



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – DES. NO. 2200176 I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project, Lebanon, Boone County, IN

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will convene a public information meeting for the I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2200176) on **Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Lebanon High School, 510 Tiger Way, Lebanon, IN 46052. Please enter through Athletics Entrance (Door 5).** The format of the meeting will feature a formal short presentation to begin at 7:00 PM with an informal open house session starting immediately following the formal presentation. The open house session will provide the public an opportunity to view project exhibits and displays, as well as interact with the project team. **The purpose of the public information meeting is to obtain the public's views regarding the proposed project and its alternatives under consideration by INDOT.**

Please note that the content and discussion at this meeting will only be regarding INDOT's I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2200176).

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide improved mobility and direct access to the areas east and west of I-65, north of Lebanon, as well as increase the LOS of the I-65/US 52 interchange to LOS D or better. In addition, the purpose of the proposed project is to support the economic development that is currently underway north of Lebanon, as well as the future growth of Lebanon and Boone County.

The need for the proposed project is evidenced by the lack of access due to the partial I-65/US 52 interchange that only provides I-65 northbound to US 52 northbound access and US 52 southbound to I-65 southbound access. I-65 traffic must utilize the SR 47 and SR 32 interchanges to reach the areas east and west of I-65 near the US 52 interchange, as well as utilize less direct routes through low-speed residential areas and downtown Lebanon. Additionally, increased traffic congestion is expected due to the anticipated 7,000-acre LEAP Innovation and Research District being developed east and west of I-65, north of Lebanon, that is anticipated to be a large traffic generator and includes the Eli Lilly and Company campus that is anticipated to be constructed by 2025. Due to the increased traffic congestion, the I-65/US 52 interchange under existing conditions is expected to operate at a level of service (LOS) F (unacceptable) in the 2045 (design year) AM peak hours. LOS is a scale (A through F) which classifies operating conditions of roads. In general, the operating conditions of roads are considered acceptable in urban areas if found to operate at LOS D or better.

Additionally, the meeting presentation and exhibits will be posted online a week prior to the meeting at the project's website (www.i65us52improvement.com) and comments can be submitted through the website as well. INDOT respectfully asks that all comments be submitted by January 16, 2023.

With advance notice, INDOT can provide special accommodation for persons with differing abilities, limited English speaking ability, and/or persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodations be needed please contact Leigh Stevenson, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or email l Stevenson@structurepoint.com by December 13, 2022.

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