Legal Notice of Planned Improvement

Marshall County is developing plans to replace Marshall County Bridge #73 (Structure No. 50-00073) that carries King Road over Yellow River (Des. No. 1600931). The proposed project is located outside the City of Plymouth in Center Township of Marshall County. The purpose of the project is to reduce the flooding and overtopping of the bridge deck and approaches by improving hydraulic capacity and extend the service life of this crossing to a minimum of 75 years. The purpose is also to increase the condition ratings of the superstructure, substructure, and deck.

The project will remove and replace the existing structure with a 3-span, precast concrete I beam type II bridge. The skew of the bridge will be changed from 20° to 12° to better align with the channel and reduce scour. The height of the new structure be increased by a maximum of 2 feet from the existing bridge deck. Riprap will be added to the spill slopes for scour protection. The bridge roadway will consist of two 11-foot travel lanes (one in each direction), a 3-foot 8-inch paved shoulder on each side of the roadway, and concrete railings on both sides of the bridge. King Road will be reconstructed in order to raise the profile of the roadway to meet the structure. The approach roadway will consist of two travel lanes (one in each direction) that vary in width from 9 feet and 11 inches to 11 feet and 2 inches, with a paved shoulder on both sides of the roadway that varies in width from 1 foot to 4 feet, and W-Beam Guardrail on both sides of the roadway near the bridge. The maintenance of traffic for the project will require temporary closure of the structure. The official detour for local traffic utilizes King Road, Plymouth-Goshen Trail, Jarrah Road, and 8A Road. The detour route is approximately 4.2 miles long. The official detour for truck traffic utilizes US 31, US 6, SR 331, and US 30. The detour route is approximately 35 miles long.

An additional 2.10 acres of new permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.14-acre temporary ROW will be required for the proposed project. No residential or commercial relocations will occur as part of the project.

This project is being processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 document due to the likely impacts to streams and wetlands. There will be 123 linear feet (0.24 acre) of Yellow River and 0.14 acre of wetlands impacted by the project.

All interested parties are hereby notified of the availability of the environmental document for review. Copies of Preliminary Plans and the Environmental Document are available at the following location:

1. Marshall County Website Document Center: <u>https://www.co.marshall.in.us/</u>

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which Marshall County would need to provide accommodations pertaining to the accessibility to the above documents or if you are a persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring assistance pertaining to accessing project documents, contact Julie Fox at 574-935-8555 or julief@co.marshall.in.us.

All interested persons may request a public hearing or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Ruth Hook at <u>RHook@lochgroup.com</u> or at 317-334-6816 on or before April 10, 2020. Any person with limited internet access may request a hard copy of the project information and can contact Ruth Hook using the contact information above. If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest of the public, additional notification will be prepared, and the public notified. Otherwise, any comment or materials received will be considered in the decision making process.

This notice is published in compliance with Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.11(h) entitled "Early Coordination, Public Involvement and Project Development" and the *INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures Manual*, approved by the Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation, on August 16, 2012.