 7 consultation and determination received for Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat impacts. Discuss if other federally listed species were identified. If so, include consultation that has occurred and the determination that was received. Discuss if migratory birds have been observed and any impacts.

Based on a desktop review and the RFI report (Appendix E), completed by BF&S on July 16, 2021, the IDNR Vigo Endangered, Threatened and Rare (ETR) Species List has been checked. According to the IDNR-DFW early coordination response letter dated June 18, 2021 (Appendix C, page 28), the Natural Heritage Program's Database has been checked and no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

Project information was submitted through the USFWS's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) portal, and an official species list was generated (Appendix C, pages 8 to 13). The project is within range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*). No additional species were generated in the IPaC species list other than the Indiana bat and NLEB.

The project qualifies for the *Range-wide Programmatic Informal Consultation for the Indiana bat and NLEB*, dated May 2016 (revised February 2018), between FHWA, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and USFWS. An effect determination key was completed on October 12, 2020, and based on the responses provided, the project was found to "*may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect*" the Indiana bat and/or the NLEB (Appendix C, pages 14 to 27). INDOT reviewed and verified the effect finding on October 19, 2020, and requested USFWS's review of the finding. No response was received from USFWS within the 14-day review period; therefore, it was concluded they concur with the finding. Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and/or commitments are included as firm commitments in the *Environmental Commitments* section of this document.

The project qualifies for the USFWS Interim Policy. This precludes the need for further consultation on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. If new information on endangered species at the site becomes available, or if project plans are changed, USFWS will be contacted for consultation.

### Geological and Mineral Resources Project located within the Potential Karst Features Area of Indiana Karst features identified within or adjacent to the project area Oil/gas or exploration/abandoned wells identified in the project area

No X X X X

Yes

Date Karst Study/Report reviewed by INDOT EWPO (if applicable):

Discuss if project is located in Potential Karst Features Area of Indiana and if any karst features have been identified in the project area (from RFI). Discuss response received from IGWS coordination. Discuss if any mines, oil/gas, or exploration/abandoned wells were identified and if impacts will occur. Describe if any impacts will occur to any karst features. Include discussion of karst study/report was completed and results. (Karst investigation must comply with the current Karst MOU and coordinated and reviewed by INDOT EWPO)

Based on a desktop review, the project is not located within the designated Indiana karst region as outlined in INDOT's most current *Protection of Karst Features during Project Development and Construction* procedure. According to the topo map of the project area (Appendix B, page 2), there are no karst features identified within or adjacent to the project area.

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In the early coordination response, the Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) did not indicate that karst features exist in the project area (Appendix C, pages 45 to 47). The IGWS Environmental Assessment Report stated that the project area's geological hazards included moderate liquefaction potential; the mineral resources include a high potential for bedrock and sand and gravel resources. No petroleum exploration wells have been documented within half a mile of the project area. This was further confirmed by the RFI (Appendix E). Response from the IGWS has been communicated with the designer on June 2, 2021. No impacts are expected.

### SECTION C – OTHER RESOURCES

	Presence		acts	
Drinking Water Resources		Yes	No	
Wellhead Protection Area(s)				
Source Water Protection Area(s)				
Water Well(s)	X		Х	
Urbanized Area Boundary	Х		Х	
Public Water System(s)	Х	Х		
		Yes	Νο	
Is the project located in the St. Joseph Sole Source Aquifer (SSA)			X	
If Yes, is the FHWA/EPA SSA MOU Applicable?	•			
If Yes, is a Groundwater Assessment Required?				

Check the appropriate boxes and discuss each topic below. Provide details about impacts and summarize resource-specific coordination responses and any mitigation commitments. Reference responses in the Appendix.

The project is located in Vigo County, which is not located within the area of the St. Joseph Sole Source Aquifer, the only legally designated sole source aquifer in the state of Indiana. Therefore, the FHWA/EPA/INDOT Sole Source Aquifer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not applicable to this project, a detailed groundwater assessment is not needed, and no impacts are expected.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Wellhead Proximity Determinator website (<u>IDEM: Water Quality In</u> <u>Indiana: Source Water Proximity Determination Tool</u>) was accessed on May 20, 2021 by BF&S. This project is not located within a Wellhead Protection Area or Source Water Area. No impacts are expected.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Water Well Record Database website (<u>https://www.in.gov/dnr/water/3595.htm</u>) was accessed on June 3, 2021 by BF&S. An unconsolidated water well is located in the northwest quadrant of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection. The well is located adjacent to, but outside of, the proposed construction limits and proposed right-of-way limits for the project. The well has a recorded static water level of 25 feet below ground surface. The feature will not be affected because it is located outside of the project area and adjacent excavation for MSE wall installation will not exceed 3 feet below ground surface. An unspecified water well is located on the north side of Plum Street east of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The well is located adjacent to, but outside of, the proposed construction limits and proposed right-of-way limits for the project. The feature will not be affected adjacent to, but outside of, the proposed construction limits and proposed right-of-way limits for the project. The feature will not be affected because it is located outside of the project area and proposed right-of-way limits for the project. The feature will not be affected because it is located outside of the project area and proposed right-of-way limits for the project. The feature will not be affected because it is located outside of the project area and proposed adjacent roadway work will not involve excavation. Therefore, no impacts are expected. Should it be determined during the right-of-way phase that these wells are affected, a cost to cure will likely be included in the appraisal to restore the wells.

Based on a desktop review of the INDOT MS4 website (<u>https://entapps.indot.in.gov/MS4/</u>) by BF&S on June 3, 2021, this project is located in an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) location. An early coordination letter was sent on June 4, 2021, to the IDEM MS4 Coordinator. The MS4 Coordinator did not respond within the 30-day time frame. The project will include standard INDOT measures for controlling stormwater runoff.

Based on a desktop review, a site visit on August 7, 2019, by BF&S, the aerial map of the project area (Appendix B, page 3), and the Initial Notice of Utility Coordination sent on May 8, 2019 (Appendix J, pages 79 and 80) to Indiana American Water Company (IAWC), this project is located where there is a public water system. The public water system will be affected because

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IAWC responded on May 15, 2019, stating that they have a 12-inch watermain within the existing ROW of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and an 8-inch watermain within the existing ROW of 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Appendix J, page 81). Due to their location within the existing ROW, these features cannot be avoided and will require relocation to accommodate the project. Coordination with IAWC will continue through project development.

Floodplains	Presence	<u>Impacts</u> Yes No
Project located within a regulated floodplain		
Longitudinal encroachment		
Transverse encroachment		
Homes located in floodplain within 1000' up/downstream from project		
If applicable, indicate the Floodplain Level?		
Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level	4	Level 5

Use the IDNR Floodway Information Portal to help determine potential impacts. Include floodplain map in appendix. Discuss impacts according to the classification system. If encroachment on a flood plain will occur, coordinate with the Local Flood Plain Administrator during design to insure consistency with the local flood plain planning.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Indiana Floodway Information Portal website (<u>http://dnrmaps.dnr.</u> <u>in.gov/appsphp/fdms/</u>) was accessed on June 4, 2021, by BF&S. This project is not located in a regulatory floodplain as determined from approved IDNR floodplain maps (see Appendix F, page 4 for a copy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)). Therefore, it does not fall within the guidelines for the implementation of 23 CFR 650, 23 CFR 771, and 44 CFR. No impacts are expected.

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 Impacts

 Yes
 No

Total Points (from Section VII of CPA-106/AD-1006\*) \*If 160 or greater, see CE Manual for guidance.

Discuss existing farmland resources in the project area, impacts that will occur to farmland, and mitigation and minimization measures considered.

Based on a desktop review, a site visit on August 7, 2019 by BF&S, and the aerial map of the project area (Appendix B, page 3) there is no land that meets the definition of farmland under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) within or adjacent to the project area. The requirements of the FPPA do not apply to this project; therefore, no impacts are expected. An early coordination letter was sent on May 20, 2021, to Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). The NRCS responded on June 10, 2021, indicating that the project will not cause a conversion of prime farmland (Appendix C, page 30).

## SECTION D - CULTURAL RESOURCES

Category Minor Projects PA	r(ies) and Type(s)	INDOT Approval Da	ate(s) N/A X
Full 106 Effect Finding			
No Historic Properties Affected	X No Adverse Effect	Adverse Effect	
Eligible and/or Listed Resources	Present		
NRHP Building/Site/District(s)	Archaeology	NRHP Bridge(s)	
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<b>Documentation Prepared</b> (mark all that apply)	
APE, Eligibility and Effect Determination	

800.11 Documentation

Historic Properties Report or Short Report

Archaeological Records Check and Assessment

Archaeological Phase Ia Survey Report

Archaeological Phase Ic Survey Report

Other:

	ESD Approval Date(s)	SHPO Approval Date(s)
Х	11/12/2021; 3/13/2023; 4/22/2024	11/22/2021; 5/8/2023
Х	11/12/2021; 3/13/2023; 4/22/2024	11/22/2021; 5/8/2023
Х	2/26/2021	3/29/2021
X	8/18/2021; 3/12/2023; 4/22/2024	9/14/2021; 5/8/2023

MOA Signature Dates (List all signatories)

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

If the project falls under the MPPA, describe the category(ies) that the project falls under and any approval dates. If the project requires full Section 106, use the headings provided. The completion of the Section 106 process requires that a Legal Notice be published in local newspapers. Please indicate the publication date, name of the paper(s) and the comment period deadline. Include any further Section 106 work which must be completed at a later date, such as mitigation from a MOA or avoidance commitments.

### Area of Potential Effect (APE):

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed ROW, immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The APE consists of an approximately 0.20-mile radius from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with an extension around Spencer Park, to allow for the potential extent of visual impacts from new bridge (Appendix D, page 6). The archaeological APE is represented by the 14.5-acre survey area that includes the project footprint.

### **Coordination with Consulting Parties:**

The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is considered an automatic consulting party. In addition to SHPO, the following individuals/organizations were sent Section 106 early coordination via email on November 30, 2020 (Appendix D, pages 13 and 19):

Consulting Party	Response
Indiana Landmarks Western Regional Office	None
Vigo County Historian	None
Vigo County Historical Society	None
Vigo County Commissioners	None
Vigo County Highway Department	None
Terre Haute Landmarks, Inc.	None
Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization	None
Terre Haute Parks Department	None
Terre Haute City Council	None
Terre Haute Street Department	None
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	None
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	December 21, 2020
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	None
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	None
Shawnee Tribe	None
Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma	None
Forest County Potawatomi Community	December 28, 2020

The SHPO responded on December 14, 2020, and stated they did not know any additional consulting parties who should be contacted (Appendix D, pages 20 and 21; DHPA No. 26763).

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma responded on December 21, 2020, and stated, accepting consulting party status, and stating they were not aware of any Miami cultural or historic sites and had no objections to the project at this time (Appendix D, page 22).

The Forest County Potawatomi Community responded by email on December 28, 2020, stating the project area falls within their geographic area of interest and they would like to review the archaeological report (Appendix D, page 23).

No other responses to the early coordination letter were received.

#### Archaeology:

In regard to archaeology, a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was conducted by SJC & Associates on May 27-28, 2021. As a result of these efforts, four (4) sites were located within the APE. No sites were recommended eligible for the National Register and no further work was recommended, (ASR; Appendix D, pages 10 to 12). The INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) approved the archaeological report on August 18, 2021.

The archaeology report was submitted to the SHPO and tribes listed above (Appendix D, page 25). The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma responded on August 19, 2021, indicating that they are, "unaware of items covered under NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) to be associated with the proposed project site", and that they have no objections to the project at this time (Appendix D, page 37). The SHPO responded on September 14, 2021, stating in part, "we concur with the recommendation that the project may proceed without further archaeological reconnaissance", (Appendix D, pages 38 and 39).

INDOT CRO was contacted via email by BF&S on September 6, 2022, regarding the need for additional archaeological investigations in excess land areas occurring outside of the boundaries of the Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance. INDOT CRO responded to BFS on December 8, 2022, indicating that additional archaeological investigations would be required (Appendix D, page 49). An addendum to the Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was completed by SJC & Associates on March 8, 2023. As a result of these efforts, seven additional sites were identified. No sites were recommended eligible for the National Register and no further work was recommended, (Addendum to ASR; Appendix D, pages 50 to 52). INDOT CRO approved the addendum to the archaeological report on March 12, 2023 (Appendix D, page 53). The addendum archaeological report was distributed to consulting parties with the addendum finding on March 14, 2023 (see Documentation Findings below).

INDOT CRO was contacted via email by BF&S on December 14, 2023, regarding the need for additional archaeological investigations in additional project areas occurring outside of the boundaries of the original Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance (2021) and first addendum (2023). INDOT CRO responded to BFS on January 23, 2024, indicating that additional archaeological investigations would be required (Appendix D, pages 63 to 67). A second addendum to the Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was completed by SJC & Associates on February 12, 2024. As a result of these efforts, two additional sites were identified. No sites were recommended eligible for the National Register and no further work was recommended, (2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum to ASR; Appendix D, pages 68 to 73). INDOT CRO approved the second addendum to the archaeological report on April 22, 2024 (Appendix D, pages 74 to 77).

### **Historic Properties**:

An Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)-qualified professional with BF&S conducted site visits on August 7, 2019, and January 13, 2021. Information from the site visit and research regarding historic resources, including buildings, structures, districts, and objects, was compiled into a Historic Property Report (HPR; Appendix D, pages 7 - 9). The HPR did not recommend any properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register).

INDOT-CRO approved the HPR on February 26, 2021 (Appendix D, page 24). Consulting parties were sent instructions on how to access the HPR in INSCOPE, INDOT's Section 106 Consultation and Outreach Portal Enterprise, on March 1, 2021 (Appendix D, pages 25 to 29).

The SHPO responded on March 29, 2021, stating, in part, "[...] we agree with the conclusion of the HPR that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places located within the project's APE," (Appendix D, pages 29 and 30).

No other responses to the HPR were received.

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## **Documentation Findings**:

INDOT-CRO approved the original Effects Letter and 800.11(d) finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on November 12, 2021 (Appendix D, pages 1 to 4). The finding was forwarded to the SHPO and consulting parties on November 15, 2021 (Appendix D, page 41). The SHPO responded on November 22, 2021, stating, in part, "...we concur with INDOT's November 12, 2021, Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on behalf of FHWA for this federal undertaking," (Appendix D, pages 42) and 43).

INDOT-CRO approved the first addendum of the 800.11(d) finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on March 13, 2023 (Appendix D, page 46). The finding was forwarded to the SHPO and consulting parties on March 14, 2023 (Appendix D, pages 55 to 57). The SHPO concurred with the addendum finding on May 8, 2023 (Appendix D, pages 60 to 61). The Eastern Shawnee Tribe responded on May 30, 2023, stating the project would not endanger known sites of interest to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe (Appendix D, page 62). No other responses were received.

INDOT-CRO approved the second addendum of the 800.11(d) finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on April 22, 2024 (Appendix D, page 74). The INDOT-approved finding was forwarded to the SHPO and consulting parties on April 25, 2024 (Appendix D, pages 78 to 80). The SHPO concurred with the addendum finding on May 28, 2024 (Appendix D, pages 84 to 85). No other responses were received.

#### **Public Involvement**:

A public notice of "No Historic Properties Affected" was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* on November 20, 2021 (Appendix D, pages 44 and 45). No public comments were received by the established 30-day deadline date of December 20, 2021.

A public notice of the first updated finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on March 18, 2023 (Appendix D, pages 58 and 59). No public comments were received by the established 30-day deadline date of April 17, 2023.

A public notice of the second updated finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune Star* on April 26, 2024 (Appendix D, page 81 to 83). No public comments were received by the established 30-day deadline date of May 26, 2024.

Therefore, the Section 106 process has been completed and the FHWA's Section 106 responsibilities have been fulfilled.

## SECTION E - SECTION 4(f) RESOURCES/ SECTION 6(f) RESOURCES

	Presence	Us	e
Parks and Other Recreational Land		Yes	No
Publicly owned park	Х		Х
Publicly owned recreation area	X		Х
Other (school, state/national forest, bikeway, etc.)			
Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges			
National Wildlife Refuge			
National Natural Landmark			
State Wildlife Area			
State Nature Preserve			
Historic Properties			ı
Site eligible and/or listed on the NRHP			
	Evaluations		
	Prepared		
Programmatic Section 4(f)			
"De minimis" Impact			
Individual Section 4(f)			
Any exception included in 23 CFR 774.13			

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Discuss Programmatic Section 4(f) and "de minimis" Section 4(f) impacts in the discussion below. Individual Section 4(f) documentation must be included in the appendix and summarized below. Discuss proposed alternatives that satisfy the requirements of Section 4(f). FHWA has identified various exceptions to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval. Refer to 23 CFR § 774.13 - Exceptions.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 prohibits the use of certain public and historic lands for federally funded transportation facilities unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative. The law applies to significant publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife / waterfowl refuges, and NRHP eligible or listed historic properties regardless of ownership. Lands subject to this law are considered Section 4(f) resources.

Based on a desktop review, the aerial map of the project area (Appendix B, page 3), and the RFI report (Appendix E), there are six (6) potential 4(f) resources located within the 0.5 mile search radius. According to a site visit on August 7, 2019, by BF&S, there is one (1) 4(f) resource located within or adjacent to the project area. Spencer Park is located adjacent to the east of the project area. Spencer Park is publicly owned and open to the public. The park includes such amenities as a shelter, softball field, playground equipment, basketball and tennis courts, benches and a parking lot. The project will not use this resource by taking permanent ROW and will not indirectly use the resource in such a way that the protected activities, features, or attributes that qualify a resource for protection under Section 4(f) are substantially impaired. Project information was submitted to the IDNR Division of State Parks on December 9, 2021, to determine if the project, which includes repaving of the entrance to Spencer Park's parking lot on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue within existing ROW, would trigger a Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy finding. The IDNR Division of State Parks responded on December 9, 2021, indicating that if no ROW is being acquired from the park, then there are no negative effects (Appendix J, pages 82-83). Therefore, no 4(f) use is expected.

Section 6(f) Involvement	Presence	U	se
		Yes	No
Section 6(f) Property	X		X

Discuss Section 6(f) resources present or not present. Discuss if any conversion would occur as a result of this project. If conversion will occur, discuss the conversion approval.

The U.S. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 established the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which was created to preserve, develop, and assure accessibility to outdoor recreation resources. Section 6(f) of this Act prohibits conversion of lands purchased with LWCF monies to a non-recreation use.

A review of 6(f) properties on the INDOT ESD website revealed a total of eleven (11) properties in Vigo County (Appendix J, page 78). Spencer Park is located adjacent to the project area and is a Section 6(f) property. No impact will occur to this property as it is outside of the construction limits. The IDNR Division of State Parks responded on December 9, 2021 indicating that if no ROW is being acquired from the park, then there are no negative effects (Appendix J, pages 82-83). Therefore, there will be no impacts to 6(f) resources.

## **SECTION F – Air Quality**

STIP/TIP and Conformity Status of the Project Is the project in the most current STIP/TIP? Is the project located in an MPO Area? Is the project in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area? If Yes, then:	Yes         No           X
Is the project in the most current MPO TIP? Is the project exempt from conformity? If No, then: Is the project in the Transportation Plan (TP)? Is a hot spot analysis required (CO/PM)?	
Location in STIP:	STIP 2024-2028 (A24-MPO-01)
Name of MPO (if applicable):	Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (THAMPO) FY 2024-2028 TIP:
Location in TIP (if applicable):	Project Listing - City of Terre Haute (page 50)
Level of MSAT Analysis required? Level 1a Level 1b Level 2 Level 3	Level 4 Level 5
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Describe if the project is listed in the STIP and if it is in a TIP. Describe the attainment status of the county(ies) where the project is located. Indicate whether the project is exempt from a conformity determination. If the project is not exempt, include information about the TP and TIP. Describe if a hot spot analysis is required and the MSAT Level.

The project is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2028 THAMPO and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (Appendix H, pages 1 to 4).

This project is located in Vigo County, which is currently a maintenance area for Ozone under the 1997 Ozone 8-hour standard which was revoked in 2015 but is being evaluated for conformity due to the February 16, 2018, South Coast Air Quality Management District V. Environmental Protection Agency, Et.Al. Decision. The project's design concept and scope are accurately reflected in both the THAMPO Transportation Plan (TP) and the TIP, and both conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Therefore, the conformity requirements of 40 CFR 93 have been met. This project has been identified as being exempt from air quality analysis in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.126 and this project is not of air quality concern (40 CFR Part 93.123). Therefore, the project will have no significant impact on air quality.

The purpose of this project is to eliminate delays for motorists and emergency services at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossings of CSX Railroad due to train traffic, eliminate the potential for train-vehicle collisions at these crossings, and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety through the area by constructing a new bridge and sidewalks to elevate 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic (MSAT) concerns. As such, this project will not result in changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, basic project location, or any other factor that would cause a meaningful increase in MSAT impacts of the project from that of the no-build alternative. Moreover, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for vehicle engines and fuels will cause overall MSAT emissions to decline significantly over the next several decades. Based on regulations now in effect, an analysis of national trends with EPA's MOVES3 model forecasts a combined reduction of over 76 percent in the total annual emissions rate for the priority MSAT from 2020 to 2060 while vehicle-miles of travel are projected to increase by 31 percent (Updated Interim Guidance on Mobile Source Air Toxic Analysis in NEPA Documents, Federal Highway Administration, January 18, 2023). This will both reduce the background level of MSAT as well as the possibility of even minor MSAT emissions from this project.

SECH	ION G - NOISE			
	Noise	Yes	No	
	Is a noise analysis required in accordance with FHWA regulations and INDOT's traffic noise policy?	Х		
	Date Noise Analysis was approved/technically sufficient by INDOT ESD: June 14, 2021			

Describe if the project is a Type I or Type III project. If it is a Type I project, describe the studies completed to date and if noise impacts were identified. If noise impacts were identified, describe if abatement is feasible and reasonable and include a statement of likelihood.

This is a Type I project, which requires a noise analysis. Journey Engineering completed a noise analysis for the project on June 11, 2021. INDOT ESD provided a response on June 14, 2021, indicating that the noise analysis was technically sufficient (Appendix I, page 1). Based on the studies completed to date, Journey Engineering has identified no impacted receptors. As a result, noise abatement was not evaluated. This noise analysis was based on preliminary design criteria. A reevaluation of the noise analysis will occur during final design. If during final design it has been determined that conditions have changed and noise impacts are identified, noise abatement will be evaluated at that time as to whether it is feasible and reasonable. See Appendix I for excerpts of the Noise Analysis.

## SECTION H – COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Regional, Community & Neighborhood Factors	Yes	No
Will the proposed action comply with the local/regional development patterns for the area?	Х	
Will the proposed action result in substantial impacts to community cohesion?	Х	
Will the proposed action result in substantial impacts to local tax base or property values?		Х
Will construction activities impact community events (festivals, fairs, etc.)?		Х
Does the community have an approved transition plan?	Х	
If No, are steps being made to advance the community's transition plan?		
Does the project comply with the transition plan? (explain in the discussion below)	Х	

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Discuss how the project complies with the area's local/regional development patterns; whether the project will impact community cohesion; and impact community events. Discuss how the project conforms with the ADA Transition Plan.

Currently, there is a high level of crossing blockage from passing trains as traffic must stop in all four directions due to the diagonal orientation of the railroad tracks. The railroad tracks, therefore, divide the Terre Haute neighborhoods. This project will provide the opportunity for unimpeded vehicular and pedestrian access through this area of Terre Haute, creating better community cohesion. Additionally, the installation of this bridge will allow for more expedient access to emergency services than previously existed when trains were present. The bridge reduces the potential for train-vehicle crashes. Further, this project will provide an improved structure and approaches, allowing for continued mobility for motorists. Therefore, this project is not anticipated to have any negative reasonably foreseeable impacts to the area.

According to 2019 census data, the population of the City of Terre Haute exceeds 60,000. This project will not have a significant impact on the City of Terre Haute's tax base as it is a localized project that will relocate nine residences and nine businesses supporting a total of approximately 20 jobs.

A review of the following community websites on May 31, 2021 by BF&S indicated that there are no listed local events or festivals that would be disrupted by project construction activities: <u>http://www.terrehaute.com/events.html</u>, <u>https://www.mywabashvalley.com/fairs-festivals/</u>.

In 2021, the City of Terre Haute adopted Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan an (https://www.terrehaute.in.gov/departments/engineering/projects/ada-transition-plan). The plan includes minimum acceptable design criterion for new pedestrian access routes, including sidewalks and curb ramps. In general, sidewalks should have an effective (usable) width of at least 5 feet with passing spaces provided every 200 feet, should not have grade (running) slopes exceeding 5% (or greater than the adjacent roadway grade), should not have cross slopes exceeding 2%, and have a firm, stable and slip-resistant surface. The requirements for curb ramps include standards for running slope (8.33% maximum), cross slope (2% maximum), width (4 feet minimum), landings and/or turning spaces, clear spaces, grade breaks, and detectable warnings. Pedestrian access routes constructed for the project will meet the minimal acceptable design criterion discussed in the City of Terre Haute ADA Transition Plan.

#### Public Facilities and Services

Discuss what public facilities and services are present in the project area and impacts (such as MOT) that will occur to them. Include how the impacts have been minimized and what coordination has occurred. Some examples of public facilities and services include health facilities, educational facilities, public and private utilities, emergency services, religious institutions, airports, transportation or public pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Based on a desktop review, the aerial map of the project area (Appendix B, page 3), and the RFI Report (Appendix E), there are 29 public facilities located within 0.5 mile of the project. This number was confirmed by the site visit on August 7, 2019 by BF&S. The CSX Railroad, the Church of Christ, Spencer Park, and the McLean Education Center are located within or adjacent to the project area. The project will build a new bridge to carry 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad. No direct impacts to the railroad are anticipated; however, the railroad operations will indirectly benefit from the project by having potential train/vehicle conflicts removed from the existing at-grade crossings. No direct impacts to the Church of Christ, Spencer Park or the McLean Education Center are anticipated; however, access to these properties will be impacted by the MOT plan for the project, which includes temporary closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the use of a detour. The Church of Christ, Terre Haute Park Board, and the McLean Education Center were all notified of the public information meeting held on August 17, 2021, and will be contacted regarding future public involvement activities (see the Public Involvement section of this document).

In addition to the facilities described above, two (2) hospitals are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. Both facilities are located 0.38 mile west of the project area. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is a direct route to the hospitals, will be closed during construction. Therefore, coordination with Hamilton Center and Union Hospital will occur.

The following utilities have been identified as being in the project area and potentially in conflict with the proposed project. The Initial Notice of Utility Coordination was sent on May 8, 2019 to the identified utilities (Appendix J, pages 79 and 80). Potential impacts to these services are currently being determined, and communication with the utilities will continue as the project planning progresses. More details regarding existing utilities and potential impacts are included as part of the Engineering Assessment Report (Appendix J, pages 75 and 76).

- Duke Energy (Electric)
- Frontier Communications (Communications)
- Indiana-American Water Co. (Water)

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- Joink (Communications)
- MCI Verizon (Investigations)
  City of Terre Haute (Storm/Sewer)
- City of Terre Haute (Storm/Sewer)
   Charter Communications (Communications)
- CenterPoint Energy (Gas)
- Windstream Communications (Communications)

It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to notify school corporations and emergency services at least two weeks prior to any construction that would block or limit access.

Environmental Justice (EJ) (Presidential EO 12898) During the development of the project were EJ issues identified? Does the project require an EJ analysis? If YES, then: Are any EJ populations located within the project area? Will the project result in adversely high and disproportionate impacts to EJ populations?



Indicate if EJ issues were identified during project development. If an EJ analysis was not required, discuss why. If an EJ analysis was required, describe how the EJ population was identified. Include if the project has a disproportionately high and adverse effect on EJ populations and explain your reasoning. If yes, describe actions to avoid, minimize and mitigate these effects.

Under FHWA Order 6640.23A, FHWA and the project sponsor, as a recipient of funding from FHWA, are responsible to ensure that their programs, policies, and activities do not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority or low-income populations. Per the current INDOT Categorical Exclusion Manual, an Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis is required for any project that has two or more relocations or 0.5 acre of additional permanent right-of-way. The project will require 5.91 acres of permanent right-of-way acquisition (commercial: 5.2 acres; residential: 0.71 acre). The project will result in the relocation of nine residential owners/tenants, and nine business owners. Therefore, an EJ Analysis is required.

Potential EJ impacts are detected by locating minority and low-income populations relative to a reference population to determine if populations of EJ concern exists and whether there could be disproportionately high and adverse impacts to them. The reference population may be a county, city or town and is called the community of comparison (COC). In this project, the COC is Terre Haute. The community that overlaps the project area is called the affected community (AC). In this project, the AC is Census Tract 11. An AC has a population of concern for EJ if the population is more than 50% minority or low-income or if the low-income or minority population is 125% of the COC. Data from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate data was obtained from the US Census Bureau Website (https://data.census.gov/cedsci/) on March 7, 2021, by BF&S. The data collected for minority and low-income populations within the AC are summarized in the below table.

Table: Minority and Low-Income Data (U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-year Estimates)				
	COC – Terre Haute, Indiana	AC – Census Tract 11, Vigo County, Indiana		
Percent Minority	15.67%	7.82%		
125% of COC	19.58%	AC < 125% COC		
EJ Population of Concern		No		
Percent Low-Income	22.63%	44.58%		
125% of COC	28.28%	AC > 125% COC		
EJ Population of Concern		Yes		

- The AC, Census Tract 11, has a percent minority of 7.82% which is below 50% and is below the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, the AC does not contain a minority population of EJ concern.
- The AC, Census Tract 11 has a percent low-income of 44.58% which is below 50% but is above the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, the AC contains a low-income population of EJ concern.

The census data sheets, map, and calculations can be found in Appendix J, pages 1 to 7. Approximately 5.91 acres of permanent right-of-way (commercial: 5.2 acres; residential: 0.71 acre) and 1.21 acre of temporary right-of-way (commercial: 1.167 acre; residential: 0.043 acre) acquisition will be required. The project will result in the relocation of nine residential owners/tenants and nine business owners. A Conceptual Stage Relocation Study (CSRS) was completed by Boomerang Ventures LLC on July 7, 2022, to determine comparable available residential and commercial availability in the area (please refer to the Relocation of People, Businesses or Farms section of this document for additional details). It is anticipated that approximately 20 jobs will be impacted

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because of commercial relocations. Per the business interview sheets contained in the CSRS (Appendix J, pages 29, 30, 37, 38, and 46), those whose jobs may be affected by relocation are not from the low-income community. The types of businesses being relocated include a former pub (currently vacant), a stump and tree removal service, a residential property owned by a private real estate company, a clothing consignment shop, a private fitness gym, a small manufacturing company, a septic and excavation services company, and a pet store/small zoo and associated storage building. These businesses do not provide services only to, or primarily to, EJ residents. The pet store/small zoo provides some value to the community as a place for local youth to explore and hang out. Relocation of these businesses to new locations outside of the immediate project area is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the community. The project minimizes relocations to the greatest extent possible through the utilization of vertical MSE walls instead of earthen fill slopes to accommodate roadway grade changes, thereby limiting lateral ROW take and relocations.

The project will improve mobility between the community for motorists and non-motorized modes of transportation. Community cohesion will not be disrupted as the bridge will provide access when trains would have historically blocked movement. The installation of this bridge will allow for more expedient access to emergency services than previously existed when trains were present, reduces the potential for train-vehicle collisions and creates safer conditions for pedestrians crossing the railroad. In addition, it is likely that local air quality will improve as a result of the project by eliminating vehicles that idle because of train traffic and a signalized intersection.

Permanent impacts on the local community will include right-of-way acquisition and residential and business relocations (discussed in further detail below), as well as the removal of on-street parking along 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. New sidewalks are included in the proposed project design and will be perpetuated in front for homes that remain after construction. Included as a firm commitment for this project, the City of Terre Haute plans to improve alleys and alley connectivity to enhance residential and business access adjacent to the project area. This work, which is separate from the subject project, will occur prior to construction of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements for maximum benefit.

Temporary negative impacts to the local community will include roadway and sidewalk closures/restrictions during construction. Temporary roadway closures may have a similar adverse impact on both EJ and non-EJ populations. Temporary pedestrian detours will be in place for approximately 18-24 months and add approximately 0.3-0.4 mile to a through trip for east/west travel along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north/south travel along 13<sup>th</sup> Street (please refer to the MOT section of this document for additional details). EJ populations will likely experience the impacts of the pedestrian detour more than non-EJ populations. While there may be adverse effects to EJ populations during the use of pedestrian detours, strategies will be employed to minimize these effects. Strategies will include improving alleys adjacent to the project area prior to the start of construction, phasing construction so that the shortest detour routes can be utilized for as long as possible, updating wayfinding signage to ensure that pedestrians are aware of the shortest routes, and always maintaining vehicular and pedestrian access to nearby businesses.

A city bus stop is located on the southeast corner of Plum Street and 13th Street, which will be temporarily impacted with the work continuing north on 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the south edge of Beech Street. The designer will coordinate with the Terre Haute Transit Utility to develop mitigation strategies, including construction sequencing and temporary route modifications, to minimize the duration of disruption to this bus stop.

The permanent impacts associated with the relocations will result in disproportionate adverse impacts to EJ populations since all the relocations are occurring in a low-income population. Potential burdens and noted concerns from the CSRS, specific to **residential and business owners**, include:

- 1a. possible low valuation of current property values;
- 2a. potential limited availability of affordable comparable properties in the area;
- 3a. timeliness of voucher payment issuance;
- 4a. timing of notice to vacate / allowable duration of stay at current location;
- 5a. accessibility to good lenders and realtors;
- 6a. limited understanding of relocation process.

Potential burdens and noted concerns that may specifically be taken on by <u>rental tenants</u> include:

amount of relocation benefit provided to assist with new rental payments;

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	8a.	potential limited availabil	lity of aff	ordable comparable rental propert	ies;	
	9a.	additional time and effort	t locating	new rental properties.		
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	1b.	account for the current Relocated owners will als meet with the owners in	housing so be pro person to	k low, the relocation agent will cat market conditions and that differ vided with a voucher for qualified explain these benefits in detail a mem prior to offers to purchase be	rential will be paid l moving expenses. Ind answer any ques	by the project sponso The relocation agent wi
	2b.	The relocation agent will comparable properties in		research for the homeowners and	provide them with at	t least three (3) affordab
	3b.			vouchers submitted to INDOT R	eal Estate as "URGI	ENT" or "RUSH" to ale
	4b.	transfer. Owners will be written notice. If needed,	allowed the proje	a minimum of 90 days of written to stay in their current location of ect sponsor will grant an extension til an available replacement prope	until the end of the n to allow an owner	90 days indicated in th
	5b.	The relocation agent will	assist ead	ch owner, as needed, with connect	ions to good lenders	and realtors in the area.
	6b.			complete as much paperwork as phone number and email for any		
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	7b.	benefits according to the additional benefits. Each	Uniform displace	he relocation agent to determine i Relocation Act. Those meeting the d rental tenant will be provided a l arket to assist with the costs of fut	he necessary require lump sum payment f	ments will be guarantee for up to 3 years' worth
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The preferred alternative will have an adverse effect on the EJ populations due to 9 residential relocations and 9 business relocations, temporary pedestrian detours, and temporary impacts to transit facilities. Compared to the alternative to construct two

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bridges and maintain existing alignments along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, the preferred alternative would require less roadway closures and fewer relocations that would impact both EJ and non-EJ populations. The project will provide offsetting benefits to the EJ community including improved mobility for motorists and non-motorized modes of transportation including emergency services, improved safety by removing potential train-vehicle and train-pedestrian conflicts, increased connectivity between both sides of the railroad tracks when trains are stopped, and potentially improved local air quality through the removal of idling vehicles due to train traffic and a signalized intersection. The City of Terre Haute is committed to assisting those being relocated by the project by facilitating access to a variety of personalized services provided by a qualified relocation agent, and financial aid in the form of PDPs for owners and RAPs for renters (see full list of mitigation efforts listed above as 1b. through 8b.). According to the relocation agent's experience to date, all those being relocated appear to be willing sellers/movers. The city plans to improve alleys and alley connectivity to enhance residential and business access adjacent to the project area. This work will occur prior to construction of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements for maximum benefit. The city proposes to further mitigate adverse effects to EJ populations by converting excess land on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets into public use greenspace with signage and benches that would allow for an open, safe area for people to congregate or play. After construction, this greenspace would likely be transferred to the Terre Haute Parks Department for future care and maintenance.

The project will have an adverse impact to the EJ population; however, based on the project's off-setting benefits combined with the minimization efforts as well as the mitigation, it has been determined there is no disproportionate high and adverse effect on the EJ population.

<b>Relocation of People</b> Will the proposed action Is a BIS or CSRS requ	on result in the relocat		eople, businesses	or farn	ns?		Yes X X	No	
Number of relocations	: Residences:	9	Businesses:	9	Farms:	0	Other:	0	
Discuss any relocations that wi	ll occur due to the pro	ject. If a	BIS or CSRS is re	equirec	l, discuss tl	ne resul	ts in the disc	ussion belo	ЭW.

A Conceptual Stage Relocation Study (CSRS) was completed for this project (Appendix J, pages 9-60). The acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR 24 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended. Relocation resources are available to all residential and business relocated without discrimination. No person displaced by this project will be required to move from a displaced dwelling unless comparable replacement housing is available to that person. Graphics showing the proposed relocations are included in Appendix J, pages 23 - 27.

A draft CSRS was completed by Boomerang Ventures LLC on July 7, 2022 (Appendix J, pages 9-60). The study identifies a total of 26 potential relocation parcels, eight of which appear to be residential (four residential owners and four residential tenants), and six of which appear to be business owners eligible for relocation benefits under the Uniform Act.

Seven relocation parcels are considered landlord relocations where the owner is renting a residential or commercial property. There appear to be five personal property move only relocations where no residential owner/tenant or business is displaced. Regarding residential owner relocations, the draft CSRS states, "Given that only four owner-occupied homes are to be acquired, there appears to be an adequate supply of homes for sale. The current housing market in and around Terre Haute is active, but home sales have slowed in the last few months and the supply of homes has caught up with demand. The Terre Haute real estate market has been following national trends of reduced inventory and increased home prices, but Terre Haute is historically less active than other parts of Indiana, and a general slowdown in statewide real estate activity would typically result in an even greater reduction here."

Regarding residential tenant relocations, the draft CSRS states, "Homes for rent are more difficult to find than homes for sale since there are fewer established home-rental resources. There is no single consolidated rental property source as there is for home sales. As the project proceeds and actual comparable rentals are needed, additional rental properties can be found by driving the area and talking to local landlords and rental property managers, so the number of available rentals is probably higher than what is reported here."

Regarding business owner relocations, the CSRS states, "Data indicates that there are adequate replacement options for the... displaced businesses." The types of businesses being relocated include a former pub (currently vacant), a stump and tree removal service, a residential property owned by a private real estate company, a clothing consignment shop, a private fitness gym, a small manufacturing company, a septic and excavation services company, and a pet store/small zoo and associated storage building. The

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relocation agent for the project expects all relocated businesses to find nearby replacement buildings/properties without major issues and does not anticipate a significant impact on the EJ community (or non-EJ community) resulting from these relocations.

According to the CSRS, the septic and excavation services company, "will need to find another large building but they appear to have a great deal of flexibility in where they move since their clients are all around Terre Haute and surrounding areas. They have contracts with the City of Terre Haute, so they would like to keep their address within city limits."

One unique business relocation, involving a pet store and live animal museum, has been identified. This long-standing, not-forprofit business provides area residents with a place of interest, especially local youths. The owner does not advertise, so relocation near the project area is preferred. The current building contains many aquariums and enclosures to house fish, reptiles, and birds among other animals. A replacement building space would need to be suitable for housing all the current contents. The owner is concerned with the level of expense associated with moving all the animals/contents. The relocation agent for this project will work closely with the owner to identify a new place of business as close to the project area as possible. The relocation agent will also assist the owner in obtaining bids for moving expenses, including the relocation of animals.

All relocated business owners are eligible for three separate relocation entitlements to assist with the expenses associated with moving to new locations.

- **Business Reestablishment** this is a reimbursement for any qualified repairs, remodels, etc. that need to be performed at the <u>replacement location</u> up to a maximum of \$25,000.00.
- **Business Search** this is a reimbursement for <u>time and mileage</u> spent looking for a replacement location up to a maximum of \$2,500.00.
- **Move Expense** this is the lower of two professional move bids received, stating in detail what is required to move the business to a replacement location.

Regarding impacts to the community, the CSRS states, "It is difficult to measure the impact a project such as this will have on the surrounding area, but it is likely that the net effect of this project will be positive." The relocation process for those being displaced is anticipated to not be adverse considering the City of Terre Haute's commitment to assisting those being relocated by the project by providing access to a variety of personalized services provided by a qualified relocation agent, financial aid in the form of PDPs for owners and RAPs for renters, and extensions to those requiring additional time to locate available replacement properties before moving.

## SECTION I – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & REGULATED SUBSTANCES

Hazardous Materials & Regulated Substances (Mark all that apply) Red Flag Investigation (RFI) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I ESA) Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (Phase II ESA) Design/Specifications for Remediation required?

Date RFI concurrence by INDOT SAM (if applicable): July 21, 2021

Include a summary of the potential hazardous material concerns found during review. Discuss in depth sites found within, directly adjacent to, or ones that could impact the project area. Refer to current INDOT SAM guidance. If additional documentation (special provisions, pay quantities, etc.) will be needed, include in discussion. Include applicable commitments.

Based on a review of GIS and available public records, an RFI was concurred by INDOT SAM on July 21, 2021 (Appendix E). Four RCRA Generator/TSD sites, one State Cleanup Site, fourteen Underground Storage Tank (UST) Sites, three brownfield sites, one Institutional Control site, two NPDES Facilities sites, and seven Leaking Underground Tank (LUST) sites are located within 0.5 mile of the project area. The nearest RCRA Generator/TSD site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest State Cleanup Sites is located 0.25 mile northwest of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest brownfield is located 0.05 mile south of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest brownfield is located 0.05 mile south of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest Institutional Control site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest Institutional Control site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest Institutional Control site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest Institutional Control site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. The nearest NPDES Facilities is located 0.39 mile southeast of the project area. No impacts are expected. Two LUST sites are located within the project area. No impacts are expected.

Early coordination letters were sent to IDEM Office of Land Quality (OLQ) on May 20, 2021. IDEM OLQ responded on June 28, 2021, indicating that there is a leaking underground storage tank site (H-Mart, 1600 N 13th Street) in the vicinity of the project. For

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the soil excavation, proper handling, removal, and disposal of soil must be completed if contamination is encountered. Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered due to the minimal depth of excavation in this area, but if groundwater is encountered it must be properly handled, removed, and disposed.

The project area was re-evaluated on January 17, 2024, by BF&S to confirm no new issues related to hazardous materials have occurred. Based on a review of GIS and available public records, no notable changes to the status of previously recorded sites were found. One new Institutional Control site was identified approximately 0.2 mile northwest of the project area. Groundwater at this site flows to the west (away from the project area). No impacts are expected.

# Part IV – Permits and Commitments

## PERMITS CHECKLIST

Permits (mark all that apply)	Likely Required
Army Corps of Engineers (404/Section10 Permit) Nationwide Permit (NWP) Regional General Permit (RGP) Individual Permit (IP) Other	
IN Department of Environmental Management	
(401/Rule 5)	
Nationwide Permit (NWP)	
Regional General Permit (RGP)	
Individual Permit (IP)	
Isolated Wetlands	
Rule 5 (Construction Stormwater General Pern Other	nit) <u>X</u>
IN Department of Natural Resources	
Construction in a Floodway	
Navigable Waterway Permit	
Other	
Mitigation Required	
US Coast Guard Section 9 Bridge Permit	
Others (Please discuss in the discussion below)	
ne permits likely required for the project and summarize wl	ny the permits are needed

d, including permits designated as "Other." l ist th

A Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) is required due to the total work area being greater than one (1) acre.

Applicable recommendations provided by resource agencies are included in the Environmental Commitments section of this document. If permits are found to be necessary, the conditions of the permit will be requirements of the project and will supersede these recommendations.

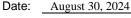
It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to identify and obtain all required permits.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS**

List all commitments and include the name of agency/organization requesting/requiring the commitment(s). Listed commitments should be numbered.

Firm:

- 1. If the scope of work or permanent or temporary right-of-way amounts change, INDOT ESD and the INDOT District Environmental Section will be contacted immediately. (INDOT ESD and INDOT Crawfordsville District)
- It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to notify school corporations and emergency services, including Hamilton 2. Center and Union Hospital, at least two weeks prior to any construction activity that would block or limit access. (INDOT ESD and SAM)
- Any work in a wetland area within right-of-way or in borrow/waste areas is prohibited unless specifically allowed in the 3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. (INDOT ESD)



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- 4. GENERAL AMM 1: Ensure all operators, employees, and contractors working in areas of known or presumed bat habitat are aware of all FHWA/FRA/FTA (Transportation Agencies) environmental commitments, including all applicable AMMs. (USFWS)
- 5. LIGHTING AMM 2: When installing new or replacing existing permanent lights, use downward-facing, full cut-off lens lights (with same intensity or less for replacement lighting); or for those transportation agencies using the BUG system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society, be as close to 0 for all three ratings with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable. (USFWS)
- 6. TREE REMOVAL AMM 1: Modify all phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments) to avoid tree removal. (USFWS)
- 7. TREE REMOVAL AMM 2: Apply time of year restrictions (April 1 through September 30) for tree removal when bats are not likely to be present, or limit tree removal to 10 or fewer trees per project at any time of year within 100 feet of existing road/ rail surface and outside of documented roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors; visual emergence survey must be conducted with no bats observed. (USFWS, IDNR-DFW)
- 8. TREE REMOVAL AMM 3: Ensure tree removal is limited to that specified in project plans and ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field (e.g., install bright colored flagging/fencing prior to any tree clearing to ensure contractors stay within clearing limits). (USFWS)
- 9. TREE REMOVAL AMM 4 Do not remove documented Indiana bat or NLEB roosts that are still suitable for roosting, or trees within 0.25 miles of roosts, or documented foraging habitat any time of year. (USFWS)
- 10. Upon review of IDEM's GIS Layers, the only IDEM Office of Land Quality project in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12th -14th Streets is a leaking underground storage tank (H-Mart, 1600 N 13th Street). For the soil excavation, proper handling, removal, and disposal of soil must be completed if contamination is encountered. Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered due to the minimal depth of excavation in this area, but if groundwater is encountered it must be properly handled, removed, and disposed. (IDEM Office of Land Quality)
- 11. Outreach efforts to notify the public, including underserved populations in the area, will continue for all future public involvement opportunities. These efforts will include the publication of notices in local media and direct mailings to adjacent property owners. (INDOT ESD)
- 12. Public outreach efforts for the upcoming public hearing will include direct mailings of the legal advertisement to all affected property owners via Certified Mail to ensure delivery and posting of public hearing flyers on all adjacent property owners' front doors and at local churches and parks near the project area. Additionally, the public hearing will be held at a venue close to the project area and scheduled for a day and time that is convenient to the public. (INDOT ESD)
- 13. The Vigo County Surveyor's Office Early Coordination response on June 9, 2021, which identifies section corners and subdivision corners near the proposed project, was forwarded to the designer on August 24, 2021. The designer will determine if any of the features identified by the Surveyor's Office will be impacted by the project as design progresses. If impacts will occur, then a Unique Special Provision may need to be developed and included with the contract documents. (INDOT ESD)
- 14. The Terre Haute Transit Utility (THTU) operates a bus route loop that follows 13<sup>th</sup> Street through the project area. Stops along this route include 1<sup>st</sup> Street south of the project area, Plum Street within the project area, and Buckeye Street north of the project area. The bus stop at Plum Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be impacted during construction as well as the transit route using 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The Plum Street intersection is being relocated to the north and regraded, so access during construction in this area would not be prudent. The project sponsor has coordinated with the THTU regarding the project, and strategies to minimize impacts to bus service in the area have been established. The THTU will continue to operate along the 13<sup>th</sup> Street route north and south of the project area and will include a demand/response area around the roadway closure during construction so that riders can contact the THTU to let them know that they need to be picked up. Riders would then be informed where an acceptable pickup location would be so that the bus can retrieve the rider and then return to its original route for the rest of the loop. According to the THTU, this method for serving riders in need has been

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successfully used in the past for other road closures. THTU will announce this plan through their website and local media, hold a public meeting to inform riders, and post flyers on the bus used for this route prior to any closures to make sure that the riders are aware of the changes. (INDOT ESD)

- 15. The relocation agent will mark all vouchers submitted to INDOT Real Estate as "URGENT" or "RUSH" to alert them that they should be processed in an expeditious manner. (INDOT ESD)
- 16. INDOT must consider allowing agents to increase relocation payments by performing new comparables searches and recalculating relocation benefits to make new homes affordable if the market calls for it. (INDOT ESD)
- 17. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a waiver for calculating and paying relocation payments to homeowners effective June 1, 2022. Since it has become commonplace for buyers to pay more than the asking price for new homes, this waiver allows relocation payments to be increased if the market is following this trend. This policy should be implemented on this project if the market calls for it. (INDOT ESD)
- 18. Those homeowners and rental tenants being displaced by the project will be allowed to stay in their current dwelling until after the EA-FONSI is signed. (INDOT ESD)
- 19. The relocation agent will calculate a price differential payment (PDP) to account for the current housing market conditions and that differential will be paid by the project sponsor. Relocated owners will also be provided with a voucher for qualified moving expenses. The relocation agent will meet with the owners in person to explain these benefits in detail and answer any questions, so they understand the full benefit being provided to them prior to offers to purchase being made. (INDOT ESD)
- 20. The relocation agent will assist each rental tenant with obtaining rental assistance payments (RAP). (INDOT ESD)
- 21. The relocation agent will perform research for the homeowners and rental tenants and provide them with at least three (3) affordable comparable properties in the area. (INDOT ESD)
- 22. After the EA/FONSI is complete, the relocation agent will provide a minimum of 90 days of written notice to owners prior to the date of property transfer. Owners will be allowed to stay in their current location until the end of the 90 days indicated in the written notice. If needed, the project sponsor will grant an extension to allow an owner to remain in their current locations past the 90-day period until an available replacement property has been found. (INDOT ESD)
- 23. The relocation agent will assist each owner, as needed, with connections to good lenders and realtors in the area. (INDOT ESD)
- 24. The relocation agent will offer to complete as much paperwork as possible for those being relocated and will provide everyone with a direct-line phone number and email for any questions or needs they may have. (INDOT ESD)
- 25. An analysis will be conducted by the relocation agent to determine if displaced persons are eligible for additional benefits according to the Uniform Relocation Act. Those meeting the necessary requirements will be guaranteed additional benefits. Each displaced rental tenant will be provided a lump sum payment for up to 3 years' worth of rental costs based on the current market to assist with the costs of future living accommodations. (INDOT ESD)
- 26. The relocation agent will perform research for the rental tenants and provide them with at least three (3) affordable comparable properties in the area. The relocation agent will also assist rental tenants with applying for rental assistance payments (RAP) to make relocating to a new rental property more affordable. (INDOT ESD)
- 27. The city will convert excess land on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets into public use greenspace with signage and benches that would allow for an open, safe area for people to congregate or play. After construction, this greenspace would likely be transferred to the Terre Haute Parks Department for future care and maintenance. (INDOT ESD)

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28. The city plans to improve alleys and alley connectivity to enhance residential and business access adjacent to the project area. This work, which is separate from the subject project, will occur prior to construction of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements for maximum benefit. (INDOT ESD)

### For Further Consideration:

- 29. If tree removal is needed, the Division of Fish & Wildlife recommends avoiding removing urban trees to the greatest extent possible and replacing trees that must be removed. Street trees are important to fish and wildlife resources in urban areas. Indiana's street trees also provide millions of dollars of tangible benefits to Indiana communities by their presence in the urban environment. Their shade and beauty contribute to the quality of life. They provide significant increases in real estate values, create attractive settings for commercial businesses, and improve community neighborhood appeal. Trees decrease energy consumption by providing shade and acting as windbreaks. They reduce water treatment costs and impede soil erosion by slowing the runoff of stormwater. Trees also cool the air temperature, cleanse pollutants from the air, and produce oxygen while absorbing carbon dioxide. (IDNR-DFW)
- 30. Trees are an integral component of the urban environment. Proactively managing and maintaining a street tree population will ultimately maximize the benefits afforded by their aesthetic and ecological functions. The following links give a good overview of the benefits of a street tree program and how to select the right species to avoid the negative impacts of non-native invasive species such as the common and popular Bradford pear: <a href="https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3605.htm">https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3605.htm</a> > Community & Urban Forestry > Tree Species Lists. (IDNR-DFW)
- 31. IDNR recommends a mitigation plan be developed (and submitted with the permit application, if required) for any unavoidable habitat impacts that will occur. The DNR's Habitat Mitigation guidelines (and plant lists) can be found online at: <a href="http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/20200527-IR-312200284NRA.xml.pdf">http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/20200527-IR-312200284NRA.xml.pdf</a>. (IDNR-DFW)
- 32. Impacts to non-wetland forest of one (1) acre or more should be mitigated at a minimum 2:1 ratio. If less than one acre of non-wetland forest is removed in a rural setting, replacement should be at a 1:1 ratio based on area. Impacts to non-wetland forest under one (1) acre in an urban setting should be mitigated by planting five trees, at least 2 inches in diameter-at-breast height (dbh), for each tree which is removed that is 10" dbh or greater (5:1 mitigation based on the number of large trees) or by using the 1:1 replacement ratio based on area depending on the type of habitat impacted (individual canopy tree removal in an urban streetscape or park-like environment versus removal of habitat supporting a tree canopy, woody understory, and herbaceous layer). Impacts under 0.10 acre in and urban area may still involve the replacement of large diameter trees but typically do not require any additional mitigation or additional plantings beyond seeding and stabilizing disturbed areas. There are exceptions for high quality habitat sites however. (IDNR-DFW)

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## **Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds**

	РСЕ	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level $4^1$ *
Section 106	Falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	"No Historic Properties Affected"	"No Adverse Effect"	-	"Adverse Effect" Or Historic Bridge involvement <sup>2</sup>
Stream Impacts	No construction in waterways or water bodies	< 300 linear feet of stream impacts	≥ 300 linear feet of stream impacts	-	Individual 404 Permit
Wetland Impacts	No adverse impacts to wetlands	< 0.1 acre	-	< 1 acre	$\geq 1$ acre
Right-of-way <sup>3</sup>	Property acquisition for preservation only or none	< 0.5 acre	$\geq$ 0.5 acre	-	-
Relocations	None	-	-	< 5	$\geq 5$
Threatened/Endangered Species (Species Specific Programmatic for Indiana bat & northern long eared bat)	"No Effect", "Not likely to Adversely Affect" (Without AMMs <sup>4</sup> or with AMMs required for all projects <sup>5</sup> )	"Not likely to Adversely Affect" (With any other AMMs)	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"	Project does not fall under Species Specific Programmatic
Threatened/Endangered Species (Any other species)	Falls within guidelines of USFWS 2013 Interim Policy	"No Effect", ""Not likely to Adversely Affect"	-	-	"Likely to Adversely Affect"
Environmental Justice	No disproportionately high and adverse impacts	-	-	-	Potential <sup>6</sup>
Sole Source Aquifer	Detailed Assessment Not Required	-	-	-	Detailed Assessment
Floodplain	No Substantial Impacts	-	-	-	Substantial Impacts
Coastal Zone Consistency	Consistent	-	-	-	Not Consistent
National Wild and Scenic River	Not Present	-	-	-	Present
New Alignment	None	-	-	-	Any
Section 4(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any
Section 6(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any
Added Through Lane	None	-	-	-	Any
<b>Permanent Traffic Alteration</b>	None	-	-	-	Any
Coast Guard Permit	None	-	-	-	Any
Noise Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	Yes
Air Quality Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	Yes <sup>7</sup>
Approval Level	Concurrence by INDOT District				
<ul> <li>District Env. Supervisor</li> <li>Env. Services Division</li> <li>FHWA</li> </ul>	Environmental or Environmental Services	Yes	Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes

<sup>1</sup>Coordinate with INDOT Environmental Services. INDOT will then coordinate with the appropriate FHWA Environmental Specialist.

