

PUBLIC HEARING

New Bridge and Roadway Reconstruction
8th Avenue and 13th Street Over CSX Railroad
Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN

Des No 1900842 (Lead/Bridge) and 1801932 (Road)

October 29, 2024



Welcome

- Meeting Format
 - A. Pre-recorded Presentation
 - B. Public Comment Session
 - C. Informal Q and A with Project Team
- Project Information Packets
- Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Brochures



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Purpose of the Hearing

- **Introduce** this project to the community
- **Explain** how a project is developed 
- **Discuss** purpose and need for the project

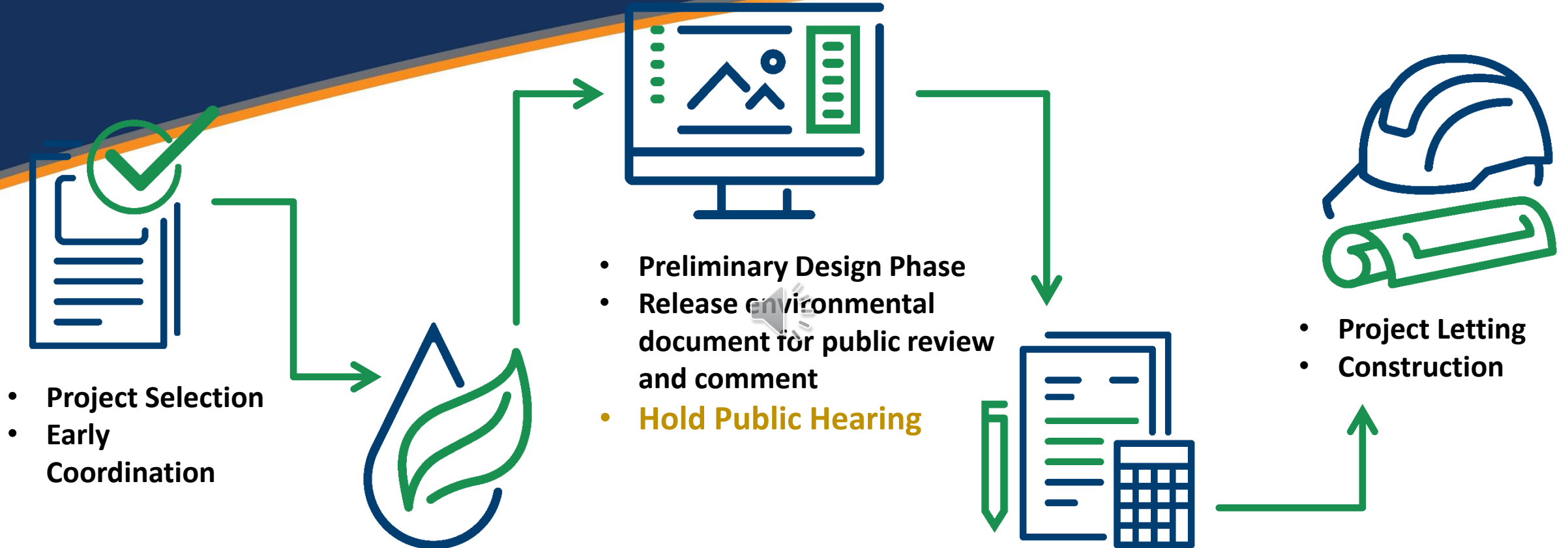


Purpose of the Hearing

- **Explain** the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process
- **Present** a preliminary design proposal for consideration
- **Solicit** input from the community



Project Development



- Project Selection
- Early Coordination

- Begin Environmental Phase
- Establish Purpose & Need
- Develop Alternatives
- Hold Public Information Meeting

- Preliminary Design Phase
- Release environmental document for public review and comment
- Hold Public Hearing

- Additional work to finalize environmental document & project design
- Project Decision

- Project Letting
- Construction



Need and Purpose

Need

- High level of vehicular crossing blockage from train traffic
- 22 recorded vehicle-train crashes since 1976
- No designated pedestrian crosswalks

Purpose

- Eliminate delays for motorists and emergency services
- Eliminate the potential for vehicle-train collisions
- Improve pedestrian accessibility and safety



Environmental Document

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Federal guidelines require INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of The project to the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments.

