

**LEGAL NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE STATE BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) DETERMINATION**

The City of Fort Wayne held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in regards to the proposed State Boulevard Reconstruction Project between Spy Run Avenue and Cass Street, Fort Wayne, Allen County. The City of Fort Wayne would like to thank the community for participating in the public involvement process. All substantive comments and concerns submitted to project representatives for inclusion into the official public hearing transcript have been reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration.

The purpose of this notice is twofold. First, this is an opportunity for the City of Fort Wayne to formally provide notification that written responses have been made for those substantive comments submitted during the June 18, 2014 public hearing and through the 15-day comment period that followed. Secondly, this is an opportunity for the City of Fort Wayne to announce the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) determination which was issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Indiana Division on March 2, 2015.

An Environmental Assessment was approved by the FHWA on May 14, 2014 and a Public Hearing was held on June 18, 2014. Subsequently, an Additional Information (AI) study was prepared to evaluate the Consulting Parties Proposed Alternative (CPPA), as presented at the public hearing, and to provide information regarding properties acquired through the Fort Wayne Voluntary Floodplain Relocation Fund. The AI was approved by the FHWA on December 17, 2014.

The proposed project involves widening the existing 2-lane section of State Boulevard between Clinton Street and Cass Street to four (4) lanes while correcting the substandard horizontal curve. New sidewalks, varying in width from five (5) feet to ten 10 feet would be constructed on both sides of the roadway. A new bridge structure would replace the existing bridge over Spy Run Creek. As a part of this project, a new pedestrian bridge would also be constructed over State Boulevard at the existing abandoned railroad crossing.

The proposed project will improve corridor connectivity along State Boulevard for both motorists and pedestrians alike and is consistent with the Northern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council's (NIRCC) current Transportation Plan and improvement projects implemented in accordance with the transportation planning process. A Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement was executed, in consultation with the United States Department of the Interior, which supports implementation of the proposed improvements. The proposed project would require an estimated 15 residential relocations from the Brookview-Irvington Historic District in order to provide the right-of-way necessary to widen State Boulevard on new alignment.

FHWA has determined that the project, as identified in the Environmental Assessment, will have no significant impact on the natural and human environment. This FONSI is based on the environmental assessment and public hearing transcript that have been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of these documents.

All materials developed in support of the undertaking, including the Environmental Assessment document, the resolution to substantive public hearing comments, and other project related

materials will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours at the following locations:

- Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. Phone: (260) 421-1200
- Allen County Public Library, 2201 Sherman Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808. Phone (260) 421-1335
- Fort Wayne Transportation Engineering Department, Citizens Square, Ste. 210, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. Phone: (260) 427-1356

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.”; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012. Please direct any questions or comments concerning this project to:

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