<sup>2</sup>Any involvement with a bridge processed under the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement.

<sup>3</sup>Permanent and/or temporary right-of-way.

<sup>4</sup>AMMs = Avoidance and Mitigation Measures.

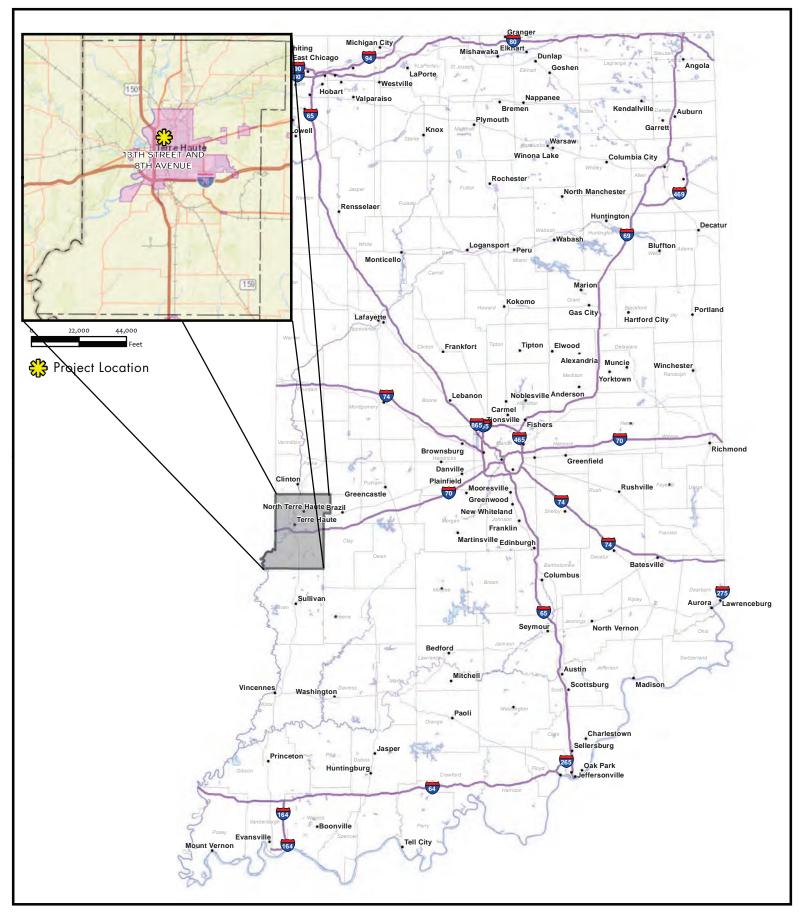
<sup>5</sup>AMMs determined by the IPAC decision key to be needed that are listed in the USFWS User's Guide for the Range-wide Programmatic Consultation

*for Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat* as "required for all projects". <sup>6</sup>Potential for causing a disproportionately high and adverse impact.

<sup>7</sup>Hot Spot Analysis and/or MSAT Quantitative Emission Analysis.

\*Substantial public or agency controversy may require a higher-level NEPA document.

\*Please Note: Due to relocations occurring within EJ Populations of concern, the FHWA has determined this project should be processed as an Environmental Assessment (EA). Appendix B: Graphics



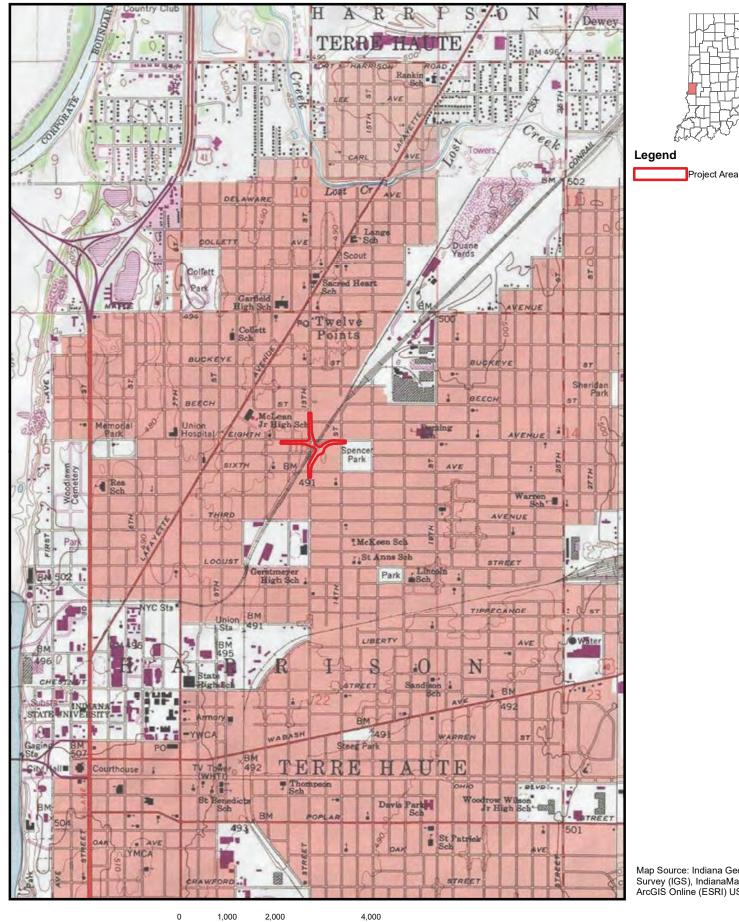




# State Map

13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX RR Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932 Section 15, Township 12N, Range 9W Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Map Source: Indiana Map



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#### **USGS Terre Haute Quadrangle**

13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX RR Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932 Section 15, Township 12N, Range 9W Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Map Source: Indiana Geological Survey (IGS), IndianaMap, ArcGIS Online (ESRI) USA Topo Maps



Map Source: Indiana Geological Survey (IGS), IndianaMap, 2019 ArcGIS Online (ESRI) World Imagery.





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13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX RR Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932 Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

PHOTO ORIENTATION MAP TRAX Project: Grade Separation for 8th Avenue and 13th Street over CSX Railroad, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

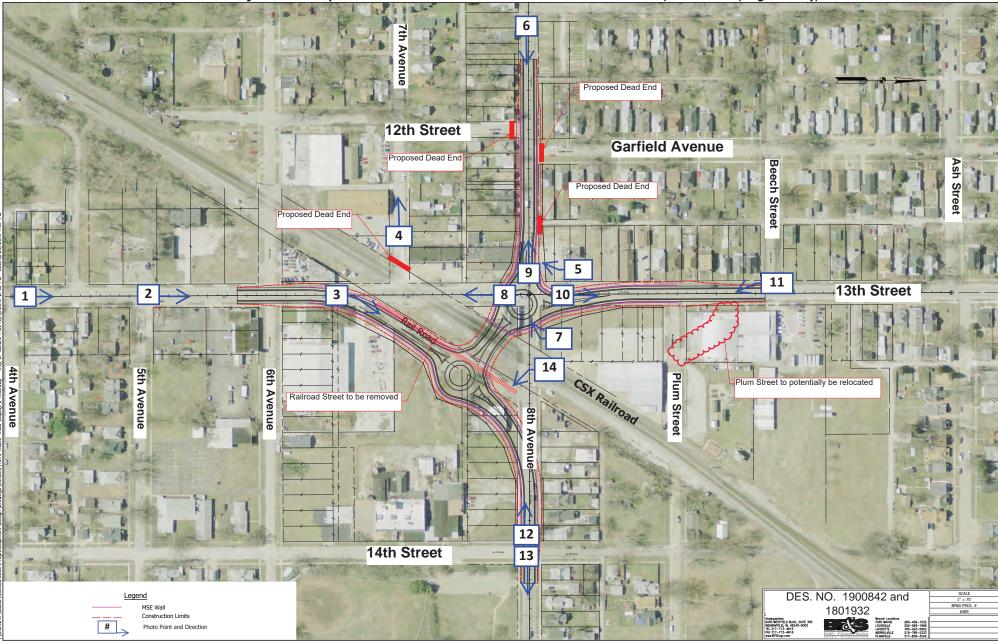




Photo 1: Looking north along 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (south project limits)



Photo 2: Looking north along 13<sup>th</sup> Street from just south of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Photo 3: Looking northeast across 13<sup>th</sup> Street towards Rail Road, which parallels CSX RR to the south



Photo 4: Looking west along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> Street (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be cut off from 13<sup>th</sup> Street)

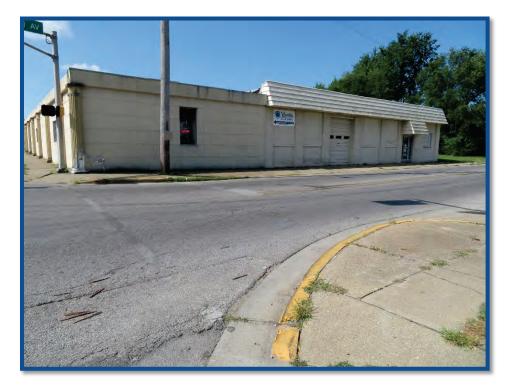


Photo 5: View of building on the southwest corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (to be demolished)



Photo 6: Looking east along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from a point east of Garfield Avenue (west project limits)



Photo 7: View of building on the southeast corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (to be demolished)



Photo 8: Looking south along 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Photo 9: Looking west along  $8^{th}$  Avenue from  $13^{th}$  Street



Photo 10: Looking north along 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Photo 11: Looking southeast across 13<sup>th</sup> Street from Beech Street (north project limits)



Photo 12: Looking west toward the east project limits along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Street

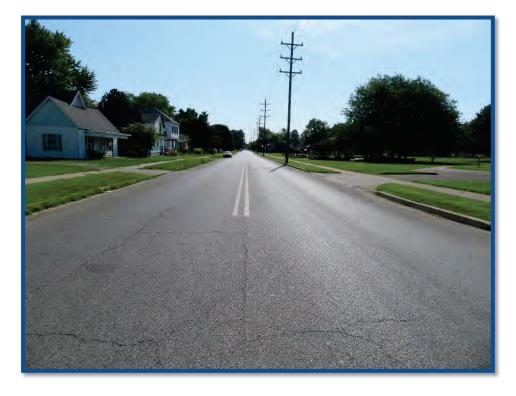
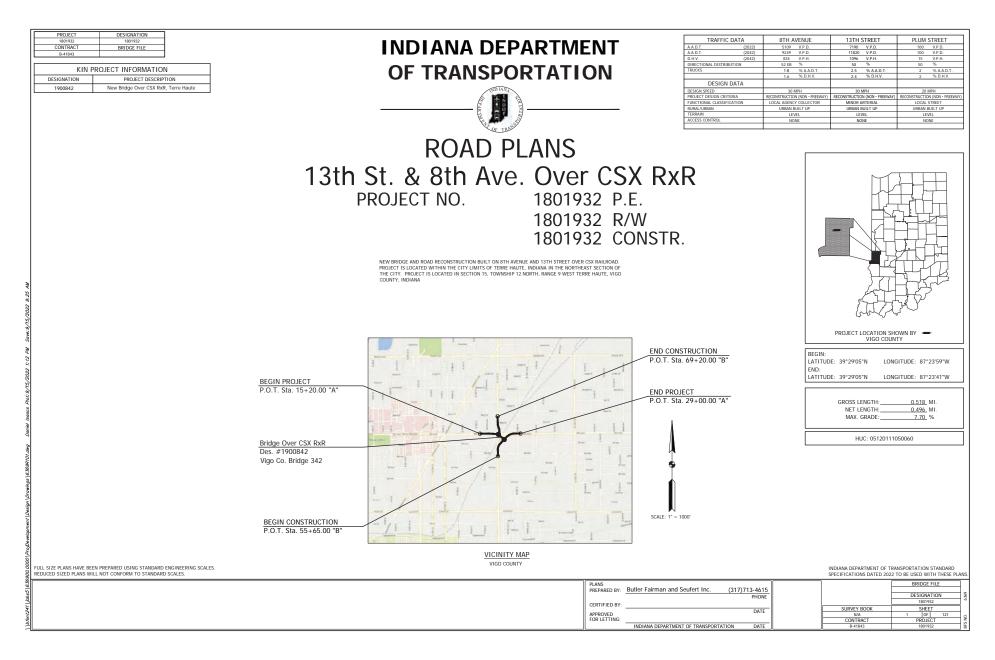
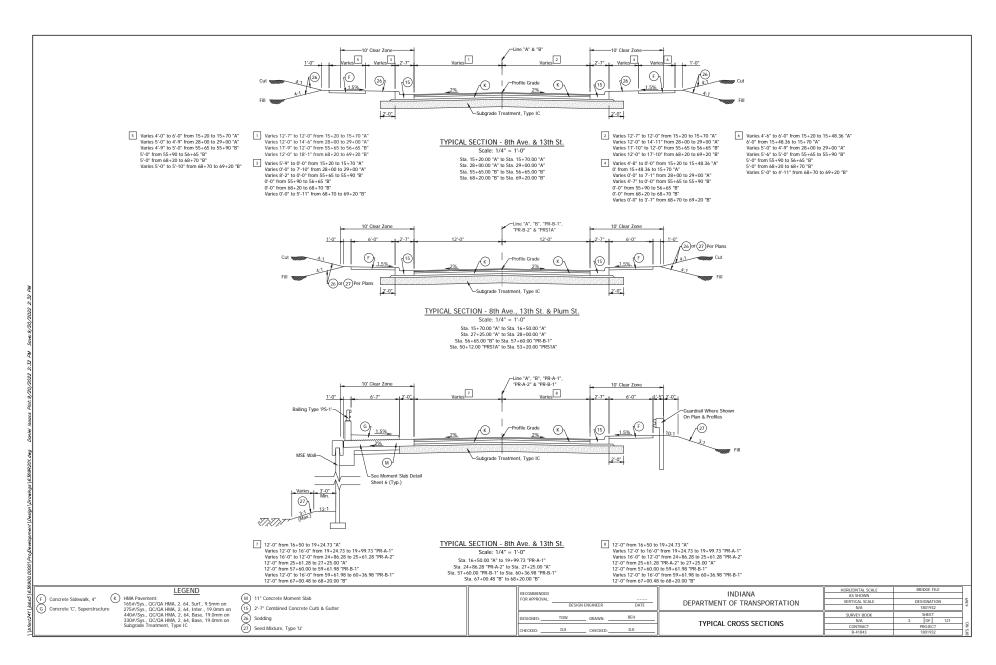


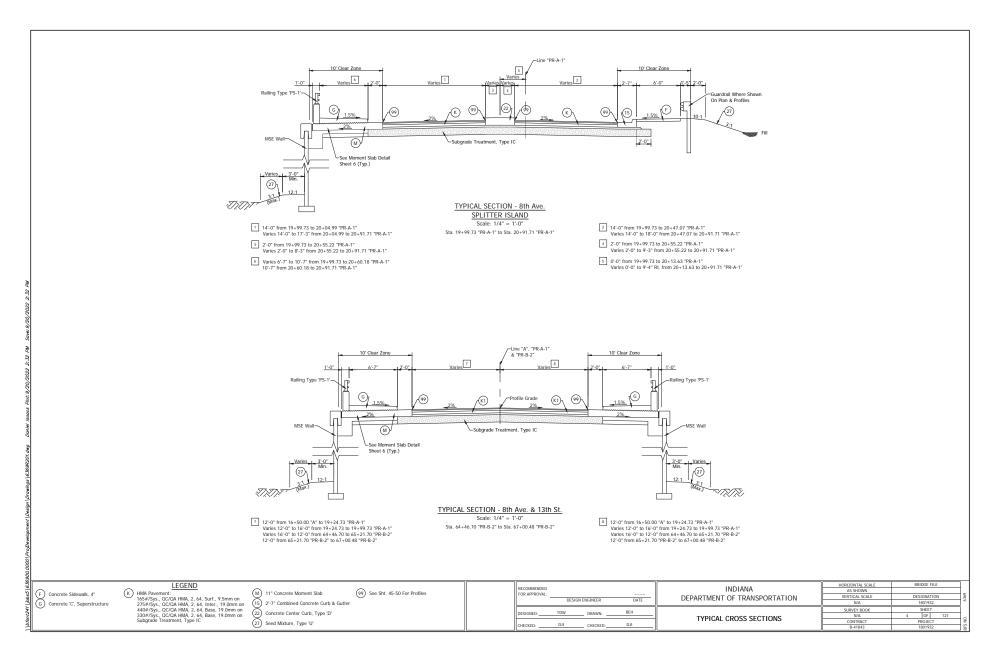
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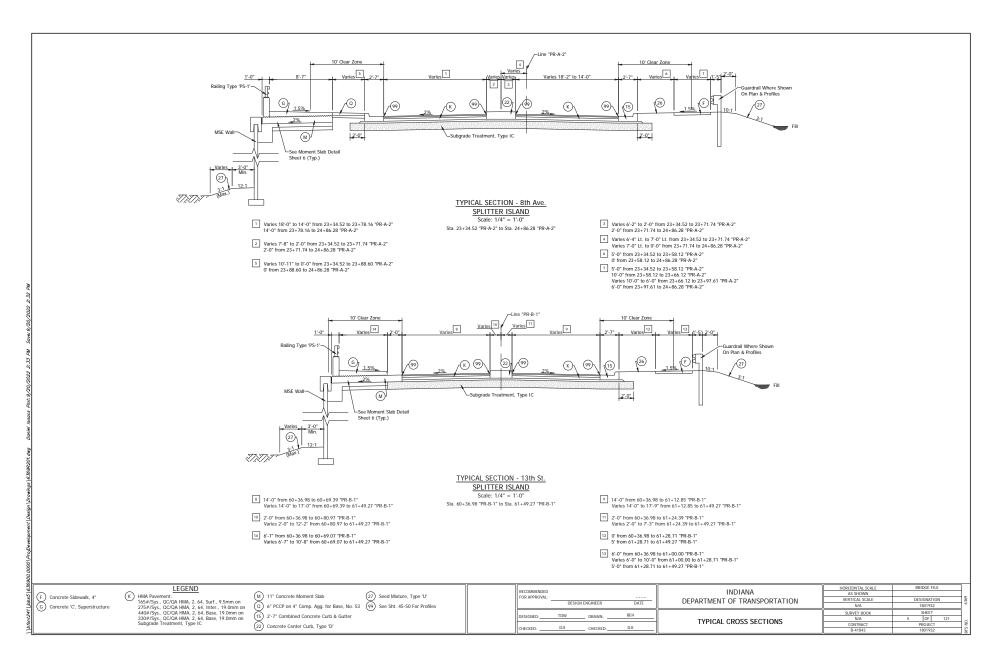


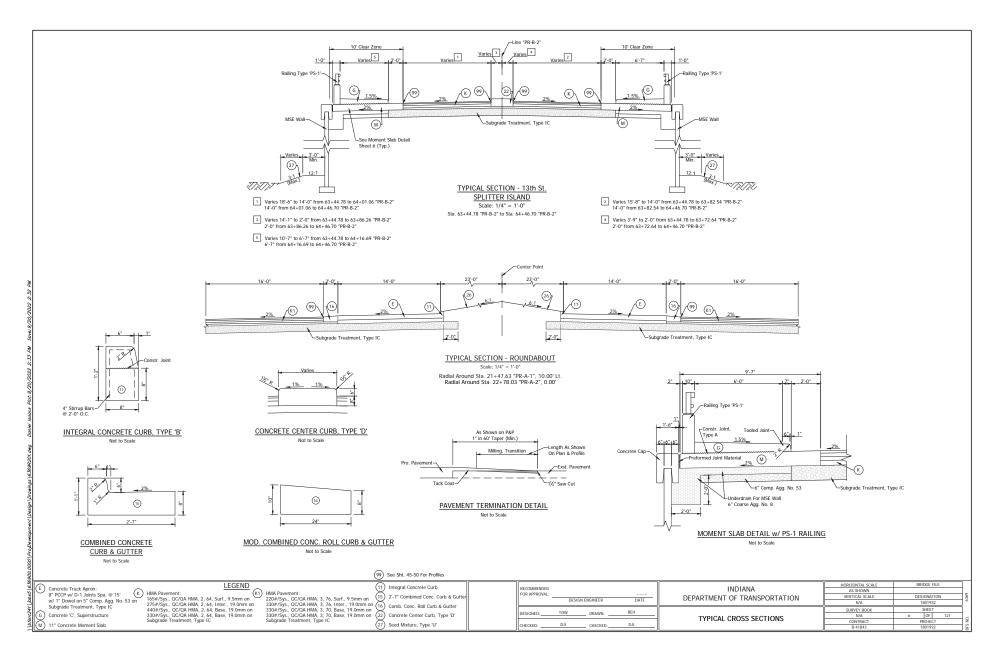
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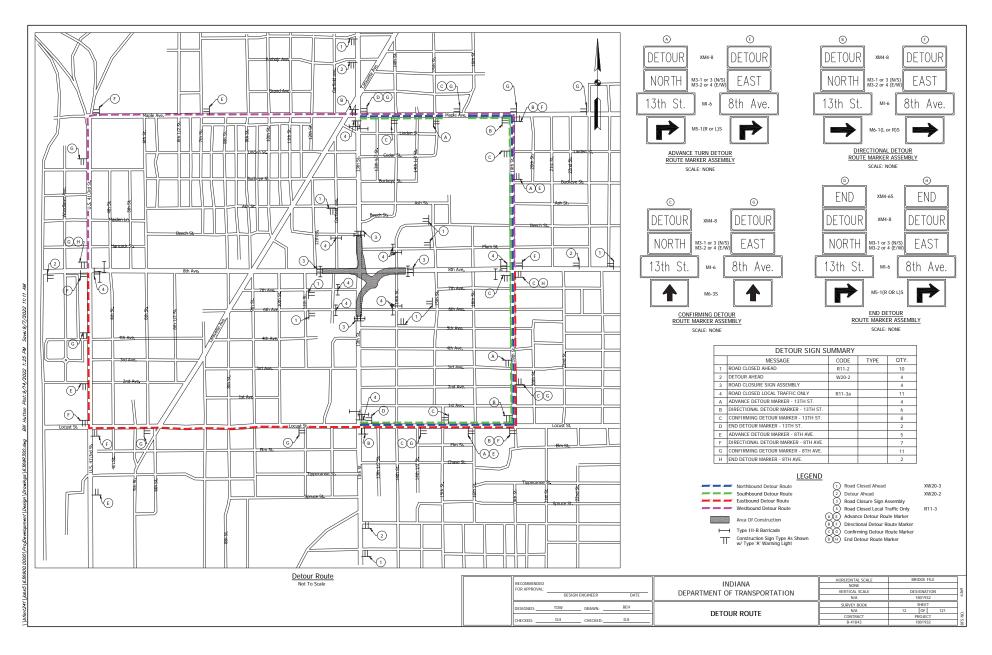


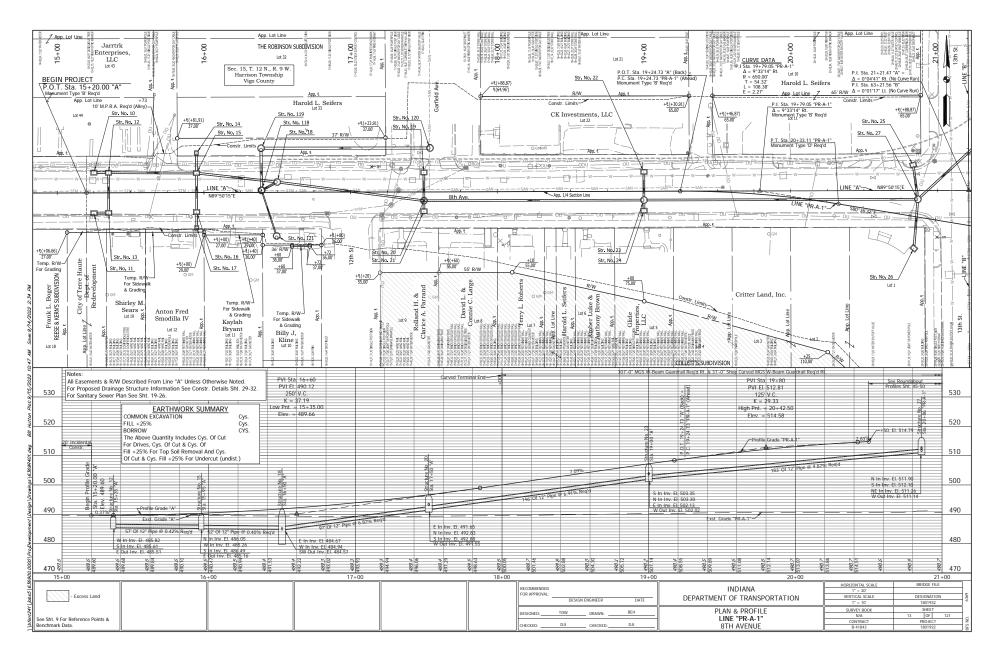


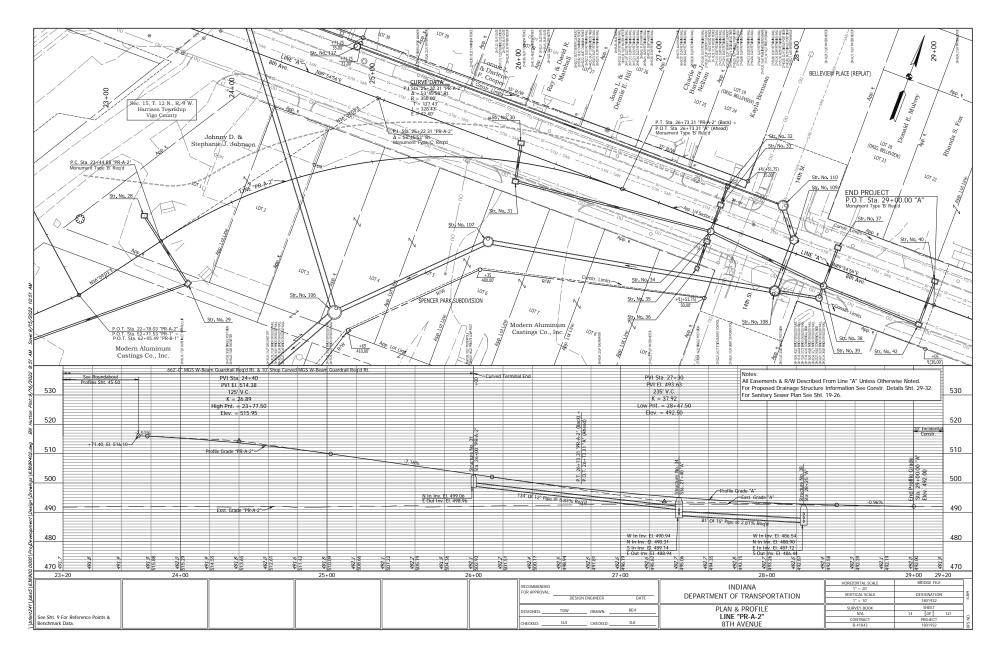


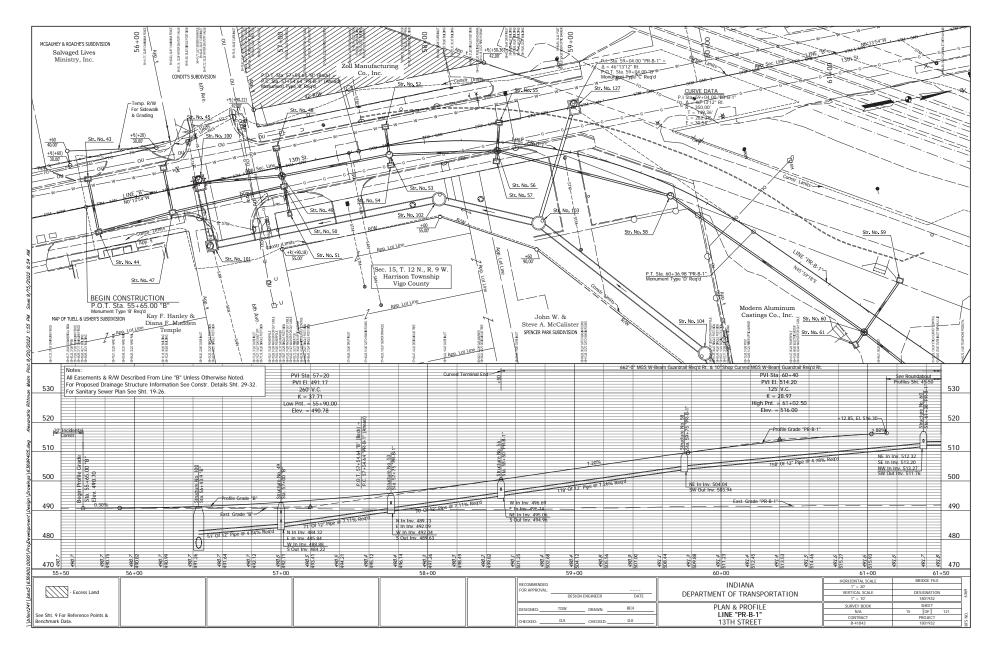


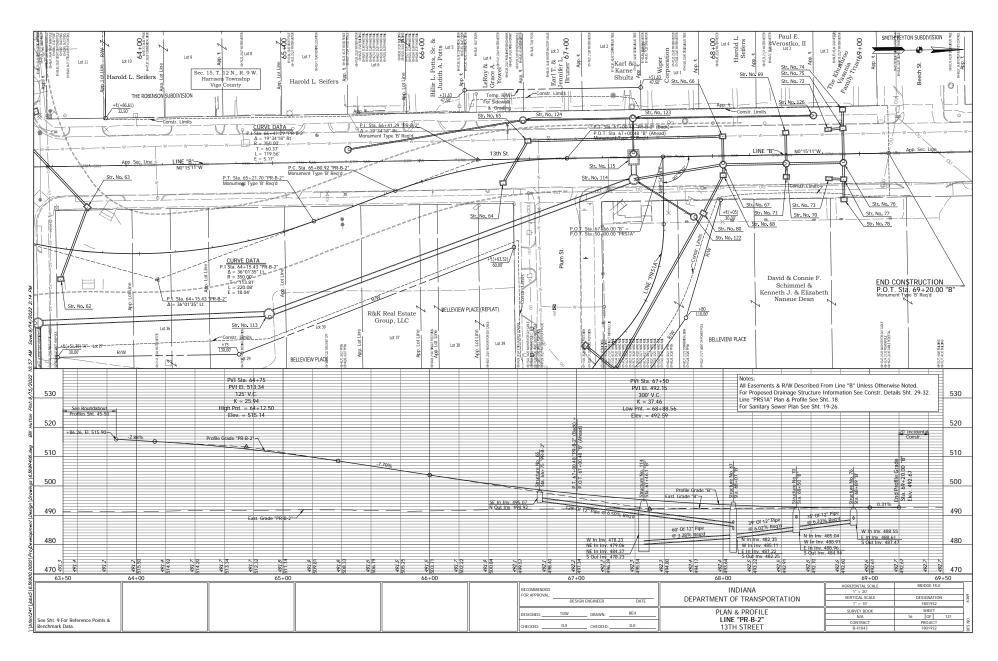


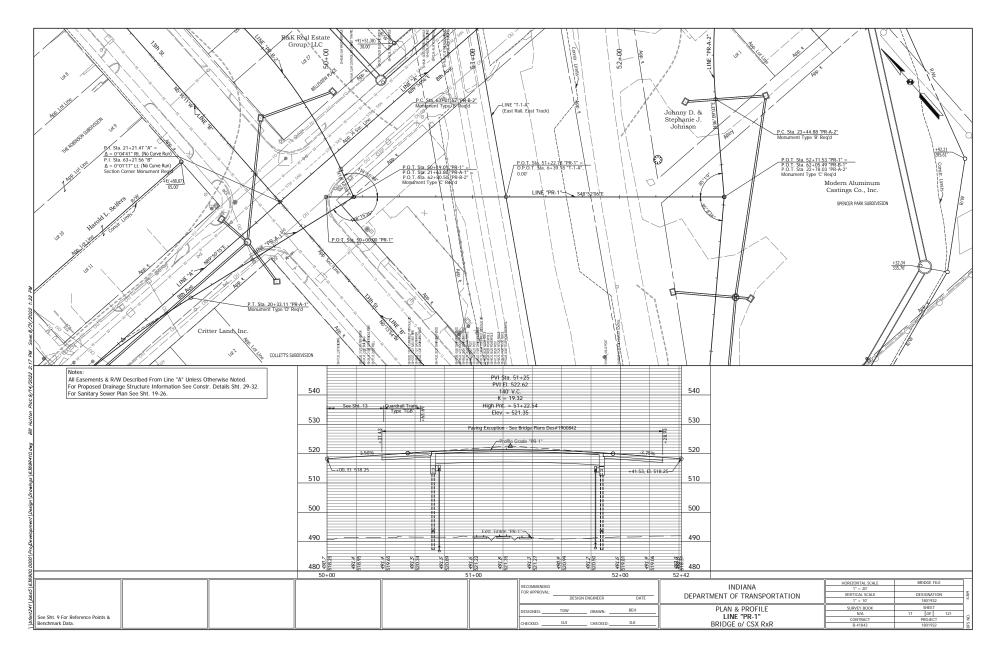


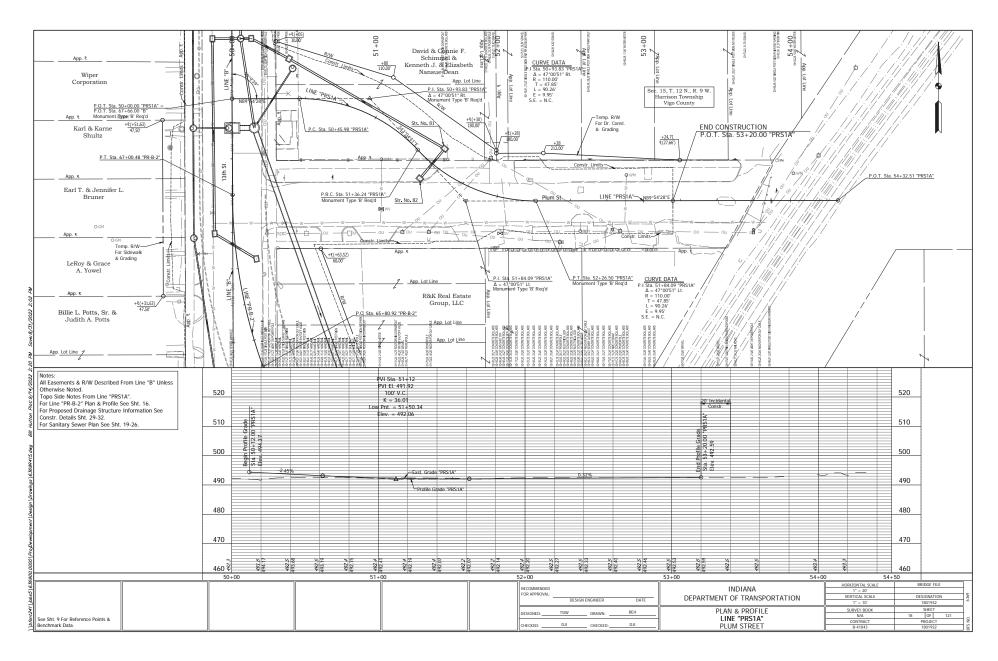


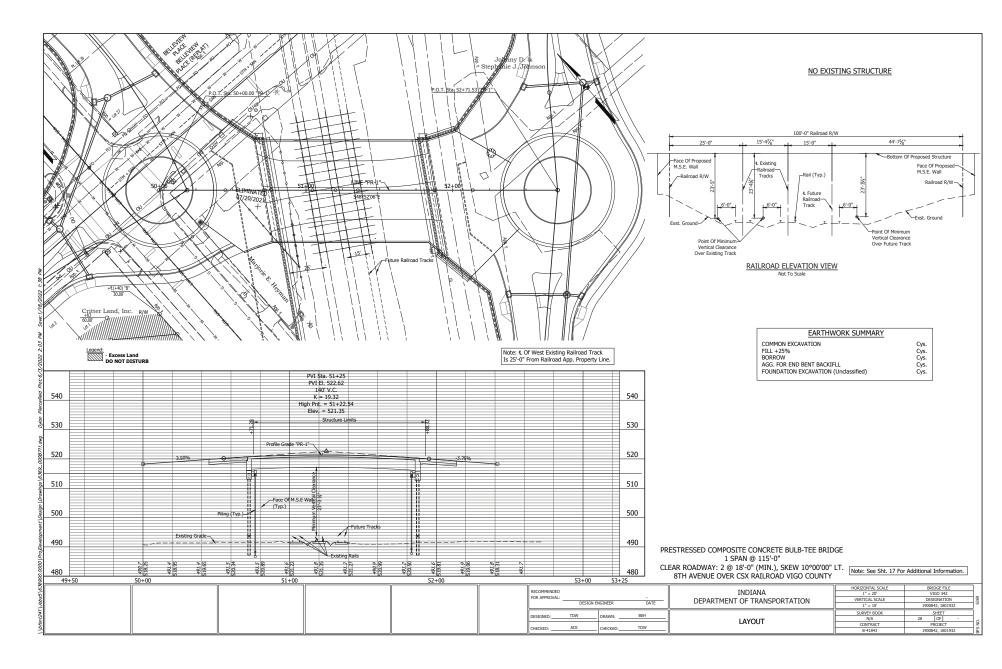


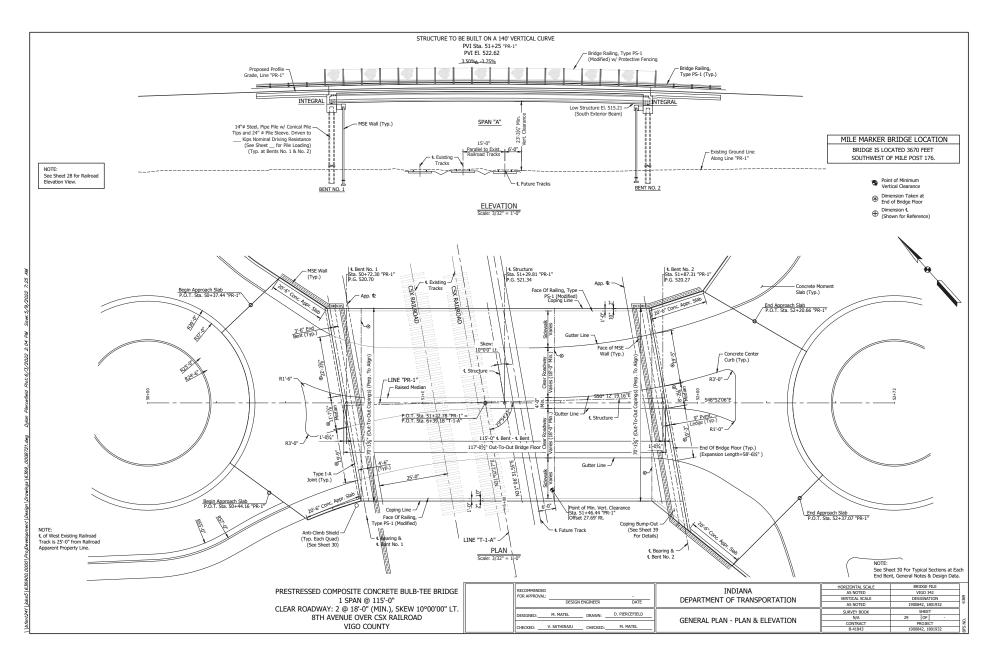












Appendix C: Early Coordination



## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate AvenueRoom N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

June 4, 2021

Sample Early Coordination Letter

Brittney Layton, Environmental Scientist Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 Blayton@bfsengr.com

# Re: Early Coordination Letter, Des. Nos.: 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) & 1801932 (Road), 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue New Bridge over CSX Railroad, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Interested Agency:

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), intends to proceed with a project involving a railroad grade separation project in Vigo County. This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project. Please use the above designation number and description in your reply. We will incorporate your comments into a study of the project's environmental impacts.

The proposed undertaking is located on 8th Avenue roughly between 12th Street and 14th Street, and also on 13th Street roughly between 6th Avenue and E. Beech Street in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County. Land use in the area is mixed residential, commercial, and light industrial, with one park (Spencer Park) also present near the east terminus of the project. The CSX Railroad runs in a northeast/southwest direction and intersects both 8th Avenue and 13th Street at-grade. This section of 8th Avenue is a two-lane Urban Major Collector and runs in a east/west direction. The existing 8th Avenue approaches consist of one (1) 17-foot wide eastbound through lane and one (1) 12-foot wide westbound through lane, bordered on both sides by concrete curb and gutter, a 5-foot wide grass buffer strip, and a 4-foot wide concrete sidewalk. This section of 13th Street is a two-lane Urban Minor Collector that runs in a north/south direction. The existing 13th Street approaches consist of two (2) 17.5-foot wide through lanes (one in each direction) bordered by 2-foot wide, paved shoulders, concrete curb and gutter, 7-foot wide grass buffer strips, and 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks. The proposed typical cross sections of both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street will consist of two (2) variable 12 to 18-foot wide through lanes bordered by concrete curb and gutter, variable 0 to 8-foot wide grass buffer strips, and variable 4 to 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks. The existing right-of-way width along 8th Avenue west of 13th Street is 50 feet (25 feet either side of the roadway centerline), and the existing right-of-way width along 8th Avenue east of 13th Street is 64 feet (32 feet either side of the roadway centerline). The existing right-of-way width along 13<sup>th</sup> Street is 64 feet (32 feet either side of the roadway centerline).

The need for this project is due to the high level of vehicular crossing blockage from train traffic on the CSX Railroad. Since the railroad tracks are oriented diagonal to the street grid, each passing train stops traffic in all four directions. According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data, an average of 23 trains per day travel through the project area. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes long, which results in vehicular crossings being blocked by train traffic for approximately 16% of the day. Train traffic delays also have a negative impact on emergency response times in this area of Terre Haute, including routes to and from Union Hospital, which is



located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue approximately 0.5 mile west of the project area. There have been 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8th Avenue and 13th Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two fatalities. The purpose of this project is to reduce delays and improve vehicular mobility through the City of Terre Haute, in addition to reducing the potential for train-vehicle crashes.

The project proposes to construct a new bridge to elevate 8th Avenue and 13th Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge, will be constructed at 8th Avenue and 13th Street. The bridge will have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee-beams. Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls will be installed in the northeast, northwest and southwest quadrants of the bridge, and 3:1 earthen side slopes will be utilized in the southeast quadrant in order to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street will be relocated to the north of its current location in order to maintain access to a railroad museum off of 13<sup>th</sup> Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities. New permanent lighting will be installed for the project area. The total project length is approximately 0.52 mile. \*Approximately 3.073 acres of permanent right-of-way (commercial: 2.907 acres; residential: 0.166 acre) and 0.034 acres of temporary right-of-way (commercial: 0.031 acre) acquisition will be required. The project will result in the relocation of 9 residences and 8 businesses. Therefore, a Conceptual Stage Relocation Study (CSRS) will be completed for this project.

The preferred maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will be a road closure with a detour, utilizing Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. Permanent lighting will be installed and/or modified from the existing. Up to six trees may be removed for this project. The project is anticipated to begin construction in summer 2023.

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. will perform waters and wetlands determinations to identify water resources that may be present. The project is anticipated to qualify for the Rangewide Programmatic Agreement for the Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat by completing the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC). Coordination will occur with INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) to evaluate the project area for archaeological and historic resources and for Section 106 compliance. The results of this investigation will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review and concurrence as appropriate.

Please provide your response within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter. However, should you find that an extension to the response time is necessary, a reasonable amount may be granted upon request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Brittney Layton, Environmental Scientist at BLayton@bfsengr.com, or (317) 713-4615, or 8450 Westfield Blvd, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or Jason Holder, INDOT Project Manager at JHolder@indot.in.gov, or (317) 233-3427. Thank you in advance for your input.

\*Please note: The right-of-way (ROW) totals noted above have increased due to plan development and refinement. The project requires approximately 5.91 acres of permanent ROW acquisition consisting of 5.20 acres of commercial property and 0.71 acre of residential property. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. Please see the RIGHT OF WAY section of the EA narrative for additional details.

CC List State Map USGS Pershing Quadrangle Map Aerial/Photo Orientation Map On behalf of INDOT, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc.

Brittney Layton, M.A. Environmental Scientist Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc.

Site Photographs NWI Map FIRMette Map Soils Map & Legend

#### CC:

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Vigo County Council 127 Oak Street Terre Haute, IN 47807

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Church of Christ 1356 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47807

Hamilton Center 620 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47804

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management Proposed Roadway Construction Projects Letter {http://www.in.gov/idem/5284.htm}

IDEM Wellhead Proximity Determinator Electronic Review of Location {http://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/pages/well head

Indiana Geological Survey {https://igs.indiana.edu/eAssessment/} Vigo County School Corporation P.O. Box 3703 Terre Haute, IN 47803

*The Bridge Church 1901 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47804* 

*First Spiritualist Church 1120 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47807* 

Union Hospital 1606 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Terre Haute, IN 47804

#### Note: Response received from USFWS

#### **Brittney Layton**

From:	McWilliams, Robin <robin_mcwilliams@fws.gov></robin_mcwilliams@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, June 2, 2021 2:08 PM
То:	Brittney Layton
Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Brittney,

This responds to your recent letter requesting our comments on the aforementioned project.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mitigation Policy.

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and should follow the new Indiana bat/northern long-eared bat programmatic consultation process, if applicable (*i.e.* a federal transportation nexus is established). The Service has 14 days after a "Not Likely to Adversely Affect" determination letter is generated to review the project and provide additional comments or request additional information; if you do not receive a response from us within 14 days, we have no additional comments.

Wetland and stream impacts may require permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Water Quality Certification program, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Wetland impacts should be avoided, and any unavoidable impacts should be compensated for in accordance with agency mitigation guidelines.

Based on a review of the information you provided, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no other comments on the project as currently proposed. However, should new information arise pertaining to project plans or a revised species list be published, it will be necessary for the Federal agency to reinitiate consultation. Standard recommendations are provided below.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment at this early stage of project planning. If you have any questions about our recommendations, please contact me at robin\_mcwilliams@fws.gov or you may call 812-334-4261 x. 207.

Sincerely, Robin McWilliams Munson

#### **Standard Recommendations:**

1. Do not clear trees or understory vegetation outside the construction zone boundaries. (This restriction is not related to the "tree clearing" restriction for potential Indiana Bat habitat.)

2. Restrict below low-water work in streams to placement of culverts, piers, pilings and/or footings, shaping of the spill slopes around the bridge abutments, and placement of riprap.

Culverts should span the active stream channel, should be either embedded or a 3-sided or open-arch culvert, and be installed where practicable on an essentially flat slope. When an open-bottom culvert or arch is used in a stream, which has a good natural bottom substrate, such as gravel, cobbles and boulders, the existing substrate should be left undisturbed beneath the culvert to provide natural habitat for the aquatic community.

3. Restrict channel work and vegetation clearing to the minimum necessary for installation of the stream crossing structure.

4. Minimize the extent of hard armor (riprap) in bank stabilization by using bioengineering techniques whenever possible. If riprap is utilized for bank stabilization, extend it below low-water elevation to provide aquatic habitat.

5. Implement temporary erosion and sediment control methods within areas of disturbed soil. All disturbed soil areas upon project completion will be vegetated following INDOT's standard specifications.

6. Avoid all work within the inundated part of the stream channel (in perennial streams and larger intermittent streams) during the fish spawning season (April 1 through June 30), except for work within sealed structures such as caissons or cofferdams that were installed prior to the spawning season. No equipment shall be operated below Ordinary High-Water Mark during this time unless the machinery is within the caissons or on the cofferdams.

7. Evaluate wildlife crossings under bridge/culverts projects in appropriate situations. Suitable crossings include flat areas below bridge abutments with suitable ground cover, high water shelves in culverts, amphibian tunnels and diversion fencing

Robin McWilliams Munson Fish and Wildlife Biologist U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 620 South Walker Street Bloomington, IN 46142 812-334-4261

Mon-Tues 8-3:30p Wed-Thurs 8:30-3p Telework

From: Brittney Layton <BLayton@bfsengr.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:26 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

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Good afternoon,

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert is conducting Early Coordination as part of the requirements for the environmental process for the proposed new bridge over the CSX Railroad in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

We respectfully request your review of the attached Early Coordination Packet within 30 days. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I will also follow this up with a second email containing site

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#### Good Afternoon,

A review of the USFWS GIS database for Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat roosting, hibernacula and capture sites was conducted for Des No. 1900842 on 10/8/2020. There are no documented sites within a half mile the project area. The USFWS Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) website must be consulted and a new project created to obtain an official species list and complete the questionnaire for the project to determine the applicability of the programmatic consultation. If needed, the IPaC generated documents must be forwarded to the USFWS for verification.

#### Thank you,

#### Makinna Laymon

Environmental Manager 2, Capital Program Management Division 41 West 300 North Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Cell: (317) 694-0630 Email: MLaymon2@indot.in.gov

From: Khan, Asfahan <akhan@indot.IN.gov>
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To: Laymon, Makinna <MLaymon2@indot.IN.gov>
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#### **Coping with COVID-19:**

- Indiana State Dept. of Health (ISDH) COVID-19 Call Center: Call 877-826-0011 (open 24/7)
- **Anthem NurseLine:** Call 800-337-4770 or visit the <u>Anthem NurseLine</u> online for a FREE symptom screening. Available to anyone with an Anthem health plan (this includes State of IN employees)
- Anthem Employee Assistance Program (EAP): Available to ALL state employees and adults in household regardless of health plan participation. Call 800-223-7723 or visit <u>anthemeap.com</u> (enter State of Indiana) for crisis counseling, help finding child/elder care, legal/financial consultation and much more.



## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Indiana Ecological Services Field Office 620 South Walker Street Bloomington, IN 47403-2121 Phone: (812) 334-4261 Fax: (812) 334-4273 http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/section7/s7process/step1.html



In Reply Refer To: October 12, 2020 Consultation Code: 03E12000-2021-SLI-0050 Event Code: 03E12000-2021-E-00200 Project Name: Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County

# Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached species list identifies any federally threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project. The list also includes designated critical habitat if present within your proposed project area or affected by your project. This list is provided to you as the initial step of the consultation process required under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, also referred to as Section 7 Consultation.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service if they determine their project "may affect" listed species or critical habitat.

Under 50 CFR 402.12(e) (the regulations that implement Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act) the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally. You may verify the list by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website <u>http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/</u> at regular intervals during project planning and implementation and completing the same process you used to receive the attached list. As an alternative, you may contact this Ecological Services Field Office for updates.

Please use the species list provided and visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3 Section 7 Technical Assistance website at - <u>http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/</u><u>s7process/index.html</u>. This website contains step-by-step instructions which will help you determine if your project will have an adverse effect on listed species and will help lead you through the Section 7 process.