NEPA is a decision-making process

- **Establish** Purpose and Need
- **Develop and Evaluate** Alternatives
- **Analyze** Impacts
- **Determine** Preferred Alternative
- **Solicit** Public Feedback



Environmental Document

Environmental Assessment Released for Public Involvement



- Date: October 3, 2024
- Available for review and comment via public repository



Environmental Document

- **Hold** Public Hearing
- **Solicit** public comment of environmental document
- **Address and consider** public comment for decision-making process

After comment period, the environmental document will be finalized with the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) request to FHWA.

The NEPA process will be completed with the issuance of the FONSI



Alternatives Considered

No Build

- Delays to motorist and first responders would continue
- Safety of the motoring public and pedestrians would not be addressed

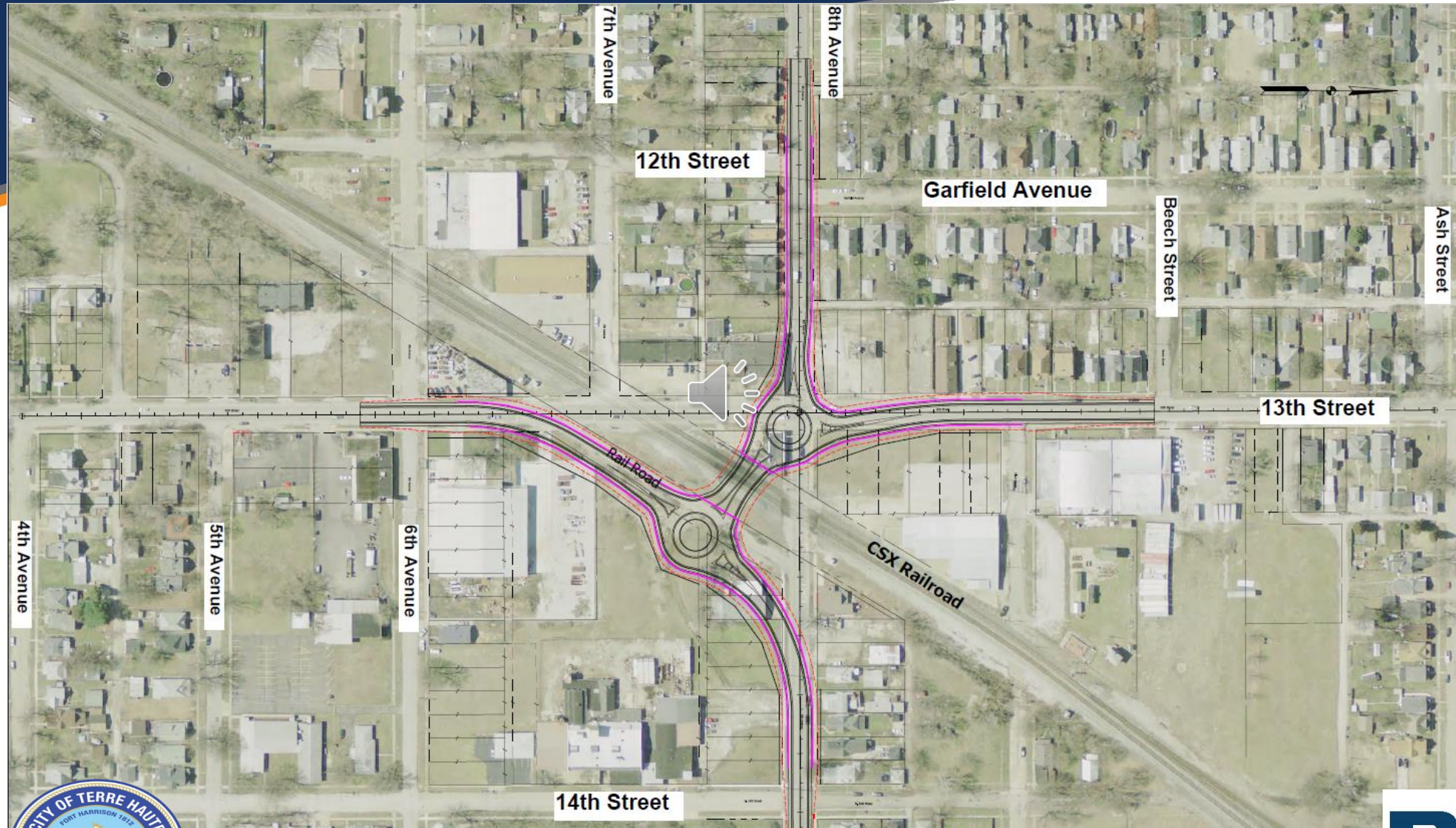


Maintain Existing Horizontal Alignments

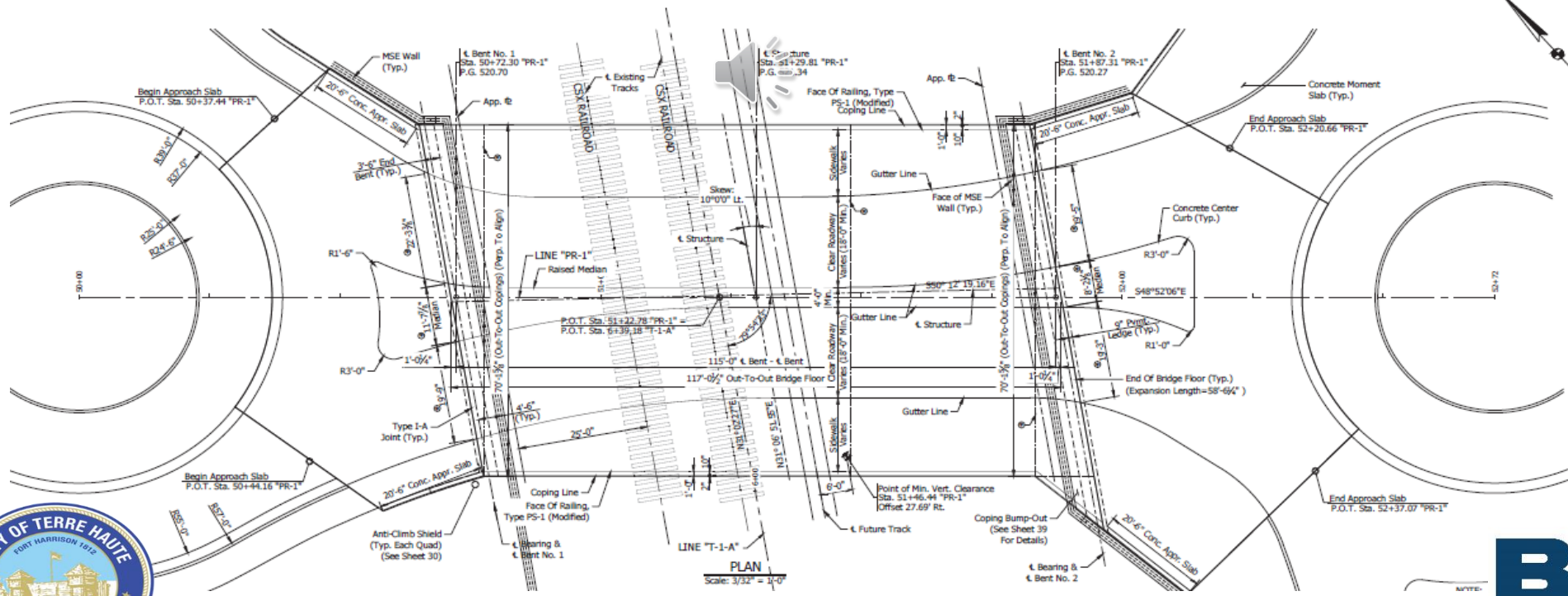
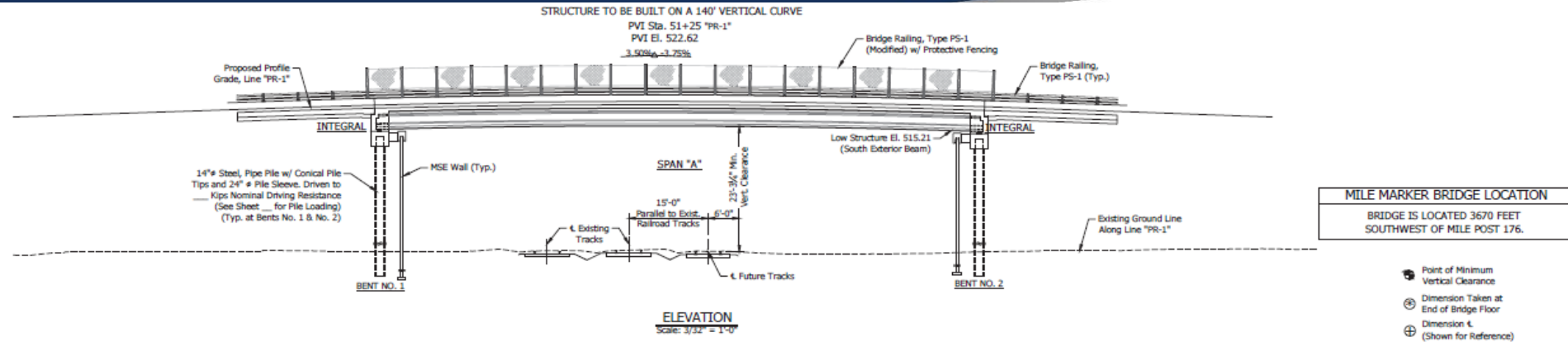
- Construct two (2) new bridges on existing horizontal alignments
- Requires more roadway closures than the preferred alternative
- Costs nearly \$7,000,000 more than the preferred alternative



