

The Hamilton County Commissioners have developed preliminary plans and environmental documentation for a proposed bridge replacement on 106th Street over Mud Creek, approximately 1.25 miles East of I-69 in Hamilton County, Indiana.

The project proposes the replacement of the existing bridge with a continuous steel plate girder bridge. The new bridge and approach roadway will provide two 12-foot-wide travel lanes bordered by 6-foot-wide paved shoulders on the south side of the bridge and a 2-foot-wide curb and gutter on the north side of the bridge. Termini for this project will be approximately 700 feet west of the end of the proposed bridge and approximately 480 feet east of the end of the proposed bridge. On the north side of the roadway, the two existing wooden pedestrian bridges over Mud Creek and Sand Creek will be removed, and the 8-foot-wide paved pedestrian path will be moved to follow adjacent to 106th Street and will utilize the new 106th Street bridge to cross Mud Creek, creating a longer-lasting and more serviceable pedestrian facility. The removal of the pedestrian bridges will remove obstruction in the channel and improve the site hydraulics and help alleviate flooding. Curb and gutterwork will be utilized along the paved pedestrian path as needed. Road work will extend 700 feet west of the end of the proposed bridge and 480 feet east of the end of the proposed bridge.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the project will require of closure of 106th Street at the project area and will utilize a detour that will route traffic through 96th Street and Mollenkopf Road. The detour route is 2.8 miles in length and will last from approximately Spring 2024 to Fall 2024. Provisions will be made for local traffic. There are several existing roadways that would provide access into the area for emergency vehicles. The closure will pose a temporary inconvenience to traveling motorists (including school buses and emergency services); however, no significant delays are anticipated, and all inconveniences will cease upon project completion.

Construction of the project will require approximately 1.00 acre of permanent right-of-way and 0.03 acre of temporary right-of-way with an estimated cost of \$3,395,250. Federal and local funds are to be utilized for the construction of the project. Construction is anticipated to being in the Spring of 2024.

The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with no significant impacts to wetlands.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

1. Hamilton County Highway Department Office, 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
2. Beam, Longest and Neff, 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250
3. Online at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1354/Bridge-187-Replacement>

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com, by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 **on or before January 6, 2022**. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com, by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Brian Shaw by email at bshaw@b-l-n.com phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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