For all **wind energy projects** and **projects that include installing towers that use guy wires or are over 200 feet in height**, please contact this field office directly for assistance, even if no federally listed plants, animals or critical habitat are present within your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project.

Although no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act, be aware that bald eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq*), as are golden eagles. Projects affecting these species may require measures to avoid harming eagles or may require a permit. If your project is near an eagle nest or winter roost area, see our Eagle Permits website at <a href="http://www.fws.gov/midwest/midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html">http://www.fws.gov/midwest/</a> midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html to help you determine if you can avoid impacting eagles or if a permit may be necessary.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

# **Official Species List**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

(812) 334-4261

**Indiana Ecological Services Field Office** 620 South Walker Street Bloomington, IN 47403-2121

### **Project Summary**

Consultation Code:	03E12000-2021-SLI-0050
Event Code:	03E12000-2021-E-00200
Project Name:	Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County
Project Type:	BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE
Project Description:	Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), with funding from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), intends to proceed with the railroad crossing improvement projects of the CSX Railroad crossings at both the 8th Avenue intersection and the 13th Street intersection, Des. Nos. 1900362 & 1801932. The project proposes to install a new bridge carrying 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad and also at the 13th Street & CSX Railroad intersection, too. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and 4.09 acres of temporary ROW acquisition is anticipated. The preferred method of traffic (MOT) maintenance would be a road closure
	with a detour, utilizing Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19th Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. The project limits extend approximately 0.25 miles along each leg of the intersection of 8th Avenue and 13th Street. Overhead utilities are located along the south side of 8th Avenue and along the eastern side of 13th Street. There will be permanent lighting installed or modified from the existing. No temporary lighting will be required for this project. Suitable summer habitat is located in the project vicinity. Up to 6 trees may be removed. Tree species affected may include: black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia), northern red oak (Quercus rubra), and sugar maple (Acer saccharu). During Butler,
	Fairman & Seufert's field investigation on August 7, 2019, no presence of endangered bats was identified. The letting date for this project is scheduled to be April 12, 2023 with construction anticipated to occur summer of 2023. A review of the USFWS database on October 9, 2020 did not indicate the presence of endangered bat species in or within 0.5 mile of the project area.

#### **Project Location:**

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/place/39.484612228843545N87.3975960478206W</u>



Counties: Vigo, IN

### **Endangered Species Act Species**

There is a total of 2 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

#### Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered
There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.	
Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949</u>	
Species survey guidelines:	
https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/guideline/survey/population/1/office/31440.pdf	
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species.	Threatened
This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:	
<ul> <li>Incidental take of the NLEB is not prohibited here. Federal agencies may consult using the</li> </ul>	
4(d) rule streamlined process. Transportation projects may consult using the programmatic	
process. See www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html	
Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045</u>	

### **Critical habitats**

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.



### United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Indiana Ecological Services Field Office 620 South Walker Street Bloomington, IN 47403-2121 Phone: (812) 334-4261 Fax: (812) 334-4273 http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/section7/s7process/step1.html



In Reply Refer To: October 19, 2020 Consultation Code: 03E12000-2021-I-0050 Event Code: 03E12000-2021-E-00309 Project Name: Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County

Subject: Concurrence verification letter for the 'Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County' project under the revised February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects within the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat.

To whom it may concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your request to verify that the **Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County** (Proposed Action) may rely on the concurrence provided in the February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects within the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat (PBO) to satisfy requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C 1531 *et seq.*).

Based on the information you provided (Project Description shown below), you have determined that the Proposed Action is within the scope and adheres to the criteria of the PBO, including the adoption of applicable avoidance and minimization measures, and may affect, but is <u>not likely to</u> <u>adversely affect</u> (NLAA) the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and/or the threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

The Service has 14 calendar days to notify the lead Federal action agency or designated nonfederal representative if we determine that the Proposed Action does not meet the criteria for a NLAA determination under the PBO. If we do <u>not</u> notify the lead Federal action agency or designated non-federal representative within that timeframe, you may proceed with the Proposed Action under the terms of the NLAA concurrence provided in the PBO. This verification period allows Service Field Offices to apply local knowledge to implementation of the PBO, as we may identify a small subset of actions having impacts that were unanticipated. In such instances, Service Field Offices may request additional information that is necessary to verify inclusion of the proposed action under the PBO.

**For Proposed Actions that include bridge/structure removal, replacement, and/or maintenance activities:** If your initial bridge/structure assessments failed to detect Indiana bats, but you later detect bats during construction, please submit the Post Assessment Discovery of Bats at Bridge/Structure Form (User Guide Appendix E) to this Service Office. In these instances, potential incidental take of Indiana bats may be exempted provided that the take is reported to the Service.

If the Proposed Action is modified, or new information reveals that it may affect the Indiana bat and/or Northern long-eared bat in a manner or to an extent not considered in the PBO, further review to conclude the requirements of ESA Section 7(a)(2) may be required. If the Proposed Action may affect any other federally-listed or proposed species, and/or any designated critical habitat, additional consultation between the lead Federal action agency and this Service Office is required. If the proposed action has the potential to take bald or golden eagles, additional coordination with the Service under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act may also be required. In either of these circumstances, please contact this Service Office.

### **Project Description**

The following project name and description was collected in IPaC as part of the endangered species review process.

#### Name

Des No. 1900362 & 1801932, 8th Avenue & 13th Street Intersections over CSX Railroad, Vigo County

#### Description

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# **Determination Key Result**

Based on your answers provided, this project(s) may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the endangered Indiana bat and/or the threatened Northern long-eared bat, therefore, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required. However, also based on your answers provided, this project may rely on the concurrence provided in the revised February 5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects within the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat.

### **Qualification Interview**

1. Is the project within the range of the Indiana bat<sup>[1]</sup>?

[1] See Indiana bat species profile Automatically answered Yes

2. Is the project within the range of the Northern long-eared bat<sup>[1]</sup>?

[1] See <u>Northern long-eared bat species profile</u> Automatically answered Yes

- 3. Which Federal Agency is the lead for the action?*A) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)*
- 4. Are *all* project activities limited to non-construction<sup>[1]</sup> activities only? (examples of non-construction activities include: bridge/abandoned structure assessments, surveys, planning and technical studies, property inspections, and property sales)

[1] Construction refers to activities involving ground disturbance, percussive noise, and/or lighting. *No* 

5. Does the project include *any* activities that are **greater than** 300 feet from existing road/ rail surfaces<sup>[1]</sup>?

[1] Road surface is defined as the actively used [e.g. motorized vehicles] driving surface and shoulders [may be pavement, gravel, etc.] and rail surface is defined as the edge of the actively used rail ballast.

No

6. Does the project include *any* activities **within** 0.5 miles of a known Indiana bat and/or NLEB hibernaculum<sup>[1]</sup>?

[1] For the purpose of this consultation, a hibernaculum is a site, most often a cave or mine, where bats hibernate during the winter (see suitable habitat), but could also include bridges and structures if bats are found to be hibernating there during the winter.

No

- 7. Is the project located **within** a karst area? *No*
- 8. Is there *any* suitable<sup>[1]</sup> summer habitat for Indiana Bat or NLEB **within** the project action area<sup>[2]</sup>? (includes any trees suitable for maternity, roosting, foraging, or travelling habitat)

[1] See the Service's <u>summer survey guidance</u> for our current definitions of suitable habitat.

[2] The action area is defined as all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action (50 CFR Section 402.02). Further clarification is provided by the national consultation FAQs.

Yes

9. Will the project remove *any* suitable summer habitat<sup>[1]</sup> and/or remove/trim any existing trees **within** suitable summer habitat?

[1] See the Service's <u>summer survey guidance</u> for our current definitions of suitable habitat. *Yes* 

10. Will the project clear more than 20 acres of suitable habitat per 5-mile section of road/rail? *No* 

# 11. Have presence/probable absence (P/A) summer surveys<sup>[1][2]</sup> been conducted<sup>[3][4]</sup> within the suitable habitat located within your project action area?

[1] See the Service's <u>summer survey guidance</u> for our current definitions of suitable habitat.

[2] Presence/probable absence summer surveys conducted within the fall swarming/spring emergence home range of a documented Indiana bat hibernaculum (contact local Service Field Office for appropriate distance from hibernacula) that result in a negative finding requires additional consultation with the local Service Field Office to determine if clearing of forested habitat is appropriate and/or if seasonal clearing restrictions are needed to avoid and minimize potential adverse effects on fall swarming and spring emerging Indiana bats.

[3] For projects within the range of either the Indiana bat or NLEB in which suitable habitat is present, and no bat surveys have been conducted, the transportation agency will assume presence of the appropriate species. This assumption of presence should be based upon the presence of suitable habitat and the capability of bats to occupy it because of their mobility.

[4] Negative presence/probable absence survey results obtained using the <u>summer survey guidance</u> are valid for a minimum of two years from the completion of the survey unless new information (e.g., other nearby surveys) suggest otherwise.

#### No

#### 12. Does the project include activities **within documented Indiana bat habitat**<sup>[1][2]</sup>?

[1] Documented roosting or foraging habitat – for the purposes of this consultation, we are considering documented habitat as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked using (1) radio telemetry to roosts; (2) radio telemetry biangulation/triangulation to estimate foraging areas; or (3) foraging areas with repeated use documented using acoustics. Documented roosting habitat is also considered as suitable summer habitat within 0.25 miles of documented roosts.)

[2] For the purposes of this key, we are considering documented corridors as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked to using (1) radio telemetry; or (2) treed corridors located directly between documented roosting and foraging habitat.

No

# 13. Will the removal or trimming of habitat or trees occur **within** suitable but **undocumented Indiana bat** roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors?

Yes

# 14. What time of year will the removal or trimming of habitat or trees **within** suitable but **undocumented Indiana bat** roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors occur<sup>[1]</sup>?

[1] Coordinate with the local Service Field Office for appropriate dates.

B) During the inactive season

#### 15. Does the project include activities **within documented NLEB habitat**<sup>[1][2]</sup>?

[1] Documented roosting or foraging habitat – for the purposes of this consultation, we are considering documented habitat as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked using (1) radio telemetry to roosts; (2) radio telemetry biangulation/triangulation to estimate foraging areas; or (3) foraging areas with repeated use documented using acoustics. Documented roosting habitat is also considered as suitable summer habitat within 0.25 miles of documented roosts.)

[2] For the purposes of this key, we are considering documented corridors as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked to using (1) radio telemetry; or (2) treed corridors located directly between documented roosting and foraging habitat.

No

- 16. Will the removal or trimming of habitat or trees occur within suitable but undocumented NLEB roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors?
  Yes
- 17. What time of year will the removal or trimming of habitat or trees **within** suitable but **undocumented NLEB** roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors occur?

*B) During the inactive season* 

- 18. Will *any* tree trimming or removal occur **within** 100 feet of existing road/rail surfaces? *Yes*
- 19. Will *any* tree trimming or removal occur **between** 100-300 feet of existing road/rail surfaces?

No

- 20. Are *all* trees that are being removed clearly demarcated? *Yes*
- 21. Will the removal of habitat or the removal/trimming of trees include installing new or replacing existing **permanent** lighting?

Yes

22. Does the project include wetland or stream protection activities associated with compensatory wetland mitigation?

No

- 23. Does the project include slash pile burning? *No*
- 24. Does the project include *any* bridge removal, replacement, and/or maintenance activities (e.g., any bridge repair, retrofit, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation work)? *No*
- 25. Does the project include the removal, replacement, and/or maintenance of *any* structure other than a bridge? (e.g., rest areas, offices, sheds, outbuildings, barns, parking garages, etc.)

No

- 26. Will the project involve the use of **temporary** lighting *during* the active season? *No*
- 27. Will the project install *any* new or replace any existing **permanent** lighting in addition to the lighting already indicated for habitat removal (including the removal or trimming of trees) or bridge/structure removal, replacement or maintenance activities? *Yes*
- 28. Is there *any* suitable habitat **within** 1,000 feet of the location(s) where **permanent** lighting (other than the lighting already indicated for habitat removal (including the removal or trimming of trees) or bridge/structure removal, replacement or maintenance activities) will be installed or replaced?

Yes

29. Does the project include percussives or other activities (**not including tree removal**/ **trimming or bridge/structure work**) that will increase noise levels above existing traffic/ background levels?

No

30. Are *all* project activities that are **not associated with** habitat removal, tree removal/ trimming, bridge and/or structure activities, temporary or permanent lighting, or use of percussives, limited to actions that DO NOT cause any additional stressors to the bat species?

Examples: lining roadways, unlighted signage, rail road crossing signals, signal lighting, and minor road repair such as asphalt fill of potholes, etc.

Yes

- 31. Will the project raise the road profile **above the tree canopy**? *Yes*
- 32. Is the area where the road profile will be raised **above the tree canopy** within 1,000 feet of **documented** Indiana bat or NLEB habitat<sup>[1][2]</sup>?

[1] Documented roosting or foraging habitat – for the purposes of this consultation, we are considering documented habitat as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked using (1) radio telemetry to roosts; (2) radio telemetry biangulation/triangulation to estimate foraging areas; or (3) foraging areas with repeated use documented using acoustics. Documented roosting habitat is also considered as suitable summer habitat within 0.25 miles of documented roosts.)

[2] For the purposes of this key, we are considering documented corridors as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked to using (1) radio telemetry; or (2) treed corridors located directly between documented roosting and foraging habitat.

No

33. Are the project activities that are not associated with habitat removal, tree removal/ trimming, bridge and/or structure activities, temporary or permanent lighting, or use of percussives consistent with a No Effect determination in this key?

#### Automatically answered

Yes, other project activities are limited to actions that DO NOT cause any additional stressors to the bat species as described in the BA/BO

34. Is the habitat removal portion of this project consistent with a Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination in this key?

#### Automatically answered

Yes, because the tree removal/trimming that occurs outside of the Indiana bat's active season occurs greater than 0.5 miles from the nearest hibernaculum, is less than 100 feet from the existing road/rail surface, includes clear demarcation of the trees that are to be removed, and does not alter documented roosts and/or surrounding summer habitat within 0.25 miles of a documented roost.

35. Is the habitat removal portion of this project consistent with a Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination in this key?

#### Automatically answered

Yes, because the tree removal/trimming that occurs outside of the NLEB's active season occurs greater than 0.5 miles from the nearest hibernaculum, is less than 100 feet from the existing road/rail surface, includes clear demarcation of the trees that are to be removed, and does not alter documented roosts and/or surrounding summer habitat within 0.25 miles of a documented roost.

#### 36. General AMM 1

Will the project ensure *all* operators, employees, and contractors working in areas of known or presumed bat habitat are aware of *all* FHWA/FRA/FTA (Transportation Agencies) environmental commitments, including all applicable Avoidance and Minimization Measures?

Yes

#### 37. Tree Removal AMM 1

Can *all* phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments) be modified, to the extent practicable, to avoid tree removal<sup>[1]</sup> in excess of what is required to implement the project safely?

Note: Tree Removal AMM 1 is a minimization measure, the full implementation of which may not always be practicable. Projects may still be NLAA as long as Tree Removal AMMs 2, 3, and 4 are implemented and LAA as long as Tree Removal AMMs 3, 5, 6, and 7 are implemented.

[1] The word "trees" as used in the AMMs refers to trees that are suitable habitat for each species within their range. See the USFWS' current summer survey guidance for our latest definitions of suitable habitat.

Yes

#### 38. Tree Removal AMM 3

Can tree removal be limited to that specified in project plans and ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field (e.g., install bright colored flagging/fencing prior to any tree clearing to ensure contractors stay within clearing limits)?

Yes

#### 39. Tree Removal AMM 4

Can the project avoid cutting down/removal of *all* (1) **documented**<sup>[1]</sup> Indiana bat or NLEB roosts<sup>[2]</sup> (that are still suitable for roosting), (2) trees **within** 0.25 miles of roosts, and (3) documented foraging habitat any time of year?

[1] The word documented means habitat where bats have actually been captured and/or tracked.

[2] Documented roosting or foraging habitat – for the purposes of this consultation, we are considering documented habitat as that where Indiana bats and/or NLEB have actually been captured and tracked using (1) radio telemetry to roosts; (2) radio telemetry biangulation/triangulation to estimate foraging areas; or (3) foraging areas with repeated use documented using acoustics. Documented roosting habitat is also considered as suitable summer habitat within 0.25 miles of documented roosts.)

Yes

#### 40. Lighting AMM 2

Does the lead agency use the BUG (Backlight, Uplight, and Glare) system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society<sup>[1][2]</sup> to rate the amount of light emitted in unwanted directions?

[1] Refer to Fundamentals of Lighting - BUG Ratings

[2] Refer to The BUG System—A New Way To Control Stray Light

Yes

#### 41. Lighting AMM 2

Will the **permanent** lighting used during removal of suitable habitat and/or the removal/ trimming of trees within suitable habitat be designed to be as close to 0 for all three BUG ratings as possible, with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable?

Yes

#### 42. Lighting AMM 2

Does the lead agency use the BUG (Backlight, Uplight, and Glare) system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society<sup>[1][2]</sup> to rate the amount of light emitted in unwanted directions?

- [1] Refer to Fundamentals of Lighting BUG Ratings
- [2] Refer to The BUG System—A New Way To Control Stray Light

Yes

#### 43. Lighting AMM 2

Will the **permanent** lighting (other than any lighting already indicated for tree clearing or bridge/structure removal, replacement or maintenance activities) be designed to be as close to 0 for all three BUG ratings as possible, with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable?

Yes

### **Project Questionnaire**

1. Have you made a No Effect determination for *all* other species indicated on the FWS IPaC generated species list?

Yes

2. Have you made a May Affect determination for *any* other species on the FWS IPaC generated species list?

No

3. How many acres<sup>[1]</sup> of trees are proposed for removal between 0-100 feet of the existing road/rail surface?

[1] If described as number of trees, multiply by 0.09 to convert to acreage and enter that number. 0.54

### Avoidance And Minimization Measures (AMMs)

This determination key result includes the committment to implement the following Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs):

**GENERAL AMM 1** 

Ensure all operators, employees, and contractors working in areas of known or presumed bat habitat are aware of all FHWA/FRA/FTA (Transportation Agencies) environmental commitments, including all applicable AMMs.

LIGHTING AMM 2

When installing new or replacing existing permanent lights, use downward-facing, full cut-off lens lights (with same intensity or less for replacement lighting); or for those transportation agencies using the BUG system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society, be as close to 0 for all three ratings with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable.

#### TREE REMOVAL AMM 1

Modify all phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments) to avoid tree removal.

#### TREE REMOVAL AMM 2

Apply time of year restrictions for tree removal when bats are not likely to be present, or limit tree removal to 10 or fewer trees per project at any time of year within 100 feet of existing road/ rail surface and **outside of documented** roosting/foraging habitat or travel corridors; visual emergence survey must be conducted with <u>no bats observed</u>.

#### **TREE REMOVAL AMM 3**

Ensure tree removal is limited to that specified in project plans and ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field (e.g., install bright colored flagging/fencing prior to any tree clearing to ensure contractors stay within clearing limits).

#### **TREE REMOVAL AMM 4**

Do not remove **documented** Indiana bat or NLEB roosts that are still suitable for roosting, or trees within 0.25 miles of roosts, or **documented** foraging habitat any time of year.

### Determination Key Description: FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Consultation For Transportation Projects Affecting NLEB Or Indiana Bat

This key was last updated in IPaC on December 02, 2019. Keys are subject to periodic revision.

This decision key is intended for projects/activities funded or authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and/or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which may require consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the threatened **Northern long-eared bat** (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

This decision key should <u>only</u> be used to verify project applicability with the Service's <u>February</u> <u>5, 2018, FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects</u>. The programmatic biological opinion covers limited transportation activities that may affect either bat species, and addresses situations that are both likely and not likely to adversely affect either bat species. This decision key will assist in identifying the effect of a specific project/activity and applicability of the programmatic consultation. The programmatic biological opinion is <u>not</u> intended to cover all types of transportation actions. Activities outside the scope of the programmatic biological opinion, or that may affect ESA-listed species other than the Indiana bat or NLEB, or any designated critical habitat, may require additional ESA Section 7 consultation.

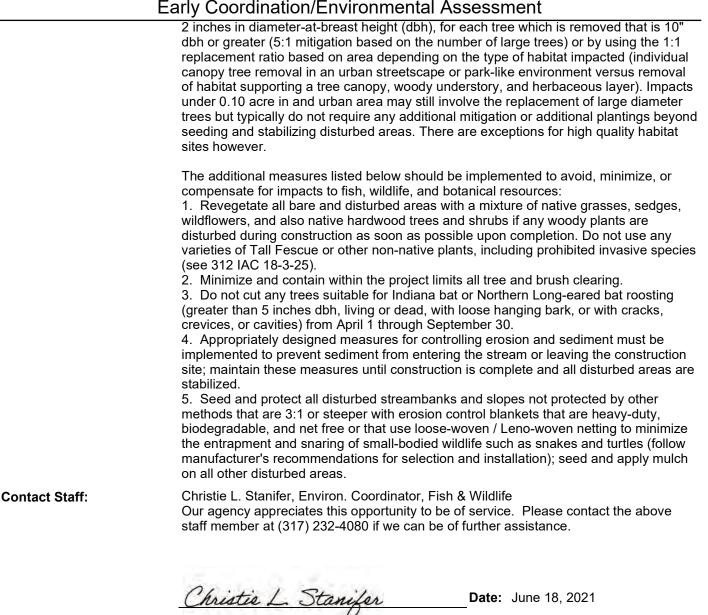
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#### State of Indiana DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Fish and Wildlife

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #:	ER-23732	Request Received: May 20, 2021			
Requestor:	Brittney Layto	ld Boulevard, Suite 300			
Project:		13th Street and 8th Street new bridge construction over CSX Railroad, construction of 2 roundabouts, and relocation of Plum Street, City of Terre Haute; Lead Des #1900842 & Des #1801932			
County/Site inf	o:	Vigo			
		The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.			
		If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.			
Regulatory Assessment:		Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.			
Natural Heritag	je Database:	The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.			
Fish & Wildlife Comments:		If tree removal is needed, the Division of Fish & Wildlife recommends avoiding removing urban trees to the greatest extent possible and replacing trees that must be removed. Street trees are important to fish and wildlife resources in urban areas. Indiana's street trees also provide millions of dollars of tangible benefits to Indiana communities by their presence in the urban environment. Their shade and beauty contribute to the quality of life. They provide significant increases in real estate values, create attractive settings for commercial businesses, and improve community neighborhood appeal. Trees decrease energy consumption by providing shade and acting as windbreaks. They reduce water treatment costs and impede soil erosion by slowing the runoff of stormwater. Trees also cool the air temperature, cleanse pollutants from the air, and produce oxygen while absorbing carbon dioxide. Trees are an integral component of the urban environment. Proactively managing and maintaining a street tree population will ultimately maximize the benefits afforded by their aesthetic and ecological functions. The following links give a good overview of the benefits of a street tree program and how to select the right species to avoid the negative impacts of non-native invasive species such as the common and popular Bradford pear. https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3605.htm > Community & Urban Forestry > Tree Species Lists.			
		We recommend a mitigation plan be developed (and submitted with the permit application, if required) for any unavoidable habitat impacts that will occur. The DNR's Habitat Mitigation guidelines (and plant lists) can be found online at: http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/20200527-IR-312200284NRA.xml.pdf.			
		Impacts to non-wetland forest of one (1) acre or more should be mitigated at a minimum 2:1 ratio. If less than one acre of non-wetland forest is removed in a rural setting, replacement should be at a 1:1 ratio based on area. Impacts to non-wetland forest under one (1) acre in an urban setting should be mitigated by planting five trees, at least			

#### State of Indiana DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Fish and Wildlife Farly Coordination/Environmental Assessme



Christie L. Stanifer Environ. Coordinator Division of Fish and Wildlife



June 10, 2021

Brittney Layton Butler, Fairman & Seufert 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 blayton@bfsengr.com

Dear Ms. Layton:

The proposed project to construct a new bridge that will elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, (Des No 1900842) as referred to in your letter received May 20, 2021, will not cause a conversion of prime farmland.

If you need additional information, please contact John Allen at 317-295-5859.

Sincerely,

RICHARD Digitally signed by RICHARD NEILSON NEILSON Date: 2021.06.14 14:37:41 -04'00'

RICK NEILSON State Soil Scientist

#### NOTE: Response received from INDOT Office of Aviation.

#### **Brittney Layton**

From:	Courtade, Julian <jcourtade@indot.in.gov></jcourtade@indot.in.gov>
Sent:	Friday, May 21, 2021 7:51 AM
То:	Brittney Layton
Subject:	RE: Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Brittney -

I reviewed the Early Coordination Letter and found no issues with any surrounding airspace or public-use airports. This is due to the project meeting the required glideslope criteria from the nearest public-use facility according to 14 CFR Part 77 – Safe, efficient use, and preservation of the navigable airspace.

If any object will exceed 200 ft in height regardless of location, the object will need to be airspaced with the FAA 45 days prior to construction through the OEAAA portal below.

https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/searchAction.jsp

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,



From: Brittney Layton <BLayton@bfsengr.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:27 PM
Subject: Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

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We respectfully request your review of the attached Early Coordination Packet within 30 days. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I will also follow this up with a second email containing site photographs of the project area. The file is being sent separately due to the size.



# Vigo County Surveyor's Office



### Bruce Allen Jr. Vigo County Surveyor

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June 9, 2021

Brittney Layton, Environmental scientist Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240

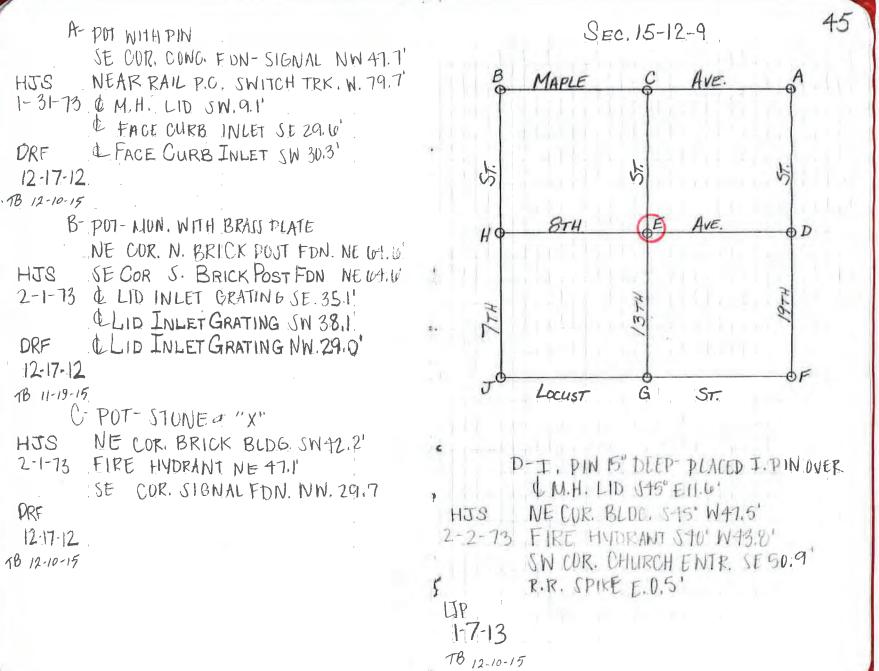
Re: Des No: 1900842 & 1801932 13<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. New Bridge over CSX Railroad, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Brittney Layton

Our office has reviewed the information included in your letter regarding **Des NO: 1900842 & 1801932.** We have identified **1** existing Section Corner marker, **3** existing Subdivision Corners and **4** potential Subdivision Corners in the proposed construction area of the **13<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. New Bridge over CSX Railroad.** 

We have included a Map of the subject area and info from our stone books for your review. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office at: 812-462-3380. Sincerely,

Bruce Allen Jr. Vigo County Surveyor



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E- POT

NW COR BLDG. SE 40.5' HJS & M.H. LID N. 24.7' 2-2-73 & DRAIN NE 30.6' & DRAIN NW 30.6' UP FIRE HYDRANT SZ5° W 39.0' 1-7-13 TB 12-10-15

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TB 12-10-15

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TB 12-10-15

SEC. 15-12-9

H-POT HJJS & M.H. LID N. 2° W. 12.2' 2-5-73 WATER LID J.5° E 11.9' WATER LID J.55" W. 25.2' LIP 1-7-13

TB 12-10-15

J J- POT- I. PIN

- HJS CH.H. LID SW. 27.3
  - 2-5-73 C M.H. LID VE. 33.5'

LIP INSIDE COR. OF WALKS NW 44.2'

1-7.13 TB 12-10-15 46



#### NOTE: Response received from City of Terre Haute Police Chief

#### **Brittney Layton**

From:	Keen, Shawn <shawn.keen@terrehaute.in.gov></shawn.keen@terrehaute.in.gov>
Sent:	Monday, May 24, 2021 4:02 PM
То:	Brittney Layton
Subject:	RE: *Ext!* Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Brittney,

I have received it. Thank you

Shawn Keen Chief of Police Terre Haute Police Department (812) 244-2217



259th Session

From: Brittney Layton <BLayton@bfsengr.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Keen, Shawn <Shawn.Keen@terrehaute.in.gov>
Subject: \*Ext!\* Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

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Thank you, again, for following with me. I greatly appreciate your time!

Respectfully, Brittney Layton, M.A. Environmental Scientist

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#### NOTE: Response received from IDEM Office of Land Quality Remediation Services Branch

From:	Schrowe, Lynette
То:	Brittney Layton
Cc:	VEATCH, TIM
Subject:	RE: Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN
Date:	Monday, June 28, 2021 1:58:43 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png Terre Haute INDOT.PNG

Brittany,

Good afternoon. Thank you for your email regarding INDOT's proposed construction activities in Terre Haute/Vigo County.

Upon review of IDEM's GIS Layers, the only IDEM Office of Land Quality project in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Streets is a Leaking underground Storage tank. (H-Mart 1600 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, FID #9215). ((See attached figure) H-mart received a No Further Action in April 2004. For the soil excavation, proper handling, removal, and disposal of soil must be completed if contamination is encountered. Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered due to the minimal depth of excavation in this area, but if groundwater is encountered it must be properly handled, removed, and disposed. No additional measures, beyond INDOT's standard response to impacted soil or groundwater, are needed.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me using the information below. Best,



#### Lynette Schrowe

Technical Environmental Specialist | Remediation Services Branch | Office of Land Quality Indiana Department of Environmental Management

(317) 234-8622 | <u>lschrowe1l@idem.IN.gov</u>

From: VEATCH, TIM <TVEATCH@idem.IN.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Schrowe, Lynette <LSchrowe1@idem.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: Early Coordination Des. Nos. 1900842 & 1801932, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

From: Brittney Layton <<u>BLayton@bfsengr.com</u>>
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# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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INDOT TRAX Program Jason Springer, TRAX Project Manager 100 N. Senate Avenue, N758-LP Indianapolis, IN 46204 Butler, Fairman, & Suefert, Inc. Brittney Layton, Environmental Scientist 8450 Westfield Blvd Suite 300 Indianapolis , IN 46240

Date

To Engineers and Consultants Proposing Roadway Construction Projects:

RE: Des. Nos.: 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) & 1801932 (Road), 13th Street and 8th Avenue New Bridge over CSX Railroad, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

This letter from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) serves as a standardized response to enquiries inviting IDEM comments on roadway construction, reconstruction, or other improvement projects within existing roadway corridors when the proposed scope of the project is beneath the threshold requiring a formal National Environmental Policy Act-mandated Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. As the letter attempts to address all roadway-related environmental topics of potential concern, it is possible that not every topic addressed in the letter will be applicable to your particular roadway project.

For additional information on specific roadway-related topics of interest, please visit the appropriate Web pages cited below, many of which provide contact information for persons within the various program areas who can answer questions not fully addressed in this letter. Also please be mindful that some environmental requirements may be subject to change and so each person intending to include a copy of this letter in their project documentation packet is advised to download the most recently revised version of the letter; found at: http://www.in.gov/idem/5283.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/5283.htm).

To ensure that all environmentally-related issues are adequately addressed, IDEM recommends that you read this letter in its entirety, and consider each of the following issues as you move forward with the planning of your proposed roadway construction, reconstruction, or improvement project:

# WATER AND BIOTIC QUALITY

1. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that you obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) before discharging dredged or fill materials into any wetlands or other waters, such as rivers, lakes, streams, and ditches. Other activities regulated include the relocation, channelization, widening, or other such alteration of a stream, and the mechanical clearing (use of heavy construction equipment) of wetlands. Thus, as a project owner or sponsor, it is your responsibility to ensure that no wetlands are disturbed without the proper permit. Although you may initially refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory maps as a means of identifying potential areas of concern, please be mindful that those maps do not depict jurisdictional wetlands regulated by the USACE or the Department of

Environmental Management. A valid jurisdictional wetlands determination can only be made by the USACE, using the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual.

USACE recommends that you have a consultant check to determine whether your project will abut, or lie within, a wetland area. To view a list of consultants that have requested to be included on a list posted by the USACE on their Web site, see USACE Permits and Public Notices (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp) (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp) (http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp)) and then click on "Information" from the menu on the right-hand side of that page. Their "Consultant List" is the fourth entry down on the "Information" page. Please note that the USACE posts all consultants that request to appear on the list, and that inclusion of any particular consultant on the list does not represent an endorsement of that consultant by the USACE, or by IDEM.

Much of northern Indiana (Newton, Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, LaGrange, Steuben, and Dekalb counties; large portions of Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Noble, Allen, and Adams counties; and lesser portions of Benton, White, Pulaski, Kosciusko, and Wells counties) is served by the USACE District Office in Detroit (313-226-6812). The central and southern portions of the state (large portions of Benton, White, Pulaski, Kosciosko, and Wells counties; smaller portions of Jasper, Starke, Marshall , Noble, Allen, and Adams counties; and all other Indiana counties located in north-central, central, and southern Indiana ) are served by the USACE Louisville District Office (502-315-6733).

Additional information on contacting these U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) District Offices, government agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands, and other water quality issues, can be found at http://www.in.gov/idem/4396.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4396.htm). IDEM recommends that impacts to wetlands and other water resources be avoided to the fullest extent.

- 2. In the event a Section 404 wetlands permit is required from the USACE, you also must obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the IDEM Office of Water Quality Wetlands Program. To learn more about the Wetlands Program, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm).
- 3. If the USACE determines that a wetland or other water body is isolated and not subject to Clean Water Act regulation, it is still regulated by the state of Indiana . A State Isolated Wetland permit from IDEM's Office of Water Quality (OWQ) is required for any activity that results in the discharge of dredged or fill materials into isolated wetlands. To learn more about isolated wetlands, contact the OWQ Wetlands Program at 317-233-8488.
- 4. If your project will involve over a 0.5 acre of wetland impact, stream relocation, or other large-scale alterations to water bodies such as the creation of a dam or a water diversion, you should seek additional input from the OWQ Wetlands Program staff. Consult the Web at: http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4384.htm) for the appropriate staff contact to further discuss your project.
- 5. Work within the one-hundred year floodway of a given water body is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water. The Division issues permits for activities regulated under the follow statutes:
  - IC 14-26-2 Lakes Preservation Act 312 IAC 11
  - IC 14-26-5 Lowering of Ten Acre Lakes Act No related code
  - IC 14-28-1 Flood Control Act 310 IAC 6-1
  - IC 14-29-1 Navigable Waterways Act 312 IAC 6
  - IC 14-29-3 Sand and Gravel Permits Act 312 IAC 6
  - IC 14-29-4 Construction of Channels Act No related code

For information on these Indiana (statutory) Code and Indiana Administrative Code citations, see the DNR Web site at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/9451.htm (http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/9451.htm) . Contact the DNR Division of Water at 317-232-4160 for further information.

The physical disturbance of the stream and riparian vegetation, especially large trees overhanging any affected water bodies should be limited to only that which is absolutely necessary to complete the project. The shade provided by the large overhanging trees helps maintain proper stream temperatures and dissolved oxygen for aquatic life.

- 6. For projects involving construction activity (which includes clearing, grading, excavation and other land disturbing activities) that result in the disturbance of one (1), or more, acres of total land area, contact the Office of Water Quality Watershed Planning Branch (317/233-1864) regarding the need for of a Rule 5 Storm Water Runoff Permit. Visit the following Web page
  - http://www.in.gov/idem/4902.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4902.htm)

To obtain, and operate under, a Rule 5 permit you will first need to develop a Construction Plan (http://www.in.gov/idem/4917.htm#constreq (http://www.in.gov/idem/4917.htm#constreq)), and as described in 327 IAC 15-5-6.5 (http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00150 [PDF] (http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00150.PDF), pages 16 through 19). Before you may apply for a Rule 5 Permit, or begin construction, you must submit your Construction Plan to your county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) (http://www.in.gov/isda/soil/contacts/map.html (http://www.in.gov/isda/soil/contacts/map.html)).

Upon receipt of the construction plan, personnel of the SWCD or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will review the plan to determine if it meets the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5. Plans that are deemed deficient will require re-submittal. If the plan is sufficient you will be notified and instructed to submit the verification to IDEM as part of the Rule 5 Notice of Intent (NOI) submittal. Once construction begins, staff of the SWCD or Indiana Department of Environmental Management will perform inspections of activities at the site for compliance with the regulation.

Please be mindful that approximately 149 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) areas are now being established by various local governmental entities throughout the state as part of the implementation of Phase II federal storm water requirements. All of these MS4 areas will eventually take responsibility for Construction Plan review, inspection, and enforcement. As these MS4 areas obtain program approval from IDEM, they will be added to a list of MS4 areas posted on the IDEM Website at: http://www.in.gov/idem/4900.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4900.htm).

If your project is located in an IDEM-approved MS4 area, please contact the local MS4 program about meeting their storm water requirements. Once the MS4 approves the plan, the NOI can be submitted to IDEM.

Regardless of the size of your project, or which agency you work with to meet storm water requirements, IDEM recommends that appropriate structures and techniques be utilized both during the construction phase, and after completion of the project, to minimize the impacts associated with storm water runoff. The use of appropriate planning and site development and appropriate storm water quality measures are recommended to prevent soil from leaving the construction site during active land disturbance and for post construction water quality concerns. Information and assistance regarding storm water related to construction activities are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices in each county or from IDEM.

- 7. For projects involving impacts to fish and botanical resources, contact the Department of Natural Resources
   Division of Fish and Wildlife (317/232-4080) for addition project input.
- 8. For projects involving water main construction, water main extensions, and new public water supplies, contact the Office of Water Quality Drinking Water Branch (317-308-3299) regarding the need for permits.
- For projects involving effluent discharges to waters of the State of Indiana , contact the Office of Water Quality - Permits Branch (317-233-0468) regarding the need for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- 10. For projects involving the construction of wastewater facilities and sewer lines, contact the Office of Water Quality Permits Branch (317-232-8675) regarding the need for permits.

### **AIR QUALITY**

The above-noted project should be designed to minimize any impact on ambient air quality in, or near, the project area. The project must comply with all federal and state air pollution regulations. Consideration should be given to the following:

1. Regarding open burning, and disposing of organic debris generated by land clearing activities; some types of open burning are allowed (http://www.in.gov/idem/4148.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4148.htm)) under specific conditions. You also can seek an open burning variance from IDEM.

However, IDEM generally recommends that you take vegetative wastes to a registered yard waste composting facility or that the waste be chipped or shredded with composting on site (you must register with IDEM if more than 2,000 pounds is to be composted; contact 317/232-0066). The finished compost can then be used as a mulch or soil amendment. You also may bury any vegetative wastes (such as leaves, twigs, branches, limbs, tree trunks and stumps) onsite, although burying large quantities of such material can lead to subsidence problems, later on.

Reasonable precautions must be taken to minimize fugitive dust emissions from construction and demolition activities. For example, wetting the area with water, constructing wind barriers, or treating dusty areas with chemical stabilizers (such as calcium chloride or several other commercial products). Dirt tracked onto paved roads from unpaved areas should be minimized.

Additionally, if construction or demolition is conducted in a wooded area where blackbirds have roosted or abandoned buildings or building sections in which pigeons or bats have roosted for 3-5 years precautionary measures should be taken to avoid an outbreak of histoplasmosis. This disease is caused by the fungus Histoplasma capsulatum, which stems from bird or bat droppings that have accumulated in one area for 3-5 years. The spores from this fungus become airborne when the area is disturbed and can cause infections over an entire community downwind of the site. The area should be wetted down prior to cleanup or demolition of the project site. For more detailed information on histoplasmosis prevention and control, please contact the Acute Disease Control Division of the Indiana State Department of Health at (317) 233-7272.

 The U.S. EPA and the Surgeon General recommend that people not have long-term exposure to radon at levels above 4 pCi/L. (For a county-by-county map of predicted radon levels in Indiana, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm).)

The U.S. EPA further recommends that all homes (and apartments within three stories of ground level) be tested for radon. If in-home radon levels are determined to be 4 pCi/L, or higher, EPA recommends a follow-up test. If the second test confirms that radon levels are 4 pCi/L, or higher, EPA recommends the installation

of radon-reduction measures. (For a list of qualified radon testers and radon mitigation (or reduction) specialists visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/pdfs/radon\_testers\_mitigators\_list.pdf (http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/pdfs/radon\_testers\_mitigators\_list.pdf).) It also is recommended that radon reduction measures be built into all new homes, particularly in areas like Indiana that have moderate to high predicted radon levels.

To learn more about radon, radon risks, and ways to reduce exposure visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/radon.htm (http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/radon.htm), http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4145.htm), or http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html (http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html).

3. With respect to asbestos removal: all facilities slated for renovation or demolition (except residential buildings that have (4) four or fewer dwelling units and which will not be used for commercial purposes) must be inspected by an Indiana-licensed asbestos inspector prior to the commencement of any renovation or demolition activities. If regulated asbestos-containing material (RACM) that may become airborne is found, any subsequent demolition, renovation, or asbestos removal activities must be performed in accordance with the proper notification and emission control requirements.

If no asbestos is found where a renovation activity will occur, or if the renovation involves removal of less than 260 linear feet of RACM off of pipes, less than 160 square feet of RACM off of other facility components, or less than 35 cubic feet of RACM off of all facility components, the owner or operator of the project does not need to notify IDEM before beginning the renovation activity.

For questions on asbestos demolition and renovation activities, you can also call IDEM's Lead/Asbestos section at 1-888-574-8150.

However, in all cases where a demolition activity will occur (even if no asbestos is found), the owner or operator must still notify IDEM 10 working days prior to the demolition, using the form found at http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/44593.pdf (http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/44593.pdf).

Anyone submitting a renovation/demolition notification form will be billed a notification fee based upon the amount of friable asbestos containing material to be removed or demolished. Projects that involve the removal of more than 2,600 linear feet of friable asbestos containing materials on pipes, or 1,600 square feet or 400 cubic feet of friable asbestos containing material on other facility components, will be billed a fee of \$150 per project; projects below these amounts will be billed a fee of \$50 per project. All notification remitters will be billed on a quarterly basis.

For more information about IDEM policy regarding asbestos removal and disposal, visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4983.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4983.htm).

- 4. With respect to lead-based paint removal: IDEM encourages all efforts to minimize human exposure to lead-based paint chips and dust. IDEM is particularly concerned that young children exposed to lead can suffer from learning disabilities. Although lead-based paint abatement efforts are not mandatory, any abatement that is conducted within housing built before January 1, 1978, or a child-occupied facility is required to comply with all lead-based paint work practice standards, licensing and notification requirements. For more information about lead-based paint removal visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/19131.htm (http://www.in.gov/isdh/19131.htm).
- 5. Ensure that asphalt paving plants are permitted and operate properly. The use of cutback asphalt, or asphalt emulsion containing more than seven percent (7%) oil distillate, is prohibited during the months April through October. See 326 IAC 8-5-2, Asphalt Paving Rule

(http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/T03260/A00080.PDF (http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/T03260/A00080.PDF)).

- 6. If your project involves the construction of a new source of air emissions or the modification of an existing source of air emissions or air pollution control equipment, it will need to be reviewed by the IDEM Office of Air Quality (OAQ). A registration or permit may be required under 326 IAC 2 (View at: www.ai.org/legislative/iac/t03260/a00020.pdf (http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/t03260/a00020.pdf).) New sources that use or emit hazardous air pollutants may be subject to Section 112 of the Clean Air Act and corresponding state air regulations governing hazardous air pollutants.
- 7. For more information on air permits visit: http://www.in.gov/idem/4223.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4223.htm), or to initiate the IDEM air permitting process, please contact the Office of Air Quality Permit Reviewer of the Day at (317) 233-0178 or OAMPROD atdem.state.in.us.

# LAND QUALITY

In order to maintain compliance with all applicable laws regarding contamination and/or proper waste disposal, IDEM recommends that:

- 1. If the site is found to contain any areas used to dispose of solid or hazardous waste, you need to contact the Office of Land Quality (OLQ)at 317-308-3103.
- 2. All solid wastes generated by the project, or removed from the project site, need to be taken to a properly permitted solid waste processing or disposal facility. For more information, visit http://www.in.gov/idem/4998.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4998.htm).
- 3. If any contaminated soils are discovered during this project, they may be subject to disposal as hazardous waste. Please contact the OLQ at 317-308-3103 to obtain information on proper disposal procedures.
- 4. If PCBs are found at this site, please contact the Industrial Waste Section of OLQ at 317-308-3103 for information regarding management of any PCB wastes from this site.
- 5. If there are any asbestos disposal issues related to this site, please contact the Industrial Waste Section of OLQ at 317-308-3103 for information regarding the management of asbestos wastes (Asbestos removal is addressed above, under Air Quality).
- 6. If the project involves the installation or removal of an underground storage tank, or involves contamination from an underground storage tank, you must contact the IDEM Underground Storage Tank program at 317/308-3039. See: http://www.in.gov/idem/4999.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/4999.htm).

# FINAL REMARKS

Should you need to obtain any environmental permits in association with this proposed project, please be mindful that IC 13-15-8 requires that you notify all adjoining property owners and/or occupants within ten days your submittal of each permit application. However, if you are seeking multiple permits, you can still meet the notification requirement with a single notice if all required permit applications are submitted with the same ten day period.

Should the scope of the proposed project be expanded to the extent that a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required, IDEM will actively participate in any early interagency coordination review of the project.

Meanwhile, please note that this letter does not constitute a permit, license, endorsement or any other form of approval on the part of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding any project for which a copy of this letter is used. Also note that is it the responsibility of the project engineer or consultant using this letter to ensure that the most current draft of this document, which is located at http://www.in.gov/idem/5284.htm (http://www.in.gov/idem/5284.htm), is used.

# Signature(s) of the Applicant

I acknowledge that the following proposed roadway project will be financed in part, or in whole, by public monies.

### **Project Description**

Des. Nos.: 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) & 1801932 (Road), 13th Street and 8th Avenue New Bridge over CSX Railroad, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

With my signature, I do hereby affirm that I have read the letter from the Indiana Department of Environment that appears directly above. In addition, I understand that in order to complete that project in which I am interested, with a minimum of impact to the environment, I must consider all the issues addressed in the aforementioned letter, and further, that I must obtain any required permits.

Date: 6/16/2021

Signature of the INDOT Project Engineer or Other Responsible Agent \_

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Jason Springer, TRAX Project Manager

Date: 6-14-2021

Signature of the For Hire Consultant

Brittney Layton, Environmental Scientist



### **Organization and Project Information**

Project ID:	6369
Des. ID:	1900842 & 1801932
Project Title:	Grade Separation at 13th Street & 8th Avenue
Name of Organization:	Butler, Fairman, & Suefert, Inc.
Requested by:	Brittney Layton

### **Environmental Assessment Report**

- 1. Geological Hazards:
  - Moderate liquefaction potential
- 2. Mineral Resources:
  - Bedrock Resource: High Potential
  - Sand and Gravel Resource: High Potential
- 3. Active or abandoned mineral resources extraction sites:
  - None documented in the area

\*All map layers from Indiana Map (maps.indiana.edu)

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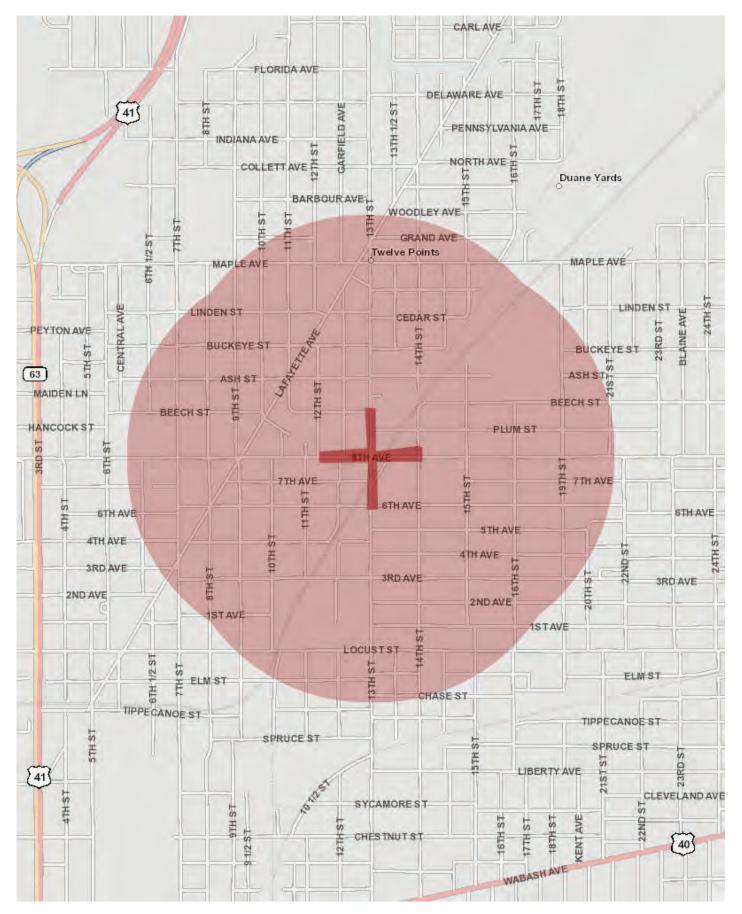
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- https://maps.indiana.edu/metadata/Geology/Bedrock\_Geology.html

Appendix D: Section 106 of the NHPA

#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties) AND SECTION 106 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS EFFECT FINDING 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

#### **AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS** (Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.4(a)(1))

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW), immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The APE consists of an approximately 0.20 mile radius from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with an extension around Spencer Park, to allow for the potential extent of visual impacts from new bridges (Appendix B, B3). The Archaeological APE is represented by the 10.7-acre survey area that includes the project footprint.

### **ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS** (Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2))

The APE does not contain any properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **EFFECT FINDING**

INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined a "No historic properties affected" finding is appropriate for this undertaking. INDOT respectfully requests the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer provide written concurrence with the Section 106 determination of effect.

#### SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties)

This undertaking will not convert property from any Section 4(f) historic property to a transportation use; the INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined the appropriate Section 106 finding is "No Historic Properties Affected"; therefore no Section 4(f) evaluation is required.

Shaun Miller V41 For

Anuradha V. Kumar, for FHWA Manager INDOT Cultural Resources

11/12/21

Approved Date

#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENTATION OF SECTION 106 FINDING OF NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER PURSUANT TO 36 CFR Section 800.4(d)(1) 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

#### **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes a grade separation of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad on the north side of the City of Terre Haute (Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842). Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. This project, which is part of INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West (Appendix B, B2). Land use in the area is mixed, consisting of residential neighborhoods at the periphery, commercial and industrial properties concentrated near the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and one park. The total project length is approximately 0.52 mile.

The need for this project is due to the high level of crossing blockage from train traffic on the St. Louis Line of the CSX Railroad. Because the railroad tracks are oriented diagonally to the street grid, each passing train stops traffic in all four directions. According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data, an average of 23 trains per day travel through the project area. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes, which results in crossings being blocked by trains for approximately 16% of the day. There have been 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two fatalities. In addition, expedient crossings of the railroad are necessary for emergency services based at Union Hospital, located approximately 0.5 miles west of the railroad. The purpose of this project is to reduce delays and improve mobility through the City of Terre Haute and to reduce the potential for train-vehicle crashes.

Work will entail the construction of two (2) separate 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge, to eliminate the at-grade railroad crossings. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall will be installed along the approaches. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (cul-de-sac), Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be come dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The intersection of N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Plum Street will be realigned to the north. Railroad Street will be closed (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities.

\*Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required. The project will require closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the institution of a detour.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW), immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The APE consists of an approximately 0.20-mile radius from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with an extension around Spencer Park, to allow for the potential extent of visual impacts from new bridges (Appendix B, B3). The Archaeological APE is represented by the 10.7-acre survey area that includes the project footprint.

#### 2. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) were consulted. No listed properties were found within the APE. The 1984 *Vigo County Interim Report*, the Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map (IHBBCM) and the Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) were checked by Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. (BF&S) on January 12, 2021. Six previously-surveyed properties were found within the APE. An Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)-qualified professional with BF&S conducted site visits on August 7, 2019 and January 13, 2021. Information from the site visit and research regarding historic resources were compiled into a Historic Property Report (HPR; BF&S, February 15, 2021 Appendix C, C1-C3). The HPR did not recommend any properties eligible for the National Register. The HPR was approved by the Indiana Department of Transportation-Cultural Resources Office (INDOT-CRO) on February 26, 2021.