Preferred Alternative



Preferred Alternative



Potential Impacts

Right-of-way

- 5.91 acres – Permanent / 1.210 acres – Temporary
- 18 relocations (9 residences / 9 businesses)



Environmental Justice (EJ)

- Low-income population present
- Adverse impacts to low-income populations expected
- No disproportionate high and adverse effect on EJ population based on off-setting benefits of project, and minimization/mitigation efforts



Potential Impacts

Terrestrial Habitat

- Maintained lawn areas (2.26 acres)
- Tree Clearing (0.33 acre)

Streams/Wetlands

- No stream or wetland impacts

Noise Impacts

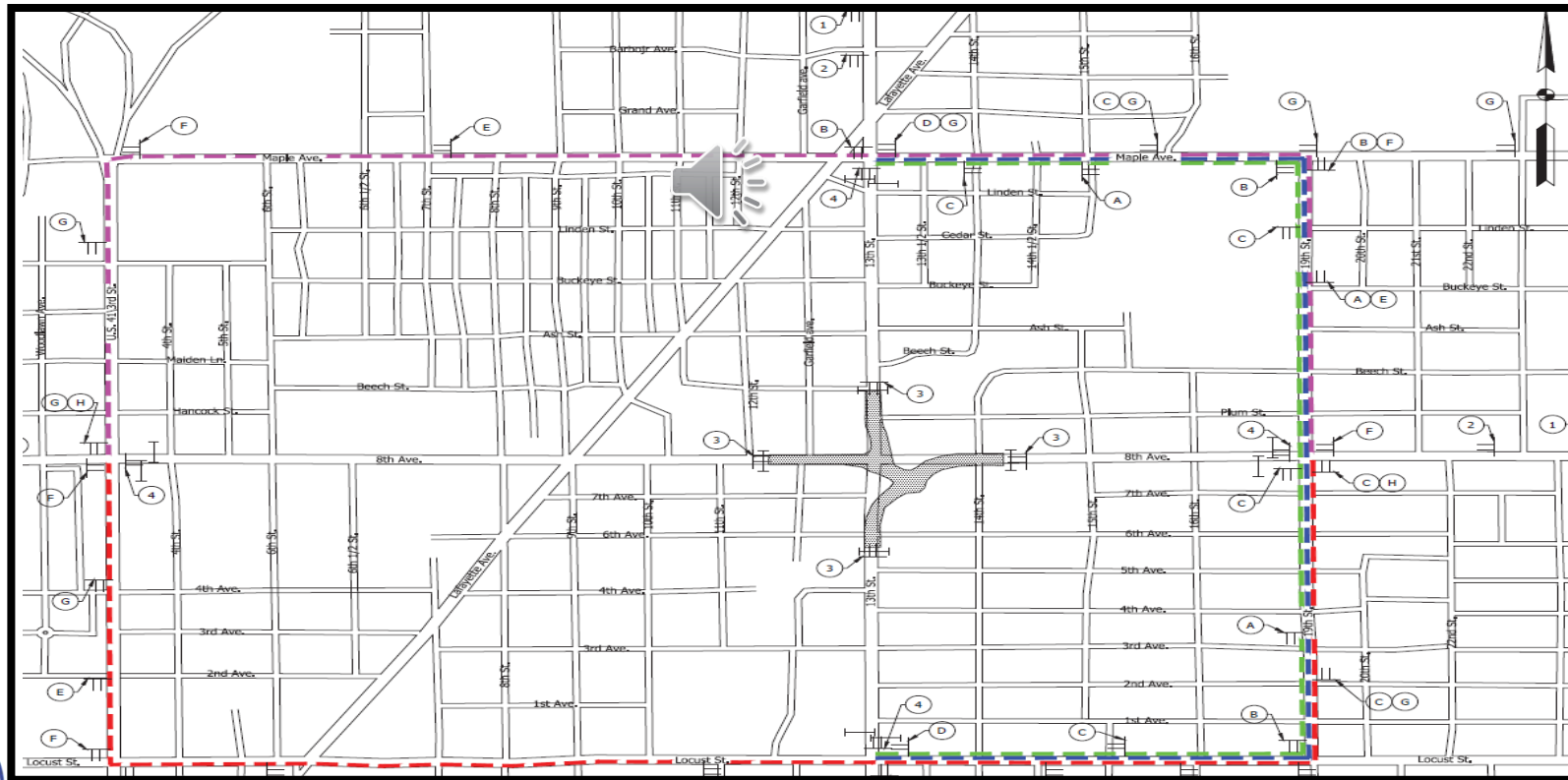
- Noise Analysis completed in 2021
- No impacted receptors identified



