

Public Notice

FHWA, INDOT, City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County propose to proceed with the SR 37 Improvement Project (Des. Nos. 1600540, 1601831, 1601829, 1601827, 1601830, 1592345, 1592348, 1601826, 1601828, 1592346, 1592347, 1592349, 1602229, 1602231) located in Fishers and Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. The City of Fishers is the lead agency sponsoring the project. The project is located on SR 37, approximately 2,034 feet south of the SR 37/126th Street intersection in Fishers to approximately 1,875 feet north of the SR 37/SR 32 intersection in Noblesville, for a length of approximately six miles. Specifically, the project is located within Delaware and Noblesville Townships; Fishers, McCordsville, Noblesville, and Riverwood U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangles; Sections 31 and 32, Township 19 North, Range 5 East; Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 18 North, Range 5 East; Sections 18, 19, 30 and 31, Township 18 North, Range 5 East; and Sections 24 and 25, Township 18 North, Range 4 East. Adjacent land usage is predominantly commercial and industrial with some agricultural and residential.

The proposed project would involve the reconstruction of SR 37 to an expressway with grade separated interchanges (roundabouts) at 126th Street, 131st Street, 141st Street, 146th Street, Greenfield Avenue, Town & Country Boulevard, Pleasant Street and SR 32. It would provide right in/right out access at 135th Street. The traffic signal at the intersection of SR 32 and Cumberland Road in Noblesville is also anticipated to be upgraded as part of the project. The environmental document will be completed for the SR 37 corridor from approximately I-69 to SR 32. There are two proposed drainage easements included in the project: one approximately midway between 126th and 131st west of SR 37 and one along 141st Street and west of SR 37. The drainage would be conveyed via gravity and outlet to streams west of SR 37. Trenchless excavation would be used with holes excavated for the receiving pits. Building removal is not anticipated as part of the pipe installation. The roundabout interchanges will include sidewalks and crosswalks to allow for pedestrian and cyclist traffic. Construction of the interchanges at 126th Street, 131st Street, 141st Street, 146th Street will occur prior to those at Greenfield Avenue, Town & Country Boulevard, Pleasant Street and SR 32.

There are several existing and planned recreational trails maintained and owned by the Cities of Fishers and Noblesville along the SR 37 corridor; as such, impacts to this resource are subject to evaluation under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966. Minor right-of-way acquisition and reconstruction of the existing trails within the construction limits of the SR 37 Improvement Project will occur. In addition, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity will be provided across SR 37 as part of the interchanges listed above.

The minor right-of-way acquisition and reconstruction of the recreational trails do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the recreational trails for protection under Section 4(f). As such, the FHWA is expected to issue a “*de minimis*” finding for the project. The views of the public on this finding are being sought. Please reply no later than February 25, 2017 to the contact listed below.

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