The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is considered an automatic consulting party, and an early coordination letter was sent on November 30, 2020. All potential Consulting Parties were invited to view the information on INSCOPE <a href="http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/">http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</a>. In addition to the SHPO, the following individuals and organizations were sent an early coordination letter via email on November 30, 2020 (Appendix D, D1-D7):

Indiana Landmarks Western Regional Office Vigo County Historian Vigo County Historical Society Vigo County Commissioners Vigo County Highway Department Terre Haute Landmarks, Inc. Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Terre Haute Parks Department **Terre Haute City Council** Terre Haute Street Department Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Shawnee Tribe Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma Forest County Potawatomi Community

The SHPO responded on December 14, 2020 and stated they did not know any additional consulting parties who should be contacted (Appendix D, D8-D9; DHPA No. 26763).

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma responded on December 21, 2020, accepting consulting party status, and stating they were not aware of any Miami cultural or historic site and had no objections to the project at this time (Appendix D, D10).

The Forest County Potawatomi Community responded by email on December 28, 2020, stating the project area falls within their geographic area of interest and they would like to review the archaeological report (Appendix D, D11).

No other responses to the early coordination letter were received.

On March 1, 2021, a copy of the HPR was sent to the SHPO and participating consulting parties were given instructions how to view the report on INSCOPE (Appendix D, D12-D16).

The SHPO responded on March 29, 2021, stating, in part, "[...] we agree with the conclusion of the HPR that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places located within the project's APE," (Appendix D, D16-D17).

No other responses to the HPR were received.

In regard to archaeology, a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was conducted by SJC & Associates on May 27-28, 2021. As a result of these efforts, four sites were located within the APE. No sites were recommended eligible for the National Register and no further work was recommended (ASR; Appendix C, C4-C6). INDOT-CRO approved the ASR on August 18, 2021.

On August 18, 2021, a copy of the ASR was sent to the SHPO and participating consulting parties (Tribes only) were given instructions how to view the reports on INSCOPE (Appendix D, D19-D23).

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma responded on August 19, 2021, stating, in part, "The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is unaware of any documentation directly linking Indian Religious sites to the newly proposed project location. [...] The Peoria Tribe has no objections at this time to the proposed trax project," (Appendix D, D24).

The SHPO responded on September 14, 2021, stating, in part, "A review of the report indicates that four archaeological sites were documented [....] None of the sites appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and therefore we concur with the recommendation that the project may proceed without further archaeological reconnaissance," (Appendix D, D25-D26.)

No other responses to the ASR were received.

#### **3. BASIS FOR FINDING**

A recommendation of "No Historic Properties Affected" is appropriate for this undertaking because there are no properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register within the APE.

A public notice of "No Historic Properties Affected" will be published in the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*. A 30-day comment period will be given. This document will be revised, if necessary, after the public notice to reflect any comments received.

#### APPENDIX

Appendix A: Invited Consulting Parties Appendix B: Graphics	Please note that the state map, topo map,	
Appendix D: Cultural Resource Report Excerpts Appendix D: Correspondence	photo orientation map, site photos, and preliminary plans were removed to avoid duplication. See Appendix B for a copy of the maps, site photos and preliminary plans.	
*Please note: The right-of-way (ROW) totals noted above have changed due to plan development and refinement. The project requires approximately 5.902 acres of permanent ROW acquisition consisting of 5.199 acres of commercial property and 0.703 acre of residential property. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. Please see the RIGHT OF WAY section of the EA narrative for additional details.		

#### Appendix A: Invited Consulting Parties

#### Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

- Indiana Landmarks Western Regional Office
- Vigo County Historian
- Vigo County Historical Society
- Vigo County Commissioners
- Vigo County Highway Department
- Terre Haute Landmarks, Inc.
- Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Terre Haute Parks Department
- Terre Haute City Council
- Terre Haute Street Department
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

#### Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Shawnee Tribe
- Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
- **Forest County Potawatomi Community**

Parties in **bold** responded to consulting party invitation.



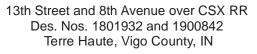


APE Project Area

Map Source: Indiana Geological Survey (IGS), IndianaMap, 2019 ArcGIS Online (ESRI) World Imagery.



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# HISTORIC PROPERTY REPORT

13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana Des. No.: 1801932 and 1900842





Elizabet Biggio and Kristi Miniello Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 713-4615 ebiggio@bfsengr.com February 15, 2021

#### Abstract

This report documents the identification and evaluation efforts for properties included in the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the [insert project title and location]. Above ground resources located within the project APE were identified and evaluated in accordance with Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, and the regulations implementing Section 106 (36 CFR Part 800).

As a result of the NHPA, as amended, and CFR Part 800, federal agencies are required to take into account the impact of federal undertakings upon historic properties in the area of the undertaking. Historic properties include buildings, structures, sites, objects, and/or districts that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). This project, which is part of the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT's) Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future; therefore, the Section 106 process will be completed.

The APE contains no properties listed in the National Register.

The APE contains no properties recommended eligible for listing in the National Register.

architecture, such as the smooth wall finish, rounded bay, and ribbon windows. However, a number of other elements, including the entryway and signage have been replaced. The early 2000s rear addition overwhelms the original building. As a whole, losses to material and design integrity are significant. Therefore, this property is not recommended National Register-eligible under Criterion C. This property has not yielded, and is not likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history and is not recommended National Register-eligible under Criterion D. IHSSI #167-628-20074/Merchant's Freight Building is not recommended eligible for the National Register.

#### Conclusions

The APE does not contain any properties currently listed in the National Register. As a result of identification and evaluation efforts for this project, no properties are recommended eligible for listing in the National Register.



A Phase Ia Archaeological Literature Review and Reconnaissance Survey for the Proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (Des 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana

Archaeological report

August 13, 2021

Lead Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Prepared for:

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240



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# INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FINDING IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT

This investigation documented four archaeological sites (12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861). The sites identified during the survey represent activities related to domestic sites associated to residential occupations. The recovered artifact assemblages supplemented by archival research suggest that sites 12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, and 12-Vi-1860 represent continual residential development during the northward expansion of Terre Haute in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries Lastly, site 12-Vi-1861 is characterized as an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century artifact scatter related to casual discard or refuse during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In December 2020, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. contracted SJCA, Inc., to conduct a Phase Ia archaeological literature review and reconnaissance survey for the proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Local Trax Railroad grade separation project (Des 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

This project, which is part of INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the FHWA in the future.

The proposed project is at the center of Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West. Eighth Avenue bisects the project east to west and 13<sup>th</sup> Street north to south on the USGS 1986 Terre Haute quadrangle (7.5' topographic map).

The survey area encompassed 10.7 acres or 4.3 hectares.

The literature review identified 47 archaeological sites, 107 architectural and historical resources, and two NRHP Historic Districts within a 0.5-miles (0.8 km) radius of the survey area. None of the previously identified cultural resources are located within the survey area.

The records review indicated that no archaeological sites or professional investigations have been documented either in or near the survey area. No cemeteries or NRHP listed properties have been inventoried either in or within 100 feet (30.5 m) of the survey area. A review of the historic cartographic sources and aerial photographs indicated that the survey area had been partially developed by the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Further residential development occurred west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street through the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Phase Ia reconnaissance survey was conducted on May 27 and 28, 2021, through a combination of a visual walkover and shovel probing. The survey identified four historic-era sites (12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861). Sites 12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861 are considered not eligible for listing

in the NRHP, and no further work is recommended for these sites.

It should be noted that if any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery needs to be reported to the IDNR, DHPA within two business days, as well as to the INDOT CRO. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.



# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate Avenue Room N642 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (317) 234-5168

Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

November 30, 2020

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Trax Project: 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX RR; Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and 1900842 (Bridge), City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with a railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and Des. No. 1900842 (Bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. Butler, Fairman, & Seufert (BF&S) is under contract with INDOT to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process requesting comments associated with this project. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

The proposed undertaking is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Beech Street. The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West.

The need for this project is due to the high level of crossing blockage from train traffic on the St. Louis Line of the CSX Railroad. Because the railroad tracks are oriented diagonally to the street grid, each train stops traffic in all four directions. According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data, an average of 23 train per day use these crossings. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes, which results in the crossing being blocked by trains for approximately 14.6% of the day. There have been 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two fatalities. In addition, expedient crossings of the railroad are necessary for emergency services based at Union Hospital, approximately 0.5 miles west of the railroad. The purpose of this project is to reduce delays and improve mobility through the City of Terre Haute and to reduce the potential for train-vehicle crashes.

The project proposes to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. An approximately 120-foot long singlespan bridge connecting two (2) separate 110-foot diameter roundabout intersections at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street would be constructed. The bridge would have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee beams. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall would be installed to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets would become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue would become dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street would be closed (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area would be



replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities. The total project length is approximately 0.52 miles. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition would be required. Land use in the area is mixed residential, commercial, and industrial, with one park also present.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic and archaeological properties. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you are hereby requested to be a consulting party to participate in the Section 106 process. Entities that have been invited to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for this project are identified in the attached list. Per 36 CFR 800.3(f), we hereby request that the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) notify this office if the SHPO staff is aware of any other parties that may be entitled to be consulting parties or should be contacted as potential consulting parties for the project.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at <a href="https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf">https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf</a>.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. At this time, no cultural resource investigations have occurred; however, the results of cultural resource identification and evaluation efforts, both above-ground and archaeological, will be forthcoming. Consulting parties will receive notification when these reports are completed.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party, or if you do not respond, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project. If we do not receive your response in the time allotted, the project will proceed consistent with the proposed design and you will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.

All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to BF&S at the following address:

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 ebiggio@bfsengr.com

Tribal contacts may contact Shaun Miller at smiller@indot.in.gov or 317-233-6795 or Michelle Allen at FHWA at michelle.allen@dot.gov or 317-226-7344.

Sincerely,

Anuradha V. Kumar, Manager Cultural Resources Office Environmental Services



Enclosures:

Topographic map Overview Figure

Distribution List:

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# **Elizabet Biggio**

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	Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
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Categories:	Filed by Newforma

#### Des. No.: 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842

#### **Project Description: Railroad Grade Separation**

# Location: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 12<sup>th</sup> St. and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and E. Beech St., City of Terre Haute, Vigo County

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Cc:	Ross, Anthony; Elizabet Biggio
Subject:	TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; Tipton Street Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
Attachments:	13th St & 8th Ave Grade Separation_Des1801932_Sec 106 ECL_2020-11-30.pdf

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December 14, 2020

Elizabet Biggio Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

> Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")

Re: Early coordination letter for a proposed railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad (a Local TRAX project) in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed your November 30, 2020 review request submittal form which enclosed INDOT's early coordination letter, received by our office the same day for the aforementioned project.

We note that this project is part of INDOT's Local TRAX program and may require FHWA funding in the future. We are not aware of any parties who should be invited to participate in the Section 106 consultation on this federal undertaking, beyond those whom INDOT already has invited. However, if right-of-way is likely to be taken from a potentially historic property, it might be advisable to invite the owner of that property as soon as possible. In your next regular correspondence on this project, please advise us as to which of the invited consulting parties has accepted the invitation.

We look forward to reviewing the proposed area of potential effects and the reports on investigations of above-ground cultural resources and archaeological resources that the early coordination letter indicated will be forthcoming.

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Rachel Sharkey, and the structures reviewer is Danielle Kauffmann. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project.

Elizabet Biggio December 14, 2020 Page 2

In all future correspondence about the proposed railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad in Terre Haute, Vigo County (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842), please refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

W. Shin

Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Via email: smiller@indot.in.gov

December 21, 2020

Shaun Miller Archaeological Team Lead, Cultural Resources Office Indiana DOT 575 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Des. No. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; Tipton Street Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana – Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Miller:

Aya, kikwehsitoole – I show you respect. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution ratified in 1939 under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, respectfully submits the following comments regarding Des. No. 1801932.

The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the above-referenced project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, given the Miami Tribe's deep and enduring relationship to its historic lands and cultural property within present-day Indiana, if any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case, please contact me at 918-541-8966 or by email at dhunter@miamination.com to initiate consultation.

The Miami Tribe accepts the invitation to serve as a consulting party to the proposed project. In my capacity as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer I am the point of contact for consultation.

Respectfully,

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Diane Hunter Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

### **Elizabet Biggio**

From:	Miller, Shaun (INDOT) <smiller@indot.in.gov></smiller@indot.in.gov>
Sent:	Monday, December 28, 2020 2:07 PM
То:	Elizabet Biggio
Cc:	Ross, Anthony
Subject:	FW: TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; Tipton Street Grade Separation, City of
-	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

Hi Elizabet,

Please find below a response to the ECL from the Forest County Potawatomi accepting consulting party status.

Thank you,

Shaun Miller INDOT, Cultural Resources Office Archaeology Team Lead (317)416-0876

From: Michael LaRonge <Michael.LaRonge@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Miller, Shaun (INDOT) <smiller@indot.IN.gov>
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Dear Mr. Miller,

Pursuant to consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (1966 as amended) the Forest County Potawatomi Community, a Federally Recognized Native American Tribe, reserves the right to comment on Federal undertakings, as defined under the act.

This project falls within the current geographic area of interest of the Forest County Potawatomi Community. Therefore, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office would like to review a copy of the archaeological survey report once it is done.

Your interest in protecting cultural and historic properties is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the email address or phone number listed below.

Respectfully,

Michael LaRonge Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Cultural Preservation Division

# **Elizabet Biggio**

From:	Ross, Anthony <aross3@indot.in.gov></aross3@indot.in.gov>
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То:	Elizabet Biggio
Cc:	Neal Bennett; Michael Matel; Miller, Shaun (INDOT); Branigin, Susan;
	marcus.maurer@terrehaute.in.gov; Springer, Jason
Subject:	RE: 13th St. and 8th St. Street Grade Separation- Des 1801932 and 1900842- TRAX Project- HPR
Attachments:	INDOT Cultural Resources Office-DHPA Document Submittal Policy Reminder and Update

Elizabet,

Thank you for the submittal of this revised document for our review. We have no further comments.

On Monday, you may upload the document to IN SCOPE. When the document is released, you may email the non-tribal consulting parties. When we receive that email, we'll notify the tribal consulting parties. Please continue to follow the attached guidance re submittals to SHPO.

Don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Best, Anthony

#### Anthony Ross, Ph.D.

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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:19 PM

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Subject: RE: 13th St. and 8th St. Street Grade Separation- Des 1801932 and 1900842- TRAX Project- HPR



# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate Avenue Room N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (317) 296-0799

Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

March 1, 2021

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

# RE: Trax Project: 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX RR; Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and 1900842 (Bridge), City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

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The need for this project is due to the high level of crossing blockage from train traffic on the St. Louis Line of the CSX Railroad. Because the railroad tracks are oriented diagonally to the street grid, each passing train stops traffic in all four directions. According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data, an average of 23 trains per day travel through the project area. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes, which results in crossings being blocked by trains for approximately 14.6% of the day. There have been 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two fatalities. In addition, expedient crossings of the railroad are necessary for emergency services based at Union Hospital, located approximately 0.5 miles west of the railroad. The purpose of this project is to reduce delays and improve mobility through the City of Terre Haute and to reduce the potential for train-vehicle crashes.

The project proposes to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge would be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge would have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee beams. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall would be installed along the approaches to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing.



Due to the MSE walls, the following streets would become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue would become dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street would be closed (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area would be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities. The total project length is approximately 0.52 miles. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition would be required. Land use in the area is mixed residential, commercial, and industrial, with one park also present.

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert (BF&S) is under contract with INDOT to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project. SJCA, Inc. has been subcontracted to complete the archaeological documentation for the project.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you were invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process, or you are hereby invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process. Entities that have previously accepted consulting party status--as well as additional entities that are currently being invited to become consulting parties--are identified in the attached list.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The APE contains no resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified and evaluated above-ground resources within the APE for potential eligibility for the NRHP. As a result of the historic property identification and evaluation efforts, no properties were recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP:

An archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards is conducting a survey of archaeological resources within the APE for potential eligibility for listing in the NRHP. A report of that investigation is forthcoming and will be distributed to the appropriate consulting parties for review at a later date.

The Historic Property Report is available for review in IN SCOPE at <u>http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</u> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). You are invited to review these documents and to respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond with your request as soon as you can.

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All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to BF&S at the following address:



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Sincerely,

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Anuradha V. Kumar, Manager Cultural Resources Office Environmental Services

Enclosures: Historic Property Report

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	Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

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Cc:	Ross, Anthony; Elizabet Biggio; Carmany-George, Karstin (FHWA); Branigin, Susan
Subject:	FW: TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; 13th Street and 8th Avenue Grade
	Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

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March 29, 2021



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> Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")

Re: Historic property report (Biggio/Miniello, 2/15/2021) for a proposed railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad (a Local Trax Project) in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed your March 1, 2021, review request submittal form, which enclosed the aforementioned historic property report ("HPR"; Biggio/Miniello, 2/15/2021), received the same day, for the aforementioned project.

The proposed area of potential effects ("APE") appears to be of adequate size to encompass the geographic area in which direct and indirect effects of a project of this nature could occur.

For the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, we agree with the conclusions of the HPR that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places located within the project's APE.

We look forward to reviewing and commenting on the report of archaeological investigations that INDOT's March 1, distribution letter indicated will be forthcoming.

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Rachel Sharkey, and the structures reviewer is Danielle Kauffmann. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project. In all future correspondence about the railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Terre Haute, Vigo County (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842), please continue to refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

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Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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emc: Kari Carmany-George, FHWA Anuradha Kumar, INDOT

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# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate Avenue Room N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (317) 296-0799

Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

August 18, 2021

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Trax Project: 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX RR; Archaeology Report; Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and 1900842 (Bridge), City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with a railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (lead; road) and Des. No. 1900842 (bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

This letter is part of the Section 106 review process for this project. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic and archaeological properties. We are requesting comments from you regarding the possible effects of this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

A Section 106 early coordination letter was distributed on November 30, 2020. A historic property report (HPR) was distributed on March 1, 2021.

The proposed undertaking is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Beech Street. The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West.

The need for this project is due to the high level of crossing blockage from train traffic on the St. Louis Line of the CSX Railroad. Because the railroad tracks are oriented diagonally to the street grid, each passing train stops traffic in all four directions. According to Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data, an average of 23 trains per day travel through the project area. The average estimated delay per train is 10 minutes, which results in crossings being blocked by trains for approximately 14.6% of the day. There have been 22 vehicle-train crashes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossings since 1976, resulting in two fatalities. In addition, expedient crossings of the railroad are necessary for emergency services based at Union Hospital, located approximately 0.5 miles west of the railroad. The purpose of this project is to reduce delays and improve mobility through the City of Terre Haute and to reduce the potential for train-vehicle crashes.

The project proposes to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge would be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge would have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee beams. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE)



retaining wall would be installed along the approaches to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets would become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue would become dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street would be closed (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area would be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities. The total project length is approximately 0.52 miles. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition would be required. Land use in the area is mixed residential, commercial, and industrial, with one park also present.

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert (BF&S) is under contract with INDOT to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project. SJCA, Inc. has been subcontracted to complete the archaeological documentation for the project.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you were invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process, or you are hereby invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process. Entities that have previously accepted consulting party status--as well as additional entities that are currently being invited to become consulting parties--are identified in the attached list.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The APE contains no resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified and evaluated above-ground resources within the APE for potential eligibility for the NRHP. As a result of the historic property identification and evaluation efforts, no properties were recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Regarding archaeological resources, an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified four (4) previously unrecorded sites in the survey area. As a result of these efforts, sites 12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861 were recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP and no further work is recommended.

#### The Archaeology Report is available for review in IN SCOPE (Tribes only) at

<u>http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</u> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). You are invited to review these documents and to respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond with your request as soon as you can.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party or if you have not previously accepted consulting party status and you do not respond to this letter, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project and will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.



All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to BF&S at the following address:

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 ebiggio@bfsengr.com

Tribal contacts may contact Shaun Miller at <u>smiller@indot.in.gov</u> or 317-416-0876 or Kari Carmany-George at FHWA at <u>K.CarmanyGeorge@dot.gov</u> or 317-226-5629.

Sincerely,

Anuradha V. Kumar, Manager Cultural Resources Office Environmental Services

Enclosures: Archaeology Report (Tribes only)

Distribution List:

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Forest County Potawatomi Community Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Shawnee Tribe Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma



### **Elizabet Biggio**

From: Sent:	Elizabet Biggio Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:05 PM
То:	rsharkey@dnr.in.gov; Kauffmann, Danielle
Cc:	'Coon, Matthew'; Ross, Anthony; Miller, Shaun (INDOT); SBranigin@indot.IN.gov; Ryan Scott; Michael Matel; Springer, Jason
Subject:	TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; archaeology report; 13th Street and 8th Avenue Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
Attachments:	13th St & 8th Ave Grade Separation_Des1801932_Post ECL Report Distribution_2021-08-18.pdf
Categories:	Filed by Newforma

Des. No.: 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842

Project Description: Railroad Grade Separation

Location: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 12<sup>th</sup> St. and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and E. Beech St., City of Terre Haute, Vigo County

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As part of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, an Archaeology Report has been prepared and is ready for review and comment by consulting parties (Tribes only).

Please review this documentation, which is also located in IN SCOPE at <u>http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</u> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE), and respond with your comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond to this email with your request as soon as you can.

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Thank you in advance for your input,

#### Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian

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## **Elizabet Biggio**

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Subject:	TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; archaeology report; 13th Street and 8th
	Avenue Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
Attachments:	13th St & 8th Ave Grade Separation_Des1801932_Post ECL Report Distribution_2021-08-18.pdf

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Thank you in advance for your input,

## Matt Coon

Archaeologist, Cultural Resources Office Indiana Department of Transportation 100 North Senate Ave., N758-Environmental Services Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: 317-697-9752

## PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA



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August 19, 2021

Shaun Miller Tribal Liaison INDOT- Cultural Resources Office 100 N Senate Ave. N758-ES Indianapolis, IN 46204

# Re: Trax Project- 13<sup>th</sup> St. & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, over the CSX RR. City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN. Harrison Township, blockage from Train Traffic.

Thank you for providing notice of the referenced project. The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is unaware of any documentation directly linking Indian Religious Sites to the newly proposed project location. There appear to be no objects of cultural significance or artifacts linked to our tribe located on or near the project location.

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is unaware of items covered under NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) to be associated with the proposed project site. These items include funerary or sacred objects; objects of cultural patrimony; or ancestral human remains.

The Peoria Tribe has no objection at this time to the proposed trax project. If, however, at any time items are discovered which fall under the protection of NAGPRA, the Peoria Tribe requests immediate notification and consultation. In addition: state, local and tribal authorities should be advised as to the findings and construction halted until consultation with all concerned parties has occurred.

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September 14, 2021

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

> Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")

Re: Phase Ia archaeological literature review and reconnaissance survey report (Smith, 8/13/2021) for a proposed railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad (a Local Trax Project) in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed your August 18, 2021, review request submittal form, which enclosed the aforementioned archaeology report, received the same day, for this project.

As previously indicated, for the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, we agree that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") located within the project's area of potential effects.

Thank you for the submission of the archaeological reconnaissance report by SJCA, Inc. (Smith, 8/13/2021). A review of the report indicates that four archaeological sites were documented as a result of the reconnaissance survey. Sites 12-Vi-1858, 1859, and 1860 are all historic scatters related to no longer extant late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> century structures, 12-Vi-1861 is a small early 20<sup>th</sup> century historic artifact scatter. None of the sites appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and therefore we concur with the recommendation that the project may proceed without further archaeological reconnaissance.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

Unless another consulting party expresses a different opinion about this project's effects, it might now be appropriate to ask INDOT for a finding.

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Elizabet Biggio September 14, 2021 Page 2

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Rachel Sharkey, and the structures reviewer is Danielle Kauffmann. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project. In all future correspondence about the railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Terre Haute, Vigo County (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842), please continue to refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

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Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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## EASTERN SHAWNEE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

70500 East 128 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

October 21, 2021 INDOT - Indiana Department of Transportation 100 N. Senate Ave. IGCN642 Indianapolis, IN 46201

## RE: Des No 1801932(Lead) and 1900842, Vigo County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Coon,

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe has received your letter regarding the above referenced project(s) within Vigo County, Indiana. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is committed to protecting sites important to Tribal Heritage, Culture and Religion. Furthermore, the Tribe is particularly concerned with historical sites that may contain but not limited to the burial(s) of human remains and associated funerary objects.

As described in your correspondence, and upon research of our database(s) and files, we find our people occupied these areas historically and/or prehistorically. However, the project proposes **NO Adverse Effect** or endangerment to known sites of interest to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Please continue project as planned. However, should this project inadvertently discover an archeological site or object(s) we request that you immediately contact the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, as well as the appropriate state agencies (within 24 hours). We also ask that all ground disturbing activity stop until the Tribe and State agencies are consulted. Please note that any future changes to this project will require additional consultation.

In accordance with the NHPA of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470-470w-6), federally funded, licensed, or permitted undertakings that are subject to the Section 106 review process must determine effects to significant historic properties. As clarified in Section 101(d)(6)(A-B), historic properties may have religious and/or cultural significance to Indian Tribes. Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on all significant historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. § 4321-4347 and 40 CFR § 1501.7(a). This letter evidences NHPA and NEPA historic properties compliance pertaining to consultation with this Tribe regarding the referenced proposed projects.

Thank you, for contacting the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, we appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any further questions or comments please contact our Office. Sincerely.

Paul Barton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (918) 666-5151 Ext:1833

## **Elizabet Biggio**

From:	Elizabet Biggio
Sent:	Monday, November 15, 2021 9:45 AM
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Subject:	TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; NHPA Finding; 13th Street and 8th Avenue
-	Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

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The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INODT), proposes to proceed with a grade separation of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (Lead; road work) and Des. No. 1900842 (bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. The Section 106 Early Coordination Letter for this project was originally distributed on November 30, 2020. In addition, a Historic Property Report was distributed on March 1, 2021, and an Archaeology Report (Tribes only) was distributed on August 18, 2021.

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, has signed a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this Section 106 undertaking. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d), you and the other consulting parties that responded to the early coordination letter are being provided the documentation for this finding. You can view the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected", electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <a href="http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/">http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</a> (the lead Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond to this email with your request as soon as you can.

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Thank you in advance for your input,

#### Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian

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November 22, 2021

Elizabet Biggio Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

## Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")

Re: Indiana Department of Transportation's finding of "no historic properties affected" on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration for a proposed railroad grade separation project on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad (Local Trax Project) (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

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As previously indicated, for the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, we agree that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") located within the project's area of potential effects.

Also as previously indicated, archaeological sites 12-Vi-1858, -1859, and -1860 are all historic scatters related to no longer extant late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> century structures, and site 12-Vi-1861 is a small early 20<sup>th</sup> century historic artifact scatter. None of the sites appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and therefore we concur with the recommendation that the project may proceed without further archaeological reconnaissance.

Accordingly, we concur with INDOT's November 12, 2021, Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on behalf of FHWA for this federal undertaking.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Indiana SHPO within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Rachel Sharkey, and the structures reviewer is Danielle Kauffmann. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project.

In all future correspondence about the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue railroad grade separation project in Vigo County (Des. No. 1801932 & 1900842), please refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

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Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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## Public Notice Des. No. 1801932 and 1900842

The City of Terre Haute is planning to undertake a railroad grade separation project as part of INDOT's Local Trax program and may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. The project is located the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the CSX Railroad.

Under the preferred alternative, the project would involve the construction of two 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge, to carry traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, eliminating the at-grade railroad crossings. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall will be installed along the approaches. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (cul-de-sac), Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> avenues will become dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street will be closed. Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities. The project is approximately 0.21 mile long. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required. The project will require closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the institution of a detour.

The proposed action does not impact properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for the project due to the fact that no historic properties are present within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(d) is available for inspection in Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <a href="http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents">http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents</a>. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Elizabet Biggio, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc., 9450 Westfield Blvd. Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 317-713-4615, ebiggio@bfsengr.com later than December 20, 2021.

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## ADDENDUM FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties) AND SECTION 106 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS EFFECT FINDING 13TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION TERRE HAUTE, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

#### AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

#### (Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.4(a)(1))

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW), immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The APE consists of an approximately 0.20 mile radius from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with an extension around Spencer Park, to allow for the potential extent of visual impacts from new bridges. The Archaeological APE is represented by the 13.1-acre survey area that includes the project footprint.

#### ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

#### (Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2))

As a result of the original approved Section 106 identification and evaluation efforts, the APE does not contain any properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

No additional properties were found to be eligible for the NRHP as a result of additional archaeological investigations.

#### **EFFECT FINDING**

A finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was signed on November 12, 2021. INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined a "No Historic Properties Affected" remains appropriate for this undertaking. INDOT respectfully requests the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer provide written concurrence with the Section 106 determination of effect.

#### **SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties)**

No changes to Section 4(f) compliance requirements have occurred as a result of the additional archaeological investigations.

This undertaking will not convert property from any Section 4(f) historic property to a transportation use; the INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined the appropriate Section 106 finding is "No Historic Properties Affected"; therefore no Section 4(f) evaluation is required.

Matthew S. Coon, for FHWA Manager INDOT Cultural Resources

March 13, 2013 Approved Date

## FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ADDENDUM DOCUMENTATION OF SECTION 106 FINDING OF NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER PURSUANT TO 36 CFR Section 800.4(d)(1) 13TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION TERRE HAUTE, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

## **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes a grade separation of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad on the north side of the City of Terre Haute (Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842). Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. This project, which is part of INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West (Appendix A, A2). Land use in the area is mixed, consisting of residential neighborhoods at the periphery, commercial and industrial properties concentrated near the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and one park. The total project length is approximately 0.52 mile. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required.

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, issued a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on November 12, 2021. The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the finding in a letter dated November 22, 2021. This addendum to the documentation of the Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" summarizes additional investigations conducted on excess parcels not documented in the original finding.

## Need for Additional Investigation

The project scope has not been changed from the original finding (Appendix C, C1-C4).

Eight residential and six commercial relocations will take place as part of the project. The original finding documented only areas anticipated to be disturbed by project construction. Because it is anticipated buildings would be demolished on the acquired properties, archaeological investigation of the full parcels was necessary (Appendix A, A4).

## Revised Area of Potential Effects

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed ROW, immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The above-ground APE has not changed. The archaeological APE was increased by 2.4 acres, from 10.7 acres to 13.1 acres.

## 2. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The revised archaeological APE was investigated to identify additional historic properties. A supplemental Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was conducted by SJCA, Inc. on December 4 and December 19, 2022 to investigate the additional parcels. Seven (7) previously unrecorded sites (12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872) were identified and the boundary of site 12Vi1860 was extended. Sites 12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872 are associated with existing urban residences, while the additional work at site 12Vi1860 indicated that it was affiliated with two non-extant dwellings None of the sites are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP, and no further work was recommended on sites 12Vi1860 and 12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872 in the resulting archaeological report (Appendix B, B1-B5).

The supplemental archaeological report will be provided to the Indiana SHPO and consulting parties concurrently with this finding addendum.

## **3. BASIS FOR FINDING**

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, issued the original finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on November 12, 2021. A public notice was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune*-Star on November 12, 2021 offering the public an opportunity to submit comment. The SHPO concurred with the finding in a letter dated November 22, 2021. No other responses were received.

Additional project information and the supplemental archaeological report will be sent to the SHPO and consulting parties concurrently with this finding addendum.

A finding of "*No Historic Properties Affected*" remains appropriate for this project because there are no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register.

A Section 106 public notice will be published in the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* offering the public the opportunity to make comments on INDOT's "*No Historic Properties Affected*" finding. A 30 day comment period will be given. The document will be revised, if necessary, after the public notice to reflect any comments received.

### APPENDIX

Appendix A: Additional Graphics Appendix B: Excerpt from the Addendum Archaeology Report Appendix C: Original "No Historic Properties Affected" Finding Text

## **Ryan Scott**

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Cc:	Coon, Matthew
Subject:	RE: Updated ROW for Des. No. 1900842; Terre Haute Trax

Hi Ryan!

I was able to speak with Matt yesterday and had not had a chance to draft a response yet.

Since the investigations will be part of the 106 review/process, Matt and I will feel most comfortable with holding off for the EA and FONSI until after these investigations have taken place. Section 106 should be wrapped up before the NEPA approval, and that is our reasoning for holding the NEPA approval until after the additional archeological investigations. Matt, please correct me if I said anything incorrectly.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

## **Drew Passmore**

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Good afternoon, Andrew,

Hope you are having a good week!

I wanted to follow up on my email and question from Monday (see below). Please let me know if we can proceed with the EA re-submittal with an added firm commitment to perform a Phase Ia investigation of the excess land areas (that extend outside of the originally surveyed area) prior to demolition activities.

Thank you! Ryan

Ryan Scott Environmental Services



Addendum: A Phase Ia Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey for the Proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (INDOT Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana

Archaeological report

Lead Agency: Federal Highway Administration

March 8, 2023

**Prepared for:** 

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240



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## ABSTRACT

Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. contracted SJCA to conduct a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey for the proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue grade separation, Terre Haute Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (INDOT Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

The Local TRAX rail overpass program is a partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), local communities, businesses, industry, and railroads to improve the quality of life for residents through large-scale, rail-related transportation projects. This project, which is part of INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

Since the Phase Ia archaeological survey of the proposed project, which was conducted by SJCA in May 2021 (Smith 2021), it was determined that a Phase Ia archaeological investigation needed to be undertaken on two excess tracts and additional temporary right-of-way that were not examined during the original survey. These three areas, designated Tracts 1 to 3, that were examined by this addendum investigation.

The original and addendum survey areas lie at the center of Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West. The proposed project encompassed 13.1 acres, which entails 10.7 acres for the original survey area and 2.4 acres for the addendum survey area. The addendum survey area can be further broken down into 1.4 acres for Tract 1, 0.1 acre for Tract 2, and 0.9 acre for Tract 3.

An updated records review indicated that no section of the addendum survey area has been professionally examined, and that no sites have been previously recorded.

The survey recorded seven previously undocumented sites (12VI1866 to 12VI1872) and extended the boundary of site 12VI1860. Sites 12VI1866 to 12VI1872 are associated with existing urban residences, while the additional work at site 12VI1860 indicated that it was affiliated with two dwellings recorded on Sanborn Fire Insurance maps and aerial photographs. By 2003, both buildings had been razed.

Artifacts collected from the sites are representative of general refuse disposal. While historic features were recorded at some of the sites, it is believed that further work on these sites would not provide information that would enhance our understanding of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century history of the region. Therefore, the sites fail to meet the minimum criteria for placement in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). No further work is recommended on sites 12VI1860 and 12VI1866 to 12VI1872.

It is recommended, based on the information gathered from the addendum investigation and the original survey, that no further archaeological work should be conducted in the addendum survey area. Therefore, the proposed project can proceed. If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery needs to be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (IDNR-DHPA) within two business days, as well as to the Cultural Resources Office of INDOT. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

## **Elizabet Biggio**

From:	Coon, Matthew <mcoon@indot.in.gov></mcoon@indot.in.gov>
Sent:	Sunday, March 12, 2023 11:36 AM
То:	Scott Henley (Jeffrey Scott)
Cc:	Ryan Scott; Michael Matel; Chris Jackson; Elizabet Biggio; Branigin, Susan; Alexander,
	Kelyn
Subject:	RE: 13th St. and 8th St. Street Grade Separation- Des 1801932 and 1900842- TRAX
	Project- 800.11d Addendum

Scott,

Thank you for making the requested revisions. I do not have any additional comments on the report.

Unfortunately, it appears that my comments on the Addendum 800.11, DL, and email were accidentally not forwarded to you due to an error on our part, for which we apologize. Please find my comments in ProjectWise:

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The revised Phase Ia report is ready for upload to IN SCOPE along with the DL and Addendum 800.11 once they have been revised per Susan Branigin's comments of March 8 and my comments linked above. Once the documents are released in IN SCOPE, SHPO should be provided with both a hard copy and PDF copy of the materials and non-tribal consulting parties should be notified of the availability of the DL, Addendum 800.11, and Phase Ia (Tribes only) for their review (please copy the CRO review staff on the distribution to SHPO and other consulting parties). INDOT will then notify tribes of the availability of those documents and the Phase Ia report for their review.

Please let us know if you have any question.

Sincerely,

## Matt Coon

Manager, Cultural Resources Office Interim Archaeology Team Lead Acting Tribal Liaison Indiana Department of Transportation 100 North Senate Ave., N758 — Environmental Services Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: 317-697-9752 Email: mcoon@indot.in.gov



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		submitted to INDOT CRO and
Elizabet Biggio		approved March 13, 2023.
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Subject:	RE: 13th St. and 8th St. Street Grade	Separation- Des 1801932 and 1900842- TRAX
	Project- 800.11d Addendum	

Hi Elizabet,

There were a couple of lingering issues in the 800.11 that need to be addressed: <u>13th St & 8th Ave Grade</u> <u>Separation Des1801932</u> Addendum 800.11doc 2023-03-13 INDOTcomments.pdf

Susan is out today, so if you want to revise and upload to IN SCOPE please select me as the reviewer and I will release the documents.

Thanks,

## Matt Coon

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## Susan,

I have revised the 800.11 documents to also incorporate Matt's comments (some of the seemed to be duplicates).

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## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate Avenue Room N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (855) 463-6848

Eric Holcomb, Governor Michael Smith, Commissioner

March 14, 2023

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Trax Project: 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX RR; Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and 1900842 (Bridge), City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with a railroad grade separation project on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (lead; road) and Des. No. 1900842 (bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

This letter is part of the Section 106 review process for this project. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. We are requesting comments from you regarding the possible effects of this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

A "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for this project was signed November 12, 2021. Since that time further cultural resource investigations have been conducted on excess parcels.

The proposed undertaking is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on 13th Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Beech Street. The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West.

The scope of the project has not changed. Eight residential and six commercial relocations will take place as part of the project. The original finding documented only areas anticipated to be disturbed by project construction. Because it is anticipated buildings would be demolished on the acquired properties, archaeological investigation of the full parcels was necessary.

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert (BF&S) is under contract with the City of Terre Haute to complete the environmental documentation, including the Section 106 documentation, for the project. SJCA, Inc. was subcontracted to complete archaeological investigations.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you were invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process, or you are hereby invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process. Entities that have previously accepted consulting party status--as well as additional entities that are currently being invited to become consulting parties--are identified in the attached list.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, to assess the undertaking's effects and to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic

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Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at <a href="https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf">https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf</a>.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The above-ground APE did not change. The archaeological APE was increased by 2.4 acres. The APE contains no resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified and evaluated aboveground resources within the APE for potential eligibility for the NRHP. As a result of the historic property identification and evaluation efforts, no properties were recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Regarding archaeological resources, an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified seven (7) previously unrecorded sites (12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872) in the survey area and extended the boundary of site 12Vi1860. Sites 12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872 are associated with existing urban residences, while the additional work at site 12Vi1860 indicated that it was affiliated with two non-extant dwellings None of the sites are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP, and no further work is recommended on sites 12Vi1860 and 12Vi1866 to 12Vi1872.

The supplemental Archaeology Report (Tribes only) and addendum 800.11(d) "No Historic Properties Affected" finding are available for review in IN SCOPE at <u>https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</u> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). You are invited to review these documents and to respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If you prefer a hard-copy of this material, please respond to this email with your request within seven days.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party or if you have not previously accepted consulting party status and you do not respond to this letter, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project and will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.

All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to BF&S at the following address:

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 ebiggio@bfsengr.com

Tribal Contacts, please respond to INDOT's Acting Tribal Liaison, Matt Coon at mcoon@indot.in.gov (317-697-9752) with any responses pertaining to this project including to provide INDOT/Indiana FHWA additional information about Tribal resources/concerns and questions/comments regarding cultural resources. The FHWA point of contact is Kari Carmany-George at K.CarmanyGeorge@dot.gov (317-226-5629).

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Coon, Manager Cultural Resources Office Environmental Services

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Enclosures:

Addendum 800.11(d) Finding Supplemental Archaeology Report (Tribes Only)

Distribution List:

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## Public Notice Des. No. 1801932 and 1900842

The City of Terre Haute is planning to undertake a railroad grade separation project as part of INDOT's Local Trax program and may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. The project is located the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the CSX Railroad.

Under the preferred alternative, the project would involve the construction of two 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge, to carry traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, eliminating the at-grade railroad crossings. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall will be installed along the approaches. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (cul-de-sac), Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> avenues will become dead-ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street will be closed. Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities. The project is approximately 0.52 mile long. Approximately 3.99 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required. The project will require closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the institution of a detour.

The proposed action does not impact properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued an addendum to the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for the project. No historic properties are present within the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800. 11(d) is available for inspection in the offices of Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <a href="http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents">http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents</a>. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Elizabet Biggio, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc., 9450 Westfield Blvd. Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 317-713-4615, ebiggio@bfsengr.com later than April 17, 2023.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which the City of Terre Haute needs to provide accessibility to the document(s) such as interpreters or readers, please contact Josey Daugherty, ADA Coordinator at 812-244-4903 or engineering@terrehaute.in.gov.

## TRIBUNE STAR

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I hereby certify that the attached advertisement of PUBLIC NOTICE DES. NO. 18 in space of 79.81 lines was published in the TRIBUNE STAR On :

03/18/2023

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20th day of March, 2023

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May 8, 2023

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

- Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")
- Re: Addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 01/16/2023), and addendum 800.11 information, for a proposed railroad grade separation project on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad Trax Project, located at the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana (Des. Nos. 1801932 &1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed your March 14, 2023, submission, which enclosed the Addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 01/16/2023),and INDOT's addendum 800.11 finding and supporting documentation, all of which was received by our office March 14, 2023, for this project located at the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

As previously indicated, for the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, we agree that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") located within the project's area of potential effects.

Additionally, as previously indicated, in terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the original portions of the proposed project area. We concur with the opinions of the archaeologists, as expressed in the previously-submitted Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Arnold and Giedd, 02/28/2022), that archaeological sites 12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861 do not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

Additionally, in terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the additional portions of the proposed project area. We concur with the opinions of the archaeologists, as expressed in the Addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 01/16/2023), that archaeological sites 12-Vi-1866, 12-Vi-1867, 12-Vi-1868, 12-Vi-1869, 12-Vi-1870, 12-Vi-1871, and 12-Vi-1872 (all of which were identified during these archaeological investigations), as well as archaeological site 12-Vi-1860 (which was resurveyed during these archaeological investigations), do not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary within the additional portions of the proposed project area.

Elizabet Biggio May 8, 2023 Page 2

Accordingly, we concur with INDOT's March 13, 2023, Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on behalf of FHWA for this federal undertaking.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and Indiana Code 14-21-1-29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and Indiana Code 14-21-1-29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Wade T. Tharp, and the structures reviewer is Toni Lynn Giffin. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project.

In all future correspondence about the railroad grade separation on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad project in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County (Des. No. 180193 & 1900842), please refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

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Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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emc: Kari Carmany-George, FHWA Matt Coon, INDOT Susan Branigin, INDOT Elizabet Biggio, BF&S Kirk Smith, SJCA, Inc.



## EASTERN SHAWNEE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

70500 East 128 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

May 30, 2023 INDOT - Indiana Department of Transportation 100 N. Senate Ave. IGCN642 Indianapolis, IN 46201

## RE: Des No. 1801932, Vigo County, IN

Dear Mr. Coon,

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe has received your letter regarding the above referenced project(s) within Vigo County, IN. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is committed to protecting sites important to Tribal Heritage, Culture and Religion. Furthermore, the Tribe is particularly concerned with historical sites that may contain but not limited to the burial(s) of human remains and associated funerary objects.

As described in your correspondence, and upon research of our database(s) and files, we find our people occupied these areas historically and/or prehistorically. However, the project proposes **NO Adverse Effect** or endangerment to known sites of interest to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Please continue project as planned. However, should this project inadvertently discover an archeological site or object(s) we request that you immediately contact the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, as well as the appropriate state agencies (within 24 hours). We also ask that all ground disturbing activity stop until the Tribe and State agencies are consulted. Please note that any future changes to this project will require additional consultation.

In accordance with the NHPA of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470-470w-6), federally funded, licensed, or permitted undertakings that are subject to the Section 106 review process must determine effects to significant historic properties. As clarified in Section 101(d)(6)(A-B), historic properties may have religious and/or cultural significance to Indian Tribes. Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on all significant historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. § 4321-4347 and 40 CFR § 1501.7(a). This letter evidences NHPA and NEPA historic properties compliance pertaining to consultation with this Tribe regarding the referenced proposed projects.

Thank you, for contacting the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, we appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any further questions or comments please contact our Office.

Sincerely,

Paul Barton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (918) 666-5151 Ext:1833 THPO@estoo.net

From:	Passmore, Andrew D
To:	<u>Ryan Scott; Mauro, Cindy E</u>
Subject:	RE: Des. 1801932 & 1900842- Terre Haute Trax- Project Scope Addition
Date:	Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:11:13 PM
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Ryan,

You are correct. We will need 106 to be complete before we can approve the EA and complete public involvement.

### **Drew Passmore**

NEPA Review Team Lead Environmental Services Division Indiana Department of Transportation Cell: (317) 439-7500

From: Ryan Scott <RScott@bfsengr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:40 AM
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Good morning!

I wanted to update you both that we received official word from CRO on the need for additional archaeology on this project (see below).

With this requirement in place, I'm assuming the EA document cannot be submitted/approved (and the public hearing cannot occur) until Section 106 is completed. Is that correct?

Thank you both! Ryan

> Ryan Scott Environmental Services Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. p 317-713-4615 RScott@bfsengr.com | www.bfsengr.com

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To: Elizabet Biggio <EBiggio@bfsengr.com>

**Cc:** Alexander, Kelyn <KAlexander3@indot.IN.gov>; Branigin, Susan <SBranigin@indot.IN.gov>; Coon, Matthew <<u>mcoon@indot.IN.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Des. 1801932 & 1900842- Terre Haute Trax- Project Scope Addition

## Hi Elizabet,

You're correct, additional Phase Ia is required for the added scope. Demolishing the buildings is a ground-disturbing activity, these areas haven't been surveyed for archaeological resources to date, and the added areas appear to contain soils with the potential for intact archaeological resources.

Please let me know if there any other questions. Best,

## **Dawn Alexander**

Archaeologist, Cultural Resources Office Indiana Department of Transportation 100 North Senate Ave., N758 — Environmental Services Indianapolis, IN 46204 Cell: 463-245-7861 Email: daalexander@indot.IN.gov



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Dawn,

We expect there to be federal funding for the relocations. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Des. 1801932 & 1900842- Terre Haute Trax- Project Scope Addition

Kelyn,

The existing buildings would very likely be demolished. No other work would take place outside the previously documented proposed ROW. As far as funding, we are not sure yet if the cost would be reimbursable or if the City would have to cover it themselves. It appears there is a reasonable argument to be made for the zoned commercial properties that changes in access would make them untenable.

If you need a definite answer, I may have to get back to you.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Des. 1801932 & 1900842- Terre Haute Trax- Project Scope Addition

Hi Elizabet,

I followed up with Matt for background on the first addendum Phase Ia. We need additional information to determine if additional archaeology work is required.

Are any ground-disturbance activities planned, including demolition? How will the added scope be funded?

Thanks,

### **Dawn Alexander**

### Archaeologist, Cultural Resources Office

Indiana Department of Transportation 100 North Senate Ave., N758 — Environmental Services Indianapolis, IN 46204



From: Branigin, Susan <<u>SBranigin@indot.IN.gov</u>>
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Subject: RE: Des. 1801932 & 1900842- Terre Haute Trax- Project Scope Addition

Elizabet,

Your question has been referred to the CRO staffers on this email; you should receive a response as soon as they are able to review the information.

Best regards,

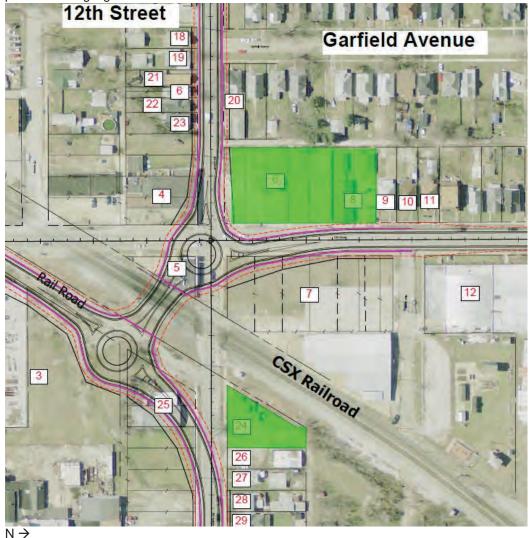
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### Good afternoon,

Apologies for having to being up an old project again, but the City of Terre Haute would like to add a business relocation and a couple of total takes to their grade separation project. The project design will not change. I would assume additional archaeology and addendum to the finding will be required as it was for the excess property completed earlier this year. However, I wanted to check to be sure. The parcels are highlighted below:



Thank you.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum: A Phase Ia Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey for the Proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (INDOT Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana

Archaeological report

Lead Agency: Federal Highway Administration

April 17, 2024

**Prepared for:** 

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240



Christin Jackson

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## ABSTRACT

Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. (Butler, Fariman & Seufert) contracted SJCA to conduct a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey for the proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue grade separation, Terre Haute Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (Indiana Department of Transportation [INDOT] Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

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Artifacts collected from the sites are representative of general refuse disposal, and it is believed that further work on either site would not provide information that would enhance our understanding of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries history of the region. Therefore, the sites fail to meet the minimum criteria for placement in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). No further work is recommended on sites 12VI1877 and 12VI1878.

It is recommended, based on the information gathered from the current investigation, that no further archaeological work should be conducted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> addendum survey area. Therefore, the proposed project can proceed.

the multiple, unrelated, short-term tenant occupations at this site, there is a low potential for significant data to be obtained from any additional work on this site. Therefore, SJCA recommends that the site is not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion D.

No further work is recommended on site 12VI1878.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Butler, Fairman & Seufert contracted SJCA to conduct a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey for the proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue grade separation, Terre Haute Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (INDOT Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842) in the City of Terre Haute, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

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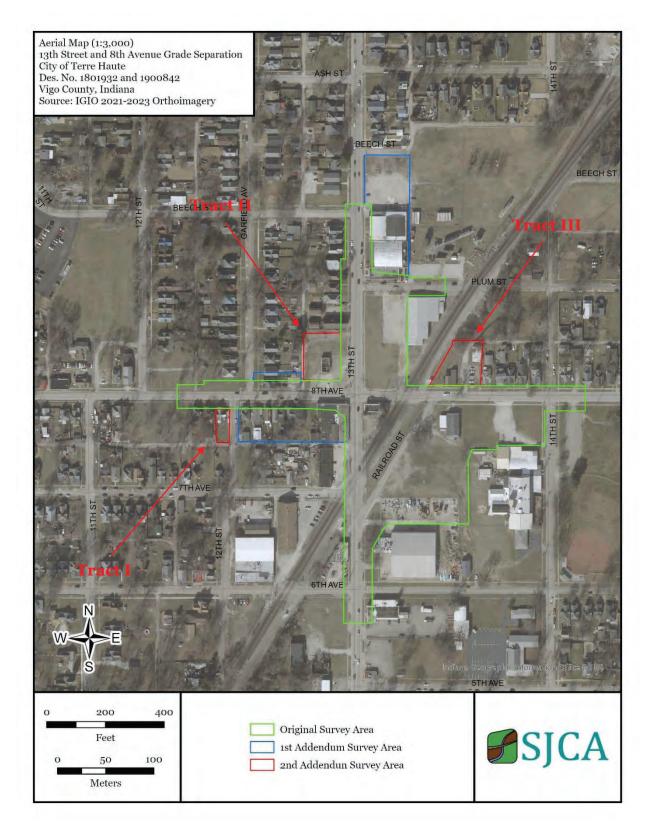
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Aerial photograph showing the original and addendum survey areas.

# Additional ROW Acquisition and Relocation Areas



13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX Railroad TRAX Grade Separation Project Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana Des Nos. 1801932 & 1900842





New Permanent ROW Acquisition (~ 0.88 acre total)

Business Relocation Only (no ROW acquisition)

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#### SECOND ADDENDUM FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties) AND SECTION 106 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS EFFECT FINDING 13TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION TERRE HAUTE, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

#### AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

#### (Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.4(a)(1))

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW), immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The APE consists of an approximately 0.20-mile radius from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with an extension around Spencer Park, to allow for the potential extent of visual impacts from new bridges. The Archaeological APE is represented by the 14.5-acre survey area that includes the project footprint.

#### ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

#### (Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2))

As a result of the original and addendum approved Section 106 identification and evaluation efforts, the APE does not contain any properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

No additional properties were found to be eligible for the NRHP as a result of additional archaeological investigations.

#### **EFFECT FINDING**

A finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was signed on November 12, 2021 and an addendum "No Historic Properties Affected" was signed on March 13, 2023. INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined a "No Historic Properties Affected" remains appropriate for this undertaking. INDOT respectfully requests the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer provide written concurrence with the Section 106 determination of effect.

#### **SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties)**

No changes to Section 4(f) compliance requirements have occurred as a result of the additional archaeological investigations.

This undertaking will not convert property from any Section 4(f) historic property to a transportation use; the INDOT, acting on FHWA's behalf, has determined the appropriate Section 106 finding is "No Historic Properties Affected"; therefore no Section 4(f) evaluation is required.