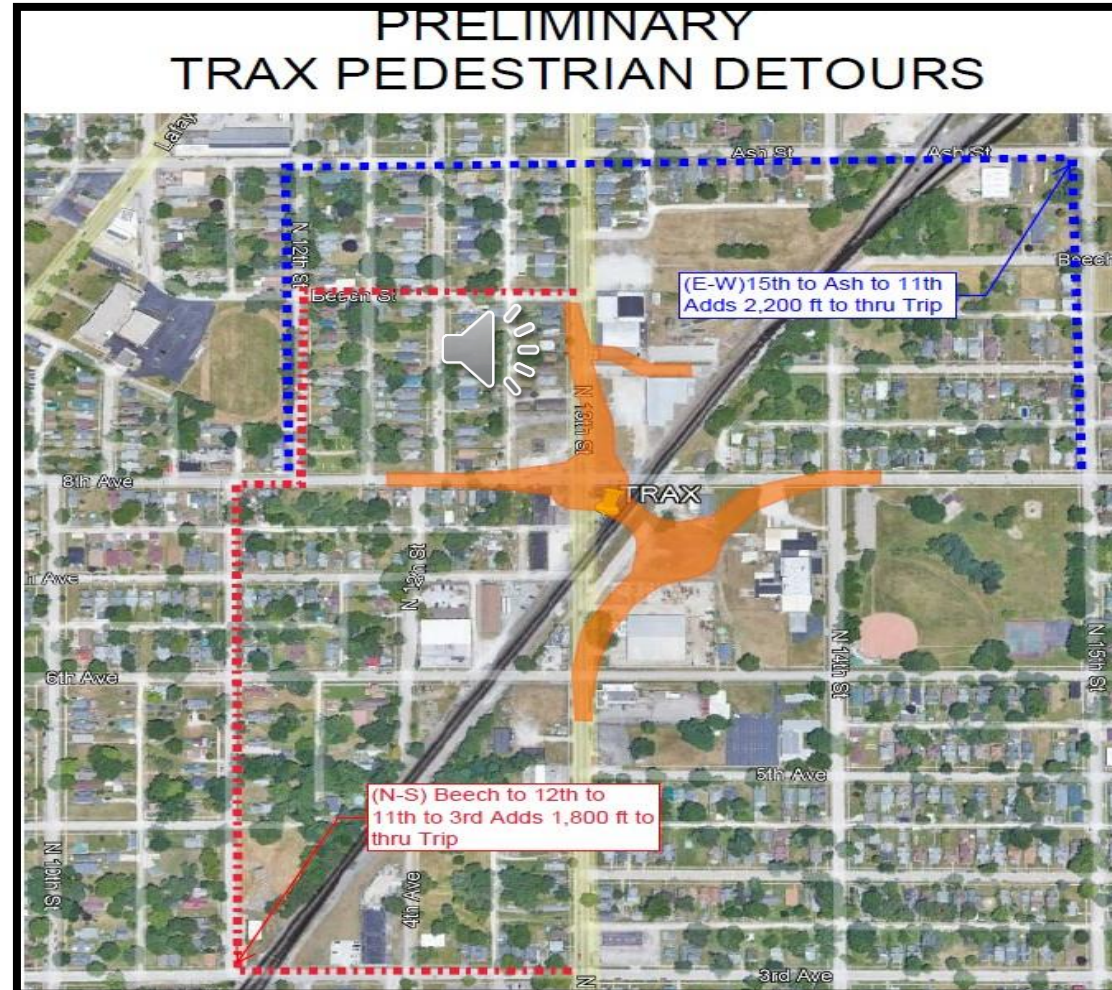
Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

