

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**Proposed Improvement to College Avenue in Goshen, Elkhart County****The City of Goshen will host a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Goshen Public Library located at 601 South 5th Street, Goshen, IN 46526, the hearing will begin at 5:30 pm.**

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans to improve College Avenue in Goshen, Elkhart County. The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and potential for rear end crashes caused by left turning vehicles, improve access to existing pedestrian facilities along College Avenue, and reduce potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians traveling along the College Avenue corridor.

As proposed, the project consists of widening College Avenue from just east of US 33 to the Norfolk Southern Railroad to accommodate a center two-way-left-turn (TWLT) lane. The existing 2-lane section of College Avenue will be reconstructed to consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one eastbound, one westbound) separated by a 14-foot wide center TWLT lane. The widened roadway will be bordered by 2-foot, 7-inch wide combined curb and gutter along both sides. The project will also construct a new, 10-foot wide paved multi-use path along the north side of College Avenue, which will tie into the existing multi-use path that currently terminates approximately 350 feet east of US 33. Roadway improvements, including the addition of curb and gutter, will be extended approximately 50 feet north along Oak Lane, approximately 45 feet north along Spring Brooke Drive, and approximately 47 feet south along Century Avenue to tie the intersecting roadways into the reconstructed College Avenue. Additionally, the initial 25 to 50 feet of residential and commercial driveways along this portion of College Avenue will be replaced in order to tie in these access points with the reconstructed roadway.

No work will occur on the existing County Road (CR) 36 Bridge over Horn Ditch. However, the addition of the multi-use path will include a new pedestrian bridge over Horn Ditch. The pedestrian bridge will be constructed immediately north of the existing CR 36 Bridge over Horn Ditch. The new bridge will be a single span, prefabricated pedestrian bridge with a structure length of 54 feet, 6 inches and an out-to-out truss width of 11 feet, 10 inches. The clear pathway along the bridge will be 10 feet wide. Revetment riprap will be installed for scour protection along both end bents. The project will also include the construction of a new storm sewer system to convey drainage from the roadway towards Horn Ditch.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project involves a segmental closure of College Avenue, whereby the roadway will be closed in short segments during construction. Through traffic will be detoured around construction using US 33, Kercher Road, and CR 36. MOT details will be presented during the public hearing. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. The City of Goshen will coordinate with emergency services, local school corporation officials and project stakeholders to ensure potential disruptions and impacts are minimized as much as possible. The project will require approximately 4.33 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.52 acre of temporary ROW from residential and commercial properties. The project will also require the reacquisition of approximately 1.26 acre of apparent existing ROW. No relocations will be required for the project.

Federal and local funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to the natural

environment. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document has been prepared for the project. This document and project information can be mailed upon request. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available to view prior at the following locations:

1. Goshen Public Library, 601 South 5th Street, Goshen, IN 46526
2. American Structurepoint, Inc. website: www.structurepointpublic.com/collegeavenue

A project webpage has been created to ensure project information is available on-line via the American Structurepoint, Inc. website (www.structurepointpublic.com/collegeavenue).

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: Leigh Stevenson, at American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. E-mail: l Stevenson@structurepoint.com. **The City of Goshen respectfully requests comments be submitted by December 23, 2022.**

With advance notice, the City of Goshen will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, the City of Goshen will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Leigh Stevenson, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. E-mail: l Stevenson@structurepoint.com.

In the event of inclement weather resulting in hazardous driving conditions, please check the project website at www.structurepointpublic.com/collegeavenue or call Leigh Stevenson, American Structurepoint Inc., at 317-547-5580 to learn of any postponement of the public hearing. If the public hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30 pm.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.