Matthew S. Coon, for FHWA Manager INDOT Cultural Resources

April 22, 2024 Approved Date

### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SECOND ADDENDUM DOCUMENTATION OF SECTION 106 FINDING OF NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER PURSUANT TO 36 CFR Section 800.4(d)(1) 13TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION TERRE HAUTE, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA DES. NO.: 1801932 and 1900842

#### **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes a grade separation of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad on the north side of the City of Terre Haute (Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842). Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. This project, which is part of INDOT's Local Trax program, will receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West (Appendix A, A1-A3). Land use in the area is mixed, consisting of residential neighborhoods at the periphery, commercial and industrial properties concentrated near the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and one park. The total project length is approximately 0.52 mile. Approximately 5.91 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required.

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, issued a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on November 12, 2021. The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the finding in a letter dated November 22, 2021. An addendum to the finding, documenting excess parcels, was signed on March 13, 2023. The SHPO concurred with the addendum on May 8, 2023. This second addendum to the documentation of the Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" summarizes additional investigations conducted on additional total property acquisitions.

#### Need for Additional Investigation

The project scope has not changed from the original finding. The first addendum finding contained an error in the total ROW calculation. The addendum documented 3.99 acres of permanent ROW acquisition. The areas proposed for acquisition from parcels on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets were included in the investigations for the first addendum finding, however, they were not added to the ROW total. The correct permanent ROW acquisition calculation with that excess land is 5.03 acre.

Subsequent to the addendum finding, one residential relocation was changed from partial to full and two commercial relocations and one business relocation have been added at the request of the property owners. As a result, the project will relocate a total of eight residential properties, eight commercial properties, and one business. Approximately 0.80 acre of additional ROW will be acquired from these properties (Appendix A, A4-A6).

In addition, one additional parcel contains excess land which was not investigated in the first addendum archaeological study. Approximately 0.08 acre of permanent ROW will be acquired from this property (Appendix A, A4 and A6).

As a result of these additions, approximately 0.88 acre of additional permanent ROW will be required, bringing the project total to 5.91 acre. Therefore, additional archaeological investigation covering the full parcels being acquired was necessary (Appendix A, A4).

#### Revised Area of Potential Effects

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes the existing and proposed ROW, immediately adjacent properties, and those areas where a visual differentiation may occur between an existing structure and the project area. The 0.20-mile radius above-ground APE has not changed. The archaeological APE was increased from 13.10 acres to 14.5 acres.

#### 2. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The revised archaeological APE was investigated to identify additional historic properties. A supplemental Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance was conducted by SJCA, Inc. on January 29, 2024 to investigate the full parcels proposed for relocation. Two previously unrecorded sites (12VI1877 and 12VI1878) were identified. Site 12VI1877 is associated with a late-nineteenth to early-twentieth century urban residence and Site 12VI1878 is associated with early a twentieth century urban residence. Neither of the sites are eligible for listing in the NRHP, and no further work was recommended on sites 12VI1877 and 12VI1878 in the resulting archaeological report (Appendix B, B1-B4).

The second addendum archaeological report will be provided to the Indiana SHPO and consulting parties concurrently with this finding addendum.

#### **3. BASIS FOR FINDING**

INDOT, on behalf of FHWA, issued the original finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" on November 12, 2021. A public notice was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune*-Star on November 12, 2021, offering the public an opportunity to submit comments. The SHPO concurred with the finding in a letter dated November 22, 2021. No other responses were received.

An addendum to the finding was signed on March 13, 2023. A public notice was published in the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* on March 18, 2023 offering the public an opportunity to submit comments. The SHPO concurred with the addendum on May 8, 2023 (Appendix C, C1-C2). The Eastern Shawnee Tribe responded on May 30, 2023, stating the project would not endanger known sites of interest to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe (Appendix C, C3). No other responses were received.

Additional project information and the supplemental archaeological report will be sent to the SHPO and consulting parties concurrently with this finding addendum.

A finding of "*No Historic Properties Affected*" remains appropriate for this project because there are no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register within the APE.

An additional Section 106 public notice will be published in the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* offering the public the opportunity to make comments on INDOT's "*No Historic Properties Affected*" finding. A 30 day comment period will be given. The document will be revised, if necessary, after the public notice to reflect any comments received.

# APPENDIX

Appendix A: Additional Graphics Appendix B: Excerpt from the Second Addendum Archaeology Report Appendix C: Correspondence



# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

100 North Senate Avenue Room N758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (855) 463-6848

Eric Holcomb, Governor Michael Smith, Commissioner

April 25, 2024

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Trax Project: 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX RR; Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and 1900842 (Bridge), City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with a railroad grade separation project on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (lead; road) and Des. No. 1900842 (bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, will receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

This letter is part of the Section 106 review process for this project. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. We are requesting comments from you regarding the possible effects of this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

A "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for this project was signed November 12, 2021. An addendum "No Historic Properties Affected" finding was signed on March 8, 2023. Since that time further cultural resource investigations have been conducted on additional right-of-way (ROW) acquisition areas.

The proposed undertaking is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the Spencer Park driveway east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Beech Street. The project is within Harrison Township, on the USGS Terre Haute, Indiana Quadrangle, in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West.

The scope of the project has not changed. Subsequent to the first addendum finding, one residential relocation was changed from partial to full and two commercial relocations and one business relocation have been added at the request of the property owners. A total of 17 relocations, eight residential and eight commercial, as well as one business relocation, will take place as part of the project. Approximately 0.80 acre of additional ROW will be acquired from the additional takes. Therefore, archaeological investigation of the full parcels was necessary. The second addendum finding also addresses errors in ROW calculations.

Butler, Fairman, & Seufert (BF&S) is under contract with the City of Terre Haute to complete the environmental documentation, including the Section 106 documentation, for the project. SJCA, Inc. was subcontracted to complete archaeological investigations.

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In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you were invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process, or you are hereby invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process. Entities that have previously accepted consulting party status--as well as additional entities that are currently being invited to become consulting parties--are identified in the attached list.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, to assess the undertaking's effects and to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at <a href="https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf">https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf</a>.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The above-ground APE did not change. The archaeological APE was increased to 14.5 acres. The APE contains no resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified and evaluated above-ground resources within the APE for potential eligibility for the NRHP. As a result of the historic property identification and evaluation efforts, no properties were recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Regarding archaeological resources, an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified two previously unrecorded sites (12VI1877 and 12VI1878). Neither of the sites are recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP, and no further work is recommended on Sites 12VI1877 and 12VI1878.

The second supplemental Archaeology Report (Tribes only) and second addendum 800.11(d) "No Historic Properties Affected" finding are available for review in IN SCOPE at <u>https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</u> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). You are invited to review these documents and to respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If you prefer a hard-copy of this material, please respond to this email with your request within seven days.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party or if you have not previously accepted consulting party status and you do not respond to this letter, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project and will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.

All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to BF&S at the following address:

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 ebiggio@bfsengr.com

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Tribal Contacts, please respond to INDOT's Acting Tribal Liaison, Matt Coon at mcoon@indot.in.gov (317-697-9752) with any responses pertaining to this project including to provide INDOT/Indiana FHWA additional information about Tribal resources/concerns and questions/comments regarding cultural resources. The FHWA point of contact is Kari Carmany-George at K.CarmanyGeorge@dot.gov (317-226-5629).

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Coon, Manager Cultural Resources Office Environmental Services

Enclosures:

Second Addendum 800.11(d) Finding Supplemental Archaeology Report (Tribes Only)

Distribution List:

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Forest County Potawatomi Community Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Shawnee Tribe Delaware Tribe of Indians Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians



#### Public Notice Des. No. 1801932 and 1900842

The City of Terre Haute is planning to undertake a railroad grade separation project as part of INDOT's Local Trax program and will receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future. The project is located the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the CSX Railroad.

Under the preferred alternative, the project would involve the construction of two 110-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 120-foot long single-span bridge, to carry traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the CSX Railroad, eliminating the at-grade railroad crossings. Approximately 3,700 feet of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall will be installed along the approaches. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead-ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (cul-de-sac), Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> avenues will become dead ends at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad Street will be closed. Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities. The project is approximately 0.52 mile long. Approximately 5.91 acres of permanent and 4.09 acres of temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required. The project will require closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the institution of a detour.

The proposed action does not impact properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued an addendum to the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for the project. No historic properties are present within the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800. 11(d) is available for inspection in the offices of Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <a href="https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/">https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</a>. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Elizabet Biggio, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc., 8450 Westfield Blvd. Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 317-713-4615, ebiggio@bfsengr.com later than May 26, 2024.

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May 28, 2024

Elizabet Biggio Architectural Historian II Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

#### Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"), on behalf of Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division ("FHWA")

Re: Indiana Department of Transportation's finding of "no historic properties affected," on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, and [second] addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 04/19/2024), for the Proposed 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation Project (Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900842; DHPA No. 26763)

Dear Ms. Biggio:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed your April 26, 2024, submission, which enclosed INDOT's finding, second addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 04/19/2024), and supporting documentation, all of which was received by our office April 26, 2024, for the above-referenced project, which is proposed for locations in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

As previously indicated, for the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, we agree that there are no historic properties listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") located within the project's area of potential effects.

As previously indicated, in terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the original portions of the proposed project area. We concur with the opinions of the archaeologist, as expressed in the Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Smith, 8/13/2021), that archaeological sites 12-Vi-1858, 12-Vi-1859, 12-Vi-1860, and 12-Vi-1861 (all of which were identified during archaeological investigations) do not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary at the original portions of the proposed project area.

Additionally, as previously indicated, in terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the portions of the proposed project area added in 2022/2023. We concur with the opinions of the archaeologist, as expressed in the [first] addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 01/16/2023), that archaeological sites 12-Vi-1866, 12-Vi-1867, 12-Vi-1868, 12-Vi-1869, 12-Vi-1870, 12-Vi-1871, and 12-Vi-1872 (all of which were identified during archaeological investigations), as well as archaeological site 12-Vi-

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1860 (which was resurveyed during archaeological investigations), do not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary within the portions of the proposed project area added in 2022/2023.

Furthermore, in terms of archaeological resources, based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the portions of the proposed project area added in 2023/2024. We concur with the opinions of the archaeologists, as expressed in the [second] addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 04/19/2024), that archaeological sites 12-Vi-1877 and 12-Vi-1878 (both of which were identified during archaeological investigations), do not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary within the portions of the proposed project area added in 2023/2024.

Thank you for uploading the [second] addendum Phase Ia archaeological field reconnaissance survey report (Jackson, 04/19/2024) to the Indiana DNR-DHPA SHAARD system database; the report has been assigned the identifier *AR-84-00663*. Additionally, thank you for uploading the archaeological site survey record forms for archaeological sites 12-Vi-1877 and 12-Vi-1878. The archaeological report and the archaeological site records have been reviewed and approved.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and Indiana Code 14-21-1-29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and Indiana Code 14-21-1-29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

Accordingly, we concur with INDOT's April 22, 2024, Section 106 finding of "No Historic Properties Affected," on behalf of FHWA, for this federal undertaking.

The Indiana SHPO staff's archaeological reviewer for this project is Wade T. Tharp, and the structures reviewer is Toni Lynn Giffin. However, if you have a question about the Section 106 process, please contact initially the INDOT Cultural Resources staff members who are assigned to this project.

In all future correspondence about the railroad grade separation on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad project in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County (Des. No. 1801932 and 1900842), please refer to DHPA No. 26763.

Very truly yours,

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Beth K. McCord Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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emc: Kari Carmany-George, Federal Highway Administration Matt Coon, Ph.D., Indiana Department of Transportation Susan Branigin, Indiana Department of Transportation Kelyn Alexander, Indiana Department of Transportation Elizabet Biggio, Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. Toni Lynn Giffin, Indiana DNR-DHPA Wade T. Tharp, Indiana DNR-DHPA Appendix E: Hazardous Material Concerns



# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

Date: July 16, 2021

- To: Site Assessment & Management Environmental Policy Office - Environmental Services Division (ESD) Indiana Department of Transportation 100 N Senate Avenue, Room N758-ES Indianapolis, IN 46204
- From: Ryan L. Scott Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46240 rscott@bfsengr.com
- RED FLAG INVESTIGATION
   DES No. 1900842 (Bridge) and 1801932 (Road), State Project
   Railroad Grade Separation Project
   13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad
   Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Brief Description of Project:** The City of Terre Haute, with administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with a railroad grade separation project on 13th Street and 8th Avenue over the CSX Railroad, Lead Des. No. 1801932 (Lead; Road) and Des. No. 1900842 (Bridge). This project, which is part of the INDOT's Local Trax program, may receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the future.

The project proposes to construct a new bridge to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 116-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 115-foot long single-span bridge, will be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge will have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee-beams. Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls will be installed in the northeast, northwest and southwest quadrants of the bridge, and 3:1 earthen side slopes will be utilized in the southeast quadrant in order to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Existing sidewalks and curb ramps would be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities.

The following approach work and intersection closures will result of horizontal and vertical grade changes, and MSE wall construction: approach work on 13th Street will extend 600 feet north of 8th Avenue and will eliminate direct access to Plum Street; approach work on 13th Street will extend 750 feet south of 8th Avenue and will eliminate direct access to an alleyway south of 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue; the existing stretch of Railroad Street, paralleling the south side of the CSX Railroad and connecting 13th Street to 8th Avenue, will be eliminated (pavement removed and area regraded); approach work on 8th Avenue will extend 750 feet east of 13th Street and not result in any intersection closures; approach work on 8th Avenue will extend 600 feet west of 13th Street and eliminate direct access to an alleyway west of 13th Street, Garfield Avenue and 12th Street. The total project length is approximately 0.52 miles. Relocations will be required.

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### Bridge and/or Culvert Project: Yes ⊠ No □ Structure # New Bridge to Span CSX RR

If this is a bridge project, is the bridge Historical? Yes  $\Box$   $\;$  No  $\boxtimes$  , Select  $\Box$  Non-Select  $\Box$ 

(Note: If the project involves a <u>historical</u> bridge, please include the bridge information in the Recommendations Section of the report).

**Proposed right of way\*:** Temporary ⊠ # Acre<u>s 3.07</u>3\_\_\_\_ Permanent ⊠ # Acres <u>\_0.03</u>4\_\_\_\_, Not Applicable □

**Type and proposed depth of excavation**: Excavation up to three (3) feet for the installation of the MSE retaining walls. The plans show that the bridge will be built on piles (driven into ground without excavation), and that all roundabout and approach construction will be built on fill. Shallow excavation for sidewalk/curb construction (less than 2 feet) will be needed near the north, south, east and west termini of the project to tie into existing conditions.

**Maintenance of traffic:** The preferred method of traffic maintenance would be a road closure with a detour, utilizing Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19th Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. This detour is for the closures on both 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Work in waterway: Yes  $\Box$  No  $\boxtimes$  Below ordinary high water mark: Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ 

State Project: 🛛 LPA: 🗌

Any other factors influencing recommendations: The project description is subject to additional changes as preliminary design progresses.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE TABLE AND SUMMARY**

Infrastructure Indicate the number of items of concern found within the 0.5 mile search radius. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:							
Religious Facilities   6*   Recreational Facilities   5							
Airports <sup>1</sup>	N/A	Pipelines	1				
Cemeteries	Cemeteries N/A Railroads 9						
Hospitals	2	Trails	1				
Schools	3	Managed Lands	2				

<sup>1</sup>In order to complete the required airport review, a review of public-use airports within 3.8 miles (20,000 feet) is required.

#### Explanation:

**Religious Facilities\*:** Six (6) religious facilities, five (5) mapped and one (1) unmapped, are located in the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest religious facility, Church of Christ, 1356 5th Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807, is located adjacent to the project area. Coordination with Church of Christ will occur.

**Recreational Facilities:** Five (5) recreational facilities are located in the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest recreational facility, Spencer Park, is located adjacent to the east of the project area. Coordination with Terre Haute Park Board will occur.

**Pipelines:** One (1) pipeline segment is located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The Terre Haute Gas Corp. pipeline is located 0.40 mile west of the project area. No impact is expected.

**Railroads:** Nine (9) railroad segments are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. Three (3) railroad segments, owned by CSX Railroad, cross the project area. Coordination with INDOT Utilities and Railroads should occur.

**Hospitals:** Two (2) hospitals are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. Both hospitals are located 0.38 mile west of the project area. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is a direct route to the hospitals, will be closed. Coordination with Hamilton Center and Union Hospital will occur.

**Trails:** One (1) trail segment is located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest mapped trail, the potential Brittlebank Park north to Lost Creek, is located 0.36 mile east of the project area. No impact is expected.

**Schools:** Three (3) schools are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest school, McLean Education Center, is located 0.18 mile west of the project area. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is a direct route to the school, will be closed. Coordination with the McLean Education Center will occur.

**Managed Lands:** Two (2) Managed Lands are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest Managed Land, Spencer Park, is located adjacent to the east of the project area. Coordination with the Terre Haute Park Board will occur.

### WATER RESOURCES TABLE AND SUMMARY

## Water Resources

Indicate the number of items of concern found within the 0.5 mile search radius. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:

NWI - Points	N/A	Canal Routes - Historic	N/A		
Karst Springs	N/A	NWI - Wetlands	N/A		
Canal Structures – Historic	N/A	Lakes	1		
NPS NRI Listed	N/A	Floodplain - DFIRM	N/A		
NWI-Lines	N/A	Cave Entrance Density	N/A		
IDEM 303d Listed Streams and Lakes (Impaired)	N/A	Sinkhole Areas	N/A		
Rivers and Streams	N/A	Sinking-Stream Basins	N/A		

Explanation:

**Lakes:** One (1) lake polygon is located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The lake is located 0.41 mile northeast of the project area. No impact is expected.

#### MINING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION TABLE AND SUMMARY

Mining/Mineral Exploration							
Indicate the number of items of concern found within the 0.5 mile search radius. If there are no items,							
please indicate N/A:							
Petroleum Wells N/A Mineral Resources N/A							
Mines – Surface	N/A	Mines – Underground	N/A				

Explanation: No mining and mineral exploration concerns were identified within the 0.5 mile search radius.

Hazardous Material Concerns			
Indicate the number of items of conc	ern found wit	hin the 0.5 mile search radius. If there	are no items,
please indicate N/A:			
Superfund	N/A	Manufactured Gas Plant Sites	N/A
RCRA Generator/ TSD	4	Open Dump Waste Sites	N/A
RCRA Corrective Action Sites	N/A	Restricted Waste Sites	N/A
State Cleanup Sites	1	Waste Transfer Stations	N/A
Septage Waste Sites	N/A	Tire Waste Sites	N/A
Underground Storage Tank (UST) Sites	14	Confined Feeding Operations (CFO)	N/A
Voluntary Remediation Program	N/A	Brownfields	3
Construction Demolition Waste	N/A	Institutional Controls	1
Solid Waste Landfill	N/A	NPDES Facilities	2
Infectious/Medical Waste Sites	N/A	NPDES Pipe Locations	N/A
Leaking Underground Storage (LUST) Sites	7	Notice of Contamination Sites	N/A

Unless otherwise noted, site specific details presented in this section were obtained from documents reviewed on the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Virtual File Cabinet (VFC).

Explanation:

**RCRA Generator/TSD Sites:** Four (4) RCRA Generator/TSD sites are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest RCRA Generator/TSD Site is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impact is expected.

**State Cleanup Sites:** One (1) State Cleanup site is located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest site, Coca Cola Bottling Company, 924 Lafayette Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47804, AI ID#: 10466, is located 0.25 mile west of the project area. This site is incorrectly labeled as a state cleanup site. Residual contamination appears to remain on-site following UST removal activities; however, contaminants of concern do not extend toward the project area. No impacts are expected.

**Underground Storage Tank (UST) Sites:** Fourteen (14) UST sites are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest UST site, BOC Gases, 1339 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804, AI ID#: 54659, is located adjacent to the south of the project area on the southeast corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The USTs were completely removed from the ground in 1988. No impacts are expected.

**Brownfields:** Three (3) Brownfields are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest mapped Brownfield, Midwest Oil Co Bulk Facility 4130210, 1220 N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Terre Haute, IN, 47804, AI ID#: 106018, is located 0.06 mile southwest of the project area, the icon is not mapped correctly. The site is the location of a former bulk petroleum facility. The City of Terre Haute requested to enter into the Brownfields program for potential residual petroleum contamination. Additional documentation is not provided on the VFC. No impact is expected.

**Institutional Controls:** One (1) Institutional Control site is located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest Institutional Control site, General Housewares, 1536 Beech Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804, AI ID#: 101429 is located 0.24 mile northeast of the project area. No impacts are expected.

**NPDES Facilities:** Two (2) NPDES Facilities are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. The nearest NPDES Facility is located 0.39 mile southeast of the project area. No impact is expected.

**Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Sites:** Seven (7) LUST sites are located within the 0.5 mile search radius. Two (2) sites are located adjacent to the project area.

- H Mart, 1600 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804, AI ID#: 55638, is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. IDEM issued a No Further Action (NFA) on April 19, 2004. According to a non-environmental pre-screening July 2019 Phase II Limited Subsurface Investigation performed by SurePoint Environmental Associates, the PID measurements obtained in boring B-3 appear to suggest that petroleum impacts do not extend into the project area on the northern portion of the property and samples obtained during the UST closure activities, completed in 1998, suggest that impacts do not extend into the project area. No impacts are expected.
- Doxsee Food Corporation, 1635 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804, AI ID#: 55668, is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. IDEM issued a NFA on May 20, 2004. Residual contamination appears to remain on-site in the vicinity of the former Doxsee Foods building and does not extend into the project area. No impact is expected.

#### ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION SUMMARY

The Vigo County listing of the Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center information on endangered, threatened, or rare (ETR) species and high quality natural communities are provided at <u>https://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/np\_vigo.pdf</u>. A preliminary review of the Indiana Natural Heritage Database Site by INDOT ESD did not indicate the presence of ETR species within the 0.5 mile search radius. Coordination with USFWS and IDNR will occur.

A review of the USFWS database did not indicate the presence of endangered bat species in or within 0.5 mile of the project area. The range-wide programmatic consultation for the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat will be completed according to the most recent "Using the USFWS's IPaC System for Listed Bat Consultation for INDOT Projects".

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION**

Include recommendations from each section. If there are no recommendations, please indicate N/A:

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE:**

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**Managed Lands:** The nearest Managed Land, Spencer Park, is located adjacent to the east of the project area. Coordination with the Terre Haute Park Board will occur.

WATER RESOURCES: N/A

MINING/MINERAL EXPLORATION: N/A

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONCERNS: N/A

**ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:** Coordination with USFWS and IDNR will occur. The range-wide programmatic consultation for the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat will be completed according to the most recent "Using the USFWS's IPaC System for Listed Bat Consultation INDOT Projects".

	Nicole Fohey-	Digitally signed by Nicole Fohey-Breting	
INDOT ESD concurrence:	Breting	Date: 2021.07.21 15:03:36 -04'00'	(Signature)

Prepared by: Ryan L. Scott Environmental Services Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.

#### Graphics:

A map for each report section with a 0.5 mile search radius buffer around all project area(s) showing all items identified as possible items of concern is attached. If there is not a section map included, please change the YES to N/A:

SITE LOCATION: YES

INFRASTRUCTURE: YES

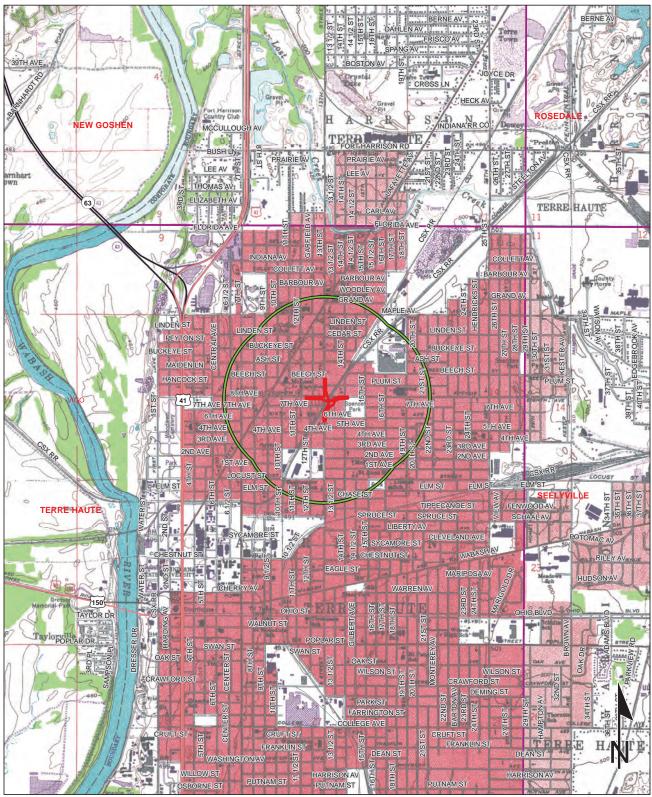
WATER RESOURCES: YES

MINING/MINERAL EXPLORATION: N/A

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONCERNS: YES

\* Please note: The right-of-way (ROW) totals noted above have increased due to plan development and refinement. The project requires approximately 5.91 acres of permanent ROW acquisition consisting of 5.20 acres of commercial property and 0.71 acre of residential property. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. Please see the RIGHT OF WAY section of the EA narrative for additional details.

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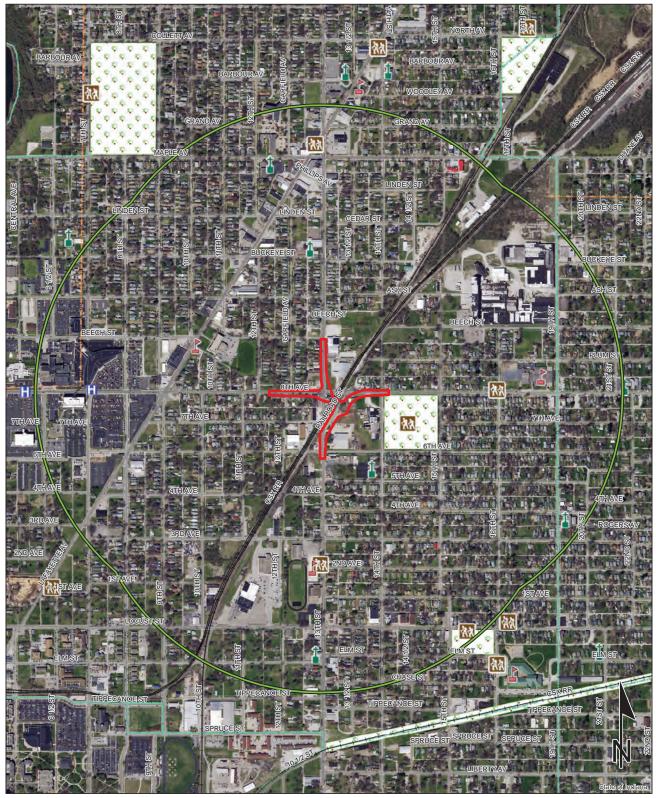
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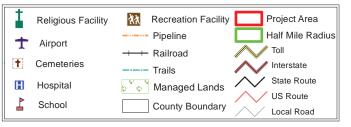
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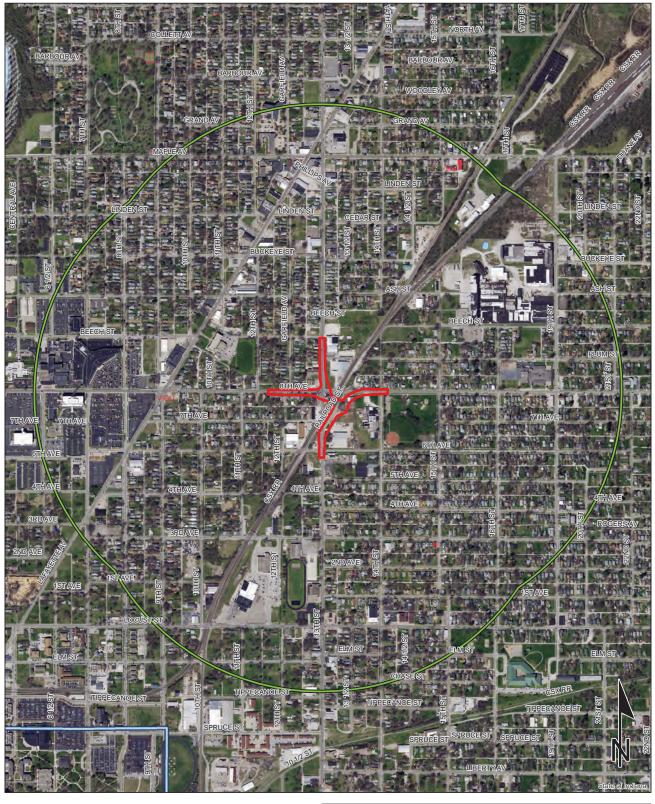
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Red Flag Investigation - Water Resources 13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX Railroad Des. Nos.1900842 & 1801932, Railroad Crossing Improvement Project Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN



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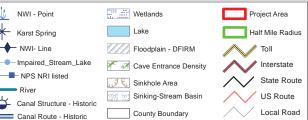
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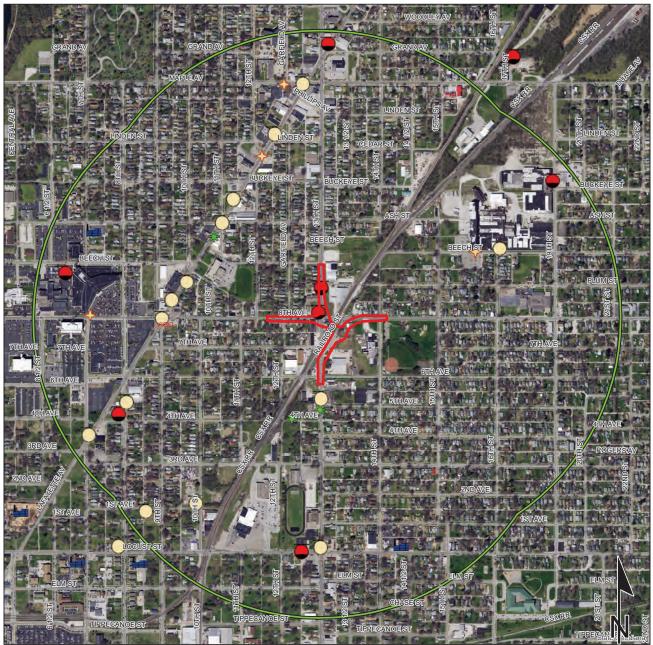
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# Red Flag Investigation - Hazardous Material Concerns 13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX Railroad Des. Nos.1900842 & 1801932, Railroad Crossing Improvement Project Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN



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- **RCRA** Corrective Action Sites La **Confined Feeding Operation** Notice\_Of\_Contamination **♦** Construction/Demolition Site ۲ Infectious/Medical Waste Site Leaking Underground Storage Tank Manufactured Gas Plant La **NPDES Facilites NPDES** Pipe Locations ٢ Open Dump Waste Site
- RCRA Generator/TSD Institutional Controls **Restricted Waste Site County Boundary** Septage Waste Site Project Area Solid Waste Landfill Half Mile Radius State Cleanup Site Superfund Toll Tire Waste Site Interstate Underground Storage Tank State Route Voluntary Remediation Program **US Route** Waste Transfer Station Local Road

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#### **ECOLOGICAL EVALUATION FORM**

 Road:
 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
 Des. No:
 1900842
 County:
 Vigo

 Project Description:
 Trax Grade Separation:
 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad
 Natural Region and Section:
 Wabash Lowland; Central Till Plains

 8-Digit Watershed:
 \_05120111
 USGS Quadrangle:
 Terre Haute\_

# **RIGHT-OF-WAY BY LAND USE TYPE**

Permanent Right-of-wa	у	_
Land Use Type	R/W (ac)	
Commercial		
Industrial		I
Residential		F
Agricultural		A
Wooded		V
Total Perm R/W	3.99	1

 Temporary Right-of-way

 Land Use Type
 R/W (ac)

 Commercial
 Industrial

 Industrial
 Agricultural

 Wooded
 Wooded

Please note: The right-of-way (ROW) totals noted above have increased due to plan development and refinement. The project requires approximately 5.91 acres of permanent ROW acquisition consisting of 5.20 acres of commercial property and 0.71 acre of residential property. The project also requires approximately 1.210 acres of temporary ROW consisting of 1.167 acres of commercial property and 0.043 acre of residential property. Please see the RIGHT OF WAY section of the EA narrative for additional details.

Is the project located in an urban or a rural setting? <u>Urban</u> Is land use in the project changing? Yes No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## **QUADRANT DESCRIPTION**

Northeast	Residential/Commercial	
Northwest	Residential	
Southeast	Commercial/Residential	
Southwest	Commercial/Residential	

### **STREAM INFORMATION**

STREAM INTORMA	HUN					
	Width		Depth			
Bank Full Channel						
Ordinary High Water Mark						
	<b>`</b>			1	, ,	
Substrate Material: (circle o	ne) silt	sand		gravel	loose rock	bedrock
Flow Velocity: (circle one)	stagnan	t slow		moderate	swift	rapid
Does the stream contain riff	le/pool complex	xes? Yes	No			
Does the stream contain me	anders within th	ne proposed right-o	f-way?	Yes No		
Is channel work proposed as	part of this pro	oject? Yes	No	If yes, describe:		
Is aquatic flora present?	es No	If yes, please list	:			
Is aquatic fauna present?	es No	If yes, please list	:			
Comments:						
<u>TERRAIN</u>						
Immediate Area: I	Depressed	<u>Flat</u>	Gently	Rolling	Rolling	Hilly
Extended Area: I	Depressed	<u>Flat</u>	Gently	Rolling	Rolling	Hilly

## TERRESTRIAL WILDLIFE

Fauna Observed or Indicated

Family <sup>1</sup>	Common Name	Scientific Name	Indication <sup>2</sup>
None observed			

<sup>1</sup>Mammal, Bird, Reptile, or Amphibian

<sup>2</sup>Observed Animal, Tracks, Scat, Homes, and/or Markings

#### Dominant Flora Observed

Strata <sup>1</sup>	Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator <sup>2</sup>	Location <sup>3</sup>
Overstory	Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	FACU	Upland
Overstory	Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	FACU	Upland
Overstory	Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	FACU	Upland
Herbaceous	Kentucky bluegrass	Poa pratensis	FAC	Upland

<sup>1</sup>Overstory, Understory, Vine, or Herbaceous

<sup>2</sup>UPL, FACU-, FACU, FACU+, FAC-, FAC, FAC+, FACW-, FACW, FACW+, or OBL

<sup>3</sup>Floodplain, Depression, or Upland

## SOILS INFORMATION

Abbreviation	Soil Name	Soil Texture	Hydric Soil Status <sup>2</sup>	Location <sup>3</sup>
ElA	Elston sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Sandy loam	NH (well drained)	Upland

<sup>2</sup>H-Hydric Soil, HI-Contains Hydric Inclusions, NH-Non-Hydric <sup>3</sup>Floodplain, Depression, or Upland

# ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

Is this project located within the range of any Federally Endangered or Threatened Species? Yes No If yes, please list below.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Confirmed Occurrences Nearby?	Suitable Habitat Present
Indiana bat	Myotis sodalis	Е	Awaiting INDOT Bat Review	Yes No
Northern Long-eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Т	Awaiting INDOT Bat Review	Yes No

Will any of the above listed species be impacted by the planned improvements? Yes No

# NATURAL AREAS

Are there any natural areas located within 5 miles of the project area? Yes No

# WETLAND INFORMATION

Are wetlands mapped within or adjacent to project limits? Yes No

If yes, please list below.

Wetland Type	Abbreviation	Location within Project	Confirmed in Field?	
			Yes No	Undetermined

Were any of the following wetland indicators observed in or adjacent to project limits?

	Yes	<u>No</u>	Location within Project
Standing Water			
Saturated Soil	_		
Depressional Areas			
Water Marks on Trees			
Drift Lines			
Fluted Tree Trunks/Roots			
Sediment Deposits			
Water Stained Leaves			
Other			

Is there a potential for impacts to jurisdictional wetlands as a result of the planned improvements? Yes No Comments: Due to the scope, bridge deck overlay, there will not be a potential for impacts.

Performed by:	Ryan Scott
•	08/07/2019



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX RR Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932 Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN



#### Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- **Freshwater Pond**

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Lake Other Riverine

be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

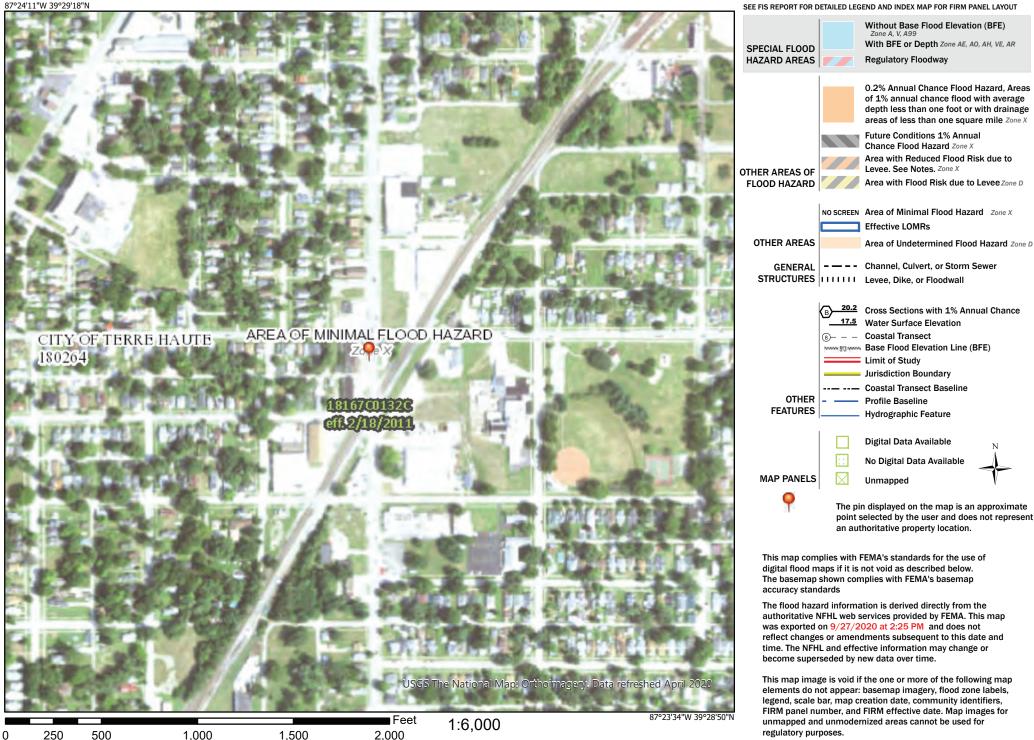
Project Area

#### National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) This page was produced by the NWI mapper

# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



# Legend





Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey National Cooperative Soil Survey

MAP LEGEND				MAP INFORMATION		
Area of Interes	st (AOI)	8	Spoil Area	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at		
Ar	ea of Interest (AOI)	۵	Stony Spot	1:20,000.		
Soils		Ø	Very Stony Spot	Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.		
	bil Map Unit Polygons	Ŷ	Wet Spot	Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause		
	oil Map Unit Lines		Other	misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of		
So So	oil Map Unit Points		Special Line Features	contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed		
Special Poir		Water Fea	•	scale.		
0	owout	~	Streams and Canals	Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map		
	prrow Pit	Transport	tation	measurements.		
~	ay Spot	+++	Rails	Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:		
○ CI	osed Depression	~	Interstate Highways	Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)		
💥 Gi	ravel Pit	~	US Routes	Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercato		
🝰 Gi	ravelly Spot	~	Major Roads	projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the		
🙆 La	Indfill	~	Local Roads	Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more		
A. La	iva Flow	Backgrou	Ind	accurate calculations of distance or area are required.		
Ma کے	arsh or swamp	and the second second	Aerial Photography	This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data a of the version date(s) listed below.		
🙊 Mi	ine or Quarry					
O Mi	iscellaneous Water			Soil Survey Area: Vigo County, Indiana Survey Area Data: Version 25, Jun 11, 2020		
O Pe	erennial Water			Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales		
V Ro	ock Outcrop			1:50,000 or larger.		
🕂 Sa	aline Spot			Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 25, 2019—Jul		
-	andy Spot			23, 2019		
🕳 Se	everely Eroded Spot			The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background		
_	nkhole			imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.		
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# Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol Map Unit Name		Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
EIA	Elston sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	156.6	100.0%	
Totals for Area of Interest		156.6	100.0%	



Appendix G: Public Involvement



Corporate Office 7172 N. Keystone Ave. Ste. G Indianapolis, IN 46240 317.466.9520 www.eticagroup.com Certified WBE | DBE

# **Notice of Survey**

7/11/2019

SUBJECT: 13<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Street Over CSX Railroad in Terre Haute, Vigo County

(Des. 1801932 & 1900362)

Dear Property Owner:

Our information indicates that you own or occupy property near the above referenced project. Our employees will be performing a survey of the project area in the near future. It may be necessary for them the come onto your property to complete this work. This is permitted by law per Indiana Code IC 8-23-7-26. They will show you their identification, if you are available, before coming onto your property. If you have sold this property, or it is occupied by someone else, please let us know the name and address of the new owner or current occupant so we can contact them about the survey.

At this stage, we generally do not know what effect, if any, our project may eventually have on your property. If we determine later that your property is involved, you will be contacted with additional information.

The survey work will include mapping the location of features such as trees, fences, buildings, culverts, sewers, hardscapes, marked utilities, drives, etc., along with obtaining ground elevations. The survey is needed to perform a topographic survey of the corresponding roadway intersection and adjacent railroad. Please be assured of our sincere desire to cause you as little inconvenience as possible during this survey. If you have questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Michael Matel with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. (Phone: 317-713-4615).

Sincerely,

Nutle M. Shitt

Nickolas M. Schmitt, PE, PS Project Manager Etica Group Cc: File: (190024)



# **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Driving Indiana's Economic Growth

100 North Senate Avenue Room N642 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2216 (317) 232-5348 FAX: (317) 233-4929

Eric Holcomb, Governor Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

Date: October 26, 2020

Re: Des Nos. 1900842 and 1801932, 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad, Vigo County, Indiana

# Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation

Dear Property Owner,

Our information indicates that you own property near the above proposed transportation project. Representatives of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will be conducting environmental surveys of the project area in the near future. It may be necessary for them to enter onto your property to complete this work. This is permitted under Indiana Code § 8-23-7-26. Anyone performing this type of work has been instructed to identify him or herself to you, if you are available, before they enter your property. If you no longer own this property or it is currently occupied by someone else, please let us know the name of the new owner or occupant so that we can contact them about the survey.

Please read the attached notice to inform you of what the "Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation" means. The survey work may include the identification and mapping of streams and wetlands, and various other environmental studies. The information we obtain from such studies is necessary for the proper planning and design of this highway project. It is our sincere desire to cause you as little inconvenience as possible during this survey. If any problems do occur, please contact Jason Springer at jspringer@indot.in.gov.

Please be aware that Indiana Code § 8-23-7-27 and 28 provides that you may seek compensation form INDOT for damages occurring to your property (land or water) that result from INDOT's entry for the purposes mentioned above in Indiana Code § 8-23-7-26. In this case, a basic procedure that may be followed is for you and/or and INDOT employee or representative to present an account of the damages to one of the two above named INDOT staff. They will check the information and forward it to the appropriate person at INDOT who will contact you to discuss the situation and compensation.

In addition, you may contact the Crawfordsville District Real Estate Manager (855-463-6848 / 41 West 300 North Crawfordsville, IN 47933). The District Real Estate Manager (DREM) can provide you with a form to request compensation for damages. After filling out the form, you can return it to the DREM for consideration, and the DREM may be contacted if you have questions regarding the matter, rights, and procedures.

If you are not satisfied with the compensation that INDOT determines is owed you, Indiana Code § 8-23-7-8 provides the following: The amount of damages shall be assessed by the county agricultural extension educator of the county in which the land or water is located and two (2) disinterested residents of the county, one (1) appointed by the aggrieved party and one (1) appointed by the department. A written report of the assessment of the damages shall be mailed to the aggrieved party and the department by first class United States mail. If either the department or the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the assessment of damages, either or both may file a petition, not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the report, in the circuit or superior court of the county in which the land or water is located. It our sincere desire to cause as little inconvenience as possible during our work, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have received a "Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation" from INDOT or an INDOT representative, you may be wondering what it means. In the early stages of a project's development, INDOT must collect as much information as possible to ensure that sound decisions are made in designing the proposed project. Before entering onto private

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property to collect that data, INDOT is required to notify landowners that personnel will be in the area and may need to enter onto their property. Indiana Code, Title 8, Article 23, Chapter 7, Section 26 deals with the department's authority to enter onto any property within Indiana.

Receipt of a Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation does not necessarily mean that INDOT will be buying property from you. It doesn't even necessarily mean that the project will involve your property at all. Since the Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation is sent out in the very early stages and since we want to collect data within AND surrounding the project's limits more landowners are contacted than will actually fall within the eventual project limits. It may also be that your property falls within the project limits, but we will not need to purchase property from you to make improvements to the roadway. Another thing to keep in mind is that when you receive a Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation, very few specifics have been worked out and actual construction of the project may be several years in the future.

Before INDOT begins a project that requires them to purchase property from landowners, they must first offer the opportunity for a public hearing. If you were on the list of people who received a Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation, you should also receive a notice informing you of your opportunity to request a public hearing. These notices will also be published in your local newspaper so interested individuals who are not adjacent to the project will also have the opportunity to request a public hearing. If a public hearing is to be held, INDOT will publicize the date, location, and time. INDOT will present detailed project information at the public hearing, comments will be taken from the public in spoken and written form, and question and answer sessions will be offered. Based on the feedback INDOT receives from the public, a project can be modified and improved to better serve the public.

So, if you have received a "Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation", remember:

1. You do not need to take any action at this time. It is merely letting you know that people in orange/lime vests are going to be in your neighborhood.

- 2. The project is still in its very early planning stages.
- 3. You will be notified of your opportunity to comment on the project at a later date.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING / OPEN HOUSE**

#### DES# 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) and DES # 1801932 (Road)

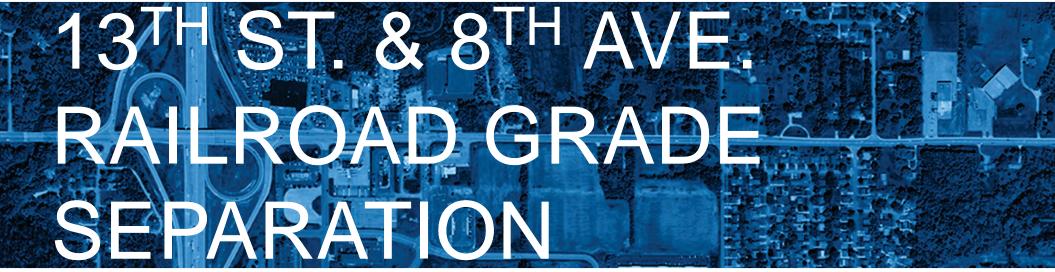
#### New Bridge and Roadway Reconstruction 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over CSX Railroad Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting / open house for the proposed project from <u>6:00 pm – 7:30 pm est.</u> on <u>Tuesday August</u> <u>17, 2021</u> at <u>924 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street Terre Haute, Indiana</u>. The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review the current preliminary plans for the project, speak informally with INDOT and design consultant representatives, ask questions and provide feedback.

The purpose of this project is to eliminate vehicular delays at the 13th Street and 8th Avenue crossings of CSX Railroad due to train traffic and eliminate the potential for trainvehicle crashes at these crossings. The project proposes to construct a new bridge to elevate 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad. Two (2) separate 116-foot diameter raised roundabouts, connected by an approximately 115-foot long single-span bridge, will be constructed at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge will have a minimum vertical clearance of approximately 23 feet, 3.25 inches and consist of concrete bulb tee-Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls will be installed in the beams. northeast, northwest and southwest guadrants of the bridge, and 3:1 earthen side slopes will be utilized in the southeast quadrant in order to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing. Due to the MSE walls, the following streets will become dead ends at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Garfield Avenue, and the alley between Garfield Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Plum Street will be relocated to the north of its current location in order to maintain access to a railroad museum off of 13th Street. Railroad Street will be permanently closed and the pavement will be removed (between 8th Avenue and 13th Street). Existing sidewalks and curb ramps within the project area will be replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities. Right-of-Way acquisition will be required, and it is anticipated there will be some commercial and/or residential relocations.

Conversations will not be recorded as part of the public information meeting / open house proceedings. The public is encouraged to provide statements regarding the project utilizing one or more of the following methods: fill out the enclosed comment form and return it to the design consultant (contact information provided below); fill out a comment form at the public information meeting and leave it with the design consultant or INDOT staff members; call or email Ryan Scott, Environmental Specialist for the project, at 317-713-4615 or rscott@bfsengr.com or Jason Springer, INDOT Senior Project Manager, 317-234-3495 or jspringer@indot.in.gov.





### AUGUST 17, 2021

# PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

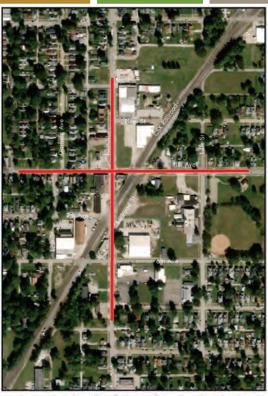
Need of Project:

- Railroad Corridor Study Performed by City of Terre Haute
- Number of Trains Utilizing This Area(21 Trains per day)
- Speed of Trains Through This Area

#### Purpose of Project:

- Improve Safety of Railroad Crossings
- Reduce Emergency Response Times Caused by Train Delays
- Improve Traffic Flow for both 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue







Aerial Map 13th Street and 8th Avenue over CSX R Des. Nos. 1801932 and 1900362 Terre Houte, Vigo County, IN A3

## **PROJECT SCOPE**



#### 1 Bridge Over Railroad with Roundabout Pair



General Information on 1 Bridge Alternative

- Safety
  - Full Removal of At-Grade Railroad Crossings
  - 2 Roundabout Intersections
- Approximate Construction Cost \$12,800,000
  - Road(Includes Walls) \$11,100,000
  - Bridge \$1,700,000

### **PROJECT SCOPE**





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Public Information Meeting Presentation

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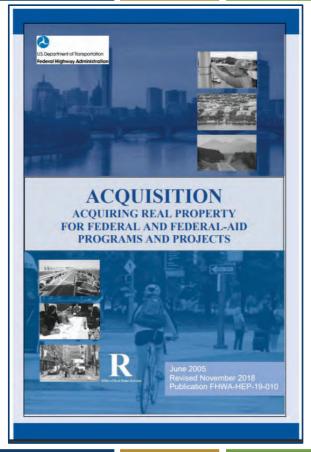


## **RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION**



Right-of-Way Services

- Process Dictated through Laws and Regulations
  - 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to our Constitution
  - Titles 23 and 49 US Code of Federal Regulations
  - Title 32 of the Indiana Code



## **RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION**



#### Right-of-Way Services

- Appraising
  - Determination of Fair Market Value
  - In-person inspection and meeting with Owner

#### Review Appraising

- Analyze initial appraisal
- Determine Final Compensation

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### **RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION**



#### **Right-of-Way Services**

- Negotiation
  - Written offer presented to owner
  - Amount offered as just compensation
  - All compensation elements explained
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- Relocation
  - Relocation Agent
  - Locate suitable replacement property
  - Cover moving and incidental costs as eligible

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### **MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**



### **Official Detour**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Street Closed
  - Locust Street (South of Project)
  - Maple Street (North of Project)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Closed
  - US 41(West of Project)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Street (East of Project)



# SCHEDULE



### **Overall Project Schedule**

- Public Presentation
- Receipt of Bids From Contractors
- Start Construction
- Estimated Construction Time

August, 2021 April, 2023 Summer, 2023 18 – 24 Months

### CONCLUSION



- Please Visit With The Project Team
- Open House Format
  - Maps, Displays, Real Estate Team, and Informal Q&A
- Provide Any Additional Comments Via Comment Card or Email



# **THANK YOU**

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LOCAL NEWS

# INDOT hosts public forum on potential changes to Terre Haute's north side

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTWO/WAWV) — The Indiana Department of Transportation hosted a public hearing Tuesday evening at the Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club to discuss road improvements on Terre Haute's north side.

The forum was held to discuss the possibility of a new bridge over the train tracks for cars traveling on 13th Street and 8th Avenue.

The project includes two roundabouts as well as new pedestrian paths.

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"Traffic will not have to stop for the train anymore, which is a safety issue," project director Mike Matel said. "As you know, there's the hospital that's located about a mile west of this intersection. This will greatly enhance response time."

Officials said the purpose of the project is to get rid of delays on 13th Street and 8th Avenue caused by train traffic. The plan also aims to make the area safer at those crossings.

Organizers said the project is necessary due to the increasing traffic in the area and close proximity to the hospital.

"So far everybody I've talked to is very favorable with the project," Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett said. "They're just a little not sure about exactly what's gonna to them personally. Some people it's a few feet, some people it's more than half of their property. The end result is it's going to be great. Getting there will be a little bumpy."

The project would begin in the summer of 2023.

