

PUBLIC HEARING
Des. 1700438
13th Street over Lost Creek
Bridge 322 Rehabilitation
Vigo County, Indiana

March 4, 2021

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Hearing Agenda

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Project History
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Adjourn
Informal Question & Answer

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How to Submit a Public Comment

- Verbally at public hearing (in-person)
- Written (mail or email)
 - A Comment Form is included in the Information Packet, available at the county website, or available at county engineering offices.
 - Form can be mailed or emailed to HWC.

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How to Submit a Public Comment

- Comment deadline – March 18, 2021
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during the final design process.
- Comments will be included in the final environmental document.

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Project History
Legal Notice of Public Hearing

- Legal notice was published in the newspaper on February 12th and 19th, 2021
- A copy of the legal notice was mailed to consulting parties, property owners and public officials within project area

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Section 106 Process

Historic Bridge Project Development Process

Seek Consulting Party Comment
Market Bridge for Reuse- Legal Notice
Identify Preferred Alternative
Hold Public Hearing
Environmental Document Approval –
After comment period

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Project Description Environmental Documentation

- This hearing is conducted as a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- A Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been completed to analyze and document the impacts of the project on the surrounding community and environment

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Project Description - continued Environmental Documentation

- The project impacts are described in the CE.
- The CE was released for public involvement by INDOT on November 16, 2020.
- The CE will be revised after this hearing to include resolution to all public comments.

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Project Description - continued Environmental Documentation

The CE and preliminary design plans were made available for public viewing at the following locations:

- Vigo County Engineering Office
- Vigo County website

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Project Description – continued Environmental Evaluation

- Define the Purpose and Need of the Project
- Screening of Alternatives
- Analyze environmental and socio-economic impacts

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Project Description - continued Project Purpose and Need

Purpose: Increase the condition rating of the superstructure and deck and the structural capacity of the bridge.

Need: Due to the poor condition of the existing superstructure, The current capacity of 23 tons (HS-20 rating) does not meet the required capacity of 36 tons.

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Project Description - continued Alternatives

6 Alternatives. Also refer to the Information Packet.

1. Do Nothing
2. Rehab to Secretary of Interior (SoI) Standards for vehicle use (two lane)
3. Rehab not meeting SoI Standards for vehicle use (two lane)
4. Rehab to SoI standards as a 1-way pair
5. Rehab to non SoI standards as a 1-way pair
6. New Bypass bridge and Rehab existing bridge for preservation

Preferred Alternative: Rehabilitation of Existing Structure for Continued Vehicular Use NOT Meeting Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

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Project Description - continued Preferred Alternative

- Rehabilitation of the existing bridge is a feasible and prudent alternative.
- Satisfies the purpose and need.
- Rehab not meeting Secretary of Interior's Standards is viewed as a loss of the historic nature of the bridge.

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Project Description – continued Environmental Evaluation

- Environmental evaluation of the following:
 - natural resources
 - socio-economic impacts
 - historical and archeological resources
 - noise and air quality concerns
 - hazardous materials

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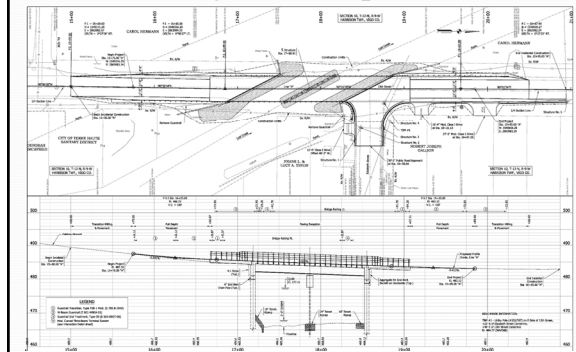
Project Description - continued Project As Proposed

The project will rehabilitate the bridge by removing and replacing the superstructure.

The roadway cross section will provide a 30-foot clear roadway.

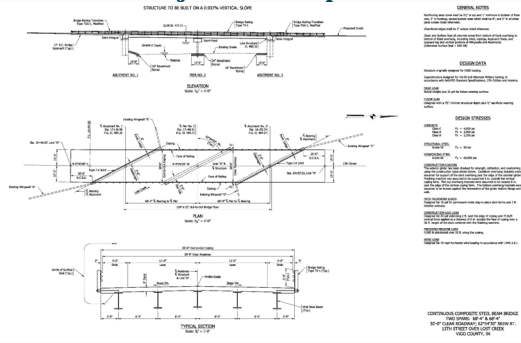
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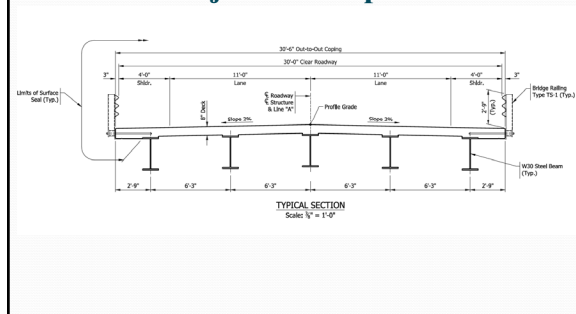
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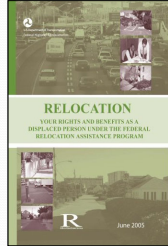
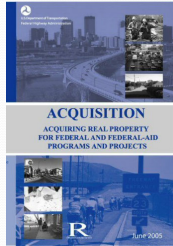
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Real Estate Acquisition Process

Explanation of the process of buying property needed for roadway improvement projects



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Real Estate Acquisition Process

Uniform Act of 1970 as amended by the Uniform Relocation Act of 1987

All federal, state, and local governments must comply with established standards

- Acquisition Process
- Appraisals
- Review Appraisals
- Negotiations
- Requires just compensation

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Real Estate Acquisition Process

Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value

When agreement is reached, owner will be asked to sign an option to buy, purchase agreement or deed

No Agreement
Mediation
Condemnation

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Right-of-Way Acquisition

Permanent and temporary right-of-way was not required to complete this project.

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Maintenance of Traffic

13th Street will be closed to through traffic during construction.

Access to properties by local residents will be provided.

Cost

Construction of preferred alternative estimated at \$1,230,000

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Project Schedule

Completion of Environment Document – Early Spring 2021

Final Design Phase – Late Spring 2021

Construction anticipated to begin in early 2022

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Public Comments

- HWC respectfully requests that all comments be received or postmarked by **March 18, 2021 to be considered.**
- All comments will be reviewed, evaluated, and given full consideration

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