VEHICULAR DETOUR

Maple Avenue, Locust Street, 19th Street, and US 41




Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)



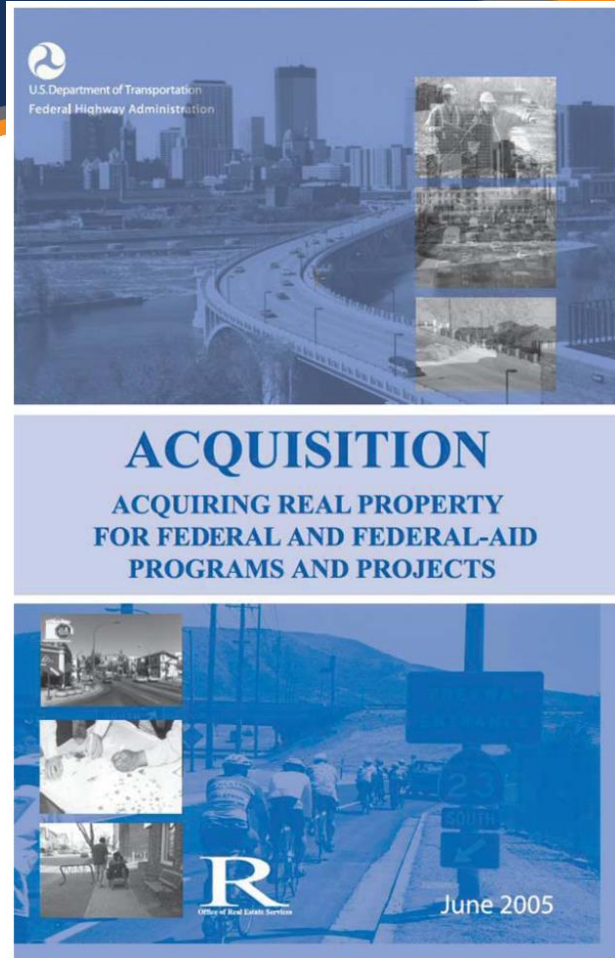
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Impacts To Bus Stops Along 13th Street

- Terre Haute Transit Utility (THTU) will continue to operate north and south of the project area 
- Demand/Response area around the roadway closure will be utilized
- Public will be notified of the THTU plan via their website, local media, public meeting(s), and posted flyers