NEWS

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Commentor	Method	Date Received	Commentor Address / email/ Phone Number	Comments	INDOT/BFS Notes
Karen Shultz	Email to Jason Springer	8/7/2021	1644 N 13th St. Terre Haute, IN 47804	Please add my comments to the upcoming public meeting on Aug 17, 2021 at 924 N 13th St. 1: Living at 1644 N 13th Street with both my husband and myself being over 65 and disable; He on oxygen 24/7 requires a rollator and myself in a power wheelchair. Our only means of transportation is Area 7 Transportation which is mainly for seniors and the disabled. In order to use this transportation we need a wheelchair ramp (currently located facing N 13th St, street parking and a sidewalk. During the winter the ramp, sidewalk at loading area is kept clear. My concerns are since we have multiple health issues that require several medical appointments each month how are we suppose to get out to our transportation? Since we have no access to the back alley and N 13th St inaccessible we will basically be "land locked" during construction and winter months. What will INDOT do about this? 2: How will having a "wall" with basically no view, limited yard space and accessibility issues affect our property values? No one is gong to want to buy a house with such limitations. 1 intend to somehow make the meeting as transportation will not be available to me.	from Mike Matel to Jason Springer on 8/9/2021: Thank you for passing this along. I have forwarded it to our designers to see if anything can be done to address their concerns. From Mike Matel to Karen Shultz on 8/19/2021: Good morning, my name is Mike Matel and I am the project manager who spoke with you at the public presentation on Tuesday night in Terre Haute. I apologize for not getting back to you yesterday. We have received your e-mail pertaining to your concerns about access during construction of the project as well as after the project is completed. We are aware that both you and your husband have difficulty moving around and are very dependent on the Area 7 transportation network. I have spoken with, as well as forwarded your original e-mail to our lead designer as well as the Terre Haute assistant engineer, Marcus Mauer. Making us aware of your special circumstances at this time will provide us some time to looking at some design options to hopefully accommodate both you and your husband. At this time I cannot tell you specifically what we are going to do, but we will be looking at a couple options to revise some of our design. We have discussed internally some ramp type options, but will need to see how it can be integrated with the surrounding design elements in this area. Please provide us some time to look at various alternatives. In the mean times if you have any further questions, you may contact me directly. It is the goal of the design team to communicate all viable alternatives to the commenter at the public hearing opportunity stage of plan development.
Connie Large	Call to Jason Springer	8/9/2021		From Jason Springer to Mike Matel on 8/9/2021: I received a call from Connie Large who owns a property on 13th & 8th and would like to discuss the letter received. Also, Bill Gentry called regarding the letter and wants to know how the project will affect the property located at 1104 8th Avenue. Please call them to discuss the current design and answer their questions based on the letter.	from Mike Matel to Jason Springer on 8/9/2021: Thank you again for forwarding the phone calls to me for this project. Today I spoke to both property owners, (Bill Gentry and Connie Large) and answered whatever questions that they had. I encouraged both of them to attend the meeting on 8-17- 21. Ms. Large's property consists of two parcels on the south side of 8th Avenue, east of 12th Street. She was informed that a full purchace and relocation is anticipated for the project.
Bill Gentry	Call to Jason Springer	8/9/2021	1104 8th Avenue	From Jason Springer to Mike Matel on 8/9/2021: I received a call from Connie Large who owns a property on 13th & 8th and would like to discuss the letter received. Also, Bill Gentry called regarding the letter and wants to know how the project will affect the property located at 1104 8th Avenue. Please call them to discuss the current design and answer their questions based on the letter.	from Mike Matel to Jason Springer on 8/9/2021: Thank you again for forwarding the phone calls to me for this project. Today I spoke to both property owners, (Bill Gentry and Connie Large) and answered whatever questions that they had. I encouraged both of them to attend the meeting on 8-17- 21. Mr. Gentry's property is located west of the project area and outside of the project limits. No impacts to his property are anticipated.

Commentor	Method	Date Received	Commentor Address / email/ Phone Number	Comments	INDOT/BFS Notes
Bill Foster President Haley Tower Historical & Technical Society.	Email to Jason Springer and Ryan Scott	8/11/2021 8/17/2021		I received your notice regarding the meeting next Tuesday. At the bottom of the notice is says to fill out the enclosed comment form with questionsthe issue is there is no such form enclosed with the notice. Can you send one via email please? I tested positive for covid yesterday so will not be present tomorrow evening. Would it be possible to share renderings or whatever you will be sharing tomorrow, with me via email?	from Ryan Scott to Bill Foster on 8/12/2021: Thank you for your email, and apologies for not attaching the comment form to your mailing. Please see the comment form attached. from Ryan Scott to Bill Foster on 8/17/2021: For your reference, please find attached a copy of the presentation for the public meeting tonight.
William A. Heyman, Jr. Critterland, Inc.	Email to Jason Springer and Ryan Scott	8/16/2021	Atlantis Aquatic Gardens 1550 North 13th Street Terre Haute, IN 47807	My wife and I own the buildings and lots, on the Southeast and Southwest sides of 13th street, at the intersection of 8th Avenue. I should clarify that we appreciate the magnitude of this project and its importance to our community. So, thank you in advance for giving us this opportunity to meet and learn about our future. I also expect this is an interesting challenge for you, since the railroad is so close to the intersection. For several years we had thought there would be two over pass bridges, with the fate of our retail store unknown. The current diagonal design sounds good, and I am sure it presents some special challenges as well. Hopfully, property acquisition will not be a big challenge, and I hope we can help, by being open to a fair settlement on our real estate. That brings me to the reason for this letter. For some time, we have been told that our buildings on both sides of 13th street, would be taken, as would several properties near the project. This is the presumption I will have, as we go into tomorrow's meeting. I fsomehow, this is not the case I would hope to learn more before the meeting. I will presume the project needs both, our old shop's property on the East side, and at least the main building at the corner on the West side. I believe we have eight lots on the west side , including the pole barn on the South of the main building. I am curious, whether that building might be acquired as well. I won't go into detail about our retail business, other than to say we have been on this corner for nearly 50 years. I am getting old enough, to question whether I have the energy to start over again in a new location. I feel an obligation to our community to keep this business going. A lot of families are counting on us to keep this business going. If you aren't from the Terre Haute area, our history will be unknown to you. We have been a community to keep this business going the and bleady oly learning about all kinds of animals which have been on display. Due to unexpected and unavoidable delays	Comments noted. No response given.

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Carolynn Kuklak	Email to Jason Springer	8/16/2021	MDM Computer Center	MDM Computer Center owns 2 buildings (1339 N 13th Street and 1313 6th Ave) both are rented to Airgas How will this project affect our properties and access to our properties? How will it impact their business during construction and after? When is the project going to start and finish?	from Mike Matel to Carolynn Kuklak on 8/17/2021: Thank you for reaching out to us concerning the proposed construction project in Terre Haute at 8th Street and 13th Avenue. I would like to address all of your questions that you brought up in your e-mail: The beginning of the project along 13th Street starts at 6th Avenue and goes northward, so both of your buildings will not be affected by the project. There is no proposed right way acquisition planned for either property. During construction, the Contractor has to provide ingress and egress to each property as mandated by the Indiana Specification Book. During construction, it will be much easier to access these buildings from the south since all construction will be north of these properties. When construction is completed the Railroad at grade crossing on 6th Avenue just west of 13th Street will be closed. Construction for the project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023 and last approximately 14 to 18 months. As you aware tonight we will be having a public meeting on this project at the Boys and Girls Club starting at 6:00 pm. We have several people from our firm there to answer any question that you may have in regards to the project.
Khushroo Vasania	Phone call to Ryan Scott	8/11/2021 8/13/2021	Email address: • Phone: 7		<ul> <li>8/11/2021: Ryan told Mr. Vasania on the phone that he would check with the engineers and send him plans of the project electronically. Plans were sent to him on 8/12/2021.</li> <li>8/13/2021 Re: Phone Call Record (Khushroo Vasania, Property Owner at 1660 N 13th Street) Terre Haute Trax Project</li> <li>He asked what impacts to his property will occur. I explained that there will be no ROW acquisition from his parcel, and that he is located at the end of the project where it ties back into existing conditions at Beech Street.</li> <li>He asked how far away the proposed bridge would be from his property. I explained that the proposed bridge is about 700 feet southeast of his property, and that the roadway and sidewalk on the west side of 13th Street will shift to the east away from his property and property owners to the south of him.</li> <li>He asked when construction and not being able to lease the property due to tenants not wanting to be around construction.</li> <li>He asked when construction would start and how long it would last. I explained that the project will last 18-24 months and that it is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023. He said that he would send his concerns in writing to the project team.</li> </ul>

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Darlene Cooper	Public meeting comment form	8/17/2021	1342 8th Avenue;	Do you have a diagram for everybody to have in a picture to take home and look at. This overpass on 13th St and 8th Ave is the best to happen. I look out my window and see the people need help and get across.	Mike Matel mailed Mrs. Cooper an overview display of the project on 8/24/2021.
Scott Williams and Kayla Brennan	Public meeting comment form	8/17/2021	1364 8th Avenue;	Flood water at base; sidewalks; traffic situation @8th and 14th	email from Mike Matel to Scott and Kalya on 8/24/2021: Hello my name is Mike Matel and I am the project manager for the 8th Avenue – 13th Street Railroad Bridge project in Terre Haute. I apologize for my late response to your written comments from the public presentation, which was held on 8-17-21. I have attached your comment card and would like to address each comment. Flood water: I am not sure how to address your comment with flood water at the base. As part of the project, we will address roadway drainage as it pertains to the new alignment and vertical grades. Drainage design is part of our project. Sidewalks: Yes we will have new sidewalks along both sides of 8th avenue adjacent to the roadway in front of your home. Traffic situation at 8th and 14th Street: During construction, the Contractor has to provide access to your property per Section 104.04 of the Indiana Spec Book. Since this intersection is very close to the end of the project, there is not very much construction proposed in this area other than meeting the proposed project into existing conditions. Thank you for your comments and if you have further questions, please contact me.
Christie Jackson	email to Mayor Maurer	8/27/2021		Can you tell me the status of this project, and when right of way acquisition and construction will each start?	email from Mike Matel to Christie on 8/27/2021: Hello, my name is Mike Matel and I am the project manager for this project. We are currently in the design phase of the project. The beginning of the right of way acquisition process is anticipated to begin in October 2021. Construction of the project should start with the utility relocation work in the summer of 2023.

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RK Real Estate Group	Public meeting comment form	8/17/2021	3170 N. 25th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47804	Comment form: property south exit/entrance	email from Mike Matel to RK Real Estate on 8/24/2021: Hello my name is Mike Matel and I am the project manager for the 8th Avenue – 13th Street Railroad Bridge project in Terre Haute. I apologize for the late response to your written comments from the public presentation, which was held on 8-17-21. I have attached your comment card and would like to address your comment. Property South Exit / Entrance: From your comment card and looking at our plans, I believe that you are concerned about the current access that you currently have to 8th Avenue from your property, which is located at the northeast corner of 8th Avenue and 13th Street. Unfortunately yes this access to 8th Avenue will no longer be available due to the new bridge. You will continue to have access from Plum Street. In our design, we will continue to look at available turning movements within your property to access the existing loading dock that you have your building on the south side. Thank you for your comments and if you have further questions, please contact me.
James McDonald	Voice message to Mayor Maurer	8/27/2021	EVERETT, EVERETT & MCDONALD 648 Walnut Street Terre Haute, IN 47807	My client is RK Real Estate Group LLC. Please provide me with the plans and drawings as to my client's property which will be affected by this project.	email from Mike Matel to Mr. McDonald on 8/25/2021: In response to your below request, please find attached several plan and profile sheets which pertain to the property in question. Included in the attachment is a MSE Wall layout drawing. Please be aware that these plan sheets are not for construction use and are subject to be revised since design of the project is still in progress.
James McDonald	Phone call with Mike Matel	8/30/2021	EVERETT, EVERETT & MCDONALD 648 Walnut Street Terre Haute, IN 47807	See phone record on next column.	Thank you for speaking with me on the phone this morning. I understand that you represent RK Real Estate, which is located on the NE corner of the 8th Avenue and 13th Street intersection in Terre Haute. We have been looking at your clients property and the access concerns that they may have with semi-truck traffic servicing their building at the above location. Most of our effort has been with the access to the loading dock on the south side of the building. Thank you for mentioning that the semi-trucks also service the three doors which are located on the west side of the building. We will also need to review our design for the semi-truck traffic at these door locations. As I mentioned, the intersection with 13th Street and Plum Street will be relocated to the north. As you know, we are still preparing plans for the final design of this project and you have provided us good information to consider. It is anticipated that the RW process will be starting for this project in the September / October time frame. Thank you for mentioning that you will have your own appraiser for this property to compare with our appraisers on this project. Ron Francis of our firm will be the RW Manager for this project and he can be reached at our office at 317-713-4615. Hopefully I have provided you some additional information and we can work together to meet the needs of your clients.

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Dustin Collins	Phone call to Ryan Scott	8/25/2021	<u>1139 8th Avenue</u>	Unable to attend meeting; asked if there will be impacts to their property;	Date: 8/25/2021 Re: Phone Call Record (Dustin Collins, Lives at 1139 8th Avenue) Terre Haute Trax Project Dustin's phone numbers are He and his wife (Kaylah Bryant) were unable to attend the public meeting. Asked what impacts to their property would occur, and when the project would start. I told him that only 5 feet of temporary right of way was planned to be taken from the from of their property for sidewalk and landscaping tie-in work. I told him that I would send him a copy of the public meeting presentation if he gave me his email address. He said that would be great.

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February 11, 2022

Mr. Steven Walls Consultant Services Manager Crawfordsville District 41 West 300 North Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Re: Public Hearing Certification Request; Des. Nos.: 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) & 1801932 (Road), 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue New Bridge over CSX Railroad, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Dear Mr. Walls:

The above referenced project was advanced to the public involvement stage on January 6, 2022. A Legal Notice of Planned Improvement was prepared to provide the public with the opportunity to request a public hearing. The notice was mailed on January 19, 2022 to all known adjacent property owners. The notice was also published in the Tribune Star newspaper on January 21 and 28, 2022. No public comments or requests for a public hearing were received by the February 4, 2022 deadline date.

In order to facilitate your review of the project for Public Hearing Certification, please find attached copies of the Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 signature page, legal notice, publishers claim, and direct mailing list for adjacent property owners.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ryan Scott, Environmental Services at <u>rscott@bfsengr.com</u> or (317) 713-4615.

Respectfully,

Ryan L. Scott Environmental Services Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc.

Attachments:

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CE, Level 4 Signature Page ← Legal Notice of Planned Improvement Publishers Claim (Tribune Star) Direct Mailing List for Adjacent Property Owners

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https://www.terrehaute.in.gov/departments/engineering/projects /13th-and-8th-avenue-overpass-1

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Kenny Dean	4825 Partridge Avenue	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47802
R & K Real Estate Group LLC	3170 N 25TH STREET	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47804
/eda J Gregory	8758 N Quail Trail	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47805
Robert LaVanne	1338 8th Ave	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47803
Lonnie L & Darlene F Cooper	1342 8th Ave	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47804
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Allen D & Cindy A Godsey	1233 W COUNTY ROAD 450 N	BRAZIL, IN 47834
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Zoll Manufacturing % International Auto	1400 N 13TH STREET	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47807
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Amber Luke & Anthony Brown	1213 8th Ave	TERRE HAUTE, IN 47804
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#### Direct Mailing List Notice of Planned Improvement 8th Avenue and 13th Street Grade Separation over CSX RR, Terre Haute, Vigo County Des. No. 1900842

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Appendix H: Air Quality



Indiana Division

September 27, 2023

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> In Reply Refer To: HDA-IN

Ms. Lyndsay Quist Deputy Commissioner Capital Program Management Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) 100 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Quist:

We have completed our review of the INDOT's Amendment 1 to the FY 2024-2028 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dated September 26, 2023. This amendment is for the inclusion of the following documents by reference:

• Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (THAMPO) FY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

INDOT and THAMPO have re-demonstrated fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, and provided opportunity for public comment and involvement, where applicable, regarding the documents identified above. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for the STIP.

FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) take formal action, through the development of the Federal Planning Finding (FPF), to evaluate and ensure that the STIP and MPO TIPs are developed according to statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, as well as 23 CFR part 450, 500, and 49 CFR part 613. FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220 (b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the STIP, or amended STIP. Based on the recently conducted FPF (dated August 31, 2023), FHWA and FTA find that the amended Indiana FY2024-2028 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and is approving the amended STIP (as recorded in Amendment 1) subject to the corrective actions outlined in the FPF. FHWA and FTA will continue to partner with the INDOT to ensure the previously developed action plan is implemented to address the corrective actions. If progress is not made in addressing the corrective actions, future amendments to the FY2024-2028 STIP, or adoption of the FY2026-2030 STIP, may not be approved by USDOT.

FHWA only recognizes years 2024-2027 in the STIP. Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2024-2027 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Erica Tait at 317-226-7481 or e-mail at <u>erica.tait@dot.gov</u>.

Sincerely,



For: Jermaine R. Hannon Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Michael McNeil, INDOT April Leckie, INDOT

# Terre Haute Area MPO Transportation Improvement Program SFY 2024 – 2028

Adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee of the Terre Haute Area MPO Resolution: 01-23-TIP, June 20th, 2023 Effective Date: 8-21-2023 **TERRE HAUTE** 

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### City of Terre Haute Project Listing

Contract	DES	Route	Work Category	Work Type	Location	AQ Exempt	Sponsor	Fund	Phase	Federal	Match	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total Project Cost (Estimate)
41843	1801932				8th Avenue over CSX in Terre	Approved	Terre Haute	Multiple	PE RW	\$ 5,000,000.00	¢ 800.000.00	ć <u>5 800 000 00</u>					
			Project (New Bridge/Grade	Construction	Haute	8-21-23		Multiple	CN	\$ 11,392,619.00	\$4,737,315.00	\$ 5,800,000.00		\$ 16,129,934.00			\$33,001,973.00
			Separation)						CE	\$ 4,218,000.00	\$1,053,500.00			\$ 5,271,500.00			
42522	1901778	ST 1043	Local Road Project	Intersection Improvement	Wabash Avenue and 13th St in Terre Haute	Approved	Terre Haute		PE RW								
						8-21-23		Multiple	CN		\$ 276,000.00		\$ 1,380,000.00				\$ 2,340,430.00
								Multiple	CE	\$ 272,000.00	\$ 68,000.00		\$ 340,000.00				
	2500593		Local Road Project		Margaret Dr. from Prairieton Rd. to 3rd St. (US 41/US 150)	Approved	Terre Haute		PE RW		\$ 500,000.00 \$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 250,000.00				
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				Lanes					CE								
	TH-26-LRP		Local Road	Road	Lafayette Ave. from Fort	Approved	Terre Haute	Multiple	PE	\$ 1,013,100.00	\$ 253,275.00			\$ 1,266,375.00			
			Project		Harrison Rd. to Lost Creek	8-21-23			RW								\$ 4,000,000.00
				(3R/4R Standards)	Bridge				CN CE								

#### Terre Haute Area MPO Project Listing

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	2101	1677 U	JPWP	Other Project	Other Project	Terre Haute		THAMPO		PE	\$ 308,218.00	\$ 77,055.00	\$ 385,273.00					
				Туре	Туре	Area MPO	Approved			RW								\$ 385,373.00
					(Miscellaneous	UPWP FY 2023	8-21-23			CN								\$ 385,373.00
					)	- 2024				CE								

### Terre Haute Transit Utility Project Listing

Contract	DES	Route	Work Category	Work Type	Location	AQ Exempt	Sponsor	Fund	Phase	Federal	Match	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total Project Cost (Estimate)	
			Public	Fixed Route	Terre Haute	banized Approved	THTU	5307		\$ 1,780,846.00	\$1,780,846.00	\$ 3,561,692.00						
			Transportation	Service -	Urbanized			5307		\$ 1,780,846.00	\$1,780,846.00		\$ 3,561,692.00				\$ 14,246,768.00	
				Operating	Area.	8-21-23		5307		\$ 1,780,846.00	\$1,780,846.00			\$ 3,561,692.00			\$ 14,240,708.00	
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			Public	Preventative	Terre Haute		Approved	THTU	5339		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 375,000.00					
			Transportation	Maintenance	Urbanized					5339		\$ 152,647.00	\$ 38,162.00		\$ 190,809.00			\$ 947,427.00
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			Public	ADA Demand	Terre Haute		THTU	5310		\$ 281,409.00	\$ 281,409.00	\$ 562,818.00						
			Transportation	Response-	Urbanized	Approved		5310		\$ 281,409.00	\$ 281,409.00		\$ 562,818.00				\$ 2,251,272.00	
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Appendix I: Noise Studies

From:	Bales, Ronald
To:	<u>kfowerbaugh</u>
Cc:	Ryan Scott; Miller, Brandon
Subject:	Revised Noise Analysis for Terre Haute TRAX project (DES. 1801932)
Date:	Monday, June 14, 2021 10:15:12 AM

INDOT Environmental Services Division (ESD) has reviewed the noise analysis for the above-referenced project and found it to be technically sufficient. As you are aware, INDOT no longer comments on recommendations provided in noise studies for local agency projects. However, it is our assessment that the study has been completed in accordance with federal guidelines and state policy. Thank you.

#### **Ron Bales**

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June 11, 2021

Ron Bales Manager, Environmental Policy Office INDOT Environmental Services Division 100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 758-ES Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

#### RE: Noise Analysis & Report for 13<sup>th</sup> Street/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad DES No. 1801932

Dear Mr. Bales,

We have completed revisions to our noise analysis and report for the TRAX project referenced above. We are transmitting under cover of this letter, our draft report including noise modeling results, a summary of receptors and noise levels along the project corridor, and FHWA-TNM 2.5 data files.

An overall project site plan, a listing of receptors, noise modeling software inputs and outputs, and existing ambient measurement data are included as appendices to this report. Please provide us with any comments or questions you have regarding the report.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fowerbaugh, PE Vice President

#### cc: 🗁 (18-017)

# Noise Analysis & Report 13<sup>th</sup> Street / 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad Terre Haute, Indiana INDOT DES. #1801932



Prepared by: Kurt Fowerbaugh, P.E.

Date: June 11, 2021





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### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this project is to address the current at-grade railroad crossings at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north side of Terre Haute, Indiana. Constructing a grade separation to replace the existing CSX Railroad crossings at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will improve the safety and mobility of the public. The Engineering Assessment report for the project recommended construction of a dual paired roundabout with grade separation structure. Refer to Figure 1 for a comprehensive project site map.

Due to the alteration of existing vertical alignments, the proposed project improvements are categorized as a Type I project from criteria set forth by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Therefore, in accordance with 23 CFR Part 772-*Procedures for Abatement of Highway Noise* and the INDOT Traffic Noise Policy approved by FHWA effective July 1, 2017, a noise impact analysis is required as part of project development.

All receptors of noise (dwelling, office, commercial building, undeveloped lands, etc.) within 500 feet of the proposed construction were identified and classified according to land uses and applicable noise abatement criteria (NAC). Identified receptors were incorporated into the project's traffic noise model as generated by the FHWA Traffic Noise Model, Version 2.5 (FHWA-TNM). Existing noise levels were applied based on ambient sound measurements taken from representative receptor locations. Future noise levels were generated from projected traffic volumes (2039) and proposed edges of pavement for 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

If future noise levels impact identified receptors, possible abatement of traffic noise impacts are evaluated to accomplish specific noise reduction goals. FHWA defines highway traffic noise impacts as: 1) projected traffic noise levels approach or exceed the NAC specified, or 2) projected traffic noise levels substantially exceed existing traffic noise levels in an area. INDOT further defines a substantial noise level growth as an increase of at least 15.0 dB(A) between existing and future noise levels.

The goal of any proposed noise abatement measure is to meet prescribed "Noise Reduction Design Goals". INDOT defines this Noise Reduction Design Goal as at least 7 dB(A) for a simple majority (at least 50%) of benefited first row receptors. Furthermore, first row receptors have been defined as the first parcel that exhibits the qualities of a receptor that is directly adjacent to the roadway.

Noise abatement measures incorporated into Type I projects must be both <u>feasible</u> and <u>reasonable</u>. There are two components to a feasible determination; acoustic feasibility and engineering feasibility. To satisfy the acoustic feasibility benchmarks, INDOT requires proposed noise barriers provide at least a 5.0 dB(A) reduction in future traffic noise levels for a majority of the impacted receptors. To meet engineering feasibility criteria, the physical location and geometry of noise barriers including offsets, heights, and lengths are considered for optimum noise absorption performance.

The reasonableness of noise abatement measures is predominantly based on cost effectiveness of construction. INDOT considers proposed noise abatement measures reasonable if the construction year cost of the proposed noise barriers is no more than \$25,000 per benefited receptor. Results from opinion surveys of benefited receptors (residents and property owners) can also decide the reasonableness of proposed noise barriers.

This project's traffic noise model identified ninety-eight (98) receptors within 500 feet of the proposed improvements. Of the total identified project receptors, two (2) are planned for removal as part of the project construction. A summary of project receptors is included in Table 2. Of the ninety-six (96) remaining receptors, none are predicted to experience future traffic noise impacts. All residential receptors are predicted to experience future traffic noise levels below 66.0 dB(A).

In summary, noise abatement measures are not necessary due to the absence of impacted receptors within the study area. We do **<u>not</u>** recommend noise barriers be constructed as a part of this project.

A revaluation of the noise analysis will occur during final design. If during final design it has been determined that conditions have changed such that noise abatement is feasible and reasonable, the abatement measures might be provided. The final decision on the installment of any abatement measure(s) will be made upon the completion of the project's final design and the public involvement process.



## **Project Background**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Street/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing with CSX Railroad is located on the north side of Terre Haute, Indiana. Specifically, the project is located in Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 9 West in Vigo County. Proposed construction will utilize funding made possible by an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Local TRAX grant and matching funds from the City of Terre Haute. Criteria set forth by FHWA and INDOT results in a classification as a Type I project. As such, a noise analysis and report must be performed as part of the environmental documentation on the project.



#### Figure 1: Project Location Map

The purpose of the noise analysis and report is to quantify existing noise levels and predict future traffic noise levels. The noise analysis will identify receptors within the study area and evaluate traffic noise levels at each receptor and the appropriateness of noise abatement measures for impacted receptors.

Noise (unwanted sound) as perceived by the human ear, is the result of sound pressure exerted on the eardrum. Sound pressure is the sensory mechanism by which the human ear perceives loudness. As sound pressure reduces, loudness (as perceived by the ear) decreases.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 772-*Procedures for Abatement of Highway Noise* and the INDOT Traffic Noise Policy approved by FHWA effective July 1, 2017, this noise analysis and report will accomplish the following tasks:

- > Classify receptors within the study area according to NAC
- > Measure existing ambient noise levels at representative locations with a Type II sound meter
- Estimate future traffic noise levels at each receptor using FHWA-TNM and forecast traffic volumes
- > Identify impacted receptors based on FHWA and INDOT definitions of highway traffic noise impact
- > Assess the feasibility and reasonability of noise abatement measures for impacted receptors

#### **Existing Conditions**

Currently, 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue include at-grade railroad crossings both east and south of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Both roadways consist of a single lane of traffic in each direction with sidewalks of varying widths. Terrain is relatively flat and land use is a mix of industrial and commercial properties immediately adjacent to the railroad alignment and dense residential extending along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north along 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Public road approaches within the project limits include 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south, Plum Street to the north, 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the west, and 14<sup>th</sup> Street to the east.

#### **Proposed Conditions**

Both 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be realigned with dual pairing roundabouts to create a single railroad overpass structure before tying back into existing alignments. The change in vertical alignments will be accomplished with MSE wall construction. The proposed pavement configuration for improvements shown in Figure 2 consists of 12-foot through lanes in each direction bordered by curb and gutter and 5-foot sidewalks. The length of construction along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be approximately 1,380 feet and the length of construction along 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be approximately 1,360 feet.

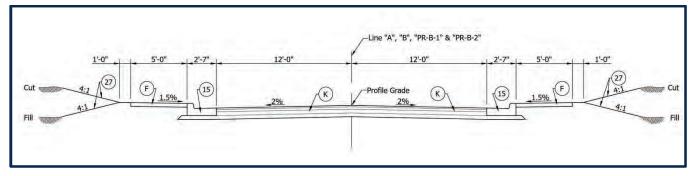


Figure 2: Proposed Section for 13" Street & 8" Avenue

## **Traffic Noise Calculations**

This noise analysis and report quantifies traffic noise impacts to sound receptors (dwellings, offices, commercial buildings, etc.) within the study area. Existing ambient noise levels are measured in accordance with FHWA guidance for "Existing Noise Measurements in the Vicinity of Highways" and future traffic noise levels are predicted within the model from forecast traffic volumes. Existing ambient noise levels and future traffic noise levels for each receptor are considered for "traffic noise impacts". As defined by FHWA, a highway traffic noise impact occurs when the projected highway traffic noise levels approach or exceed the noise abatement criteria in 23 CFR 772, or the projected highway traffic noise levels substantially exceed existing ambient noise levels in the study area.

The FHWA-TNM is required for use in all highway traffic noise analysis projects on federally funded projects. Any numeric modeling effort is inherently limited to the assumptions and inputted values and represents a simplification of actual environments. The modeling results are affected by the internal calculations used to solve noise equations and the accuracy of inputted values such as receptor elevations, traffic data, and surrounding terrain characteristics.

Traffic data splits for 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue come from measured counts in June 2019 and forecasted traffic volumes in 2039 as shown on the title sheet of the construction plans. Hourly traffic volumes input into FHWA-TNM are separated into automobiles, heavy & medium trucks, buses, and motorcycles. The input values for this project attributed to automobiles, heavy & medium trucks, buses, and motorcycles were determined from the traffic data included in Appendix B. Intersecting roads within the study area were not included in the traffic noise model because the minor changes to intersecting roads do not include features (expanded number of traffic lanes, significant revisions to horizontal or vertical alignments) that categorize a FHWA Type I project.

#### **Classification of Receptors**

Based on FHWA's descriptions of land use activity for potential receptors, a NAC value is assigned to each receptor identified within the study area. Table 1 includes a complete description of activity categories. The study area extends 500 feet from proposed edges of pavement and includes ninety-eight (98) total receptors. Land use in the study area includes industrial, commercial, warehousing, residential, and vacant lands. Due to realignment of existing roadways, some existing receptors are planned for removal as part of the construction project. A summary of receptors by activity category is included in Table 2.

Activity Category	NAC	Activity Description
Α	<b>57</b> (exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
В	<b>67</b> (exterior)	Residential
С	<b>67</b> (exterior)	Active sport areas, amphitheaters, auditoriums, campgrounds, cemeteries, daycare centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, parks, picnic areas, places of worship, playgrounds, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, recreation areas, Section 4(f) sites, schools, television studios, trails, and trail crossings.
D	<b>52</b> (interior)	Auditoriums, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, places of worship, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, schools, and television studios.
E	<b>72</b> (exterior)	Hotels, motels, offices, restaurants/bars, and other developed lands, properties or activities not included in Activity Category A, B, C, D or F.
F	-	Agriculture, airports, bus yards, emergency services, industrial, logging, maintenance facilities, manufacturing, mining, rail yards, retail facilities, shipyards, utilities (water resources, water treatment, electrical), and warehousing.
G	-	Undeveloped lands that are not permitted.

Table 1: Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)

A single family residence is evaluated as a single receptor regardless of the number of occupants. A commercial or office building is considered a single receptor notwithstanding the size or business type. Vacant lands are also assessed as a single receptor per property owner with the study area. The study area includes Spencer Park at the eastern limits of the project but there are no multiple occupancy dwellings such as apartments or hotels within the study area. A complete, detailed listing of project receptors is included in Appendix C.

Activity	Total # of	Receptors
Category	Existing	Future
А	0	0
В	84	84
С	1	1
D	0	0
E	0	0
F	13	11
G	0	0
$\Sigma =$	98	96

Table 2: Summary of Project Receptors

#### **Determination of Existing Noise Levels**

Ambient noise measurements representing common noise environments were taken January 28, 2021 between 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM to provide a baseline for existing noise levels to compare with predicted traffic noise levels from the traffic noise model. Short-term (15 minutes) noise measurements were taken at four representative locations (one in each intersection quadrant) with a Quest Technologies model 2800 integrating sound level meter. Field measurement data sheets for each ambient noise measurement location are included in Appendix E.

A summary of ambient noise measurements within the study area is offered in Table 3. At the time of field measurements there were a handful of outside influences that factored into ambient noise readings. The most prevalent noise source at nearly every sample location were vehicles speeding up as they approached the signalized intersection or accelerating after crossing the railroad tracks in all directions. An additional contributing noise source for sampling location #1 was an idling semi-tractor trailer in the parking lot immediately south of the monitoring location. In all cases, these outside influences, coupled with snow covered ground and cold temperatures yielded existing ambient noise readings slightly above predicted noise levels from existing traffic volume modeling.

Location	Noise Leve	els (dB(A))	Outside influences?	
Location	Measured	Modeled	Outside influences:	
#1) 1330 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	62.7	61.2	Idling semi-tractor, accelerating autos	
#2) 1401 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	63.1	60.2	accelerating autos	
#3) 1601 Garfield Avenue	63.2	62.0	accelerating autos	
#4) 1635 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	64.1	59.8	accelerating autos	

#### Table 3: Ambient Noise Measurements

#### **Prediction of Future Noise Levels**

Future traffic noise levels were calculated with FHWA-TNM for each identified receptor with proposed edges of pavement, proposed profile grades, projected traffic volumes, projected speeds, and receptor elevations inputted into the traffic noise model. Future traffic noise levels for receptors that are planned for removal during construction were still calculated as a means to verify output with expected results. The future traffic noise levels calculated by FHWA-TNM are listed by receptor in Appendix C and the actual output from FHWA-TNM is contained in Appendix D.

The dual paired roundabouts were modeled as a yield condition with speeds decreasing from 35 mph to 25 mph as traffic enters the roundabout. Speeds of 25 mph are maintained within the roundabouts and the portions or roadway between roundabouts. Speeds were increased back to 35 mph as vehicles exited the furthest directional leg of the dual paired roundabouts.

None of the receptors within the study area are predicted to experience future traffic noise levels within 1.0 dB(A) or above the prescribed NAC value of 67.0 dB(A) for residential properties. This result is not surprising when considering the relatively modest traffic volumes involved and the realigned portion of the roadway somewhat removed from the majority of residential parcels.

#### **Noise Abatement Measures**

The most common form of traffic noise abatement specified by INDOT is the construction of single sided roadway barriers. Other forms of abatement measures such as buffering land, berms or vegetation can be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Noise abatement measures incorporated into Type I projects must be both <u>feasible</u> and <u>reasonable</u>. There are two components to a feasible determination; acoustic feasibility and engineering feasibility. To satisfy the acoustic feasibility benchmarks, INDOT requires proposed noise barriers provide at least a 5 dB(A) reduction in future traffic noise levels for a majority of the impacted receptors. To meet engineering feasibility criteria, the physical location and geometry of noise barriers including offsets, heights, and lengths are considered for optimum noise absorption performance.

The reasonableness of noise abatement measures is predominantly based on cost effectiveness of construction. INDOT considers proposed noise abatement measures reasonable if the construction year cost of the proposed noise barriers is no more than \$25,000 per benefited receptor. Results from opinion surveys of benefited receptors (residents and property owners) can also decide the reasonableness of proposed noise barriers as well as the Noise Reduction Design Goal of at least 7dB(A) for a majority of benefited first row receptors.

On this project, the absence of impacted receptors negates the need to determine feasibility or reasonableness of noise abatement measures.

State, county and local pertinent noise ordinances should be followed. The project will result in a temporary increase in the ambient noise level in the vicinity of the roadway. Equipment associated with construction generally includes backhoes, graders, pavers, concrete trucks, compressors, and other miscellaneous heavy equipment. Construction activities can produce noise levels up to 95 dB(A). Construction noise mitigation strategies should be considered for implementation into the project commitments. These strategies include, but are not limited to, conducting the noisiest construction activities primarily during daytime hours, sequencing noisy project operations to occur concurrently, and, where possible, selecting equipment that produces less noise.

Since the 66.0 dB(A) and 71.0 dB(A) contours fall completely within existing or proposed city of Terre Haute right-of-way for the project, these contour lines have not been provided for future planning purposes.

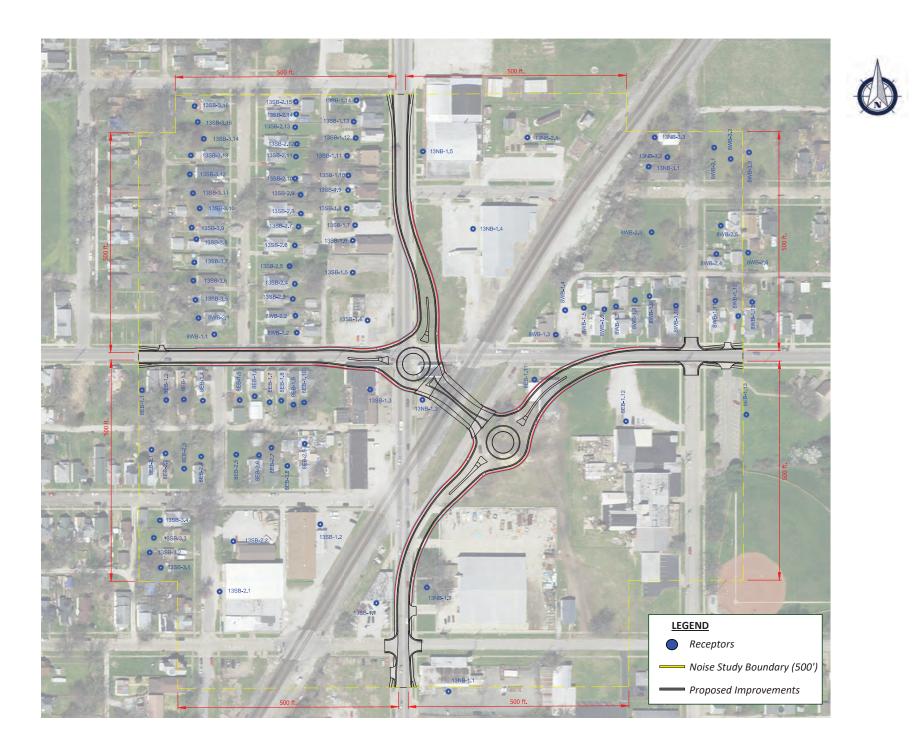


### Recommendations

In accordance with INDOT's Traffic Noise Policy, Journey Engineering has conducted a traffic noise analysis and report for the Local TRAX project to eliminate the existing at-grade CSX Railroad crossings for both 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Terre Haute, Indiana. Based on the results of the traffic noise model and in agreement with INDOT's Traffic Noise Policy, Journey Engineering <u>does not recommend</u> <u>construction of noise abatement measures as a part of this project</u>.

A revaluation of the noise analysis will occur during final design. If during final design it has been determined that conditions have changed such that noise abatement is feasible and reasonable, the abatement measures might be provided. The final decision on the installment of any abatement measure(s) will be made upon the completion of the project's final design and the public involvement process.





Receptor	Existing	Future	NAC	Owner	Address	Future status
# 13NB-1.1	Noise (dB) 53.7	Noise (dB) 56.4	F	Kuklak Carolyn as Truste of MDM Computer Center Inc.	1339 N 13th St.	
13NB-1.1	59.1	64.8	F	McCallister, John W. & Steve A.	1401 N 13th St.	
13NB-1.2	60.7	56.1	F	Heyman, William A. Jr.	1521 N 13th St.	eliminated
13NB-1.4	52.1	56.6	F	R & K Real Estate Group LLC	1635 N 13th St.	emmateu
13NB-1.4	60.7	63.6	F	Schimmel, David & Connie F.	1703 N 13th St.	
13NB-2.1	45.7	52.0	F	Haley Tower Historical & Technical Society	1310 Plum St.	
13NB-3.1	41.6	48.9	В	Brown. Charles & Scotia R.	1362 Plum St.	
13NB-3.2	40.9	48.2	B	Lundy, Gary	1708 N 14th St.	vacant lot
13NB-3.3	40.8	47.7	B	Lundy, Gary L.	1710 N 14th St.	vacunt lot
13SB-1.1	58.2	63.1	F	Zoll Manufacturing	1400 N 13th St.	
13SB-1.10	54.7	57.2	B	Wiper Corporation	1648 N 13th St.	
1358-1.10	54.3	56.6	B	Seifers, Harold L.	1654 N 13th St.	
135B-1.12	55.6	57.9	B	Verostko, Paul E. II	1656 N 13th St.	
135B-1.12	54.8	56.5	B	Khushroo Vasania Family	1660 N 13th St.	
13SB-1.14	54.9	55.6	B	Snyder, Keith	1800 N 13th St.	
13SB-1.14	49.9	53.6	F	Vigo County Board of Commissioners	1219 7th Ave.	
135B-1.2	56.6	56.5	F	Critter Land Inc.	1229 8th Ave.	
135B-1.4	58.7	57.6	В	Seifers, Harold L.	1600 N 13th St.	
13SB-1.5	55.8	55.9	B	Potts, Billie L. Sr.	1624 N 13th St.	
135B-1.6	55.4	56.7	B	Potts, Billie L. Sr.	1630 N 13th St.	
13SB-1.7	56.0	57.6	B	Umphries, Lora	1636 N 13th St.	
135B-1.8	54.6	56.8	B	Bruner, Earl T. & Jennifer L.	1640 N 13th St.	
135B-1.9	54.9	57.3	B	Shultz, Karl & Karen	1644 N 13th St.	
13SB-2.1	42.9	48.2	F	Millard Living Trust	1411 N 12th St.	
13SB-2.10	48.4	51.7	B	Greven Enterprises Inc.	1645 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.11	48.2	51.3	В	Wise, William R. Jr.	1651 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.12	48.2	51.2	В	Gaston, John	1655 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.13	47.6	50.5	В	Tarrh, Billy G. & Candace	1659 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.14	47.7	50.4	В	Tarrh, Billy G. & Candace	1663 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.15	47.0	49.6	В	Snyder, Keith	1701 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.2	44.4	49.5	F	Kevin-Roger Maher	1421 N 12th St.	
13SB-2.3	53.3	55.3	В	Seifers, Harold L. & Brenda K.	1611 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.4	51.8	54.6	В	Gentry, Sharon J. Trustee of The Sharon J. Gentry Revocable Trust	1615 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.5	49.6	53.1	В	Glide Properties LLC	1617 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.6	50.4	53.8	В	Carson, Hermanus L.	1619 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.7	49.4	52.8	В	Beard, William A. & Cynthia	1621 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.8	49.3	52.7	В	Graham, Walter & Towanda	1623 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-2.9	49.1	52.3	В	Britton, Shawn	1625 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.1	41.5	46.7	В	Parker, Robert & Joan	1410 N 12th St.	
13SB-3.10	44.5	48.6	В	Ream, Jeffrey W. & M. Susan	1634 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.11	43.7	47.8	В	Moran, Robin L. & Kierra E. Baker	1638 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.12	43.0	47.0	В	Snyder, Keith	1642 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.13	42.7	46.7	B	Coomer, Melvin P.	1646 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.14	42.6	46.5	В	Davis, Woodrow W. & Marcia L.	1656 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.15	42.0	45.9	В	Davis, Woodrow W. & Marcia L.	1660 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.16	41.4	45.4	В	Essex Properties LLC	1700 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.2	41.3	46.3	В	Stanford, Kenneth	1424 N 12th St.	
13SB-3.3	41.9	46.9	В	Stanford, Kenneth	1424 N 12th St.	
13SB-3.4	42.8	47.7	B	Thompson, G. X. & Beverly Kay	1430 N 12th St.	
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13SB-3.5	51.9	55.9	В	Fifty Eggs LLC	1610 Garfield Ave.	
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Receptor #	Existing Noise (dB)	Future Noise (dB)	NAC	Owner	Address	Future status
13SB-3.8	45.7	50.0	В	Delong, Ryan S.	1620 Garfield Ave.	
13SB-3.9	45.1	49.3	В	Delong, Mark S. & Margaret Ann	1630 Garfield Ave.	
8EB-1.1	54.4	57.6	В	Sears, Shirley M.	1131 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.10	54.4	55.7	В	Glide Properties LLC	1215 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.11	56.3	58.0	F	Johnson, Johnny D. & Stephanie J.	1331 8th Ave.	eliminated
8EB-1.12	48.3	53.7	F	Modern Aluminum Casting Co.	1349 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.13	48.3	51.9	С	Spencer Park	1401 7th Ave.	
8EB-1.2	53.6	57.2	В	Smodilla Anton F III & Grace M Smodilla Le Fee Anton Fred Smodilla IV	1135 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.3	53.8	57.8	В	Bryant, Kaylah	1139 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.4	53.7	58.0	В	FFI Ventures LLC	1145 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.5	54.1	58.1	В	Farrand, Rolland H. & Clarice A.	1201 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.6	55.1	58.2	В	Large, David L. & Connie C.	1203 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.7	54.2	56.4	В	Roberts, Terry L.	1207 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.8	54.8	56.2	В	Seifers, Harold L.	1211 8th Ave.	
8EB-1.9	54.2	55.8	В	Luke, Amber & Anthony Brown	1213 8th Ave.	
8EB-2.1	46.5	50.6	В	Thompson, Beverly Kay	1132 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.2	46.7	51.0	В	Thompson, G X & Beverly Kay	1138 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.3	45.5	50.2	В	Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment	1140 7th Ave.	vacant lot
8EB-2.4	47.3	52.0	В	Mallernee, Donald A. & Edna G.	1144 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.5	48.1	52.5	В	Maher Contracting Inc.	1200 7th Ave.	vacant lot
8EB-2.6	48.7	52.9	В	Gentry Sharon Trustee Sharon Gentry Rev Trust	1204 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.7	49.6	53.6	В	Gentry William Trustee William M Gentry Rev Trust	1210 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.8	48.9	52.9	В	Donna, William	1214 7th Ave.	
8EB-2.9	50.9	54.1	В	Donna, William and Alden	1230 7th Ave.	
8WB-1.1	59.5	63.5	В	Seifers, Harold	1600 Garfield Ave.	
8WB-1.10	50.1	55.9	В	Brennan, Kayla	1364 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.11	49.8	54.6	В	Mulvey, Donald E.	1400 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.12	51.1	54.9	В	Fox, Rhonda S.	1412 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.13	48.5	52.0	В	Scacco Matto LLC	1416 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.2	58.8	58.1	В	CK Investments LLC	1601 Garfield Ave.	
8WB-1.3	57.1	56.4	В	Gregory, Veda J.	1330 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.4	51.7	55.1	В	Gregory, Veda J.	1330 8th Ave.	vacant lot
8WB-1.5	51.1	55.3	В	Lavanne, Donald J. & Jeanne T.	1338 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.6	51.3	55.9	В	Cooper, Lonnie L. & Darlene F.	1342 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.7	50.6	55.9	В	Marshall, Ray O. & David R.	1346 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.8	49.8	55.6	В	Hill, Joan L. & Dennis E.	1352 8th Ave.	
8WB-1.9	49.8	55.5	В	Nellum, Barbara J.	1358 8th Ave.	
8WB-2.1	54.7	58.8	В	Seifers, Harold L. & Brenda K.	1606 Garfield Ave.	
8WB-2.2	55.2	56.3	В	Rudai, Jessica M.	1607 Garfield Ave.	
8WB-2.3	43.8	51.5	В	Jackson, William T.	1363 Plum St.	vacant lot
8WB-2.4	44.3	50.7	В	Switzer, Patricia A.	1615 N 14th St.	
8WB-2.5	42.1	49.3	В	Milner, Nellie L.	1407 Plum St.	
8WB-2.6	43.1	49.4	В	Kemp, Steven J.	1411 Plum St.	
8WB-3.1	39.5	46.9	В	Bennet, Tanya	1400 Plum St.	vacant lot
8WB-3.2	39.5	46.9	В	Burrel, Melissa & Joan	1406 Plum St.	vacant lot
8WB-3.3	38.8	46.2	В	Bennet, Tanya	1410 Plum St.	vacant lot

Appendix J: Additional Studies

## Environmental Justice Analysis TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

Under FHWA Order 6640.23A, FHWA and the project sponsor, as a recipient of funding from FHWA, are responsible to ensure that their programs, policies, and activities do not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority or low-income populations. Per the current INDOT Categorical Exclusion Manual, an Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis is required for any project that has two or more relocations or 0.5 acre of additional permanent right-of-way. The project will require 5.91 acres of permanent right-of-way acquisition (commercial: 5.2 acres; residential: 0.71 acre). The project will result in the relocation of nine(9) residential owners/tenants, and nine(9) business owners. Therefore, an EJ Analysis is required.

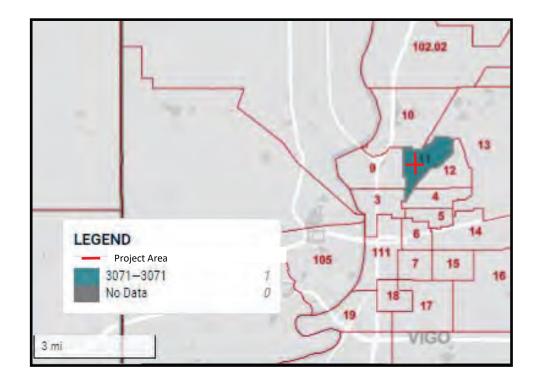
Potential EJ impacts are detected by locating minority and low-income populations relative to a reference population to determine if populations of EJ concern exists and whether there could be disproportionately high and adverse impacts to them. The reference population may be a county, city or town and is called the community of comparison (COC). In this project, the COC is Terre Haute. The community that overlaps the project area is called the affected community (AC). In this project, the AC is Census Tract 11. An AC has a population of concern for EJ if the population is more than 50% minority or low-income or if the low-income or minority population is 125% of the COC. Data from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate data was obtained from the US Census Bureau Website (https://data.census.gov/cedsci/) on March 7, 2021, by BF&S. The data collected for minority and low-income populations within the AC are summarized in the attached table.

- The AC, Census Tract 11, has a percent minority of 7.82% which is below 50% and is below the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, the AC does not contain a minority population of EJ concern.
- The AC, Census Tract 11 has a percent low-income of 44.58% which is below 50% but is above the 125% COC threshold. Therefore, the AC contains a low-income population of EJ concern.

