

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Designation (Des.) Number 1902800
Proposed 236th Street Road Rehabilitation and Widening Project in Hamilton County, Indiana**

Hamilton County will host a public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Sheridan High School Library located at 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, IN 46069. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m with doors opening to the public at 6:00pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to rehabilitate and widen 236th Street in Hamilton County. The purpose of the project is to improve 236th Street to meet the minimum design standards for a Rural Local Agency Collector. A secondary outcome of this project is to improve the condition of the roadway pavement to provide a smoother driving surface.

The project is located on 236th Street and extends from SR 38 to 2.2 miles east of SR 38. As proposed, the project involves milling and resurfacing the roadway pavement of 236th Street with a Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay. The project also involves widening the roadway pavement beyond the minimum design requirements to include a 12-ft wide travel lane and 7-ft wide usable shoulder consisting of 6-ft of pavement and 1-ft of aggregate in each direction. A 3-ft wide bicycle lane will be provided within the paved shoulder. Additionally, a new sidewalk will be constructed at a minimum of 5-ft wide on the north and south sides of 236th Street, from SR 38 to LaMong Road. New storm sewer will be constructed within the project area as needed. New roadside ditches will be constructed along the roadway, as needed, where there is a suitable drainage outlet. Some drainage pipes within the project area may need to be extended or replaced. The drainage pipes will be evaluated based on hydraulics to determine if they need to be replaced. If impacts to any of the Hamilton County legal drains occur, then the portion of the drain tile within the existing right-of-way will be replaced with a minimum 12-in diameter concrete pipe.

The Maintenance of Traffic plan will consist of three phases to reduce impacts to motorists. Each segment will require closure to through traffic and detour routes utilizing SR 38, 226th Street, LaMong Road, Six Points Road, and Spring Mill Road. Access to all properties will be provided during construction. Hamilton County 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 not require any relocations or displacements but will require approximately 24.1 acres of permanent right-of-way. Temporary right-of-way will not be required.

Federal and state funds are proposed to be used for construction of this project with the estimated cost of the project being \$6,750,000. The Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have agreed that this project poses minimal impact to natural environment. A Categorical Exclusion Level 2 environmental document has been prepared for the project. The environmental documentation and preliminary design information is available for viewing at the following locations:

1. Sheridan Public Library located at 103 West 1st Street, Sheridan, IN 46069.
2. RQAW Corporation located at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN 46038
Please contact Dylan Sievers at dsievers@rqaw.com or 317-588-1739
3. Hamilton County Highway Department located at 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Please contact Joel Thurman at joel.thurman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-773-7770.



Additionally, project information is available on-line via the project sponsors web page hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Lastly, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed upon request.

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. Hamilton County respectfully requests comments be submitted and/or postmarked by Friday, December 1, 2023. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to either of the following contacts:

1. Dylan Sievers, RQAW Corporation, located at 8770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN 46038 or at dsievers@rqaw.com.
2. Joel Thurman, Hamilton County Highway Department, located at 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 or at joel.thurman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

With advance notice, Hamilton County 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, Hamilton County 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 Dylan Sievers at dsievers@rqaw.com or 317-588-1739, or Joel Thurman at joel.thurman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-773-7770.

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.