Real Estate Acquisition Process



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

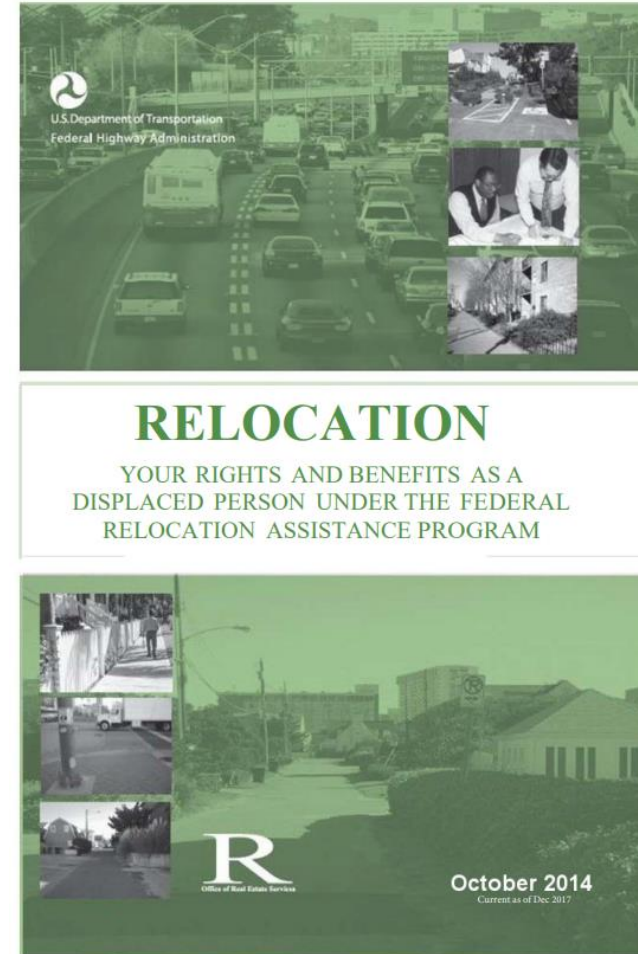
ACQUISITION
ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY
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PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

June 2005

Office of Real Estate Services

The brochure cover features a blue-tinted background image of a highway interchange. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of three small images: a construction site, a city skyline, and a road view. At the bottom left, there are three more small images: a road view, a person in a wheelchair, and a road view. A large white letter 'R' is positioned in the bottom right corner of the main image area.

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

RELOCATION
YOUR RIGHTS AND BENEFITS AS A
DISPLACED PERSON UNDER THE FEDERAL
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

October 2014
Current as of Dec 2017

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Real Estate Acquisition Process

Uniform Act of 1970

- All federal, state and local governments must comply
- Requires an offer for just compensation



Acquisition Process

- Appraisals
- Review of Appraisals
- Negotiations
- Relocation Assistance
- INDOT and Consultant Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners



Real Estate Acquisition Process

Right-of-Way (ROW)

Permanent ROW: 5.91 acres

- Permanent conversion
- Fee simple purchase

Temporary ROW: 1.210 acres

- Used only during construction
- Temporary interest purchase



Project Cost and Schedule

- **Total Project Cost Est.: \$33,000,000 (Combination of Fed/State/Local)**
 - Includes Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction
- **Public Hearing Comment Period:**
 - October 15, 2024 to November 12, 2024
- **Environmental Assessment / Finding of No Significant Impact:**
 - Winter 2024/2025



Project Schedule (cont.)

Right-of-Way Acquisition:

- Winter 2024/25 to Spring 2025



Project Awards and Begin Project Construction:

- Summer/Fall 2025 Letting for Construction
- Fall 2025 to Fall 2026 Utility Relocations and Building Demolitions
- Spring 2027 Start Bridge and Roadway Construction
- 18 – 24 Months to Complete from Start of Construction



Public Comment Options

- **Public Comment Session** (recorded tonight)
- **Public Comment Form**
 - last page of Project Information Packet
- **Email:** rscott@bfsengr.com



Public Comment Options

- Comment Deadline: **Tuesday November 12, 2024**
- All comments will be added to the Public Hearing Transcript
- Comments are reviewed, evaluated, and given consideration during the decision-making process



Next Steps

- **Collect Public and Stakeholder Input**
- **Review Comments and Develop Formal Responses**
- **Communicate Decision**
 - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
 - Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
 - Make project documents accessible via repositories



Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team



Comment Session

- This is **not** a Question/Answer Session
 - Questions? Please see a Project Team member after the comment session.
- Please be considerate of others
- Please state your name before providing your comments
- Comments must be submitted by **November 12, 2024**



Thank You

Again, thank you for taking  time out of your day to provide input on this project!



Public Statements