## **Environmental Justice Analysis**

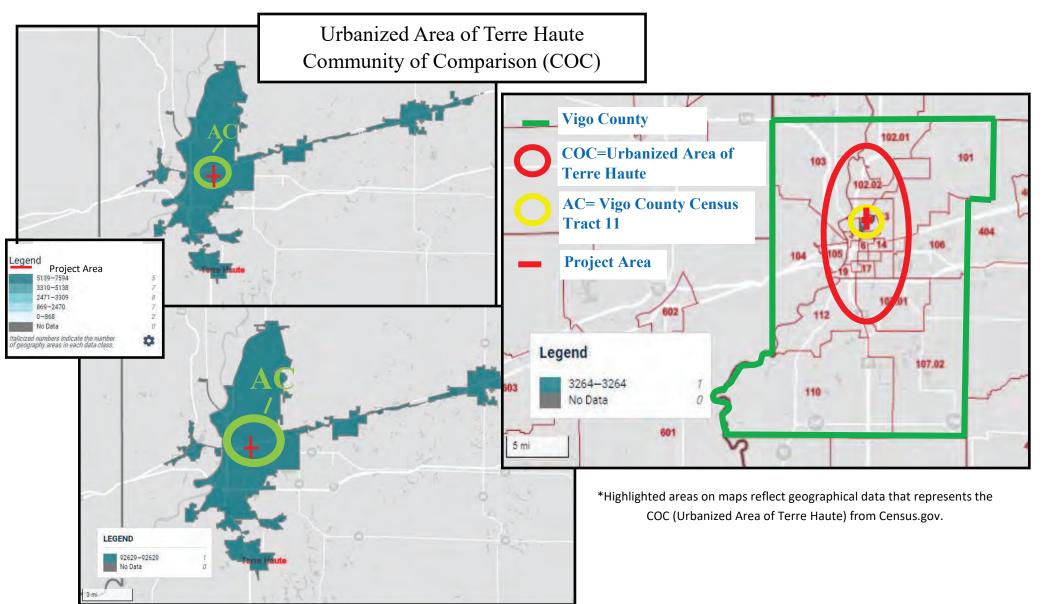
TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Road) and 1900842 (Lead, Bridge) 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

## Vigo County, Census Tract 11 Affected Community (AC)



## Environmental Justice Analysis

TRAX Project: Des. Nos. 1801932 (Lead) and 1900842; 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation, City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana



EJ Analysis for 13th Street & 8th Avenue New Bridges over CSX Railroad, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN Des. Nos. 1801932 & 1900842	Terre Haute, IN Urbanized Area (COC)	Census Tract 11, Vigo County, Indiana (AC)
Total: Income in the past 12 months below poverty level: Percent Low Income	83,323 18,854 22.63%	3,264 1,455 44.58%
125 % of COC	28.28%	AC>125%
Potential Population of EJ Concern?		Yes
	Terre Haute, IN Urbanized Area (COC)	Census Tract 11, Vigo County, Indiana (AC)
Total:	92,097	3,298
Not Hispanic or Latino:	89,799	3,285
White alone	77,669	3,079
Black or African American alone	6,996	157
American Indian and Alaska Native alonAsian alone	149	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,847 38	0 0
Some other race alone	54	0
Two or more races:	3,046	49
Two races including Some other race	98	11
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	2,948	38
Hispanic or Latino:	2,298	13
White alone	1,270	13
Black or African American alone	67	0
American Indian and Alaska Native alonAsian	0	0
alone	4	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0
Some other race alone	707	0
Two or more races:	250	0
Two races including Some other race	192	0
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	58	0
Number Non-White Minority	14,428	219
Percent Non-White Minority	15.67%	7.82%
125 % of COC Retential Reputation of FL Concern?	19.58%	AC<125%
Potential Population of EJ Concern?		No

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Total:	3,298	±413	92,097	±881
Not Hispanic or Latino:	3,285	±413	89,799	±885
White alone	3,079	±415	77,669	±871
Black or African American alone	157	$\pm 148$	6,996	±348
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	±12	149	±64
Asian alone	-	±12	1,847	±240
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	±12	38	±48
Some other race alone	0	±12	54	±41
Two or more races:	49	±46	3,046	±405
Two races including Some other race	11	±17	98	±53
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	38	±45	2,948	±402
Hispanic or Latino:		±22	2,298	±298
White alone		±22	1,270	±267
Black or African American alone		±12	67	±51
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	±12	0	±28
Asian alone		±12	4	±5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	±12	0	±28
Some other race alone	0	±12	707	±227
Two or more races:	0	±12	250	±127
Two races including Some other race	0	±12	192	±106
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	0	±12	58	±57

# NOTE: Raw data shown below for Table B03002: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race Accessed on May 4, 2021 from the U.S. Census Bureau at https://data.census.gov/cedsci/

### NOTE: Raw data shown below for Table B17001: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age

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45 to 54 years	45,285	±1,481	732	±157	36	±33	785	±174
55 to 64 years		±1,328	945	±177	51	±37	910	±172
65 to 74 years		±1,033	591	±170	8	±13	489	±159
75 years and over	23,843	±912	513	±148	19	±22	373	±127
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poverty level:		±10,351	79,915	±1,387	1,809	±372	64,469	±1,643
Male:	2,789,231	±5,932	39,918	±995	912	±224	32,353	±1,117
Under 5 years		±1,629	2,290	±225	50	±40	1,992	±237
5 years	33,178	±1,176	544	±157	10	±16	417	±138
6 to 11 years	211,883	±2,499	2,555	±290	48	±37	2,223	±331
12 to 14 years	115,702	±2,017	1,517	±235	28	±28	1,087	±220
15 years	39,734	±1,112	439	±115	0	±12	296	±106
16 and 17 years	76,221	±1,216	1,127	±141	0	±12	850	±140
18 to 24 years	236,580	±2,222	3,693	±355	198	±119	3,348	±319
25 to 34 years	376,564	±2,032	5,795	±400	156	±94	5,079	±393
35 to 44 years	360,653	±1,695	4,855	±313	108	±64	3,889	±290
45 to 54 years	380,545	±1,722	5,285	±302	79	±45	4,073	±368
55 to 64 years	380,918	±1,381	5,487	±173	79	±51	4,045	±261
65 to 74 years	259,938	±1,134	4,059	±147	132	±66	3,277	±232
75 years and over	151,376	±875	2,272	±117	24	±23	1,777	±184
Female:	2,804,162	±6,289	39,997	±779	897	±191	32,116	±897
Under 5 years	157,799	±1,460	2,031	±171	55	±44	1,859	±218
5 years	31,635	±1,160	418	±136	0	±12	382	±137
6 to 11 years	204,504	±2,525	2,862	±224	55	±67	2,025	±232
12 to 14 years	104,992	±2,158	1,223	±179	11	±17	993	±158
15 years	37,202	±1,207	414	±124	0	±12	387	±125
16 and 17 years	74,362	±1,321	995	±117	44	±54	768	±144
18 to 24 years	206,380	±1,920	3,092	±313	30	±45	2,672	±315
25 to 34 years	353,262	±1,966	4,817	±199	165	±87	4,106	±304
35 to 44 years	353,932	±1,841	4,761	±209	84	±51	3,771	±263
45 to 54 years	382,104	±1,685	5,285	±179	110	±52	4,213	±305
55 to 64 years	396,960	±1,639	5,683	±186	144	±75	4,283	±258
65 to 74 years	287,819	±1,165	4,561	±175	134	±47	3,518	±221
75 years and over	213,211	±1,048	3,855	±181	65	±41	3,139	±236

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INDOT-Environmental Services Division (ESD) has reviewed the project information along with the Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis for the above referenced project. With the information provided, the project may require minimal right-of-way. The project is anticipated to result in nine (9) residential relocations and (8) eight commercial relocations. With the information provided, the relocations would not disrupt community cohesion or create a physical barrier. INDOT-ESD would not consider the impacts associated with this project as causing a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority and/or low income populations of EJ concern relative to non-EJ populations in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12898 and FHWA Order 6640.23a. No further EJ Analysis is required.

Please note that the latest design will result in nine (9) residential relocations and nine (9) commercial relocations.

## Local TRAX - Terre Haute 13<sup>th</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Grade Separation \*DRAFT\* Conceptual Stage Relocation Study \*DRAFT\*

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### Purpose of the Conceptual Stage Relocation Study

The purpose of a Conceptual Stage Relocation Study (CSRS) is to inventory the characteristics and needs of residents and businesses that may be displaced by a project, analyze potential problems caused by the displacement, and propose solutions to those problems. Ultimately, the CSRS can serve as a basis for determining the extent of hardship to displaced residents and businesses and to those who remain in the project area once the work is completed.

#### About the Author

The author of this study, Joe Gromosky of Boomerang Ventures, LLC, has been a full-time relocation agent for 15 years and has worked directly with thousands of relocatees—homeowners; residential tenants; landlords; and small, medium, and large businesses—on some of the largest right-of-way relocation projects in the country. See Appendix A for more on the author's background.

### The Project

The project is in Terre Haute, Indiana (Vigo County) on 8th Avenue roughly between 12th Street and 14th Street, and on 13th Street roughly between 6th Avenue and Beech Street. The purpose of this project is to eliminate delays for motorists and emergency services at the 13th Street and 8th Avenue crossings of CSX Railroad due to train traffic, eliminate the potential for trainvehicle collisions at these crossings, and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety through the area.

See Appendix B for maps of the project area and photos of affected parcels.

### CSRS Methodology and Definitions

The following process is used to complete the CSRS:

- 1. Map the project area to find homes, businesses, and other structures or personal property in the area to be acquired.
- 2. Contact and offer to meet with affected residents and businesses to understand their needs and determine how the project and a move may affect them. Help them understand the project need, acquisition process and timing, and relocation benefits to which they may be entitled.
- 3. Determine the number and type of relocations in the project area based on information received from private meetings, public meetings, personal observation, property and tax records, and other sources.
- 4. Determine the availability and affordability of replacement housing for residential owners and tenants.
- 5. Determine the availability of replacement commercial sites for affected businesses.
- 6. Summarize the impact of the project and present findings.

The Uniform Act, 49 CFR Part 24, provides relocation assistance for residents and businesses displaced by federal-aid projects. There are five different relocation types defined by the Act:

<b>Relocation Type</b>	Code	Definition				
Residential Owner	RO	A home in the area to be acquired is occupied by the owner. The homeowner who meets the length-of-occupancy requirements is				
		entitled to relocation benefits.				
Residential Tenant	A home in the area to be acquired is occupied by a tenant. The tenant who meets the length-of-occupancy requirements is entitled to relocation benefits.					
Business	BR	A displaced business, farm, non-profit organization, or church is entitled to relocation benefits.				
Landlord	BL	The owner of a residential or commercial property that is rented to another person or business is entitled to relocation benefits as a landlord.				
Personal Property Move Only	РР	When neither a residential owner/tenant nor a business is displaced, but the acquired area contains personal property that must be removed, the owner of the personal property is entitled to relocation benefits. This often occurs in a partial take where a garage, barn, shed, or other structure is in the acquired area. Other examples of a PP relocation are when an unoccupied residence or business which contains personal property is acquired or when bare land is acquired with personal property scattered around.				

Each of the five different relocation types is eligible for a different set of relocation entitlements (benefits).

<b>Relocation</b> Type	Code	Relocation Entitlements					
Residential Owner	RO	1. Moving expenses (self-move or professional move)					
		2. Price differential payment					
		3. Closing cost reimbursement (for eligible expenses)					
		4. Incidental expense reimbursement (typically home inspections)					
		5. Increased mortgage interest payment (if new mortgage interest					
		rate is higher than the old one)					
Residential Tenant							
		2. Rental assistance payment OR					
		Downpayment assistance payment					
Business	BR	1. Moving expenses (self-move or professional move)					
		2. Business Reestablishment reimbursement (up to \$25,000)					
		3. Business Searching expense reimbursement (up to \$2,500)					
		OR					
T 11 1	DI	4. Payment-in-Lieu (PIL) (up to \$40,000)					
Landlord	BL	1. Moving expenses (self-move or professional move)					
	2. Business Reestablishment reimbursement (up to \$25,000						
		3. Business Searching expense reimbursement (up to \$2,500)					
		Landlorda and not clicible for the Darmont in Lion (DIL)					
L		Landlords are not eligible for the Payment-in-Lieu (PIL)					

Personal Property	PP	1. Moving expenses (self-move or professional move)
Move Only		

There can be eligibility for multiple Uniform Act relocations on a single parcel of land that is to be acquired. The following table gives examples of different land uses that might be encountered on a parcel and the number and types of eligible relocations for each one.

Parcel to be Acquired Contains	Relocations
Owner-occupied single-family residence	1 RO
Tenant-occupied single-family residence	1 RT, 1 BL
Residential duplex, both sides tenant-occupied	2 RT, 1 BL
Ten-unit apartment, each unit tenant-occupied	10 RT, 1 BL
Owner-occupied business	1 BR
Tenant-occupied business	1 BR, 1 BL
Strip mall with five tenant businesses	5 BR, 1 BL
A rented single-family residence, a rented mobile home, and a tenant business.	2 RT, 1 BR, 1 BL
A home that has been unoccupied for two years and contains the owner's furniture and other belongings	1 PP
A storage facility with 50 individually rented units	50 PP, 1 BL

### Relocations in the Project Area

Based on the current plan, relocation will be required on 18 parcels with an estimated 26 total eligible relocations as detailed in the table below.

The table shows the parcel numbers assigned by the project and used everywhere in this document. The close-up maps and photos in Appendix B are labeled with parcel numbers. In the table, the assumed relocation types are listed in the five columns to the right of each parcel.

Members of the project team met with nearly 90% of affected residents and business owners in person or by phone. The eligible relocation types were determined during these meetings. If the resident/business did not request or welcome a meeting, relocation types are assumed using information from project plan/design documents, corridor maps, multiple visits to the project area, and tax records.

Pcl	Sfx	ParcelName	Address	Mtg Date	Туре	RO	RT	BL	BR	PP	Relos
01	00	Zoll Manufacturing Co. Inc.	1400 N 13th St		Biz		1.		1	-	1
02	00	McCalister, Steve A. & John W.	1401 N 13th St	6/8/22	Biz				1		1
04	00	Critter Land, Inc.	1550 N 13th St	6/8/22	Biz				1		1
05	00	Heyman, William A. Jr.	1521 N 13th St	6/16/22	Biz					1	1
06	00	Seifers, Harold L.	1211 8th Ave	6/8/22	Res			1			1
06	01	Seifers, Harold	1600 N 13th St	6/8/22	Biz					1	1
06	02	Seifers, Harold	1654 N 13th St	6/8/22	Res		1	1			2
08	00	Potts, Billie L. & Judith A.	1624 N 13th St		Biz					1	1
12	00	Schimmel, David et al	1703 N 13th St	6/6/22	Biz			1	2	1	4
17	00	Carolyn & Matthew Hoover	1145 8th Ave	3/7/22	Res	1					1
18	00	Ridge, Mary	1201 8th Ave	2/22/22	Res	1					1
19	00	Large, David L. & Connie C.	1203 8th Ave	2/22/22	Res		1	1			2
20	00	CK Investments, LLC	1601 Garfield Ave	3/7/22	Res		1	1			2
21	00	Roberts, Terry L.	1207 8th Ave	2/22/22	Res	1					1
22	00	Luke, Amber & Brown, Anthony	1213 8th Ave	2/22/22	Res	1					1
23	00	Glide Properties, LLC	1215 8th Ave	6/8/22	Res		1	1			2
24	00	Gregory, Veda J.	1330 8th Ave		Res					1	1
25	00	Johnson, Johnny D. & Stephanie J.	1331 8th Ave	6/8/22	Biz			1	1		2
1						4	4	7	6	5	26
				Total reloo	ations	15%	15%	27%	23%	19%	
			Resi	dential relo	ations	50%	50%				

Legend:

- *RO* = *residential owner relocation*
- *RT* = residential tenant relocation
- *BL* = business landlord relocation (landlord for a residential or business tenant)
- $BR = business \ relocation \ (other \ than \ a \ landlord)$
- *PP* = personal property move only relocation

### Contact with Affected Residents and Businesses

Affected residents and businesses were offered the opportunity to meet with members of the project team for an appraisal inspection and/or a relocation inventory meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize residents with the project and members of the project team, answer their questions, and address their concerns.

Relocation meetings were conducted by Brian Nail, the Relocation Agent who will be working with each displacee for the duration of the project. Brian discussed the background and purpose of the project, explained the acquisition process and timeline, and explained the relocation benefits to which each person or business will be entitled. Federal acquisition and relocation brochures were emailed or mailed to residents before each meeting or handed out at the meeting.

To date, meetings have been conducted with 23 of 26 (88%) potential relocation parcels. The three parcels for which no meetings have been conducted appear to be vacant or used only for storage.

Specific observations from meetings are discussed in later sections of this document, but in general:

- 1. Interactions with residents and businesses were very cordial.
- 2. Attitudes regarding the project are generally positive.
- 3. Many residents expressed that they look forward to the day when they are no longer stopped at the railroad tracks.
- 4. Everyone interviewed is aware of and concerned about the fast-moving real estate market—whether they are looking for homes to purchase or rent, or a new business location.

For detailed information about contact made with residents and businesses, see Appendix C which contains:

- Meeting notes from the Relocation Agent, Brian Nail.
- Detailed notes from on-going interactions (calls, meetings, and other contact) with affected residents and business owners—before, during, and after the relocation meeting—by the Relocation Agent.

### Considerations for Relocating Affected Residents

#### **Residential Owner Occupants**

Four properties have been identified as owner-occupied residential, and meetings were conducted with each of the homeowners. All meetings were cordial. No one expressed any great concern over losing their current home, but almost everyone is concerned about finding an affordable replacement in an active housing market.

Two of the homeowner occupants indicated there may be issues getting clear title to the property since they are not sure if ownership was transferred properly when they took possession. This may cause some delay in the acquisition of the property, but hopefully will not prevent these owners from purchasing their replacement and using their relocation entitlements. Brian Nail indicated that there is a limited educational background in this group and a general lack of understanding of the home buying process. It will be up to him to provide an extra level of

advisory services to these people and help them connect with good realtors and lenders, and to find other assistance in the area. One owner is planning to use the acquisition as an opportunity to move out of the state.

Most displaced homeowners will choose to purchase their replacement, so it is important that there is an adequate supply of affordable replacement housing. The goal of any displacement, unless homeowners have other plans, would be to move the affected residents within the same geographical area from where they are displaced. It would be typical for a relocation agent to search for comparable homes within a 10-mile radius from a displaced person's residence. The Uniform Act allows for a search radius of up to 50 miles.

The table below shows the type of homes to be acquired in the project area and the number of similar-sized homes for sale by price range and distance from the project area. Within each price range, the number of homes within a 10-mile radius ("In TH") and within a 50-mile radius ("Out of TH") is given. Homes with a value above \$200,000 are not shown in the table since the homes in the project area appear to be valued much lower than this amount, so these higher priced homes would not be affordable.

Owner-	-Occ'd		1	Homes for Sale - By Price Range and Distance from Project Area										
Homes Acq'd			\$60-75k		\$76-100k		\$101-125k		\$126-150k		\$151-200k		To	otal
Beds	#	Beds	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of Th
2	4	2	12	9	8	11	5	5	3	8	1	9	29	42
3	0	3	2	1	4	7	4	5	3	11	11	22	24	46
4	0	4	-	+	+	× .			-		+		-	14
Total	4	Total	14	10	12	18	9	10	6	19	12	31	53	88
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	1000						osures,	auctions,	bank-o	wned, she	ort sale:	s, estates,	"As-Is"	
Sources:	Realtor	.com, TH	AAR.com	n										
Data as	of 7/1/2	022												

Given that only four owner-occupied homes are to be acquired, there appears to be an adequate supply of homes for sale. The current housing market in and around Terre Haute is active, but home sales have slowed in the last few months and the supply of homes has caught up with demand. The Terre Haute real estate market has been following national trends of reduced inventory and increased home prices, but Terre Haute is historically less active than other parts of Indiana, and a general slowdown in statewide real estate activity would typically result in an even greater reduction here. See Appendix D for charts showing national, state, and local market trends and statistics.

Eric LeFond—a long time resident of Terre Haute and a local Realtor for nearly 25 years—said the housing market was the busiest he had ever seen over the last two years, but that it has slowed since March/April this year. He said increasing interest rates have slowed demand and allowed supply to catch up.

Other cities and towns around Terre Haute are smaller and more rural, but if residents are willing and able to move away from town, schools are still good. The table below shows the school grades for cities and towns close to Terre Haute.

City/Town	Miles to Project Sc	hool Gra	ide School System
Terre Haute	*	В	Vigo County School Corp
Allendale	5.8	В	Vigo County School Corp
East Glenn	6.7	В	Vigo County School Corp
Cloverland	10.0	В	Clay Community Schools
Riley	10.0	В	Vigo County School Corp
Libertyville	13.0	в	South Vermillion Comm School Corp
Brazil	16.0	В	Clay Community Schools

Source: Indiana Department of Education

The housing market has slowed but may still result in high relocation price differential payments (PDP's) to owner occupants. This relocation benefit should put replacement homes within their financial means. Experience from other projects tells us that, as long as homes are affordable, people use typical resources, like Realtors and home-sale websites, as well as their own social networks to locate homes to purchase.

The City of Terre Haute in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) should be prepared to adapt their policies to ensure home buyers can secure new homes. It has been typical for relocation claims to be paid in 45-60 days, but this slow turnaround could close prospective buyers out of the market. The agency must be willing to adapt their process to make acquisition and relocation payments more quickly. Also, purchase comparables and prospective replacement homes are still selling quickly enough that the agency must consider allowing agents to increase relocation payments—by performing new comparables searches and recalculating relocation benefits—to make new homes affordable.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a waiver for calculating and paying relocation payments to homeowners effective June 1, 2022. Since it has become commonplace for buyers to pay more than the asking price for new homes, this waiver allows relocation payments to be increased if the market is following this trend. This policy should be implemented on this project if the market calls for it.

### **Residential Tenants**

Four potential residential tenant displacements have been identified in the project area. Meetings were conducted with all these households and were very cordial. The tenants seemed to agree that the project is needed, and their main concern is finding an affordable replacement. It is likely that one or more tenants will fall below the HUD low-income limit for the area. One tenant is excited about the possibility of using the relocation DAP (downpayment assistance payment) to help purchase a new home.

Eric LeFond, the Terre Haute Realtor, shared that the rental market in the Terre Haute area is now tighter than the purchase market. He shared that:

- As the market for homes sales has slowed, the market for rentals is becoming even more competitive.
- New rental listings can get dozens of applicants, and those with poor credit, little savings, and low income are being shut out of rentals since landlords can choose better-qualified applicants.
- Many landlords were selling their rental properties to take advantage of the high residential sales prices, but that trend appears to be reversing as the market for sales slows down.
- In some cases, institutional investors are buying rental homes in the market and driving up base rents, but Terre Haute is not a prime market for these types of buyers.

The table below shows the type of rental properties to be acquired in the project area and the number of similar-sized homes for rent by price range and distance from the project area. As stated in the "Residential Owner Occupants" section above, it would be typical for a relocation agent to search for comparable rentals within a 10-mile radius from a displaced person's residence, and the Uniform Act allows for a search radius of up to 50 miles.

Rentals	to be			Homes for Rent - By Monthly Rent Range and Distance from Study Area										
Acqu	ired		\$50	0-600	\$601	- 800	\$801	1,000	\$1,00	1-1,400	\$1,	401+	To	otal
Beds	#	Beds	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH	In TH	Out of TH
1	1	1	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2	3	2	1	-	7	3	1	1	-	1	1		10	5
3	1	3	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	3	-	7	2
Total	5	Total	1	E total	8	3	3	3	1	1	4	1000	17	7

#### Notes

"In TH" = approx. 10-mile radius from project area "Out of TH" = up to 50-mile radius from project area 1-, 2-, 3-bedroom multi-family units (apts, duplexes) not included but available throughout search area There are no 1-bedroom single-family homes available for rent in or around the project area. Sources: Realtor.com, THAAR.com Data as of 7/1/2022

Homes for rent are more difficult to find than homes for sale since there are fewer established home-rental resources. There is no single consolidated rental property source as there is for home sales. As the project proceeds and actual comparable rentals are needed, additional rental properties can be found by driving the area and talking to local landlords and rental property managers, so the number of available rentals is probably higher than what is reported here.

The active rental market may result in high rental assistance payments (RAP's) and downpayment assistance payments (DAP's) to tenants. These payments are designed to put replacement homes within the financial means of displaced tenants. It may be difficult to find replacement rentals, however, as with home buyers, experience from other projects tells us that tenants often use their own networks to locate new rentals.

The Uniform Act encourages tenants to purchase their replacement home rather than rent again. Relocated tenants have the option to use a DAP that ranges from a *minimum* of \$7,200 to \$20,000 or more. As mentioned earlier, at least one of the displaced tenants hopes to take

advantage of this benefit to purchase a new home, so the rental market will not be important to them.

Again, the City of Terre Haute and INDOT must be prepared to adapt their policies to allow tenants to rent or purchase homes quickly. They must be willing to make relocation payments as quickly as possible rather than the usual 45-60 days. Also, rental comparables and prospective properties rent so quickly that the agency must consider allowing agents to "re-comp" and increase relocation payments to make new rentals affordable.

### Considerations for Relocating Affected Businesses

Six businesses have been identified in the project area. Meetings were conducted with five of the six business owners. Parcel 1 is identified as a business, but the relocation agent was unable to meet with the owner and it appears the business may no longer be active.

Parcel 2, McCalister Bros., is the largest business in the project area. This construction business will need to find another large building, but they appear to have a great deal of flexibility in where they move since their clients are all around Terre Haute and surrounding areas. They have contracts with the City of Terre Haute, so they would like to keep their address within city limits.

The other four displaced businesses should have several options to find new locations. Parcel 4 is a pet store specializing in fish and other "critters." Parcel 12 is a large building that houses two tenant businesses—a fitness center and a flea market. The tenant business on parcel 25 sells home restoration hardware/supplies and appliances. Each of these businesses occupies sub-prime spaces and should be able to relocate to light-industrial warehouses or underutilized retail centers.

The business parcels acquired for this project have more to move than the average business, so they will take full advantage of the relocation move benefit which will pay for full-service packing, loading, moving, and unloading. The relocation move entitlement also pays for the disconnection and reconnection of all business equipment.

The other business relocation benefits—\$25,000 business reestablishment and \$2,500 searching expense reimbursement—should be fully utilized by each of these businesses. McCalister is a large enough business that the reestablishment and searching benefits will pale in comparison to their move payment, but the other businesses are small enough that these entitlements lessen the financial impact of moving.

For those businesses that choose to reestablish in the Terre Haute area, the commercial real estate market has ownership and leasing opportunities across all zoning and property class types. The commercial listing searches using Loopnet and the Terre Haute Area Association of Realtors resources resulted in multiple listings for each type of business. There is also vacant land for sale if the affected businesses seek to build replacements. See Appendix E for maps showing a sample of commercial properties for sale and for lease within a 50-mile radius of the project area, and a recent sample of commercial property listings.

### Estimated Relocation Entitlement Costs

As explained in the "Methodology" section, each different relocation type is eligible for a different set of relocation entitlements (benefits) under the Uniform Act. In the table below, the estimated entitlement cost per relocation type (in the "Per Parcel" column) is multiplied by the number of relocations of each type (in the "# Relos" column) to give an estimate of the total cost of relocation entitlements to be paid.

F	FEDERAL Regulations - Relocation Benefits			Entitlement Estimate				
# Relos	Code	Relocation Type		Per Parcel		Total		
7	BL	Landlord (Residential or Business)	\$	32,500.00	\$	227,500.00		
6	BR	Business	\$	112,500.00	\$	675,000.00		
5	PPMO	Personal Property Only	\$	10,000.00	\$	50,000.00		
4	RO	Residential Owner	\$	62,500.00	\$	250,000.00		
4	RT	Residential Tenant	\$	43,000.00	\$	172,000.00		
26		Totals	1		\$	1,374,500.00		

The above estimates reflect the following assumptions:

- 1. Two of the businesses (P2 and P4) will have expensive moves and have raised the average for all businesses.
- 2. The actual number of each relocation type may vary until all acquisition offers have been made, but interviews have been completed with most residents/businesses so the numbers should not change much.
- 3. The RO entitlement amounts would be even higher, but the increase in mortgage interest rates has caused the market to slow in the last few months. It is assumed that trend will continue.

The above numbers are estimates only, based on experience with hundreds of relocations, but any number of factors can increase or decrease relocation payment amounts.

### Conclusion

All but three of 26 potential relocation parcels on this project were contacted directly by members of the project team and the response from affected residents and business owners was generally positive and understanding. There are one or two situations that will require special handling, but every project has those.

All those interviewed speak English as their primary language, so it should not be necessary to have a translator involved in any future meetings. It can be difficult for native English speakers to understand the subtleties of relocation entitlements, so it is helpful that translation will not be necessary.

The affected area houses a significant number of low-income homeowners, tenants, and business owners, so it will be important to make sure that acquisition and relocation funds are fully explained and utilized, and that payments are made available as quickly as possible.

Relocation payments are the fuel that drives movement in right-of-way projects, and this need is magnified in today's fast-moving real estate market and in this project area. Home buyers and tenants will be overwhelmed if relocation funds are not readily available to help them purchase or rent new homes. To help improve the outcomes of all the displaced residents, the City of Terre Haute and INDOT must be willing to adapt their processes to allow relocation claims to be paid quickly and they should allow the relocation agent the flexibility to re-do purchase and rental comps so that price differential and rental assistance payments can keep pace with increasing home purchase prices and rental rates.

Businesses provide employment, stimulate the local economy, and expand the tax base. Data indicate that there are adequate replacement options for the six displaced businesses. Parcel 2, the large construction business, appears to have the financial wherewithal to find a new location if they choose to reestablish in the area and there appears to be an adequate number of replacement locations. There appears to be adequate commercial real estate available for the other four displaced businesses to relocate and continue to operate.

There appear to be five personal property move only (PP) relocations. The project area is somewhat depressed, so five buildings that would normally be occupied are vacant and will only require their owners to find another place to relocate personal property. Experience from other projects tells us that two to three of these parcels will probably realize their personal property is worthless, throw it away, and not need a replacement location. The other two will rent a storage unit, move their personal property to another place they own, or rent another warehouse space.

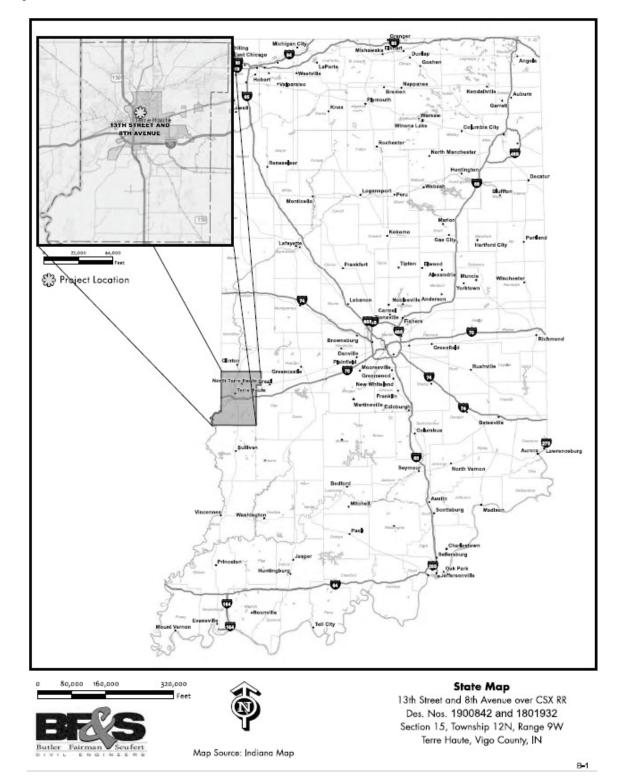
It is difficult to measure the impact a project such as this will have on the surrounding area, but it is likely that the net effect of this project will be positive. Traffic delays caused by stopped trains occur many times daily and negatively impact businesses and residents in the area. After the project is completed, traffic will flow through the area smoothly—on local roads and on the train tracks—and, hopefully, several homeowners, tenants, and businesses will find themselves better off in new homes, new rental properties, and new places of business.

### Appendix A: CSRS Author's Background

Joe Gromosky, owner of Boomerang Ventures, LLC—a right-of-way relocation services firm based in Indianapolis, IN—has been an Indiana-certified relocation agent since 2007 and has completed more than 2,000 relocations.

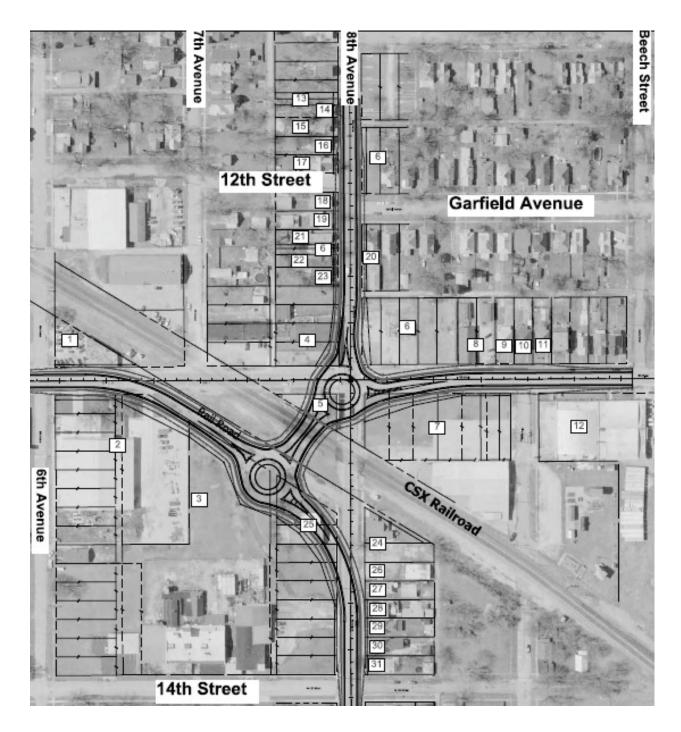
- Extensive knowledge and experience interpreting and implementing Federal regulations according to the Uniform Act (URA) and relocation regulations that vary by state.
- Work on right-of-way projects for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), other state and local agencies, and as a subcontractor to engineering/construction firms and eminent domain attorneys.
- Experience with the following types of relocations:
  - Business: large corporate-owned entities, manufacturing, retail, construction, multiunit storage facilities, healthcare, gas stations, automotive dealerships, automotive service, grocery stores, liquor stores, hotels/motels, churches, restaurants, banks, franchises, kennels, numerous small businesses, residential/business landlords, and many more.
  - *Residential*: single- and multi-owner, single- and multi-tenant, low-income/Sec 8, non-English speaking, apartment complexes, mobile home parks, complex in-state and out-of-state moves, and more.
  - *Personal Property Moves*: very large to very small, multi-unit storage facilities, aggregate/ materials operations, pet cemetery, farms, and others.
- Extensive relocation experience on some of the largest right-of-way relocation projects in the country: NICTD/Chicago commuter train extension; I-69 from Evansville, IN to Indianapolis, IN; Gordie Howe International Bridge (Detroit, MI); Ohio River Bridges (IRWA 2013 Project of the Year); US 31 in Indianapolis, Kokomo, and South Bend; and many others.
- Developed a right-of-way database to track all relocation parcel details: owner/tenant contact information, milestone dates, claim status, outstanding tasks, and all parcel interactions (contact management). Use this database to manage relocation projects, quickly report project/parcel status to clients, and ensure timely communication with relocatees.
- Created mobile office-equipped work vans -- Internet access and print/scan/email capabilities giving Boomerang agents the ability to serve relocatees more efficiently and respond to client requests quickly.
  - Use technology to perform the administrative portion of relocation work accurately and efficiently, making it possible for agents to spend more time serving each relocatee.
- Education
  - o BSME, Purdue University, 1987
  - o MA in Graduate Studies, The Ohio State University, 1991
  - o Indiana-certified relocation agent, 2007
  - Indiana Real Estate Broker

### Appendix B: Project Area and Project Maps, Parcel Photos



### Project Area within Indiana

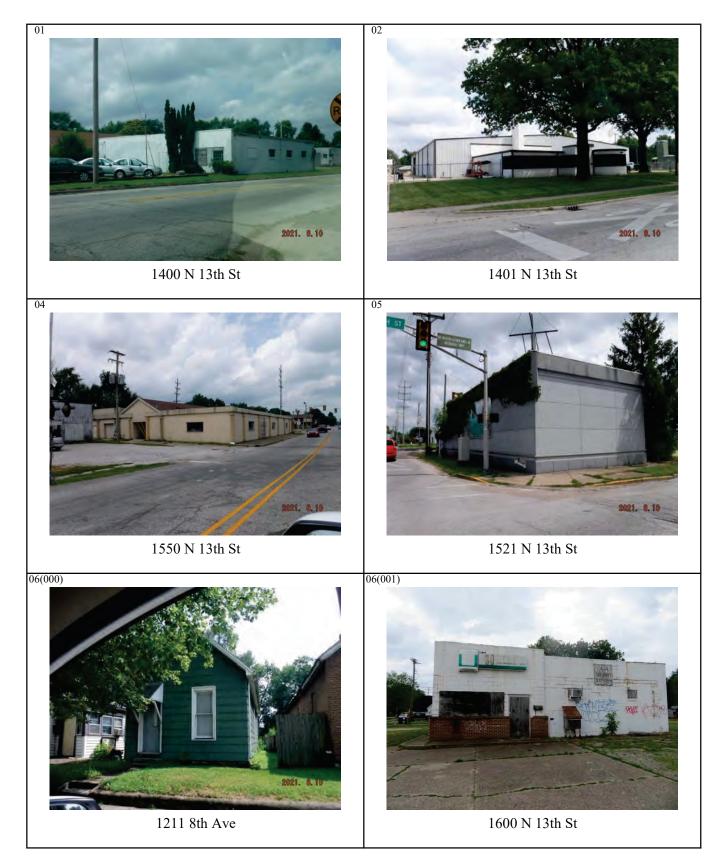
### Project Area Map Showing Affected Parcels



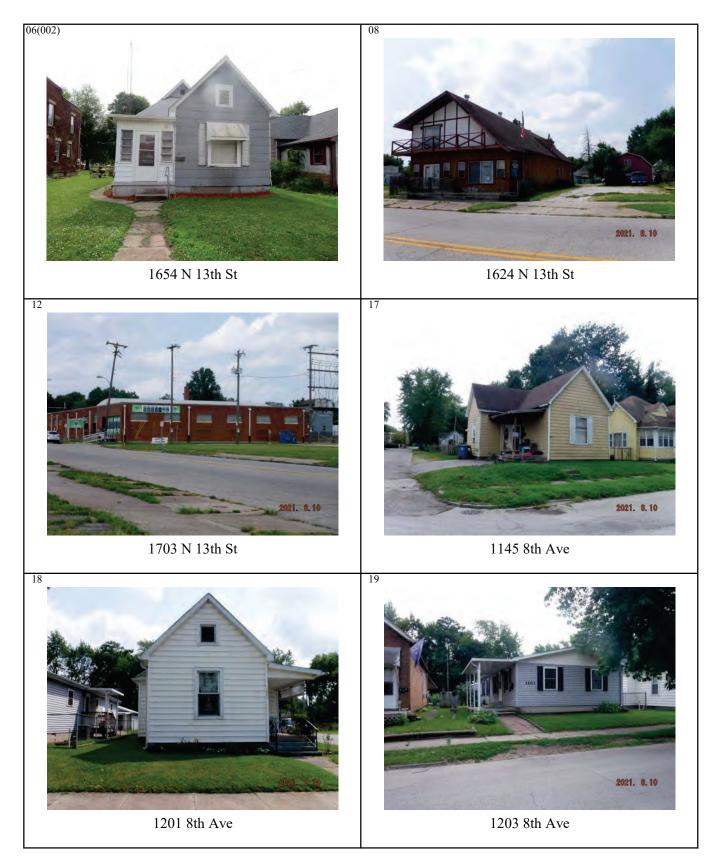
### Photos of Relocation Parcels

(showing relocation parcel numbers and addresses)

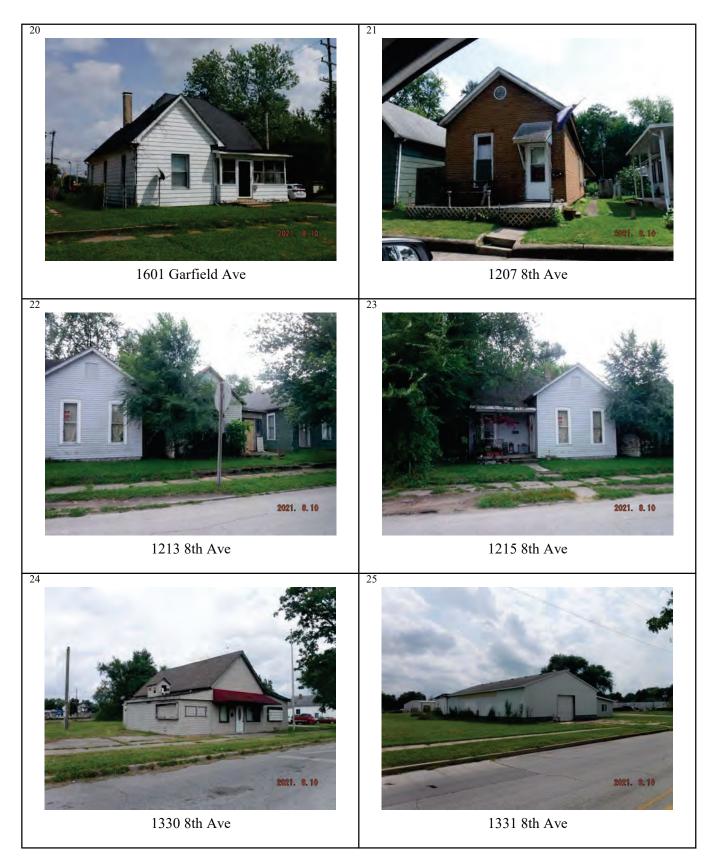
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# Appendix C: Contact Made with Affected Residents/Businesses

Relocation Agent's Meeting Notes

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	<b>BUSINESS INTERVIEW</b>	/ QUESTIONNAIRE
Parcel Informatio	n Beoth	ERS Project: 1801932
Business Name:	McCalister, Steve A. & John W.	Code: LPA - TXTH Parcel: 002(000)
Property Address:	1401 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807	
Mailing Address	Displacement	
	Main Contact	Alternate Contact
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Email		John is MAIN & CONTACT
Business Informa	tion 59 -	
Type / Description	28,000 FT BLDg	Legally in U.S.? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Any similar stores?	Acquired by project	Total (all locations)
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Employees		
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Additional Comm	ents or Concerns	
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Sprinkler system: Yes		
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### **BUSINESS INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

Parcel Information	Project	1801932	
Business Name: Critter Land, Inc.	Code:	LPA - TXTH Parcel:	004(000)
Property Address: 1550 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47804			The second
Mailing Address Displacement			
Main Contact		Alternate Contact	
Name			
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Mobile			
Email			
Business Information		5-0	
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Employees			
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Displacee Name:	Heyman, William A. Jr.		Code: LP.	A - TXTH Parcel:	005(000)
Property Address:	1521 N 13th St, Terre H	te, IN 47807		Cadae	
Mailing Address	Displacement				
Phone					
Mobile		0	and a second		
Email	Access	FROM PRITT	TERLAND		
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Other Special Servi					
Replacement Proj	perty Plans				
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Address(es) of importa	nt locations:				
4. Lease terms / co	ontractual obligations?		-		
5. Do you intend to	o purchase or rent your repla	ment property? 🗌 re	ent 🗌 purchase		
5. Any credit conc	erns?				
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### LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

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Business/Landlord Name:	Seifers, Harold L.	Code:	LPA - TXTH	Parcel:	006(000)
Property Address:	1211 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804	e contra			
Mailing Address	Displacement				
Phone	Email				
Alternate Contact Name	Altern	ate Phone			
Tenant/Property Info	rmation				
1. Please check one:			0	18	
Property is for single bu	siness Type of business occupying the prop	perty	KENTA	h C	· · · · · ·
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Children: Male (no	ote ages) Female (n	ote ages)			
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<b>Parcel Informatio</b>	n		Project:	180193	2
Displacee Name:	Seifers, Harold L.			- TXTH Parcel:	006(001)
Property Address:	1600 N 13th Street, Te	e Haute, IN 47804			1
Mailing Address	Displacement				
Phone		(	CALL WHEN	READY	
Mobile	£				
Email					
Occupant Informa	ation				
1. Length of occup	ancy				
Adults: Male	Female	Der	pendent adults?		
Children:	Male (note ages)		Female (note ages)		
2. Advisory Servic	es: Relocation assistance is	equired on all federal/fed	lerally aided projec	ts where displacen	ient occurs.
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	/Language Assistance				
Literacy Assistance		INFI T D	Gue C	14 1 4	
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Other Special Servi	ces Needed	ROCERY ST	ORE.		
Replacement Prop	perty Plans				
3. Is important t	hat the replacement proper	be close to your home,	work or school?	yes no	
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4. Lease terms / co	ntractual obligations?				
5. Do you intend to	purchase or rent your repl	cement property?	rent 🗌 purchase	6	
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### LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>Parcel Information</b>		Project:	1801932
Business/Landlord Name:	Seifers, Harold	Code: LPA -	TXTH Parcel: 006(002)
Property Address:	1654 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47804		
Mailing Address	Displacement		
Phone	Ema	il	
Alternate Contact Name	Alter	mate Phone	
<b>Tenant/Property Info</b>	rmation		
1. Please check one:			1
Property is for single but	isiness Type of business occupying the pro-	operty R	ENTRY HOME
Property is Single Fami	ly Residential Bedrooms Baths	s _/ Sq Ft	Acres
Total Occupants	Adults: Male	Fema	le
Children: Male (n	ote ages) Female (	(note ages)	
Property has multiple u	nits Number and Types of Units	Single,	FAMIY
2. How long has/have	e the tenant(s) occupied the property?	- /	
3. What is the month	ly rent? \$650		
4. What utilities are	NOT included in the rent?	ve	
5. Please provide info	ormation regarding the following appliances/	mechanicals/ utiliti	es:
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Reestablishment Plan		0	
6. Intend to reestablish	with the same business? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	(A) 1,11	FN READY
7. What type of zoning			
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11. Best time of year to		C. A. Lawrence T. C. C. C.	
<ol> <li>12. Likely type of move:</li> </ol>			
13. Any special concern			
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Date Business Established:			

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### **RESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Owner/Tenant Name:	Woods, Terry L 1654 N 13th St, Terre 1	OURTNEY		Code: LPA - T	XTH Parcel:	006(003)
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Occupant Informa	ation		./			2.11.2
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Children:	Male (note ages)	\$	Fer	nale (note ages)	1 BA	34
2. Address(es) of e	mployment & schools:	· ·				/
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### LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>Parcel Information</b>	Project: 1801932	
Business/Landlord Name:	Schimmel, David & Connie F. & Dean, Kenneth J. & E Code: LPA - TXTH Parcel: 012(000)	
Property Address:	1703 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807	
Mailing Address	Displacement Meer @ 819 SPRANG STREET	
Phone	Email kennydean1@gmail.com	
Alternate Contact Name	Alternate Phone	
Tenant/Property Info	ormation	
1. Please check one:	usiness Type of business occupying the property 50,000 SF BLDG	
Property is for single bu	usiness Type of business occupying the property 50,000 SF BLDG	
Property is Single Fami		
Total Occupants	Adults: Male Female	
Children: Male (n	note ages) Female (note ages)	
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8. Special utilities requ		_
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11. Best time of year to	move? Time needed to complete move?	
12. Likely type of move:		
13. Any special concern		
Additional Comments	TENANTS - BRANDON SMITLEY	
	DANIEL - BARGAIN BINS -	
Date Business Established:	ELDRIDGE	
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### **BUSINESS INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Parcel Information</b>	on		Project:		1801932	
Business Name:	Smitley, Brandon		Code:	LPA - TXTH	I Parcel:	012(001)
Property Address:	1703 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807	1	10120			Company.
Mailing Address	Displacement					
	Main Contact			Alternate Con	itact	_
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Time needed to compl	ete move?					
Likely type of move:	Self / Pro / Combo	Bids: 🗌 No 🗌	]1 [	] 2		
Additional Comm	ents or Concerns					
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### **BUSINESS INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

n	Project: 1801932
Eldridge, Daniel	Code: LPA - TXTH Parcel: 012(002)
1703 N 13th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807	
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# PERSONAL PROPERTY MOVE ONLY INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

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Property Address:	1703 N 13th S	t, Terre Haute, IN 478	304	The second		
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### **RESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Parcel Informatio</b>	n	Project:	- 1	1801932	
Owner/Tenant Name:	Hoover, Matthew	Code:	LPA - TXTH	Parcel: 017(0	00)
Property Address:	1145 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804				
Mailing Address	Displacement		11		
Phone					· com
Mobile	MATTHPW & (7)	RANDMA	DAD		
Email		551	DISABIL	m	
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### LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>Parcel Information</b>			Project:	1801932
Business/Landlord Name:	CK Investments, LLC		Code: LPA - TXT	"H Parcel: 020(001)
Property Address:	1601 Garfield Ave, Terre Haute, IN	47804		
Mailing Address	Displacement	CONTACT	- JEFF	BEATTIE
Phone		Email		
Alternate Contact Name	STONE MAMT	Alternate Ph	none Z	
Tenant/Property Info	ormation T	Contraction of the second s	b	
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### CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

### **RESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Parcel Informatio</b>			Project:	180	01932
Owner/Tenant Name:	Tenant TRAVIS	-ULK Tel	SA Code: I	PA - TXTH Pa	rcel: 020(001)
Property Address:	1601 Garfield Ave, Terr	re Haute, IN 47804	DEIANA		1.00
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Phone	-4				
Mobile					
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# CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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### LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>Parcel Information</b>		Project:	1801932	
Business/Landlord Name:	Glide Properties, LLC		TXTH Parcel: 023(000)	
Property Address:	1215 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804			
Mailing Address	Displacement			
Phone	Ema	il		
Alternate Contact Name	Alter	rnate Phone		а (
Tenant/Property Info	ormation			
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# CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

### **RESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

Property Address:       1215 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804         Mailing Address       Displacement         Phone	TXTH Parcel: 023(001)
Mailing Address       Displacement         Phone	
Phone         Mobile         Email       JSAUCERMAN @ HoTMAL.Com         Occupant Information         1. Persons occupying this property       Total Occupants       3       Length of oc         Adults:       Male       2       Female       Dependent adults?         Adults:       Male       2       Female       Dependent adults?         Children:       Male (note ages)	A CONTRACT OF
Mobile	
Email       JSAUCERMAN @ HoTMAL.Com         Occupant Information         1. Persons occupying this property       Total Occupants       3       Length of oc         Adults:       Male       2       Female       Dependent adults?         Children:       Male (note ages)	
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Children:       Male (note ages)	
Address(es) of employment & schools:  Advisory Services: Relocation assistance is required on all federal/federally aided project Should the Right of Way Agent consider any of the following when providing Advisory S Disability / Special Needs Disability / Special Needs Interpreter / Signer / Language Assistance Literacy Assistance Public Transportation Government Housing Assistance Replacement Home Plans Which of the following appliances/utilities does your current home have and who is the pu AC: UIAMOU HEAT:STOVE: WATE WATER SOFTENER rented / ownedPROPANE TANK rented / ownedProvider: WELLYPUBLICSEWER Pictures of Utility Meters Do you intend to purchase or rent your replacement home? rent purchase Do you have a mortgage now? What is your current interest rate? yes	
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# LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>Parcel Information</b>		Project	1	801932
Business/Landlord Name:	Johnson, Johnny D. & Stephanie J.	Code:	LPA - TXTH Pa	rcel: 025(000)
Property Address:	1331 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804			
Mailing Address	Displacement		OWNED S	INCE 2018
Phone		_ Email		
Alternate Contact Name		Alternate Phone		
Tenant/Property Info	rmation			
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### **BUSINESS INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Parcel Informati</b>	on	Project: 1801932
Business Name:	Hawley, Brian	Code: LPA - TXTH Parcel: 025(001)
Property Address:	1331 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804	
Mailing Address	Displacement	
	Main Contact	Alternate Contact
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Title		
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In business since		
Employees		
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Gross Revenue		
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Lease terms / contract	ual obligations?	
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Notes from Relocation Agent's On-Going Contact with Affected Residents/Businesses

# Local TRAX - Terre Haute 13th St and 8th Ave Grade Separation Notes from contact with Affected Residents/Businesses

Parcel # Date Type Name

### 002(000) 6/8/2022 Mtg McCalister, Steve A. & John W.

AIM mtg went well with Steve & John. They are concerned about appraisal amount. They think it s/b in the 2M - 3M area. I took pics and explained their entitlements and timelines. They are very nice guys and we had a good talk. They are understanding of the project but want to be treated fairly. Evidently, someone from the city has told them, they don't have anything to worry about concerning what they will be paid. I told them I would have a couple of movers contact them in the near future to provide move bids.

### 004(000) 6/15/2022 Call Critter Land, Inc.

Called and talked with Bill Heyman. Nice guy. I discussed entitlements and he seemed to be pleased with what was going to be offered as an entitlement and felt it was fair.

### 6/15/2022 Mtg

Met with Bill to conduct AIM mtg. All went well. He has a ton of aquariums to move. This will be a complicated move for him. He is concerned about the timing of everything and wondering where his replacement will be located. Since he doesn't advertise, will locals be able to find him and/or walk there. Definitely sees the need for the project. Big question is, can he get relocated without great expense. I took pictures and told him I would find some movers to see about getting bids.

### 005(000) 6/15/2022 Call Heyman, William A. Jr.

Called and talked with Bill Heyman. Nice guy. I discussed entitlements and he seemed to be pleased with what was going to be offered as an entitlement and felt it was fair.

#### 6/16/2022 Mtg

Met with Bill to conduct AIM mtg. All went well. He has a ton of aquariums to move. This will be a complicated move for him. He is concerned about the timing of everything and wondering where his replacement will be located. Since he doesn't advertise, will locals be able to find him and/or walk there. Definitely sees the need for the project. Big question is, can he get relocated without great expense. I took pictures and told him I would find some movers to see about getting bids.

#### 006(000) 6/6/2022 Call Seifers, Harold L.

Talked to Harold about relocation. He has other properties involved in the project that are total takes. I got the addresses from him and one of them has a tenant, Terry Woods. It seems after further looking that they are all under the same parcel #6.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

Met with Harold at his rental home. His previous tenant moved out and he was in the process of repairs when he decided to stop when appraisers came. He wished the project was more organized because he would have rented his home out and as a result has lost a lot of income. It will be hard to make up. I took pics and explained entitlement program.

#### 006(001) 6/8/2022 Mtg Seifers, Harold

Met with Harold at his displacement, which was an old small grocery store building that used to be a gas station. He is currently storing items in the building. We could not gain access to the store because a vehicle hit the corner of brick wall and knocked it in front of the front door. Parcel # Date Type Name

#### 006(002) 6/8/2022 Mtg Seifers, Harold

Met with Harold and tenant to conduct AIM Mtg. He had told me before scheduling his meeting that he would have the tenants number to give to me. We ended up walking down the alley to his rental. He had already warned the tenants that I would be coming. Courtney Hayes was available and Terry Woods was working. I explained the entitlement program and the project timelines. Her dad lives with them. He is disabled. I took pics. They were very nice and easy to work with.

#### 006(003) 6/6/2022 Call Woods, Terry

Talked with Landlord Harold Seifers and he informed me of tenant Terry Woods.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

During mtg with landlord he called tenant and I was able to meet with them. Courtney Hayes was available and Terry Woods was working. I explained the entitlement program and the project timelines. Her dad lives with them. He is disabled. I took pics. They were very nice and easy to work with.

#### 012(000) 6/6/2022 Call Schimmel, David & Connie F. & Dean, Kenneth J. & Elizabeth N.

Called and talked with Kenny Dean. Nice guy. He and his partner David Schimmel, own the 50,000SF building with 2 tenants. He gave me their names and numbers and he wants me to call him after I meet with them and come to 819 Spang Street in Terre Haute.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

Had AIM mtg with Kenny Dean, very nice guy. He was very easy to talk with and appreciated the information I gave him. He said he would call me with exact rent amounts for his tenants. He was concerned for them that they would be looking at higher rents in relocating. He thought the project was a good thing.

#### 012(001) 6/7/2022 Call Smitley, Brandon

Talked with Brandon and intro myself and my role in the project. Discussed entitlement program and project timelines. He will meet with me tomorrow for AIM.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

Brandon was unable to meet for AIM. I took pics of building and will send paperwork for him to sign.

