

Public Notice

The Indiana Department of Transportation is planning to undertake a bridge replacement and road improvement project, funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration. The undertaking will replace two bridges on SR 49, one that crosses US 12 (NBI #018120) and one that crosses over the South Shore Line Railway (NBI #018130) in Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana. In addition, the project will construct turn lanes and shoulders along US 12 for approximately 300 ft east and west of SR 49. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) consists of SR 49 from 1,222 ft north of the bridge over the South Shore Line Railroad to 1,100 ft south of the bridge over US 12, with a minimum width of 629 ft and a maximum width of 2,094 ft on both sides of the centerline, and US 12 from 1,021 ft east of the SR 49 bridge to 1,034 ft west of the bridge, with a minimum width of 500 ft and a maximum width of 2,584 ft.

The proposed action doesn't impact items listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Federal Highway Administration has issued a No Historic Properties Affected finding for the project, due to the lack of resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in the APE. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(4), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(d) is available for inspection from ASC Group, at the contact listed below. This documentation serves as the basis for the Federal Highway Administration's No Historic Properties Affected finding. The views of the public on this finding are being sought. Please reply to the contact listed below.

Please reply no later than July 27, 2009.

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