#### 6/15/2022 Email

Brandon called and wanted to receive the paperwork I had discussed with him earlier. I sent the AIM Docs via email for him to sign. I explained again entitlements and general timelines. Did not really have an opinion on the project.

#### 012(002) 6/7/2022 Call Eldridge, Daniel

Called Daniel and asked if we could meet tomorrow. I explained my role as a relocation agent and his possible entitlements as a result of the reloaction.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

Met with Daniel to conduct AIM. Everything went well. He took me on a tour around the building and all areas of warehouse he stored inventory. I took pics and explained entitlements and timelines. He said he had an opportunity to purchase the building but was glad he didn't. He felt he should be able to find another location, but it did concern him the price he would have to pay for a lease.

#### 012(003) 6/8/2022 Mtg Hendrix, Matt

Relo assigned via landlord providing the information. Entered bldg to take pictures. No pics camera dead.

Parcel # Date Type Name

#### 012(003) 6/9/2022 Call Hendrix, Matt

Talked with Matt Hendrix to explain my role on the TXTH project. He is in construction and uses the bldg to store his materials. I took pictures of the building but was unable to take inventory pictures while there due to camera issues. Will go back to capture inventory pics.

#### 017(000) 6/15/2022 Call Carolyn Hoover and/or Matthew Hoover

Matthew Hoover called me and we talked only briefly until he asked if he could call me back in a second.

#### 6/16/2022 Mtg

Met with Matthew and his grand mother for inventory meeting. Very nice but they are naive. forseen problem, they paid cash for the house, but Mr. Kline, who owned the house prior to paperwork being transferred, died. It seems as though the property is controled by Ffi Ventures. This will need to be worked out. I took pictures and explained the entitlements as best I could, but not sure if they even understood. Matthew wants to move back to Washington, Indiana. Doesn't like the traffic and train horns.

#### 018(000) 2/18/2022 Call Ridge, Mary

Talked with Michelle Branch. Her mother Mary Ridge lives in the house that is still under her parents names, Rolland & Clarice Farrand. Mary' daughter Karla lives with her and cares for her.

#### 2/22/2022 Mtg

Met with Michelle, Mary Ridge (her mother) and Karla her sister and Joe, her brother. Meeting went very well. They were all nice to talk with. They were concerned about getting their mother's name on everything since the passing of her parents who owned the house. They think it will probably be nice to the solve trains constantly going up and down the tracks blowing horns. Can't talk sometimes.

#### 019(000) 2/15/2022 Call Large, David L. & Connie C.

Called & talked with Connie. I explained who I am and the purpose for my call. I talked about entitlements in general as well as general timelines. She seemed to be very nice and was looking forward to mtg me.

#### 2/22/2022 Mtg

AIM Mtg went very well with Connie. Very nice lady. She seemed to understand the entitlements. Just wants it behind her. Her sister Jenny Large is her tenant and she was there as well. Both were nice and seem to just go with the flow type of people.

#### 019(001) 2/22/2022 Mtg Large, Jenny

AIM Mtg went very well with Connie. Very nice lady. She seemed to understand the entitlements. Just wants it behind her. Her sister Jenny Large is her tenant and she was there as well. Both were nice and seem to just go with the flow type of people.

#### 020(000) 6/16/2022 Call CK Investments, LLC

Talked to Jeff concerning his property at 1601 Garfield Ave. He was not aware that the property was going to be taken. I explained to him my role and that I was assigned to this property because it needed relocation. He told me that Stone Management took care of the property and for me to email what I needed him to sign.

Parcel # Date Type Name

#### 020(000) 6/20/2022 Email CK Investments, LLC

I hope you are recovering well. I appreciate you returning my call last week.

Per our phone conversation, I am attaching some forms requiring you to fill out and/or sign in the highlighted areas and return to me via email or fax. Again, it is my understanding that relocation will be required for the property located at 1601 Garfield Ave, Terre Haute, Indiana. As a result of this, CK Investments would be eligible for the following entitlements if an offer is made for the above property:Business Reestablishment Max amount of \$25,000.00Business Search Max amount of \$2,500.00Move ExpensesSince Terre Haute Trax Project is receiving Federal Funding, the attached forms would be required before receiving any of the above mentioned entitlements.

#### 6/20/2022 Call

Jeff also wasn't aware of any relo. I need to verify.

#### 020(001) 6/16/2022 Mtg Fulk, Travis & Deiana, Elisa

Met with Travis Fulk. He was aware that I would be showing up today as his neighbor Terry Roberts informed him I would be in town and wanted to speak with him. I discussed the project in general and my role as a Relocation Agent. I covered general timelines and entitlements as a result of an offer possibly being presented in the near future. He was not aware that his rental house was involved. I took pictures of the outside, but he did not want me to take of the inside because it was a mess. He told me to call and come back at a later time to take the inventory pics.

#### 021(000) 2/22/2022 Mtg Roberts, Terry L.

During my last AIM mtg with the Browns, Chad came back in and said he received a call to appraise Terry Roberts home 2 houses down. So I met with Terry last minute. I remembered him from the town mtg and he remembered me as well. Meeting went very well. Terry is having a hard time understanding how the PDP works, but I told him not to worry too much about it as I will make sure when the time comes that he understand it fully.

#### 4/4/2022 Call

Terry called and wanted to know if I had heard anything. I told him no word yet.

#### 022(000) 2/22/2022 Mtg Luke, Amber & Brown, Anthony

Chad informed me while on other meetings that this parcel had been scheduled last minute. I met with the couple and they were very nice and anxious to get through everything as they are going to possibly relocate to Florida. Anthony and Amber are glad about the project because now they will be able to relocate to Florida. They will not miss the trains.

#### 6/30/2022 Call

Anthony called and wanted to know if I have heard anything yet on the offers. I told him no. He said they are cutting down trees in front of his house and didn't let him know. I told him I understood his anxiousness, but hopefully it wouldn't be much longer.

#### 023(000) 6/6/2022 Email Glide Properties, LLC

My name is Brian Nail. I am your Relocation Agent on the Trax Project. Since the appraiser has been out to meet with you, I need to also meet up with you as well. This is a federally funded project and as a result you have certain entitlements available to you when the offer is made for your property. Please call me and I can explain entitlements and project timelines in general.

#### 6/6/2022 Call

LM about who I am and to please call me.

Parcel # Date Type Name

#### 023(000) 6/6/2022 Call Glide Properties, LLC

Tammy, property mgr, returned my call. I explained my role in the project and she supplied the tenant names and phone number. I will meet her Weds. I just need to call when I have the time to meet in between other mtgs. She wanted me to send the paperwork via email.

#### 6/6/2022 Email

Email to Tammy:

Thanks again for returning my call. I have attached the documents I was referring to. Please have them filled out and/or signed and returned to me. Give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. I will call you on Wednesday when I am in Terre Haute.

#### 6/15/2022 Mtg

Met with Tammy to pick up signed AIM docs and to discuss further about timelines and entitlements. She said the tenants were always asking about when everything was going to take place and would they have another house for them to rent.

#### 023(001) 6/7/2022 Call Saucerman, Roy & Jason

Called Jason to see about meeting tomorrow for the AIM meeting. He was good with the timing. I was able to get his number from Terry Roberts.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

Met with Jason for AIM mtg. All went well. He gets paid by the State to care for his adult son and his son gets SSI. They are low income. I took pics and explained the entitlements and timelines. They are concerned about affording their replacement and finding one. they asked if they would have enough time to move. I told him that shouldn't be much of a problem and that I will always keep them informed.

#### 025(000) 6/6/2022 Call Johnson, Johnny D. & Stephanie J.

Called and talked with Stephanie. I explained who I am and general info on entitlements and project timelines. She was very friendly. They are BL and their tenant is Brian Hawley. I scheduled an inventory mtg with her on June 8th at 10am.

#### 6/8/2022 Mtg

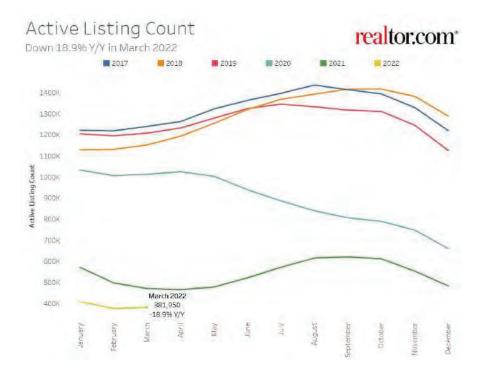
Met with Johnny & wife, Stephanie at the dispc. All went well. They contacted the tenant, who was out of town and told him they were mtg with me. I left him a message as well. I took pictures of all the personal property within the building. They wished they had known before because they might have made different decisions. They are sure it is a needed project, but for them it will be disrupting for sure.

#### 025(001) 6/8/2022 Mtg Hawley, Brian

Met with Brian's Landlord to take pics of his personal property for AIM. He was out of country but they contacted him to inform. I left him a message.

# Appendix D: Residential Real Estate Trends and Statistics

# Residential Real Estate Trends - National





# Residential Real Estate Trends - State of Indiana

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(INDIANAPOLIS, IN) – The Indiana Association of REALTORS® today released its summary of existing-home sales from the third month of 2022, closing out the first quarter. Existing homes include single-family, townhomes, condos, and co-ops.

#### Statewide YOY Comparison

March 2022 vs. March 2021

- Closed home sales decreased 6.5% to 6,715
- Median sales price increased 17.3% to \$224,000
- Average sales price **increased** 14.2% to \$257,376
- The percent of original list price received at sale **increased** 1.1% to 99.6%
- Pending sales increased 6.2% to 8,476
- New listings increased 6.6% to 9,262
- Inventory increased 4.3% to 6,154 listings
- Month's supply **remained the same** at 0.7 mos.

#### Statewide YTD Comparison:

Q1 2022 vs. Q1 2021

- Closed home sales decreased 1.3% to 18,115
- Median sales price increased 15.5% to \$216,000
- Average sales price increased 13.5% to \$250,707
- The percent of original list price received at sale **increased** 1% to 98.7%
- Pending sales increased 7.7% to 21,630
- New listings increased 6.7% to 21,914

"Local housing markets are starting to stabilize after years of frenetic activity," said CEO Mark Fisher. "Though still at historic lows, interest rates have already increased much faster and much higher than initially predicted for the year. That plus other inflationary pressures are causing buyers to back away from the home search in some but not all areas of the state.

"While listings have picked up in a few areas, inventory remains low. At the end of March, there was less than half the number of homes for sale two years ago," continued Fisher. "Sellers undoubtedly have an advantage right now, but they may not see the same profit gains or the multiple offers they've gotten used to by the end of 2022."

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# Residential Real Estate Trends - Local (Vigo County, IN)

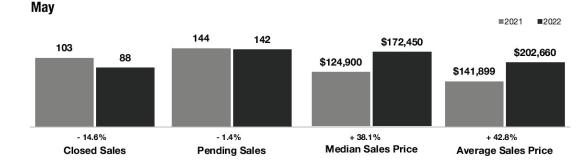
# Local Market Update for May 2022

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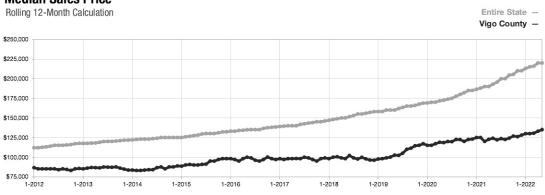
# **Vigo County**

		May			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2021	2022	Percent Change	Thru 5-2021	Thru 5-2022	Percent Change	
New Listings	156	150	- 3.8%	540	567	+ 5.0%	
Closed Sales	103	88	- 14.6%	435	431	- 0.9%	
Median Sales Price	\$124,900	\$172,450	+ 38.1%	\$114,900	\$136,000	+ 18.4%	
Percent of Original List Price Received*	97.7%	99.5%	+ 1.8%	95.3%	97.4%	+ 2.2%	
Months Supply of Inventory	1.2	1.0	- 16.7%				
Inventory of Homes for Sale	128	110	- 14.1%				

\* Does not account for list price from any previous listing contracts. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.







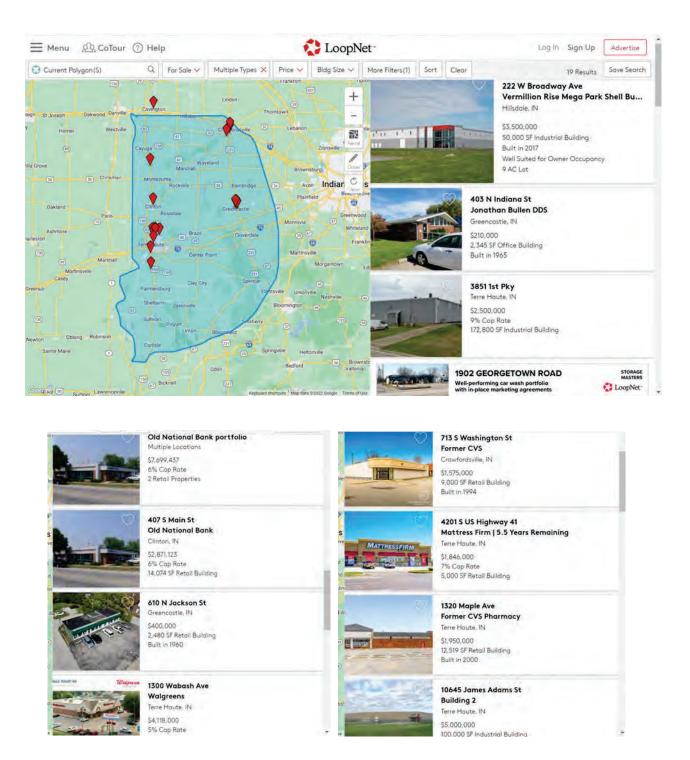
A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Current as of June 16, 2022. Data obtained from participating Multiple Listing Services (MLSs) and Broker Listing Cooperatives® (BLCs®). Report © 2022 ShowingTime.

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# Appendix E: Commercial Real Estate Maps and Property Listings

Commercial Property for Sale - Approx 50 mi from Project Area





1641 S US Highway 231 Crawfordsville, IN \$500,000

3.247 SF Office Building Built in 1999



#### 2865 S State Road 47 Premier Wedding Venue

Crawfordsville, IN \$1,900,000 Lodge/Meeting Hall 13,000 SF



2021 Fort Harrison Rd Terre Haute, IN \$3,454,000 5% Cap Rate 18,556 SF Retail Building



# 436 S Bloomington St Greencastle, IN \$350,000 3,200 SF Retail Building Built in 1964



1110 Fort Harrison Rd Previous Niehaus Lumber Location Terre Haute, IN \$599,000 11,441 SF Retail Building Built in 1980



\$799,000 27,300 SF Office Building Built in 1863

1 N Indiana St

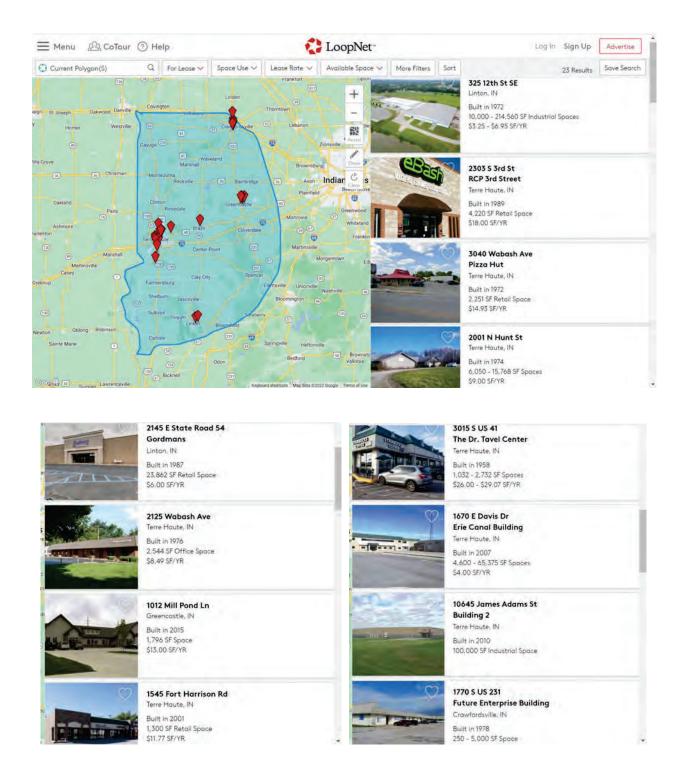
Greencostle, IN



110 S Indiana St Greencostle, IN \$950,000 29.804 SF Office Building Built in 1889



2121 Lafayette Ave Terre Haute Terre Haute, IN \$659,000 9,570 SF Retail Building



# Commercial Property for Lease - Approx 50 mi from Project Area



713 S Washington St Crawfordsville, IN Built in 1994 9,000 SF Retail Space Space Available Now



637 E National Ave For lease- Drive Thru available-retail/Rest Brazil, IN Built in 2004 1,846 SF Retail Space 1 Space Available Now



3401-3500 S US Highway 41 **Riverside Plaza** Terre Haute. IN Built in 1973 2,500 - 64,100 SF Retail Spaces 4 Spaces Available Now



1600 Crawfordsville Square Dr Crawfordsville Square Shopping Center Crawfordsville, IN Built in 1968 480 - 8,448 SF Retail Spaces





1360 Indianapolis Rd

Shoppes of Greencastle Greencastle, IN Built in 2001 1,200 - 6,400 SF Retail Spaces 3 Spaces Available Now

5679 US Highway 41 S

Terre Haute, IN

4 Star | Built in 2005

1.600 - 31,719 SF Spaces 2 Spaces Available Naw

2506 Lafayette Rd

Interstate Lights

Crawfordsville, IN

Commercial Land

74.052 SF Lot

Honey Creek Commons



1620 US 231 Crawfordsville, IN Built In 2023 7,500 SF Retail Space



2500-2720 Wabash Ave Kroger Plaza Terre Haute, IN Built in 1968 1,231 - 57,987 SF Retail Spaces



833 Indianapolis Rd Kroger Plaza Greencastle, IN Built in 2005

8 Spaces Available Now

1,200 - 4,980 SF Spaces



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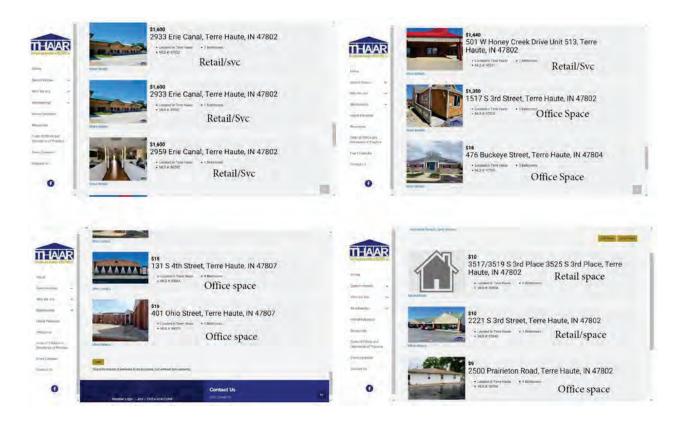
### 3 Spaces Available Now 800-830 Indianapolis Rd **College Corners** Greencastle, IN

Built in 2015 1,810 - 12,000 SF Retail Space

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1 Space Available Now





Terre Haute Trax Project 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue over CSX Railroad 13<sup>th</sup> Street over CSX Railroad Vigo County DES # 1900362 and 1801932





# 2019

# **Engineer's Assessment Report**



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# **1** PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this engineering assessment is to document and evaluate grade separation options to improve the existing at grade railroad crossings along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street over the CSX Railroad in Terre Haute, Indiana. This report will include relevant background data consisting of the project location, purpose and need, existing conditions, various alternatives, and the cost estimate for the preferred option as well as provide conclusions and recommendations.

# 2 PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located within the city limits of Terre Haute, Indiana in the northeast section of the city.

The CSX railroad line runs in a northeast/southwest direction and is located southeast of the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The limits of the project will extend approximately 0.25 miles along each leg of the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The City of Terre Haute is located within Vigo County, which is included in the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Crawfordsville District. Additionally, the project is within the metropolitan planning area of the West Central Indiana Economic Development District. Maps further detailing the crossings location may be found on pages A1 - A3 of the appendix.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing is located at a latitude of 39 29' 05" N and a longitude of 87 23' 50" W. The 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing is located at a latitude of 39 29' 02" N and a longitude of 87 23' 52" W.

# **3 PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE**

According to a recent Railroad Corridor Study done for the City of Terre Haute, there are two railroad corridors located at the project site. This study indicated that currently there are more than 20 trains per day at this location and it was forecasted that amount of train traffic would increase. Often trains will stop or slow down as they transverse through this corridor creating delays for motorists when these crossings are temporarily blocked. With Union Hospital located 0.5 miles west of the project, it is difficult for First Responders (EMS, fire, police etc.) to avoid delays caused by blocked crossings.

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and mobility of the public by addressing the adverse effects of the current at grade crossings at the project location. Constructing bridges to carry the motoring public and pedestrians over the railroad, their safety is greatly improved by reducing the potential for train, vehicle and pedestrian collisions while reducing emergency response times. The CSX Railroad operations will be maintained throughout construction and their risks and concerns will be decreased by the elimination of the two existing at grade crossings. The new structures will upgrade the existing roadways to meet current design standards and upgrade safety features within the limits of the structure.

# 4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

	8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Location	Urban (Built-up)	Urban (Built-up)
Functional Classification	Major Collector	Minor Arterial
Project Scope	Reconstruction, Non-Freeway	Reconstruction, Non-Freeway
National Truck Network	No	No
National Highway System	No	No
Railing	None	None
Curbs	2'-0" C&G / 6" Curb	6" Curb
Sidewalks	Varies 4' – 5'	Varies 4' – 5'
Utilities	Various – See Section 15	Various – See Section 15
Railroad	CSX	CSX
Roadway Pavement Type	Asphalt	Asphalt
Roadway Width	32' E of 13 <sup>th</sup> , 28' W of 13 <sup>th</sup>	36'
Shoulder Width	None	None
Shoulder Surface	None	None
Guardrail	None	None
Vertical Alignment	Flat by observation	Flat by observation
Horizontal Alignment	Tangent	Tangent

#### **Table 4.1 Existing Conditions**

Existing curb inlets are spaced at approximately 300-400 feet throughout the area of impact. The stormwater is likely directed toward the Wabash River to the west. Existing Right of Way on 13<sup>th</sup> Street is approximately 60' wide, 30' from the centerline. Existing Right of Way on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is approximately 50' wide, 25' from centerline, west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and approximately 60' wide, 30' from the centerline, west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and approximately 60' wide, 30' from centerline, west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and approximately 60' wide, 30' from centerline, east of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Railroad right of way is 100' wide, with the centerline being approximately 10' to the east of the centerline of the eastern railroad track.

Since no existing roadway plans were available, the City of Terre Haute estimated that 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street were resurfaced in 1989. Whether or not other work has been done on these sections is unknown.

New construction will adhere to the geometric design tables in Indiana Design Manual (IDM) Figure 53-7 and 53-8 as shown on pages A17 – A24 of the appendix.

# 5 FIELD CHECK

A formal field check was not conducted for this report. Several site visits were conducted to take photographs as well as to become more familiar with the project location. A kickoff meeting was held with the utilities in the area and the minutes of this meeting can be found on pages A86 - A87 of the appendix. Per INDOT recommendations, field checks will occur around Stage 1 Plans as well as after Stage 3 Plans just prior to the Final Tracing submittal.

# 6 TRAFFIC DATA

Since the City of Terre Haute was not able to provide traffic data for this location, video turning movement counts (TMC) were taken for a 24-hour period at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in June of 2019. The morning peak hour of the intersection was calculated to be from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. The evening peak hour of the intersection was calculated to be from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The following table shows Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT), Design Hour Volume (DHV), Truck Percentage, and Directional Distribution for each approach of the 13th Street and 8th Avenue intersection under existing conditions. This counted traffic becomes the base volume for the traffic calculations described below.

Intersection	2019	2019	Trucks	Trucks	Directional
Leg	AADT	DHV	% AADT	% DHV	Distribution
North	7 0 2 1	306	2.3%	2.4%	49% North
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	7,021	500	2.5%	Z.470	51%South
East	4,523	145	1.9%	2.1%	52% West
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4,525	145	1.9%	2.170	48% East
South	7,190	330	2.5%	2.4%	48% North
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	7,190	550	2.5%	2.470	52% South
West	E 100	315	1.8%	1.6%	50% West
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5,109	515	1.070	1.0%	50% East

It was assumed that some traffic from surrounding at grade railroad crossings will choose the grade separated crossing during train events to avoid closures and delays. A map to show the surrounding at grade railroad crossings and traffic volumes is provided on pages A97 – A98 of the appendix and listed below:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- Elm Street

- Locust Street
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
- Ash Street
- Maple Avenue

Average Daily Traffic (ADT) was assigned for each of the roadways listed above as an at grade railroad crossing. Where available, INDOT traffic counts were used to assign ADT. Along other roadways, ADT was estimated using trip generation calculations, surrounding land use, or from a review of traffic data from similar roadways.

The number of trains per day was taken from data found on the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory data. For this rail line, the FRA data states that there will be 21 trains per day. At an estimated 10-minute delay per train, thru traffic at the above railroad crossings will be blocked for 14.6% of the day. It was assumed that 50% of this blocked traffic will redirect to the proposed overpass(es), while the remaining 50% remains on their original route and waits for the train to clear. Turning Movement Figures showing the redirected AM and PM traffic can be found on page A101 of the appendix.

A 1.0% average growth rate (AGR) was used to forecast traffic data to a 2039 Design Year. This growth rate was determined from reviews of historic traffic data, surrounding land use, and potential future land use.

The sum of base year volumes, 50% of traffic redirected from other rail crossings, and forecasted growth results in the 2039 projected traffic volumes. The following table shows AADT, DHV, Truck Percentage, and Directional Distribution for each approach of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection in the 2039 Design Year.

Intersection	2039	2039	Trucks	Trucks	Directional
Leg	AADT	DHV	% AADT	% DHV	Distribution
North		007	2.3%	2.4%	51% North
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	9,558	907	2.5%	2.470	49%South
East	6 5 1 7	(1)	1.00/	2.10/	51% East
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6,517	613	1.9%	2.1%	49% West
South	11.020	1.000	2 50/	2.40/	50% South
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	11,820	1,096	2.5%	2.4%	50% North
West	0.240	024	1.00/	1 CO/	48% West
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	9,249	834	1.8%	1.6%	52% East

Traffic signal warrants were examined per the 2011 *Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices with Revisions 1, 2, and 3* at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The traffic volumes at the intersection, plus 50% of the redirected traffic, satisfy Condition A of Warrant 1, 8-Hour Vehicle Volume.

Using the design year volumes, turn lane warrants and storage length calculations were performed following the requirements of the IDM Chapter 46-4.01(01). The following table shows the results of these calculations.

Intersection		Left T	「urn			Right	Turn	
	Warr-	Storage	Taper	Total	Warr-	Storage	Taper	Total
Leg	anted?	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	anted?	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)
North 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	Optional	40	100	140	No	-	-	-
East 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	No	-	-	-	No	-	-	-
South 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	Optional	100	100	200	No	-	-	-
West 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	No	-	-	-	No	-	-	-

An operations analysis was conducted using Synchro plus SimTraffic 10 software for the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the 2039 Design Year. The following scenarios were considered(See section 8 for description of Design Alternates):

- 2019 existing conditions
- 2039 grade separated rail crossing with improved signalized intersection.
- 2039 grade separated rail crossing with roundabout pair.

A Plan view for each of the 2039 scenarios can be found on pages A25 – A36 of the appendix.

The improved signalized intersection was modeled as a semi-actuated signal with a 60 second cycle. Each approach was modeled with a shared left-turn, through, and right-turn. The roundabouts were modeled with a single circulating lane each.

Below are the level of service (LOS) results of the operations analysis. A LOS A indicates the least amount of delay, while a LOS F indicates the most congested conditions and the highest amount of delay. A LOS D or better is considered acceptable during peak periods.

### Traffic Signal

Sconario	Dook	Eas	tbo	und	We	stbo	und	Nor	thbc	ound	Sou	thbc	und	Overall
Scenario	Peak	LT	Т	RT	LT	Т	RT	LT	Т	RT	LT	Т	RT	Overall
2039 Separated	AM		С			С			Α			А		В
Grade, Improved Signal	PM		D			В			С			В		С

### **Northwest Roundabout**

Scenario	Peak	Westbound	Northbound	Southeast- Bound	Overall
2039 Separated	AM	А	А	А	А
Grade/Two Single Lane Roundabouts	PM	А	С	С	С

### Southeast Roundabout

Scenario	Peak	Eastbound	Southbound	Northwest- Bound	Overall
2039 Separated	AM	А	А	А	А
Grade/Two Single Lane Roundabouts	PM	А	С	С	С

The results of the operations analysis show acceptable current conditions. A grade separated rail crossing is expected to draw additional traffic from the area during train events. With the added traffic from growth, plus the redirected traffic from the neighboring at grade rail crossings, the traffic signal will operate sufficiently in the design year. Likewise, the single lane roundabout pair option will operate sufficiently in the design year.

# 7 CRASH DATA AND ANALYSIS

Crash data from a 5-year period from 2014 to 2019 was pulled from the statewide Automated Reporting Information Exchange System (ARIES) for the intersection of  $13^{th}$  Street and  $8^{th}$  Avenue, as well as the existing at grade rail crossings of  $13^{th}$  Street and  $8^{th}$  Avenue. The crash data and traffic volumes were analyzed through RoadHAT to determine the Index of Crash Cost (I<sub>CC</sub>) and Index of Crash Frequency (I<sub>CF</sub>). I<sub>CC</sub> and I<sub>CF</sub> values greater than 1.5 indicate a hazardous location.

Location	Total Crashes	Property Damage Only Crashes	Injury Crashes	Fatal Crashes	lcc	I <sub>CF</sub>
13 <sup>th</sup> Street and 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	38	26	12	0	3.96	5.46
13 <sup>th</sup> Street and the railroad crossing	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and the railroad crossing	2	2	0	0	N/A	N/A

The most common crash type was Rear End (37%) due to following too closely, weather conditions, or distracted driving. The next most common crash type was Right Angle (29%), many of which were caused by disregarding the traffic signal. Both of these collision types can be mitigated by improving visibility of the traffic signal itself with LED lenses, reflectorized backplates, and additional signal heads where necessary, as well as improving advanced warning devices on the approaches. These crash types can also be mitigated by reconfiguring the intersection into roundabouts.

Two crashes were reported at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the railroad crossing. A grade separated crossing will mitigate these crashes in the future. No crashes were reported at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street railroad crossing in the last five years.

# 8 ALTERNATIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report will develop different improvement alternatives which will provide a grade separated crossing for both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street with the CSX Railroad in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The typical roadway section for both Alternates 2 and 3 consists of two travel lanes at 12'-0'' each along with two curb offsets at 2'-0''. Moment slabs 9'-0'' wide will serve as sidewalks along both sides of the roadway adjacent to the curbs. One foot of each moment slab will be occupied by concrete barrier rail, which will be anchored into each moment slab, thus creating an 8'-0'' wide sidewalk. Since the roadway section will be elevated to carry it over the railroad, mechanically stabilized earth walls are proposed along each side. The roadway typical section will be carried over the bridge for each alternative creating a 28'-0'' clear roadway along with an out to out of coping width of 46'-0''. The bridge typical sections are shown on pages A37 – A41 of the appendix.

The limits of this project will be controlled by the proposed vertical alignment. At the railroad crossing, a minimum of 23 feet vertical clearance needs to be provided. The goal is to provide this vertical clearance by proposing vertical grades as flat as practical and limit the extent of the project as well as its impact to the surrounding area. The sidewalks within the project area will be adjacent to the roadway, following the vertical grades of the roadways which is allowable by PROWAG. All curb ramps and crosswalks will be designed in compliance with INDOT standards. After discussions with INDOT Design, this criterion was found to be acceptable.

# Alternate No. 1: Do Nothing. Keep the existing signalized crossings at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street

This alternate proposes that no work take place while leaving all elements of the at grade railroad crossings in place. No funds would be expended. This alternative would result in no improvements to the surrounding area as delays to motorist and first responders would continue especially when trains slow or stop at this location. The safety of the public would not be addressed as there is a history of crashes including some injuries and fatalities. This alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project.

# Alternate No. 2: Construct Grade Separation Structures at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street maintaining the Existing Horizontal Alignment

This alternate is shown in plan view on pages A25 - A30 of the appendix. Key elements of this alternate include the following:

- 30 mph design speed for both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Two new bridges over the railroad. One bridge each for both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street (30'-0" of vertical grade change). Each bridge would span over the entire length of the Railroad right of way.

- Due to the severe skew (approximately 59 degrees) with the Railroad, the span for the bridge along 13<sup>th</sup> Street is 228'-0" with a 7'-6" tall steel plate girder as the structure type.
- Two bridge structure types (steel plate girder and concrete bulb tee beam) were investigated for the bridge type along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The span for this bridge is 138'-0", since the skew is approximately 31 degrees.
- Closing of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (including railroad crossing), Railroad Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Street (south of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Garfield Avenue, Plum Street, and two alleys (one along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and one along 13<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Providing approximately 4,000' of wall to accommodate both grade changes and elevate the existing 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection.
- In order to accommodate the vertical grade change and keep the project limits reasonable, the maximum grades of 7.6% on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7.8% on 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be required.

# Alternate No. 3: Construct a Grade Separation Structure incorporated into a Roundabout Pair Southeast of the Intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street

This alternate is shown in plan view on pages A31 - A36 of the appendix. Key elements of this alternate include the following:

- 30 mph design speed for both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street will pull off existing alignment in order to accommodate two separate roundabout intersections that will be connected with a bridge over the railroad.
- One new bridge over the railroad, connecting two roundabouts. (28'-0" of vertical grade change). This bridge consists of concrete bulb tee beams with a span length of 120'-0" with a skew of approximately 11 degrees.
- Closing of Railroad St., 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Street (South of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Garfield Avenue, Plum Street, and two alleys (one along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and one along 13<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Providing approximately 3,700' of wall to accommodate the grade change of the railroad crossing.
- In order to accommodate the vertical grade change and keep the project limits reasonable the maximum grades of 6.8% on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6.9% on 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be required.
- Current roundabout design includes 110' inscribed diameter. Final design will accommodate local fire trucks as coordination efforts with the fire department continue.

### Recommendation

In order to come to the best alternative, all 3 alternatives were progressed to a preliminary design in order to fill out a direct comparison matrix. The comparison matrix is provided below and described in the following paragraphs:

	Comparison Matrix										
	Alternate 1 (Do Nothing)	Alternate 2 (Grade Separation, Maintain Alignment)	Alternate 3 (Grade Separation, Roundabouts with Single Bridge)								
Safety	3	1	1								
Operational Performance	3	2	1								
Cost	1	3	2								
Environmental Impacts	1	3	2								
Total	8	9	6								

Safety: The overall safety in relation to the railroad tracks is the major need of the project. Grade separation will provide the safest option as it will remove all train and vehicular conflicts. Comparing Alternates 2 and 3, the main safety difference is the safety of a signalized intersection versus a roundabout. As was discussed in the crash data section, with some signal improvements or with the roundabout configuration, the Rear End and Right Angle collisions will be mitigated significantly. Therefore it was determined to provide equal safety improvement values for both Alternate 2 and Alternate 3.

Operational Performance: Grade separation from the adjoining railroad tracks will allow for significant operational improvements through the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridors, especially with the anticipated rail traffic increase. Although the roadway network will require adjustments and a few street closures, the overall function of the area will be improved with grade separation from the railroad tracks. As shown in the LOS Summary tables on pages 5 and 6 of this report, Alternate 3 performs at a slightly higher level of service for the grade separation alternatives.

Costs: Alternate 1, with no construction, obviously provides the lowest cost, however would not fulfill the purpose and need of the project. Alternate 3 has overall cost savings over Alternate 2 (approximately \$6,860,000). The major factor in contributing to the cost savings between the two alternates was the elimination of one bridge as well as the optimized geometry/skew of the other bridge resulting in a shorter bridge length. The overall impact of projected costs can be seen in the table on page 11 of this report.

Environmental Impacts: Alternate 1, with no construction, obviously provides the smallest amount of impacts, however it would not fulfill the purpose and need of the project. Both Alternates 2 and 3 will require significant right-of-way purchasing to be completed and closing of some roadways. Alternate 2 does require additional road closures and impacts to the adjacent road network. Therefore it was determined to show Alternate 3 as a less impactful alternate even though both significantly change the landscape of the area of construction.

Final Recommendation: After considering the impacts and costs to the project such as: safety, operational performance, costs, and environmental impacts, it has been found that Alternate 3 is the recommended alternate. The roundabout pair with grade separating bridge allows for improved safety, better performance, and is more cost effective than Alternate 2.

# 9 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION

Due to the proposed grade separated crossing(s) of the existing CSX Railroad facility, it is costprohibitive to construct this project under traffic. Therefore, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street are recommended for full closure during construction. A detour route will be composed of an outer loop of streets: Maple Avenue to the north, Locust Street to the south, 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and US 41 to the west. Traffic approaching the project area can be detoured to this loop in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. Site visits will confirm whether there are any localized issues with these routes.

For example, traffic approaching from the south will encounter the closure on 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Locust Street. The shortest detour is Locust Street east to 19<sup>th</sup> Street north, then Maple Avenue west to reconnect with 13<sup>th</sup> Street. As an alternate option, the detour could route traffic west on Locust Street to US 41 north, then Maple Avenue east to 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

For all approaches, local traffic should be allowed to continue beyond the detour route to access roadways outside of the project construction area. An exhibit showing the proposed detour routes is included on page A121 of the appendix.

# **10 COST ESTIMATE**

A construction and land acquisition cost estimate is developed for both alternate 2 and 3 to determine the most cost effective alternate. These cost estimates include roadway, bridge, right-of-way, and utility relocation costs. Items not included within this cost estimate were engineering design or construction inspection as it is assumed those costs would be comparable for either estimate.

Cost Estimate Comparison								
	Alternate 2 (Grade Separation, Maintain Alignment)	Alternate 3 (Grade Separation, Roundabouts with Single Bridge)						
Roadway and Walls	\$12,900,000	\$11,100,000						
Bridge	\$6,300,000	\$1,700,000						
Right-of-Way	\$5,539,400	\$5,079,400						
Utility Relocations	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000						
Total	\$27,939,400	\$21,079,400						

# **11 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The level of environmental document for this project will be a Categorical Exclusion, Level 4. It appears that the project will not impact any waterways (streams or wetlands), and that no waterway permits will be required. A noise analysis and report will be required due to the significant vertical elevation change proposed for the grade separation at the railroad tracks. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was completed for eight sites identified as having potential subsurface impacts from current and/or past land use operations within the project footprint. This report is provided on pages A6 – A15 of the appendix. The ESA found that none of the sites have soil or groundwater impacts that would be considered a threat to the environment or human health. Initial desktop and field research efforts identified one (1) property within the probable area of potential effects for Section 106 that was considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NR) - 1401 N 13th Street; however, subsequent discussions about the property with INDOT Cultural Resources staff indicates that this property is likely not eligible for the NR based on significant structural alterations. A full Section 106 review will be required to confirm the eligibility of the property and the effects that the project will have on this property. In the event that the property at 1401 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street is considered eligible for the NR, especially the west "art moderne" portion of the building, the front lawn area between this building and 13<sup>th</sup> Street will likely be considered a Section 4(f) historic property. Alternatives that avoid or minimize impacts to the 4 (f) properties, which are also considered feasible and prudent, must be considered the preferred alternative. Spencer F. Ball Park is located along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the east end of the project footprint. This park is considered a 4(f) property and is listed as a Section 6 (f) property (National Park Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) recipient). It will be imperative to limit the impacts to this property to the maximum extent possible. Permanent right of way acquisition from this property will be avoided. A Rule 5 Permit will be required for this project.

# **12 SURVEY REQUIREMENTS**

A detailed topographic survey has been performed. LiDAR was primarily used throughout the project corridor. The amount of survey picked up along 13<sup>th</sup> Street consisted of 2200 feet from

4<sup>th</sup> Avenue north to approximately 250 feet north of Beech Street. Along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue a total of 2410 feet was surveyed starting from approximately 175 feet west of 11<sup>th</sup> Street eastward to the centerline of 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The width of the survey along both corridors extended to 15 feet beyond the apparent property line or to the face of the building, whichever was closest. Railroad right of entry permits were not required for this project, since the surveyors used LiDAR and did not have to enter onto the Railroad right of way.

# 13 RIGHT OF WAY IMPACT

Each of the proposed alternatives will have impacts to the adjoining property owners. The alternatives have been analyzed relative to land acquisition required for each. There is a substantial range in the critical components between the two alternatives. The components that affect the cost and schedule for any project are 1) the number of parcels impacted, 2) the number of relocations required, and to a lesser extent 3) the area of purchase. These are tabulated on pages A88 - A92 of the appendix. Overall, Alternative 3 has fewer parcels, less relocations, and less acreage (overall and temporary) than Alternative 2.

Comparative Analysis			
Component		Alternate 2	Alternate 3
Area (Acres)	Title Purchase	1.18	1.45
	Excess Lands*	2.94	2.54
	Total Title Purchase	4.12	3.99
	Temporary	1.83	4.09
Total Parcels		42	32
Relocation Parcels		26	22
* Excess lands are areas in addition to <i>required</i> R/W to be purchased for total takes			

# 14 RAILROAD IMPACT

The current at grade crossings at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street consists of gate arms and flashing red lights. Trains usually travel through these intersections at between 15 and 35 miles per hour. Creating a grade separation crossing at this location will improve safety for the motoring public as well as to the Railroad operations. According to accident reports supplied from the Federal Railroad Administration, there have been a total of 22 accidents between trains and the motoring public at these crossings since 1976. Included in these accidents, there were two fatalities and five injuries reported.

From the Railroad Valuation maps, which were provided by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), the existing amount of Railroad right of way at this site is 100 feet measured perpendicular to the railroad tracks. Each design alternate proposed no permanent disturbance to the Railroad right of way, since each alternative spanned the entire Railroad right of way. Also each alternative

provided a minimum of 23'-0" of vertical clearance above the top of existing rail within 6'-0" horizontally of each rail as required by Railroad's design criteria. Since no permanent construction was proposed within 25 feet of the existing railroad track centerline, crashwalls would not be required. In each design alternate, protective fencing would be incorporated into the design to prevent pedestrians from dropping debris onto CSXT's right of way and in particular to passing trains.

CSXT conducts Preliminary Engineering Review during the design process and requires a Public Projects Construction Agreement prior to construction. During construction railroad flagmen will be required.

# 15 UTILITY IMPACT

Duke Energy	Cindy Rowland	Electric	cindy.rowland@duke-energy.com
Frontier Communications	Alexandra Grabill	Communications	alexandra.grabill@ftr.com
Indiana-American Water Co.	Jacquelyne Byland	Water	jacquelyne.byland@amwater.com
Joink	Tim McCombs	Communications	timothy.mccombs@joinkllc.com
MCI - Verizon	Investigations		Investigations@verizon.com
Terre Haute, City of	Marcus Maurer	Storm/Sewer	marcus.maurer@terrehaute.in.gov
Charter Communications	Ronald Hinrichs	Communications	ronald.hinrichs@charter.com
CenterPoint Energy	Benjamin Vasquez	Gas	benjamin.vasquez@CenterPointEnergy.com
Windstream Communications	Daniel Leskinen	Communications	Daniel.leskinen@windstream.com

The following utilities and contacts have been identified as in the area and potentially in conflict with the proposed project:

Existing Facilities:

Frontier has aerial and buried copper on the west side of the project south of  $8^{th}$  Avenue on  $13^{th}$  Street. No easement has been determined at this time.

Joink has buried fiber on the south side of the project at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No easement has been determined at this time.

CenterPoint Energy(Vectren) has gas main under and parallel to 13<sup>th</sup> Street that shifts to the south side at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No easement has been determined at this time.

Duke has two 34kV aerial circuits in the southern sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and single 13.5 kV aerial circuits at the intersections of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. No easement has been determined at this time.

- It should be noted that if Duke energy does not have enough new right of way to install new utility poles, they may choose to bury their facilities, Duke may then request partial reimbursement.
- Duke Energy is stating that they will not begin the design of their relocation until they receive a set of stamped plans. Due to the long

duration of their estimated relocation time, this raises concerns about having utilities relocated by the letting date.

Charter is attached to the Duke poles that run north-south on  $14^{th}$  Street on the east edge of the project, and aerial on the north side of  $8^{th}$  Avenue, west of  $13^{th}$  Street.

MCI-Verizon has a long-distance transmission duct bank within the eastern Railroad right of way running parallel to the tracks, in a utility easement. Indiana-American Water has facilities throughout the project limits, underneath the pavement on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. No easement has been determined at this time.

The City of Terre Haute Sewer has combined sewer along the roadway centerline underneath both 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (24" VCP) and 13<sup>th</sup> Street (48" Brick). These sewers are within the City right of way and the cost of their relocation will be reimbursable.

Windstream owns a fiber duct bank on the north side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue which spans the entire project. No easement has been determined at this time.

	Alternate 2	Alternate 3
Duke Energy	Relocation of 6 aerial circuits, estimated relocation duration of 20 months, will require FAA permit for 70+ Ft Steel Poles	Relocation of 4 Aerial circuits, estimated relocation duration of 18 months, will require FAA permit for 70+ Ft Steel Poles
Frontier Communications	Relocation of buried copper	Same as Alternate 2
Indiana-American Water Co.	Relocation of water main throughout project limits, estimated relocation duration 6 months.	Same as Alternate 2
Joink	Relocation of buried fiber, anticipated relocation duration 1 month	No relocation anticipated
MCI - Verizon	No relocation anticipated	No relocation anticipated
Terre Haute, City of	New separated sanitary and storm sewers, retirement of existing combined sewer. Estimated relocation duration 6 months. Estimated relocation cost \$3.2 Million	Similar to alternate 2, less structures to relocate would reduce cost approx. \$20,000 per, approx. \$100,000 total. Exact savings to be determined.
Charter Communications	Re-attach to new Duke poles, Estimated relocation duration of 1 month.	No relocation anticipated
CenterPoint Energy	Retirement of gas main along 13 <sup>th</sup> St. under proposed bridge, Relocation of gas main at 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & 13 <sup>th</sup> St., estimated relocation duration 4 months	Retirement of gas main along 13 <sup>th</sup> St. under proposed bridge, estimated relocation duration 2 weeks.
Windstream Communications	Relocation of duct bank along 13 <sup>th</sup> St, estimated relocation duration 6 months	Same as Alternate 2

A comparison table has been created(below) to determine the impacts of utility relocations on the project.

# Total utility anticipated project cost impact: \$3.2 Million

# **16 RELATED PROJECTS**

Jeremy Weir of the West Central Indiana Economic Development District was contacted with regards to determining if any projects were going to be under construction in the project area. Jeremy stated that as of August 2019, no projects have been programmed through the Metropolitan Planning Area for the fiscal year of 2023.

Marcus Maurer, who is the assistant city engineer in Terre Haute, was also contacted. Marcus stated that the city at this time did not have any projects scheduled in the vicinity of this project for the next few years. He mentioned that there may be some sidewalk and curb repairs in the area, but that would be scheduled around this project. He was unsure of any utility projects which were being planned at this time.

This project is scheduled to be let in November 2021, so it appears that there are no related transportation projects planned in this area during the construction phase of this project.

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) County Property List for Indiana (Last Updated July 2020)

ProjectNumber	SubProjectCode	County	Property	
1800066	1800066	Vigo	Fowler Park & Wilderness Area	
1800112	1800112	Vigo	Prairie Creek Park	
1800146	1800146	Vigo	Prairie Creek Park	
1800152	1800152	Vigo	Hulman Links Golf Course, Terre Haute Golf Course	
1800348	1800348	Vigo	Hawthorn Park & Access Site	
1800360	1800360	Vigo	Spencer F. Ball Park	Located adjacent
1800387	1800387	Vigo	Voorhees Park	- to the project
1800394	1800394	Vigo	Hawthorn Access Site	
1800406	1800406	Vigo	Fairbanks Park	
1800410	1800410	Vigo	Hawthorn Access Site	
1800625	1800625	Vigo	Fairbanks Park	

\*Park names may have changed. If acquisition of publically owned land or impacts to publically owned land is anticipated, coordination with IDNR, Division of Outdoor Recreation, should occur.



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May 8, 2019

This letter is being sent to the following utility contacts:

- 1. Cindy Rowland Duke Energy
- 2. Initial Contact Frontier
- 3. Initial Contact Indiana American Water
- 4. Tim McCombs Joink LLC
- 5. Joe Chaney MCI/Verizon
- 6. Marcus Maurer City Of Terre Haute
- 7. Jon Eastham CenterPoint Energy
- 8. Daniel Leskinen Windstream

Subject: Initial Notice of Proposed Improvement Project Des. No. 1801932, 1900362

Our firm has been assigned the task of utility coordination for the project referenced above by the Indiana Department of Transportation. In accordance with 105 IAC 13-3-1(c), this letter serves as your initial notice of the proposed improvement project Des. Nos. 1801932, 1900362 on 8<sup>th</sup> St and 13<sup>th</sup> St Vigo County, Indiana.

In accordance with 105 IAC 13-3-1(c), the following information is provided. The dates listed in items (4) and (5) below are the currently scheduled dates.

(1) Name or route number:	8 <sup>th</sup> St, 13 <sup>th</sup> St
(2) Geographical limits:	Terre Haute, Indiana
(3) General description of work:	New bridge construction
(4) Date approved work plan will	June 15, 2021
be needed:	
(5) Letting Date:	November 17, 2021
(6) Name of designer and	Mike Matel, P.E., BF&S E: mmatel@bfsengr.com P: 317-713-
contact information:	4615
(7) Major or minor project:	Major

In accordance with 105 IAC 13-3-1(d), within 30 days after receiving the initial notice, the utility shall respond in writing with a:

(1) description of the type and location of its facilities within the geographical limits of the proposed improvement project (facility maps are helpful); or

(2) statement that the utility has no facilities within the geographical limits of the improvement project.(3) documentation of any reimbursable property interest your utility has within the geographical limits of the improvement project

Additionally, please provide us the name, telephone number, postal address and email address of the person selected as your designated contact for this project to expedite future communications. We will contact Indiana 811 and request locates for this project prior to our survey. If you would prefer to provide us location information by some other means please contact this office to discuss.

If at any time throughout the duration of Utility Coordination to the end of Construction on this project your utility modifies, upgrades, relocates, abandons, or installs new or existing facilities please notify the Utility Coordinator at the contact information below.

Please send your response to Utility Coordination., Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc., 8450 Westfield Blvd. Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240, P: (317) 713-4615, F: (317) 713-4616, <u>UC@BFSEngr.com</u>. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely;

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Kent Seidel Utility Coordinator

Enclosure: 1

Location Map KMZ Map File

Cc:

Mike Matel, P.E., BF&S <u>UC@BFSEngr.com</u>

153 N Emerson Avenue Greenwood, IN 46143 P 317-885-2400 F 317-885-2431

To: Kent Seidel From: Jacquelyne Byland Date: May 15, 2019 Re: 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 13<sup>th</sup> Street – Project Des. No 1801932 & 1900362

Indiana-American Water has reviewed the preliminary information for the above referenced project.

There is an existing 12-inch main within the right of way of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and an 8-inch main within the right of way of 13<sup>th</sup> Street with the appropriate appurtenances through the project extents. Attached is an image from our infrastructure maps for reference. Please note that the location is not exact, and should be field verified prior to any nearby construction.

I will be your primary contract for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank You,

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### **Ryan Scott**

 From:
 Bronson, Bob <bbronson@dnr.IN.gov>

 Sent:
 Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:02 PM

 To:
 Hurst, Allen A; Herber, Lisa; Ryan Scott

 Subject:
 RE: Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932; 13th St and 8th Ave Grade Separation over CSX RR, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Ryan, If no right of way is being acquired from the park, then there is no is negative effect on the Land and Water Conservation Funded, Spencer Park. Sincerely, Bob

Bob Bronson Grants Section Chief Division of State Parks Department of Natural Resources 402 W. Washington St. W271 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-4075 www.dnr.IN.gov

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Subject: RE: Des. Nos. 1900842 and 1801932; 13th St and 8th Ave Grade Separation over CSX RR, Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Spencer Park is a LWCF site (1800360). I do not know the specifics of 4F and Temporary Occupancy so would kindly ask Bob to field this one.

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County, IN

Allen or Bob—could you address this 4(f) request with Ryan?

(Be aware that with higher workloads and Holiday schedules response time may be increased and it could be up to a week before you receive a reply.)

Sincerely,

Lisa Herber

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Good Morning Lisa,

I am working on the environmental document on this project and was asked by INDOT to reach out to your Division regarding a Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy determination for Spencer Park.

I have attached location maps and the plan sheet showing the proposed project limits in relation to the park's location.

Please note that no permanent or temporary right-of-way acquisition (or easement of any kind) from the park property is proposed. The park's entrance off of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is at the east terminus of the project, and it is proposed to repave the entrance within existing right-of-way. This is anticipated to take one day to complete. During construction, the Contractor must provide access to this property per Section 104.04 of the Indiana Spec Book, so there will be no limitations to access to the parking lot. There is also another access point to the parking lot off 14<sup>th</sup> Street south of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In my opinion, this does not rise to the level of Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy. Could you please review this information and let me know your thoughts?

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thank you for your assistance!

Ryan Scott Environmental Services

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